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“The only reason it seems that there are so many ‘racist’ comments about Mr. Obama is that some think any criticism of him is racial. I guess those who criticized President Bush must have hated whites.”

“Fenton should have sold the Community Center for business development instead of remodeling it. Who really ever uses it?”

“Well, I found the 73 parking spaces, can't seem to locate the other 1,200.”

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 HOT LINE**



Cities with non-discrimination laws receive few complaints

► A look at what LGBT- based laws have meant around the state

By Tim Jagielo
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While Fenton has a non-discrimination law protecting the LGBT community, it's unlikely the law will be used that often.

Today, if someone is lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) and they feel they've been discriminated against in areas of housing, employment of public services, there is a process they can follow at the city.

East Lansing was the first in the U.S. to pass a law including gender identity and sexual orientation to an anti discrimination law in 1972. These groups are now included in the city along with
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“If you live down here and you've got anti-gay bones in your body, you better keep it to yourself around here.”

Timothy Collins
 Ferndale police chief

Central El's silly string farewell



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Madison Morse, 10, is showered with silly string as she makes her way down the fifth-grade clap-out at Linden's Central Elementary on Monday. Approximately 67 students moved onto the sixth-grade, slightly more than in past years. The silly string was not part of the official clap-out tradition, but went over well with parents and students. Snow days pushed the last day from June 10 to June 16.

State minimum wage to reach \$9.25 by 2018

► First boost to come this September

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Low-paid workers are set to get a boost in September after Gov. Rick Snyder signed a bill raising minimum wage from \$7.40 to \$8.15 an hour. The legislature mandates minimum wage to increase to \$8.50 by
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“You're going to get more employers automating jobs that were once done by people.”

Chris Douglas
 University of Michigan-Flint
 economics professor

Open-carry rules in Michigan

► Licensed guns can be carried openly in public

By Tim Jagielo
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Open carry has been in the news recently, with citizens in Texas openly carrying long guns, or assault-style weapons into businesses, to show their support for the ability to carry weapons openly.

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Police & Fire report

THIEF BREAKS INTO FENTON BUSINESS

On June 13, Fenton police responded to a business in the 1100 block of Torrey Road to investigate a break-in. Upon arrival, the owner said he had arrived at 7 a.m. and realized that someone was in the back after he heard a noise. Police believe the white male caught on surveillance camera forced his way into the business through a window. Once inside, police believe the unknown suspect stole thousands of dollars worth of electronics. A witness reported seeing a dark colored four-door Buick parked in back about 6:20 a.m. that morning. If anyone recognizes the man in this photo or has information, they are to call Det. Scott Townsend at (810) 629-5311.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY

At 9:50 p.m. on June 14, Fenton police responded to a hotel in the 17000 block of Silver Parkway to investigate a disorderly male. An employee told police that the man, later identified as a 37-year-old Fenton resident, was refusing to leave the property. Lt. Jason Slater said the man

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

Cindi Taylor of Fenton turns gardening into a workout by using simple tools, like this Amish rototiller. In the winter, the Taylors follow the same philosophy by using hand shovels rather than snowblowers.

Outdoor gardening good for mind, body and soul

By Sally Rummel

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Cindi Taylor, 53, has toned muscles in her arms and legs and admits she's stronger now than she's ever been.

She has never worked out in a gym, and attributes most of her strength to the hours she spends daily in her backyard Fenton garden.

Taylor not only gets her physical strength

from gardening, but her relaxation and "mental conditioning" as well.

"It's a lot of work, but I don't look at it as a chore," said Taylor, whose non-gardening hours are spent in the kitchen at World of Wonder Ellen St. Campus of Fenton Schools. "The minute school is out, I'm out here in the garden."

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Unsolicited advice:

Summer photos edition



►Get close, know where light is, avoid shadows

By Tim Jagielo

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You're at the lake, you're at the ballgame, it's a campfire, or an outdoor tent party.

Summertime photos include lots of sun — and that means harsh shadows, bright skies, and kids and animals running around while you try to take a picture.



Tim Jagielo
Photo Editor

Ahead of the (hopefully) fun weekend, here

are some things to keep in mind for photos in the summer season.

Back lighting

During the summer, there is much less cloud cover, and therefore, less even light for outdoor photos. This means that if you aren't facing the sun for a photo, it's likely your subject will be in shadow.

Unless your camera has a powerful flash, back lit subjects will be too dark in the photo, or the rest of the image will be too bright.

If the sun is behind them, move until the sun is on the subject's face. Sunlight from the side will lessen the squinting.

If you are taking pictures of a group activity outside, shoot with the sun to your back — just watch out for your own shadow.

If you are close enough, your flash might be powerful enough to light your subject, especially if you are using an actual camera versus a smartphone.

Advanced tip: If your subject is backlit, you can put light on their face by reflecting intense sunlight back at them, with a large white sheet of paper, or anything reflective. I actually use

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FROM THE LEFT



Clarence Page

Nationally syndicated
columnist**Give killers coverage, not a soapbox**

Who deserves more attention in news coverage of mass killings: the victims or the killers? The question has risen after the recent rampage in Isla Vista, California, which resulted in six murders and 13 injuries.

After Elliot Rodger's mass shooting many families of victims and law enforcement officials have urged journalists and public officials to avoid using the gunmen's names and photos in public.

The New York Times, among other outlets, was criticized for posting Rodger's rambling manifesto and YouTube videos. Margaret Sullivan, the New York Times' public editor, was willing to go half-way on the idea of playing down a killer's 'manifesto' as, 'at the very least,' worth consideration, on a case-by-case basis.

It is quite proper in public ceremonies to avoid giving the killers any more publicity that might bring further pain to the families of survivors.

We look to news media to give valuable insight and spark discussions, hopefully with psychiatrists and other knowledgeable sources.

For example, Rodger's apparent hatred of women, boldly displayed in his hours of video monologues, touched off a new national conversation about the male-centered culture that may have fed his delusions on top of his record of mental health issues.

Significantly missing, compared to other mass shootings in recent decades, was much serious discussion about new gun safety legislation. One wonders how many more massacres it will take to move that needle of public opinion. Of six dead in the incident, Rodger shot three and stabbed three.

Police were called to Rodger's apartment last month after his mother alerted authorities to her son's YouTube videos. They later left without looking at his videos, which Rodger later said in one of his videos would have exposed his intentions.

A special 'co-response' unit like those in some other California counties, consisting of both police officers and mental health workers, might have made a crucial difference in that visit. Sometimes it is through tragedies that we learn the value of such services the hard way. That's another reason for us to honor the victims, but also pay serious attention to the perpetrators.

CENTRAL AMERICA IS sending about 1,300 children a day to border crossings. They have no money, no parents and we are putting them in warehouses etc. Obama cannot solve even this problem. If he left office tomorrow, he is still the worst President we have ever had.

TO THE BONEHEAD that commented about me switching my phone to vibrate. Do you and your family fly? How do you think the airlines get around the USA? They use radar. If the radar is broken, you may be diverted. My radar is more important than those solemn events.

ALL THIS GIBBERISH about foreign languages! In America, we speak English. In Mexico, you speak Spanish. In Germany, you speak German. In France, you speak French. America is the boiling pot for a lot of foreign people. They ALL should be speaking English, and nothing but English.

REMEMBER WHEN THE Republican outrage machine predicted Obamacare would 'destroy America'? I do. We don't hear a word about it from the right now because it's working and they have no solutions, only outrage. Democrats aren't perfect but at least they propose and implement solutions to our problems.

THE DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED sovereign government of Iraq refused to sign the Status of Forces Agreement that would have allowed a residual force of U.S. troops to remain there past 2012.

IF YOU WANT it, earn it. If you didn't earn it, don't complain. Just earn it.

OBAMA IS THE worst President ever. Look at Iraq. Obama is trying to make a virtue out of not having a plan. An aircraft carrier is sailing in that direction so he has 'options' while trying to figure this out. Obama is just fiddling away, again.

TO THE PERSON on North Road last Wednesday in a white car who almost caused a four-car accident (and you know who you are), you better turn in your driver's license before you kill someone.

FOR ALL YOU people who are so good that you don't want geese around. Those geese were here long before you and will continue to be here no matter what you try to do. Move if you don't like them. They are a beautiful part of nature.

TO THE PERSON who stole my \$100

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out of my wallet. I hope you enjoy our hard-earned money. We were on our way home from the hospital after having a baby. We needed a few things and accidentally forgot it in the cart. Enjoy our grocery money.

GUESS WHAT FENTON, people are gay everywhere, including here. Get over yourselves, because chances are, something

you do is offensive to others. I won't ask for the same rights if you agree to pay my taxes. How's that sound?

HEY BRIDGE CARD holder. You're complaining about free money. It's money that you don't have to earn. Working people who give you that money don't complain as much about having to drive to Detroit and Flint to earn your free money. Get a job.

FROM AN 'OLD fogey's perspective. I saw the Times photo of Linden's proposal for a mural on City Hall. I like the idea but not the picture. I'm confused. What is it telling me? Someone please explain it to me. I don't like the pictures that let our imagination tell us what it might mean.

LIFE IS VERY simple people. Love God, family and friends. Obey the law, 10 commandments and seven deadly sins, pay your bills, show compassion to others, don't take anything for granted, relax and enjoy the memories.

I HEARD PHIL'S store is selling after 50 years. Another homegrown business pushed out. Feel bad for them. Hope the new owners will keep the same atmosphere we have enjoyed for so long.

TO THE PERSON complaining about stereotyping the thieves who steal cable. If your neighbors are stealing anything, and you don't report it, you're just as guilty.

MY CIVIL LIBERTIES are being eroded away! Our teachers union is forcing me to pay for an abortion rider at extra cost without allowing me the option to opt-out. This is against my moral and religious convictions. This union isn't representing me! That's for sure.

AMAZING, THE SCREECHING in Fenton about an ordinance preventing discrimination. In 20 years, people will look back and say, 'Some people actually disagreed with making discrimination against LGBT folks illegal?' Reminds me of people who opposed inter-racial marriage in the South before the Loving Supreme Court case in '67.

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FROM THE RIGHT



Cal Thomas

Nationally syndicated
columnist**Ready for Hillary?**

I expected nothing but effusive praise from major media for Hillary Clinton's new book, 'Hard Choices,' much like the mass exaltation it showered on Barack Obama.

Initially that seemed where the reviews were headed.

Prior to the book's official release June 10, the 'journalists' on CBS 'This Morning' spent nine minutes of barely restrained excitement promoting Clinton's book. Host Charlie Rose called it 'a portrait of doggedness.' CBS News political director John Dickerson said the book portrays 'a hardworking person who flew all around the world grinding it out.'

The same might be said of Miley Cyrus.

For reasons yet to be determined—maybe they read the book—the liberal worms began to turn. Dickerson subsequently reversed himself, calling the book 'a risk-free telling of Clinton's world travels' and a 'low-salt, low-fat, low-calorie offering with vanilla pudding as the dessert.'

Last Sunday's Washington Post published a poll that showed 59 percent of those interviewed have a favorable view of Clinton's leadership as secretary of state. Yet no one seems able to cite any real accomplishments. When asked a few weeks ago in a news conference about Clinton's accomplishments, Jen Psaki, the State Department's chief spokesperson, couldn't answer.

The Republican National Committee has provided a counterpoint to Hillary Clinton's book, giving it the cheeky title 'Bad Choices.' It compiles what diplomats, commentators and even a few media people have said about her.

If she runs, it will be difficult, but not impossible, for a male Republican candidate to debate and defeat her. In addition to being supported by much of the media (trust me, they'll come around), she will have the support of a substantial number of women just because of the historical factor. A too-aggressive approach by a male opponent might inflame those women who think she is a martyr for putting up with her philandering husband.

'Ready for Hillary' is the name of an 'unauthorized' super PAC formed by Clinton supporters last January. The assumption is that we'll answer in the affirmative. But given her abysmal record, if that is what she's being judged on, we're definitely not ready.

Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern

Have you considered getting a concealed pistol license (CPL)?**streettalk**

"No. I don't have a pistol because I don't think I need it."

Max Hogan
Fenton



"I haven't, but my husband has. He just hasn't gotten it yet."

— Catherine Ridenour
Fenton



"Yeah, I have considered it, but it was one of those 'don't need it, would just get it to have it,' things."

— Tom Potere, Fenton



"Yes I have. I live alone so I would get it for protection."

— Olga Blaney
Fenton



"No. I grew up around guns because my dad was a hunter, but I never felt I needed one to protect myself."

— Tami Johnson, Linden



"No. I don't believe in the Rifle Association or having guns."

— Arve Viik
Holly

Casey Kasem dies at 82 years old

►American Top 40 radio host worked at family-owned store in Fenton, substitute taught at Lake Fenton

By William Axford

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American radio legend and voiceover actor Casey Kasem died Sunday. He was 82.

Kasem, whose career included hosting American Top 40 and being the voice of Shaggy on Scooby Doo, had numerous ties to the Fenton area. Kasem was born in Detroit in 1932 to Lebanese immigrant parents. After attending Wayne State University and working as an announcer on WJLB in Detroit, the radio personality made his way to the tri-county area.

Before Kasem came to rule the airwaves, he worked as a substitute teacher at Lake Fenton High School. He also helped at a family-owned party store called Larry Hamady Pure Food Market, located at the corner of North LeRoy Street near Kellogg Drive.

According to a March 2008 Times article, Kasem left for New York in 1957 to pursue an acting career. It only took six months for Kasem to discover acting wasn't his calling, so he moved to Cleveland to work as a disc jockey. His career included being on air in Buffalo and Oakland before landing in Los Angeles. The ra-

“I did everything from mopping floors to creating ads to help promote the business.”

Casey Kasem
On working at a family business in Fenton



dio personality originally started out in comedy radio but switched to celebrity news and songwriters when he arrived in Los Angeles.

“My new career was actually found in a trash can,” Kasem told the Times when he visited Fenton in 2008. “I came into the studio about a half hour before the show and I had no idea what I was going to do. Wedged in the door was a tall trash barrel full of news copy. On top of this trash was a magazine titled, ‘Who’s who in Pop Music 1962.’ It was like God was looking over my shoulder and wanted me to find it. I then knew what I would do.”

In addition to founding and hosting American Top 40, Kasem voiced characters on cartoon shows such as ‘Super Friends,’ ‘Mr. Magoo,’ ‘Transformers’ and ‘Sesame Street.’ Kasem also guest-starred on several TV shows including ‘Charlie’s Angels,’ ‘Alf’ and ‘Saved by the Bell.’

Kasem’s debilitating health toward the end of his life caused tension in his family. The star suffered from Lewy Body Dementia according to National Public Radio. Kasem had expressed that he did not want to continue to live if he had no cognitive function. Some of Kasem’s family wanted to continue life-sustaining support; others wanted to honor his wishes.

A judge ruled in favor of Kasem’s wishes and life support was eventually discontinued.

American Top 40 Trivia

From 1970 until the Aug. 6, 1988 show, Casey Kasem was the voice of American Top 40. That’s when Shadove Stevens took over for Kasem, who eventually returned to the air about a year later doing a show called Casey’s Top 40. Here are some significant days during Kasem’s American Top 40 run.

July 11, 1970: Kasem hosts his first three-hour show. Only seven stations

nationwide broadcast the show.

Aug. 26, 1978: American Top 40 has its first long distance dedication. The song was ‘Desiree’ by Neil Diamond.

Oct. 7, 1978: American Top 40 has its four-hour format, basically playing 10 of the songs during each hour of the countdown.

Aug. 6, 1988: Kasem hosts his last American Top 40 show. ‘Roll With It’ by Steve Winwood was the No. 1 song.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

FENTON IS STARTING to look like Detroit with destroyed buildings that aren’t being torn down. It’s starting to get ridiculous.

TO THE PERSON who called in and told us we paid \$240 a year for road improvements: you’re wrong! We get charged \$240 twice a year!

A TEXT MESSAGE is a lot like a barking dog. It tries to get your attention but you don’t know what’s going on until you go and take a look.

OUR CITY LEADERS have drank too much of the political correctness Kool-Aid.

Although we need to be tolerant, we don’t need to endorse their lifestyle.

IN RESPONSE TO the person who said candidates shouldn’t separate their religion from public duties: please don’t associate religion to morals. Keep your religion out of my government.

THIS IS ABOUT the art mural going on the side of Linden City Hall. You put that up, you’ll definitely get people talking. I’d be embarrassed to have that piece on my building.

THIS IS TO the lady with the big black dog: I saw you smacking it in the face. You shouldn’t be able to own a dog if you treat it this way.

Battling mosquitoes in Fenton Township

►Larvacide, aerial dusting done every year to cut down on bloodsuckers

By William Axford

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There’s a good chance that you’ve been a buffet for bloodsucking mosquitoes if you’ve spent any nights outside this spring.

The increased rain and water levels from melted snow this past winter has provided ample breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

Within Fenton Township, APM Mosquito Control is contracted to wipe out the summer pests. The process starts as soon as the winter’s snow melts and continues into the fall. For residents who live spring out on the water, mosquito control is a must.

“Without mosquito control, people wouldn’t be able to enjoy the outdoors,” said Fenton Township Deputy Clerk/Operations Manager Tom Broecker. “APM has an integrated approach, including larvacide and barrier spraying.”

As carriers of the deadly West Nile Virus, eliminating mosquitoes could be viewed as a public health service. Last year, the deadly disease killed two people and caused 36 illnesses. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 70 percent of people who become in-

fectured with the disease won’t develop symptoms. Headaches, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea and rashes are some symptoms of the disease.

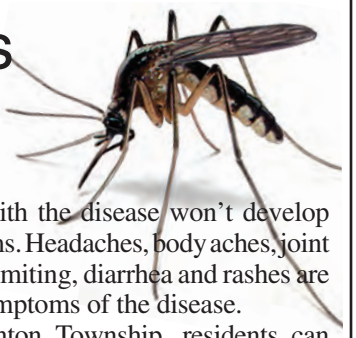
In Fenton Township, residents can contact APM and have their property barrier sprayed for mosquitoes for events like open houses or general parties.

Broecker said one misconception about mosquito control is that APM crop dusts chemicals over the township as part of their mosquito control.

“The spray from the plane is a naturally occurring spore put on crushed up corn cob,” Broecker said. “It’s dropped into the swamp area and is only harmful to mosquitoes and black flies.”

According to APM’s website, the company’s larvacide contains VectoBac and VectoLex, which occur naturally in the soil. The products can be processed by mammals, birds, reptiles and most aquatic life. “There have been no notable implications associated with application of these larvacides to the natural environment,” the pest control company posted on their website.

To help combat mosquitoes, the CDC recommends wearing long sleeves and pants at dusk or dawn, which are peak mosquito hours. Using repellent is also advised. If a dead bird is sighted, the CDC urges people to report it to the local authorities, at it could be a sign of West Nile virus.



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June 19-22

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Carnival Midway opens - Linden Elementary

FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH

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1pm-10pm	Food
1pm-5pm	Adopt a Pet, Kids Area, Library - Used Book Sale/Garage & Sidewalk Sales
1pm-7pm	American Legion Patriotic Table
5pm-10pm	Art
6pm-9pm	Photo Booths
6:30pm-8pm	Linden Dance Academy (Competition team & little ones)
8pm-10pm	Linden High School Band
10pm	Fireworks

SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST

10am-10pm	DJ, Carnival
8am-12pm	Pancake Breakfast @ Airport
8am-5pm	Plane rides at Airport
9am-4pm	Masons Child ID Program/Shriners Clowns face painting; Lions-Eye Check
10am-5pm	Highland Games, Kids Area, Amateur Bands, Farmers Market/Arts & Crafters
10am-7pm	Air Show & Broadstreet Car Show; American Legion Patriotic Table
10am-8pm	Art
11am-10pm	Food
11am-2pm	Coney Special at Linden Coney
1pm-5pm	Adopt a Pet
4pm-6pm	GB Music Studio - Stage
2pm-9pm	Photo Booths
8pm-10pm	80's Hairdo's
8pm-11pm	Band 7th Hour - 80's Music
8:45pm	Wings & Wheels Twilight Runway Run/Walk
11pm	Festival closes in town

SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND

Carnival Midway open - Linden Elementary

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Local kids win fishing contest

► Kids up to age 11 participated in Optimist Club's event at Bush Park

By Sally Rummel

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"Small fry" anglers had a chance to test the waters on June 7, when the Fenton Area Optimist Club held a fishing contest at Bush Park in Fenton.

The contest was part of a special weekend for kids that included the "Touch a Truck" event on Sunday, June 8, sponsored by Fenton Firefighters Charities.

The Optimist Club provided fishing poles and other equipment, plus bait, letting volunteers assist the kids in this catch-and-release event.

Each fish was measured and the winner in each age group was the one with the greatest total length of all fish caught. Winners received a family four-pack of US23 Drive-in tickets.

Three age groups of kids participated, with the following winners announced:

5 and under:

Leland Steele of Holly (27.5 inches) and **Amelia Roy** of Linden (55.5 inches)

6 to 8:

Logan Stiverson of Fenton (10.5 inches).

9 to 11:

Asher Williams of Mt. Morris (23.5 inches).

NON-DISCRIMINATION

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state-protected groups like age, marital status and race.

Fenton City had a dozen other municipalities to look to for guidance in drafting its ordinance — cities as close as Linden and as far away as Traverse City have laws, or policies that include sexual orientation and gender identity as protected groups.

In their research though, city attorney Stephen Schultz and City Manager Lynn Markland discovered that issues with discrimination involving sexual orientation and gender identity in East Lansing has churned out few complaints — none, actually. Neither has Linden, Pleasant Ridge nor Ferndale. Grand Rapids has had five issues since 1994.

Ferndale has had the law in place for at least 15 years, and according to Police Chief Timothy Collins, there has been no action, or investigation based on the law.

"Ferndale is very open and diverse, all that good stuff," he said. "If you live down here and you've got anti-gay bones in your body, you better keep it to yourself around here."

This is what Schultz and Markland found in their research — few complaints are ever lodged, enforced or punished in these municipalities. Markland said that most people seemed to assume that it was already illegal.

Although these cities received few complaints, it doesn't mean that issues don't arise. While the issue of the ordinance was being discussed at city work sessions, residents brought painful stories of mistreatment, and discrimination, whether they experienced it themselves, or it was someone they knew.

The city's process

Should complaints of discrimination be brought to Markland, he'll investigate the facts and if he thinks discrimination occurred, he'll try to bring the two parties together in mediation. If that doesn't work, the case may be referred to Schultz. The worst-case scenario is a civil infraction against the accused party.

What is discrimination?

Schultz wasn't able to speculate on the kinds of scenarios that could trigger a discrimination complaint, but he points to decades of case law where discrimination was argued with the already protected groups.

Of course a simple test to Schultz, is that if a person is acting in good faith, they're probably not discriminating against someone.

A possible scenario with discrimination would include denying housing to a person who is perceived as, or open about being part of the LGBT community, and denying them for that reason alone.

The city of Kalamazoo passed its ordinance in 2010, and had two complaints, but neither were determined to be discrimination. One involved housing that was not within the city limits, and another, a shop owner who happened to be kind of surly to everyone, not just the gay man who bought magazines from him.

City attorney Clyde Robinson's process is similar to Fenton, and there is no fee schedule in place should someone be found to have broken the ordinance. In some cases, he could see the city asking for a court injunction, which means the court orders the individual to cease any discrimination.

Schultz believes state law will eventually add these groups to race, age, marital status, and others; even Gov. Rick Snyder asked congress to take up the issue after roads are taken care of. If this happens, enforcement will happen at the state level instead of the local level.

So why the ordinance?

If they've never had cases, why have an ordinance? Clyde said it's a better reflection of what communities are, and a message of inclusion is being sent. This was the theme at the city council while the law was being discussed.

Of course not all issues are reported — in Grand Rapids, five issues have come up under their policy since 1994. It's Diversity and Inclusion Manager Patti Caudill's job in part, to get the word out that there is a process in the city. In Grand Rapids, housing discrimination is a civil infraction, while a non-discrimination policy handled by a committee mediates issues of employment and public services.

The issues that have arisen had to do with insurance benefits for a same-sex couple, and another was mediating a dispute between neighbors.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I WAS WATCHING the news about Iraq and how Obama sent over some Marines. The only thing Marines should be doing over there is shutting down our embassies and pulling out Americans. Let the Iraqis fight their own battles already.

DOES ANYONE KNOW the phone number to that nice young man that repatched McCaslin Lake Road? They shut him down but his patches are the nicest part of the road. We should just hire him to fix the road.

NO ONE SHOULD get a ticket or die for not having their seatbelt clicked. In the 1960s, General Motors had a system where the car wouldn't start without a seatbelt clicked in. Why not go back to that system?

I GUESS YOU can't criticize the president in the Hot lines or the liberals will brand you as a racist. I thought the liberals were more intelligent than that but I was wrong.



Mark McCabe
67th District Court
Ask the
judge

Straw buyers of guns - Part I

The Second Amendment to our United States Constitution states as follows:

'A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.'

The issues surrounding the right to 'keep and bear arms' as provided in this Amendment have been litigated and discussed by our courts since its inception. Normally, the validity of an entire law or a part of it is challenged and the court must then make a ruling.

The final answers to the questions involving these laws are given by our final legal authority — the United States Supreme Court.

On June 16, 2014, the Supreme Court released its latest opinion on a gun law in the case of *Abramski v United States* which interpreted a provision of the federal Gun Control Act of 1968. Under this Act, there are a number of requirements including the truthful disclosure of the true identity of the buyer of a firearm.

The facts in *Abramski* are fairly simple.

Mr. Abramski is a former police officer who offered to buy a Glock 19 handgun (using his police discount) for his uncle for the sum of \$400. Mr. Abramski went to a federally licensed firearms dealer to purchase the gun (the uncle had already given him a check) and filled out a questionnaire form that included the following question:

'Are you the actual transferee/buyer of the firearm(s) listed on this form? Warning: You are not the actual buyer if you are acquiring the firearm(s) on behalf of another person. If you are not the actual buyer the dealer cannot transfer the firearm(s) to you.'

Mr. Abramski answered 'yes' to this question and purchased the gun. He then gave it to his uncle and gave him a receipt. Ultimately this was discovered by federal authorities and Mr. Abramski was charged with giving a false statement. He subsequently entered a conditional guilty plea to the charges reserving his right to challenge the law.

In a deeply split five to four ruling, the Supreme Court upheld the convictions. In next week's column, I will discuss the reasoning of both the majority and dissenting opinions.

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\$9.25**Continued from Front Page**

2016, \$8.90 by 2017 and then \$9.25 by 2018.

Workers under the age of 18 will receive 85 percent of the boost.

Minimum wage has been a contested issue in the past few years, with fast-food workers and other low-paid workers striking for a raise. While the boost in pay will help workers, some economists see the boost as a temporary fix rather than an overall effective approach to improving the livelihood of the poor.

"The biggest benefit is if you are a worker earning minimum wage and you don't lose your job or hours, you do see an increase and your standard of living goes up," said Chris Douglas, an economics professor at the University of Michigan-Flint. "But there are several drawbacks. Low-skilled workers can have a hard time finding a job, since they have to justify the pay increase. You're going to get more employers automating jobs that were once done by people, such as pop-bottle returns and cashiers."

Douglas foresees employment for teenagers becoming tougher, especially with a surplus of unemployed adults. The economics professor estimates teenage employment is currently around 20 percent, based on numbers from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Unemployment has been dropping slowly since 2010 when it hit 9.9 percent. The BLS reports the unemployment rate has varied between 6.6 and 6.3 percent so

far this year.

While the increase in minimum wage may negatively impact some businesses, it's other costs that some owners are more worried about. Nick Sorise, owner of the Fenton Hotel, said that he pays his employees more than minimum wage and doesn't see Snyder's increase taking a chunk out of his profits. Instead, Sorise is keeping an eye on rising food costs, which will affect nearly every aspect of his restaurant.

"If something happened around here like what happened in Seattle, that would be a different story," Sorise said.

Earlier this month, the Seattle City Council unanimously voted to increase the city's minimum wage to \$15 an hour. According to the city's website, the increase is to be implemented in the next 3 to 7 years, depending on employer size. Washington's current minimum wage is \$9.32.

For Douglas, increasing minimum wage is more of a political ploy by lawmakers rather than an effort to permanently

improve lives.

"A better, long-term solution would be better education that increases a worker's skills," Douglas said. "For a short-term goal, economists would like to see the expansion of the income tax credit, a subsidy for low-skilled workers to help them into the middle class."

Tipped workers will also see an increase, as the current \$2.65 an hour minimum will reach \$3.52 by 2018.

Washington D.C. and six other states have also raised their minimum wage this year.



Gov. Rick Snyder signed a bill that will gradually increase the state's minimum wage during the next four years.

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one of those windshield reflectors for your car.

Use the 'scenes' setting on your camera

Especially around the camp fire — the "night portrait" setting will make an artsier photo with fires, fireworks, and dim, outdoor light.

Play around with all the different scene settings and see what works the best. "Portrait" should blur the background to isolate your subject, and "sports" will help you catch movement with a faster shutter in brighter light.

Advanced tip: With the night portrait setting, try taking a picture of a moving subject in dim light. Follow the subject with the camera, even as you are pushing the shutter to take a photo. It could be an interesting image with lots of movement.

For the smartphone

I finally have one, so I feel I can ethically give this advice.

Smartphones under the right conditions take great photos — but you have to give it the best conditions.

With smartphones, with a few exceptions, you have to get close to the subject, lest the image lose quality as you zoom. It's even more important to make sure the subject has light on them with a phone, or smartphone camera, because the image sensors are so much smaller than a regular digital camera.

If the light is dim, there's a good chance the photo will be rough and grainy, and you'll have to turn some lights on.

Calendar of events

Byron United Methodist Church

Vacation Bible School will be held at Myer's Lake Campground from June 23 to June 27. Pre-register at Byron Methodist Church, Myer's Lake Campground or online at www.byronumc.com. For more information, call (810) 623-8419.

Local bakery takes part in International Bakery Open House this Saturday

CRUST — a baking company in Fenton will be one of 51 bakeries participating in the Bread Bakers Guild of America's fourth annual International Bakery Open House on **Saturday, June 21 from 10 a.m. until noon**. CRUST will offer behind-the-scenes tours of the bakery at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Tours will start outside the bakery near the bell, which rings every time fresh bread is taken from the ovens. The event is free and open to the public. CRUST stretches for nearly a block under cheerful yellow awnings at 104 W. Caroline. Large glass windows allow visitors to see into the production areas where breads, pies and pastries are made by hand in small batches every day. For more information, call the bakery, (810) 629-8882, follow them on Facebook, or visit www.crustandbeyond.com.

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GARDENING

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She's a barefoot gardener, which might scare some of the podiatrists out there. However, she likes the feeling of being "grounded" in her garden, where her feet can actually connect with the earth.

That's the spiritual part of gardening, which is as important to Taylor as the physical. "As soon as my feet hit the dirt, it takes my stress levels down immediately. It's the coolness and richness of the dirt," she said.

Taylor admits she likes to do all the work in her garden "the hard way," without the use of many modern amenities. "My favorite tool is my Amish rototiller," she said. "I don't know how I'd ever get another one, if this one breaks down. It was given to me, and I use it at least once a week. (Husband) Dan gets the soil ready with it and plants the garden with me on Memorial Day weekend every year."

She waters the garden by hand with rainwater collected in a huge wooden barrel that Dan made for her, so she's able to save money while being environmentally responsible.

Many aspects of the Taylor's garden are also recycled, from bricks that make

pathways around the beds from Fenton's old downtown square to a limestone bench re-purposed from the old Assembly of God Church.

Taylor also savors the "giving" aspects of gardening, sharing all the bounty of her garden with her family, neighbors and friends. "I give away a lot," she said. "People really enjoy all the canning we do. I make huge baskets at Christmas, filled with the bounty of our garden. It makes me feel really blessed that we can share."

Gardening also provides social benefits with next-door neighbors Mike and Carrie Moore on Caroline Street, with whom the Taylors share garden's yield back and forth, ideas and friendship.

It all happens over the "relaxing" work of growing tomatoes, squash, asparagus, herbs of all kinds, etc., and the bounty of a giant apple tree that spills over to both yards.

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OPEN-CARRY

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Although the image of regular people walking around with what probably looked like machine guns to most people seemed strange or alarming, they weren't doing anything illegal.

Michigan is also an "open carry" state, but there really isn't an "open carry law." According to a Michigan State Police (MSP) memo, there just isn't a law in Michigan making carrying a firearm openly illegal.

It is illegal to conceal a weapon without a CPL (concealed pistol license), and there are restrictions as to where a gun can be carried.

To carry a weapon openly within legal parameters, the gun of course, must be completely unconcealed, and be carried with lawful intent.

Carrying a concealed weapon, whether it's a gun or knife without a CPL is a felony, punishable by up to five years, and \$2,500.

A gun is also restricted from being carried openly in several places, and is a 90-day misdemeanor if this is violated. Movie theaters, financial institutions, a church or other place of worship, court, sports arena, daycare center, hospital, or business regulated by Michigan liquor control are not legal open-carry places. Also included in this list is any private land where the owner restricts firearms.

These places are legal with a CPL, and if you are a peace officer or hired as security. With these parameters, one can carry a legally licensed weapon openly. "However, it can be very intimidating or frightening to people who encounter this type of activity," said Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro.

If the police are called because someone is carrying a weapon openly, Fenton police have to investigate. "We have the duty to determine if this type of situation is a crime in progress, or merely someone exercising their right to open carry," said Aro, though this seldom happens in Fenton.

It is also illegal to brandish a weapon, which is not clearly defined by Michigan law, but does not include a weapon that is properly holstered. It carries a 90-day Penalty.

WHAT CAN BE CARRIED OPENLY, LEGALLY?

Any fire arm that is legal to possess, can be carried, according to Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro. Short barrel rifles/shot guns and automatic weapons are not legal.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I REMEMBER LAST year in the Hot lines someone mentioned the lack of monarch butterflies. The same thing will happen this year if the spraying continues. I don't like mosquitoes either but you can't have everything. Spraying does not just target mosquitoes — all insects are affected.

MR. BLAND FAILED to uphold his primary duty as an elected official. He is supposed to provide safety and protect the rights and liberties of the citizens he represents. To vote 'no' and not providing an alternative to protect the rights of a class of citizens is failure.

MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON RECENTLY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. The Legislature has adjourned for an extended summer break. Due to the volume of activity this week a supplemental report next week will contain more votes. This report was released Friday, June 13.

House Bill 5477: Replace fuel tax with higher wholesale tax

To replace the current 19 cents per gallon gas tax and 15-cent diesel tax with a 7.0 percent wholesale fuel tax, gradually increasing to 15 percent in 2019, which would be equivalent to around 41 cents per gallon at current fuel prices. When combined with the sales tax levied on fuel this would give Michigan the highest gas and diesel taxes in the nation. Introduced by Rep. Rob VerHeulen (R).

Failed 17 to 20 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Aninich (D-Genesee County)

☐ YES ☒ NO

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 4630: Increase vehicle registration taxes

To eliminate the current 10 percent annual reduction of vehicle registration (license plate) tax rates for a new vehicle's second, third, and fourth years of registration. This would represent a \$145 million annual tax increase on vehicle owners. The bill would also increase the drivers license renewal fee from \$18 to \$25, and increase a number of other fees on different kinds of vehicles and trailers. However, with the Senate's unwillingness to pass a related \$1.2 billion gas tax increase the bill's future is in question. Introduced by Rep. Michael McCready (R).

Passed 21 to 15 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Aninich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☐ YES ☒ NO

House Bill 5313: Senate vote on state budget

The state government budget for the fiscal year that begins on Oct. 1, 2014, not including education spending (see House Bill 5314 below). This bill authorizes \$37.4 billion in spending, compared to \$34.4 billion originally authorized for the current fiscal year (which was prior to adoption of the federal health care law's Medicaid expansion). Of this, \$17.6 billion comes from state tax, fee and other revenue, compared to \$16.9 billion the previous year. The rest is federal money (\$19.8 billion, compared to \$18.1 billion the previous year). When education spending is added, the total state budget for the next fiscal year will be \$53.15 billion, up \$3.63 billion (7.3 percent) from the \$49.52 billion budget originally enacted for the current fiscal year. The state portion of this will be \$31.45 billion, up \$1.25 billion (4.1 percent) from the \$30.18 billion originally approved for this year. Introduced by Rep. Joseph Haveman (R).

Passed 24 to 12

Sen. Jim Aninich (D-Genesee County)

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Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

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Linden Elementary will be the grounds for the carnival, which starts Thursday.

Linden Mills Days starting Thursday

► Car show, live music and numerous activities planned for four-day event

By William Axford

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A carnival, food, DJ and kids activities is coming to downtown Linden starting this Thursday and lasting until Sunday.

Linden Mills Days will return to downtown Linden this year and will feature events such as the Highland Games, where contestants will stone put and hammer throw. Plane rides will be held at Price's Airport and the FirstTry Triathlon gives competitors a taste of a "real" triathlon.

For kids, the event will have face painting and inflatable bounce houses. A car show, air show and several bands

will also be a part of the summer festival.

The Carnival Midway opens on Thursday at Linden Elementary school.

For more information on prices and the schedule of events, visit Linden-millsdays.com or call Linden City Hall at (810)735-7980.



POLICE

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appeared to be intoxicated and wouldn't leave his room. The man began swearing at police officers while in the common area where other guests, including children were on site. After disobeying orders to be quiet, police arrested the man and transported him to the police station

for processing. He is due in court on July 14.

MOTORCYCLE TRAILER STOLEN

On June 16, a resident from the 1000 block of Main Street reported to Fenton police that someone stole his orange motorcycle trailer, which was parked in his driveway. The name of a possible suspect was identified. The theft remains under investigation.



Some of events being planned
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WORLD CUP

Q Has the United States ever played Portugal in the World Cup?

A On June 5, 2002, the United States defeated Portugal 3-2 in group play.

WORLD CUP UPDATE

United States vs. Ghana

Recap: John Brooks became the first substitute player in U.S. World Cup history to score a goal, providing the game-winner in the 86th minute on a header off a cross on a corner kick, earning the U.S. a 2-1 win. Clint Dempsey began the scoring about 30 seconds into the game, with a goal to the far-side post. The goal was set up by a throw-in. Ghana scored during the 82nd minute to tie it up 1-all, but the tie lasted about three minutes.

Top 3 U.S. Players

These are according to whoscored.com's rating system.

1) John Brooks

Came in as a sub and scored the game-winning goal, had seven clearances, intercepted two passes, recorded two tackles and blocked two attempted shots.

2) Jermaine Jones

Assisted Clint Dempsey's goal during the first minute of the game and won double the aerial duels (six) of any of his teammates in the contest. He also had four tackles.

3) Clint Dempsey

Scored the fastest U.S. goal in a World Cup game ever. He only completed 65 percent of his passes.

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INSIDE SPORTS:
WHO'S NO 1?
This photo is a pretty good hint



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Spring Top 5 poll presented a lot of challenges

By David Troppens

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Sometimes I can really hate my job.

This story is a perfect example of what I am talking about.

It is now a couple of weeks after the end of the prep spring sports season, and I am, finally, being forced to put together a Spring Top Five poll. During the spring, we never ran one. It was almost impossible to do it.

With late starts, poor weather and a condensed season, it made it nearly impossible to do a poll. But that was O.K. with me. It seemed trying to create a legitimate Top Five was going to be near impossible, with so many teams on equal terms. I figured I would get lucky and by the end of the season the teams would "settle" and the final poll would be relatively easy to create.

This is when the 'I hate my job' comes in. Things never got much easier. And now, it's mid-June and I'm forced to make some really tough calls. But, it's time for me to shut up and just go forward with the list.

Honorable Mentions: We are giving this honor to a lot of the area track teams. We had the Linden boys track team finish third in

the league, but then take third in regionals and place tied for 13th at the state meet. We also had Holly boys track and Fenton girls track win Metro titles, rather impressively.

No. 5 - Lake Fenton girls soccer: The Blue Devils dominated GAC play and had an outstanding season. However, even if it was a strong Powers' team, the Blue Devils were unable to win a single district game. With the GAC being such a weak conference, it's hard to lift the Blue Devils higher than fifth.

No. 4 - Linden girls soccer: It's too bad Lake Fenton and Linden didn't play each other. If they did, that game could've been the battle for fourth in our poll. As it is, we have to give the undefeated Metro League champions the nod for many reasons. First off, they beat Fenton twice and Lake Fenton did not. Secondly, the Eagles won a district title.

No. 3 - Linden baseball: The Eagles had another outstanding season. They won a co-Metro League championship, won the Greater Flint Tournament trophy for a second straight year and won a district title for the second straight season. The Eagles



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Linden's team celebrates during the season. The squad finished third on our Tri-County Spring Top Five list.

also advanced to the regional title game before their season ended. The only thing keeping Linden from getting higher was the fact they were co-champions and earned that distinction with a four-loss league season. If they cut that league record to 14-2 instead of 12-4, the Eagles would be a pretty

strong No. 1 contender.

No. 2 - Lake Fenton boys golf: It was a pretty dominating season for the Lake Fenton boys golf team, winning the GAC title, capping it by crushing the field at the final conference meet. In the postseason the Blue Devils See **TOP 5** on 11

FirstTry Triathlon preparing for its fourth event

By David Troppens

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When it comes to triathlon fans, Paul Zieske can consider himself one of the sports elite enthusiasts.

The Linden resident started doing Ironman events in 1984, when most people would've thought about a comic book character when the word popped up versus a sporting event.

And now through his position as President of CycleFit Sports Club, he's trying to give back to others for the rewards he received from the sport.

And that's why Zieske is the event

coordinator of the organization's fourth-annual FirstTry Triathlon being held at Byram Lake's Clover Beach and Linden County Park Saturday, starting at 8 a.m.

"A group of us came up with the idea when we wanted to do a triathlon at the park. It's a great location," said Zieske, recalling the days prior to the event's existence.

Initially, there were plans for a larger triathlon many years before the start of the First Try Triathlon, but some of the key individuals in the development process were unable to continue and funding

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Competitors from last year's FirstTry Triathlon look for their times after they finished the event.

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Fenton's Husse comes close in Sr. Open qualifier

By David Troppens

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Linden — Denis Husse was pretty sure his score wouldn't hold up.

The Fenton resident was one of 84 participants at the U.S. Senior Open qualifier held at Spring Meadows Country Club on Friday. The top two qualifiers earned a spot in the U.S. Senior Open held later this summer, but the other 82 would leave without an invitation.

Finishing early, Husse was tied with two others with a 72 for over an hour as he waited for other scores to come into the clubhouse. But, eventually four scores better than Husse's 72 entered. The two best scores posted were by professionals and were among the final six performers to finish their rounds. Dick Mast won with a 33-33-66, while Bill Glasson shot a 35-32-67. Two other competitors shot a 70 and 71, respectively, dropping Husse's score to a three-way tie for fifth.

"I've been hanging on since 12:30 p.m., just waiting," Husse said at 2:30 p.m. "Finally, two guys came in with lower scores."

"I didn't really think (72 would qualify). I heard some chatter that there were some guys going pretty low. We heard at the turn how people were doing. I heard a couple of people were doing pretty well, but I thought maybe 72 would be a good chance to be an alternate, but I guess that's out the door now, too."

Husse was one of five tri-county golf-



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Fenton resident Denis Husse watches his drive during his first hole of Friday's U.S. Senior Open Qualifier held at Spring Meadows Country Club.

ers at the meet. The others were Jack Seltzer with a 75, Lou Iordanou with a 77, Jim Leedle with an 82 and Michael Murray with an 83. Husse shot a 37 on the back nine, his first nine he played, and a 35 on the front to earn his 72.

"Going over the card, you can find a couple spots where I could've shot a 71 pretty easily," Husse said.

"The course played tough. I played really well to shoot a 72, I thought. You had to play pretty well to get a good score."

"I drove it really well and hit a lot of greens. I hit a really good par save on the second hole I played (the 11th hole). I hit it all over the place and chipped it in for a

five. But holes 6 and 16 are going to haunt me. I played the holes really well but you have to get it in the hole. I missed a couple of short birdie putts and these guys are too good not to make five- or six-footers."

Mast had a strong start to his round and then held on to win the one-day 18-hole tourney.

"I was fortunate. I hit some loose shots today and got away with it," Mast said. "I made some good putts."

Mast, who is from Virginia, was making his first visit to Spring Meadows.

"It's a nice golf course," Mast said.

"It's in nice shape. It's challenging. They have a nice rough."



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Fenton pitcher Paige Dean (right) celebrates with a teammate after a game. Fenton softball is our No. 1 team of the spring season.

TOP 5

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finished third in districts, advancing to regionals. Lake Fenton may have qualified for the state meet, if not for an injury during the regional meet. The squad finished in a tie for second, but without a fifth score, couldn't compete in the tie-breaker for second or third. It cost them a state trip.

No. 1 - Fenton softball: During a spring where teams were lucky to play 25 contests, the Fenton softball team found a way to WIN 37 games. The Tigers were 37-5 overall with a 14-2 league mark, earning them the outright Metro championship. They also won a district title before losing to the second-ranked team in the state. This spring was a good one to be a Fenton softball fan.

FIRSTTRY

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became tough. However, thoughts about a triathlon never went away.

"Our mission with CycleFit Sports Club is to grow the sport and contribute to the community and we came up with the idea of doing something for the first-timers," Zieske said.

"It works well for us. It's not a huge production company, it's smaller in scale but we try to have the same attention of detail you'd get at a much bigger race."

The race is created for, as the name suggests, those wanting to attempt a triathlon for the first time. The distances are much shorter than most triathlon events. Contestants start by swimming in Byram Lake about 400 yards. When they return to land, they bike for 9.1 miles around Linden's streets. The event ends with a two-mile run primarily at Linden County Park, ending the race in the park. The most athletic of competitors can finish the event in about 50 minutes. Pretty much all the competitors have the event completed two hours after the start.

"I love seeing the enthusiasm with people and their attitudes getting involved with the sport," Zieske said. "We have people who ride with tassels or baskets on their bike. We have people wearing wacky get-ups because they aren't sure what to do. But what you get is that level of enthusiasm that's great to see."

Zieske holds three clinics for interested participants, getting them prepared for the event. The third one was completed on Sunday. Typically, the number of participants in the race have ranged between 200 to 300 people,



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After the FirstTry Triathlon, the most popular item is water. Pictured here some participants who completed last year's event get some water.

but numbers could be down a bit this year due to the cold weather earlier in the year. Still, the event should have a healthy group of competitors.

The FastTry Triathlon also remains. It's set up for those who have already run the FirstTry event, but want to continue competing in the local race.

"The FastTry race is getting a steady following," Zieske said.

"There are people who want to do one triathlon a year."

The event has never had a serious injury during the event, and that probably has to do with the staff they have at the event. In the water, there are eight life-guards on each side of buoy that competitors must swim to, and then swim back from after rounding it. There are also police placed at all the intersections.

"We try to be careful," Zieske said. "We have not had an incident in this race. Knock on wood."

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To your Good Health

KEITH ROACH, M.D.



DEAR DR. ROACH: Would someone who has a gluten intolerance be able to use psyllium products (Metamucil) without any problems? What I really want to know is, does psyllium have gluten, since it comes from wheat husks? Thank you for your answer. — S.S.

ANSWER: Psyllium is gluten-free. It is made from the husks of the Plantago plant, not wheat. Psyllium is an excellent source of fiber, but should be started at a low dose and gradually increased to avoid bloating.

(Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible.)

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE

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

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

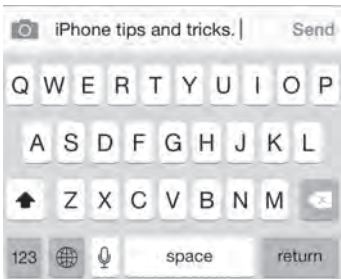
Answer: "POLEEPS - MUDS"

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iPhone Tip of Week

Text faster by holding and sliding

You've probably been using your iPhone's keyboard for ages without realizing that it's actually easier than you thought to add symbols to your messages. Instead of tapping once on the 123 button and then again on the ABC button when you're done, you can tap and hold the 123 button, then slide your finger to select the symbol you want to insert. Once it's been added, your keyboard will automatically revert back to the letters keyboard.



Tip provided by macworld.co.uk

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ACROSS

- 1 Hot tubs
- 5 Bottom line?
- 8 Bedouin
- 12 Exist
- 13 Exploit
- 14 Brightest star in Lyra
- 15 Ear-related
- 16 Needlefish
- 17 Blue hue
- 18 Nogoodnik
- 20 Locations
- 22 Fawn's mama
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- 24 Use a paper towel
- 27 Clerics' vesting place

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- 54 Perch
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- 30 Earl Grey, for one
- 55 Coaster
- 9 Asks
- 31 "Uh-huh"
- 56 Nasty stinger
- 10 Malaria symptom
- 36 Drive-in staffer
- 57 Type squares
- 11 Sheepish remarks
- 37 Blunder
- 58 "— of the D'Urber-villes"
- 19 With 41-Down, continue
- 38 Authenticate

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- 21 Listener
- 42 Pack away
- 2 Pocket bread
- 24 Bankroll
- 43 Greek vowel
- 3 Eager, and then some
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- 44 Cathedral feature
- 4 Withdraw
- 26 Disapprovers' demonstrations
- 46 Between jobs
- 5 Hints at
- 28 Alias (Abbr.)
- 47 Roger of "Cheers"
- 6 "Born in the —"
- 29 Creates a
- 48 Tackles' teammates
- 7 Griffin of old
- 51 Intention

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Directed by David Gordon Green, JOE film brings Academy Award (R) winner Nicolas Cage back to his indie roots in the title role as the hard-living, hot-tempered, ex-con Joe Ransom, who is just trying to dodge his instincts for trouble - until he meets a hard-luck kid, (MUD's Tye Sheridan) who awakens in him a fierce and tender-hearted protector. R, 1 hr. 56 min.



WALK OF SHAME
The outrageous comedy WALK OF SHAME stars Elizabeth Banks (The Hunger Games, Pitch Perfect) as a resourceful reporter whose one-night stand with a handsome stranger (James

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Shae Parson

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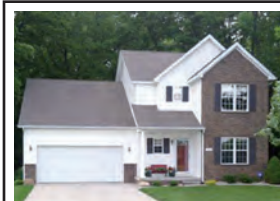
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Violet A. Holland

1925-2014

Violet A. Holland - age 89, of Fenton, died Tuesday, June 17, 2014. Funeral services will be held Friday, June 20, 2014 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Burial will be in Davisburg Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday and Thursday from 2-9 PM. Violet was born March 21, 1925 in Alpha, MI the daughter of Walter J. and Ethel (Fincannon) Stuk. She married Horace G. Horton on June 27, 1945, he preceded her in death, and she married Kenneth Holland in December 1981. She retired from Michigan Bell and moved to Pickford, MI for a few years. Most of her life has been spent in the Davisburg, Holly, and Fenton area. She also worked part-time at Ben Franklin's Dime store in Holly and VG's Food Center in Fenton. Surviving are her daughter, Sharon (Phil) Helms; son, Walter (Paula) Horton; step-son, Gary (Sue) Holland; step-daughter-in-law, Marcia Holland; 4 grandchildren, John (Jenny) Lentz, Bart Horton, Heather (Scott) Maurer, and Amalie Helms; 7 step-grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren, Martin Lentz, Sean Lentz, Connor Helms, Phelan Helms, Chase Maurer, Evan Maurer; 8 step-great-grandchildren and 1 step-great-great-grandchild; 3 siblings, Ernie (Sue) Stuk of NY, Marjorie Siegman of CA, and David (Nancy) Stuk of FL; sister-in-law, Carolyn Stuk of Davisburg, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Jimmy Stuk, Duane Stuk; husbands, Horace G. Horton and Kenneth Holland. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Heartland Hospice or Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

James Idoni

1934-2014

James Idoni - age 80, of Fenton, passed away Friday, June 13, 2014 surrounded by his loving family. Funeral services will be held 10 AM Thursday,



June 19, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Jim Wiegand officiating. Burial immediately following in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Wednesday from 1-8 PM. Those desiring may make contributions to Genesys Hospice. James was born April 30, 1934 in New Rochelle, NY the son of Rocco and Mary (Borinsky) Idoni. He was a graduate of Roseville High School and attended the University of Michigan. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. James married Elaine E. Ellingson November 27, 1959 in Detroit and she preceded him in death November 3, 2007. He retired from GM after 30 years of service and then was the General Manager of Premium Design. Surviving are: 5 sons, Jim (Heather), Chris (Patti), Joel (Vivian), Peter (Joely), and Matt (Marni); 18 grandchildren, Rachel, Bethany, Jacob, Ben, Emily, Carman, Elaina, Madison, Donna, Angelo, Hannah, Luke, Gabe, Paul, Angelina, Val, Rocco, and Chloe; 3 great-grandchildren, Sophie, Ezra, and Laine; brother, William (Sue) Idoni; sister, Pinky (David) Shiveley; brother-in-law, Ted Ellingson; sister-in-law, Melinda (Joe) D'Alessandro. He was also preceded in death by his parents; sister, Barbara Bell; sister-in-law, Carol Ellingson; and granddaughter, Hallel. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Earl L. Lyons

1925-2014

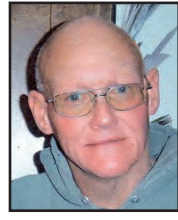
Earl L. Lyons - age 89, of Fenton, went home to God at 2:30 AM Sunday, June 15, 2014. Funeral services will be 3 PM Thursday, June 19, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Father Dwight Ezop celebrant. Visitation will be held 1 PM until time of service Thursday. Burial in Carthage, Missouri at a later date. Those desiring may make contributions to the St. John Catholic Church Outreach Program. Earl was born March 2, 1925 in Wilburton, Kansas the son of the late Charles Nathan and Clara Mae (Swingle) Lyons. He married Deloris Sawyer in Columbus, Kansas on December 21, 1945 and she preceded him in death on October 5, 1998. Earl joined the Army in 1943. He was in the 2nd Wave Omaha Beach, June 6, 1944. He was wounded and rehabbed in England for 3 weeks then returned to France. Earl joined Patton's 3rd Army and fought with the 3rd all the way to Germany. He was wounded again in the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded 2 Bronze Stars and 3 Campaign Ribbons. Mr. Lyons enjoyed fishing and worked for Goodyear in California from 1946 to 1953 and then for GM Ternstedt from 1953 to 1964. Earl also owned and operated Lyons Well Drilling until 1984 when he retired and moved to Missouri. He later returned to Michigan in 2012. Surviving are: daughter, Sandra (Robert) Simpson of Fenton; daughter-in-law, Kathy Lyons of Traverse City; grandchildren, Amy Lyons (Brandon) Santoni of FL, Jeffrey Lyons of IL, Robert (Wendy) Simpson Jr. of GA, Julie McGrath; great-grandchildren, Maliya, Sean, Savannah, Sawyer, Shannon; special sister, Ruth Carrell of Clio; sister, Shirley Thomas of OH; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death also by his son, Kenneth Lyons; granddaughter, Kelly Lyons; brothers, Harold, Herman; sisters, Alta, Opal, Thelma, Margaret, Mildred and Harriet. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Donald David "Stoney" Miller II

1947-2014

Donald David "Stoney" Miller II - age 67, of Linden, died Saturday, June 14, 2014. Funeral services will be held 1 PM Thursday, June 19, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 East Broad Street, Linden with Rev. Donald Neuville officiating. Visitation will be held from 3-8 PM Wednesday at the funeral home. Don was born March 8, 1947 in Flint, the son of Donald David and Olive (Stewart) Miller. He graduated from Linden High School class of 1966. In 1969 he began working for Laborers Local 1075, served as the Business Manager from 1989-1998 and retired in March 2001. Don married Janette Newell on March 18, 1971 and they were married for 27 years. He enjoyed playing cards, coon hunting and deer hunting. Don is survived by children, Stacie (Chris) Ward, Amanda Miller (Chris) Ward, Donald David Miller III; grandchildren, Brent and Megan Roberts; siblings, Patti Lamb, Peggy Judson, Bobby Miller and Michael Miller. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Lori Miller and wife, Janette Miller. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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