Cities with non-discrimination laws receive few complaints

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

By Tim Jagielo

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 non-discrimination.

Central El’s silly string farewell

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

By William Axford

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 See $9.25 on 7

Open-carry rules in Michigan

Licensed guns can be carried openly in public

By Tim Jagielo

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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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. Summer time 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. 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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TopPhoto

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 snow blowers.

Outdoor gardening good for mind, body and soul

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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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POLICE

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 Park-way 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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Casey Kasem dies at 82 years old

By William Axford

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 moved 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 Kelleys 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 radio 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 in Pop Music.” 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 to-ward the end of his life caused tension in his family. The star suffered from Lewy Body De-mentia according to National Public Radio. Kasem had expressed that he did not want to continue to live if he had no cogni-tive 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.

Battling mosquitoes in Fenton Township

By William Axford

There’s a good chance if you’ve been a buffet for bloodsucking mosqui-toes 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 out-doors,” said Fenton Township Deputy Clerk/Operations Manager Tom Broecker. “APM has an integrated approach, including larvicide 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 infected 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,” 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 larvicide 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 larvicides 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, as it could be a sign of West Nile virus.

American Top 40 Trivia

From 1970 until the Aug. 6, 1988 show, Casey Kasem was the voice of American Top 40. That’s when Shadoe 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. 8, 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.

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

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 mural going on the side of Linden City Hall. You put that up, you definitely get people talking. I’ll 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.

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5pm-10pm Art
6pm-9pm Photo Booths
6:30pm-8pm Linden Dance Academy (Competition team & little ones)
8pm-10pm Linden High School Band
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11pm Festival closes in town

EVENT SPONSORS:
Local kids win fishing contest

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

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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 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 1997.

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 residents assumed 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 council meetings, residents brought painful stories of mistreatment, and discrimination, whether they experienced it themselves, or from 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 infractions 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 out the decades of case law where discrimination was argued with the already protected groups.

Of course a simple test to Schultz, is 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 find they 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 Cauldill’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.

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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 Sorte, 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, Sorte 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,” Sorte 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.

PHOTOS
Continued from Page 3 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.
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GARDENING
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She’s a barefoot gardener, which might scare some of the podcasters 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 canned we do. I make huge bunches 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 Taylor share garden 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.

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 unsealed, 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. All 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 isn’t happening 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.
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.

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

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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 Lindenmillsdays.com or call Linden City Hall at (810)735-7980.

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

Linden Mills Days starting Thursday

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FOOD, FUN & OPA!
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 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 won and were a pretty strong contender.

No. 1 - Thomas Worthington boys track and field: It’s pretty hard to look at other teams and see how much better Thomas Worthington was. For a team to be that good and dominate the Metro League and also be a contender at the GAC, it’s pretty impressive.

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 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...
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 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. Tuesday, 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 there was some guy who had a 60 something. 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 golfers at the meet. The others were Jack Seltzer with a 75, Lou Iordanou with a 77, Jim Needle 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-ready.

“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 shot 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.

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VILLAGE OF HOLLY
Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 430

Ordinance No. 430 was adopted at the regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Holly on June 10, 2014. The ordinance amends Title 6 of the Village Code of Ordinances by adding new Chapter 8-15, entitled ‘Adoption by reference of Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT & T Michigan’. The full text of the ordinance amendment is available for inspection at the Village of Holly, 202 S. Saginaw Street, Holly, MI during regular business hours.

Cathrine A. Behrens, Village Clerk/Treasurer
Violet A. Holland
1925-2014
Violet A. Holland - age 89, of Fenton, died Tuesday, June 17, 2014. Funeral services will be held at 1 AM Thursday, June 19, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton.

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 at 10 AM Thursday, June 19, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., 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 the U.S. Army. James married Elaine E. Ellingson November 25, 1959 in Detroit and they had two children. He retired and moved to Florida in 2014. James will be remembered for his work ethic, sense of humor and generous spirit.

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 held 1 PM Thursday, June 19, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Father Dwight Ezop celebrating. Visitation will be held 1 PM Thursday, June 19, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes.

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.

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