Adventures on the river

By Tim Jagielo

Holly — On Sunday, paddlers saw a functioning beaver dam, listened to the breeze sift through the trees, and slid past very few houses on their seven-mile trip from Holly to Fenton.

But before that, they had to put their kayaks and canoes into the river at Waterworks Park in Holly.

Luke Hartley and Mackenzie Taubitz, both of Fenton, just happened to be there for a casual trip, as families and friends lined up behind them to put their kayaks in the water.

Sunday was the annual seven-mile Adventure Paddle on the Shiawassee River, from Holly to Strom Park in Fenton.

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Fenton’s library to get $180,000 upgrade

By Tim Jagielo

The library will look a little different once it is upgraded. The Genesee District Library will be closed.

See UPGRADE on 11

Save the turtles!

By William Axford

Crumbling roads and distracted drivers aren’t the only dangers motorists have to watch for on the open road.

With the brighter, warmer days of summer finally here, motorists have to share the road with turtles and ducks.

See TURTLES on 7

Teen smoking down, synthetic drugs up

By William Axford

Tobacco use and alcohol abuse amongst teenagers is declining across the state, according to the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH).

However, teenage use in other risky behaviors such as using synthetic and prescription drugs is on the rise and is a growing topic of concern for state health officials.

See SMOKING on 7

Holly man charged with recording minors trying on clothing

By William Axford

A Holly man is facing up to 10 years in prison and becoming a registered sex offender after allegedly recording young children trying on clothing in a private changing room.

Eric Lee Gill, 43, has been charged with two felony counts of capturing and distributing images of an unclothed person.

See FELONY on 6

Sitting in the back of his kayak, Eric Lee Gill drags his kayak up the banks of Strom Park in Fenton Sunday, followed by his wife Tina after their seven-mile Adventure Paddle. He said his grandkids like to kayak, and he wanted to be able to say he could also.

Sam Alvarado of Holly drags his kayak up the banks of Strom Park in Fenton Sunday, followed by his wife Tina after their seven-mile Adventure Paddle. He said his grandkids like to kayak, and he wanted to be able to say he could also.
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Second shift
Nursing becomes a second career for many who are downsized or dissatisfied

By Sally Rummel
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Mark Goupil was just 44 years old when he retired from the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department after more than 20 years as a sheriff’s deputy, 18 of those years also working as a paramedic.

That means he went from a 100-miles an-hour pace every workday, to zero — and he didn’t like it. “I’m too young to be sitting around and doing nothing,” said Goupil, of Fenton Township.

Today, at 47, he has rediscovered a new purpose and passion. As a graduate nurse, Goupil now works in the Hurley Medical Center Emergency Department in Flint — and loves every minute of it. “I enjoyed patient care when I was a paramedic, so this is a natural second career for me,” he said. He will be taking his national boards on July 7 to officially be a registered nurse. Goupil has joined a profession that itself is in critical need. The U.S. faces a shortage of more than 900,000 registered nurses by the year 2030. Workers like Goupil in a second career may be the ones picking up the slack.

While the nursing profession is still overwhelmingly female, more men are entering the workforce as nurses, as the shortage has grown in the past decade. The proportion of male nurses has more than tripled since 1970, from 2.7 percent to 9.6 percent.

At Hurley, the local job market for nurses is “pretty good,” according to Jeff Overman, nurse manager of the Emergency Department. “It’s a mixture of about 70 percent new grads in their first year, 20 percent from the previous year, and 10 percent from the last year,” he said.

Tri-County Times
TIM JAGIELLO

Teens help save mom’s life

Severe allergic reaction from bee sting causes mom to collapse

By Sally Rummel
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Two quick-thinking teens came to the rescue of one of their mothers, last week.

They made a happy ending out of a situation that could have ended in tragedy.

Heather Kettle, of Holly Township, was watching her young niece and nephew in the family’s swimming pool when Kettle was stung in the ankle by a bee. Kettle, 37, has life-threatening anaphylaxis (whole body allergic reaction) to bee stings and made it only a few feet inside her home when she collapsed on the floor.

That is when her daughter, Courtney, 15, and boyfriend Vincent Cantu, 18, sprung into action. Courtney came to her mother’s aid by bringing her the appropriate medications and calling 911, giving them all the important information and staying on the phone until the paramedics arrived.

In the meantime, Cantu took over the care of the young children, taking them out of the pool and making sure they were calm and safe. He then sat down next to Kettle on the floor and talked to her, in an effort to keep her conscious. Her breathing See LIFE on 11

How are allergic sting reactions treated?

Severe allergic sting reactions are treated with epinephrine (adrenaline), either self-injected or administered by a doctor. Usually, this injection will stop the development of a more severe allergic reaction.

In a severe case like Kettle’s, intravenous fluids, oxygen and other treatments are also necessary. Once stabilized, you may be required to stay overnight for observation.
Fear

But similarly, critics note that Native Americans somehow are honored by a word that major English dictionaries call ‘insulting’ and ‘usually offensive,’ there is widespread concern that the patent office is deciding what trademarks are ‘disparaging’ to Native Americans or anyone else.

The decision can’t force the NFL team to change its name but it could honor Dan Snyder in his wallet. If the ruling stands up in court, he would lose the right to block other companies from selling caps, cups, jerseys and other merchandise with the name and Indian-head logo.

Critics see that potential penalty as an infringement of Mr. Snyder’s First Amendment rights. Yet, viewed another way, the decision can be seen as an expansion of everyone else’s right to do what the government’s trademark only allowed Snyder to do. But that’s not only not allowed, but obligated to decide what is not only legal but also proper. The states, for example, routinely ban certain words, numbers or names from vanity license plates that they view as obscene or insulting. Similarly, the federal patent office is allowed to reject applications for trademarks that are disparaging to particular racial, ethnic or religious groups.

Snyder similarly remains free to use his team’s name, but so can anyone else. He only loses certain government protections, such as preventing other users of the team name from selling team souvenirs and presumably cutting into his profits. Of course, the Redskins’ name has seniority, as its defenders point out. The team has been using it since the 1930s. But words do change in their meanings and implications over time.

That’s why I am not very upset that the federal patent office decided to cancel the Washington football team’s trademark. I am only disappointed that the government had to be asked.

THE INFLUX of illegal immigrant children over our southern border are being accommodated in the country using public transportation. Most have communicable diseases including measles and TB. If you get informed about this potential serious health crisis.

IF VOTING ‘YES’ means that Mr. Bland supports LGBT then doesn’t voting ‘no’ mean he supports discrimination? I don’t support someone who supports any type of discrimination.

WHAT WAS THAT statement I heard in 2003? ‘We’ll be greeted as liberators’? Where were the weapons of mass destruction? Mission accomplished? I’m puking.

AHH INDEPENDENCE DAY. You know what it means now? Just a long weekend with some fireworks, I wonder what the teach these kids in school today.

KERRY SAID THE Iraqis should pick a new leader. We can’t do that, why should they have to?

I AM LOOKING AT God’s word, let me turn to Corinthians and Revelations: there is a list of people who will not be included in Heaven, including homo-sexuals. Unfortunately today, we let our emotions do our thinking for us and we cast aside God’s word.

REPUBLICANS in the House have passed many bills – jobs bills, spending bills, energy bills. They’re not being taken up by Harry Reid and the Democrats in the Senate won’t work with Republicans. So yes, Democrats are running America.

DO YOU KNOW Hillary Clinton did not write her new book? She had three ghost writers. She didn’t write her other books either. She’s also lying about her involvement in the Benghazi scandal. She mastered the art of lying from her husband and our current president.

IN RESPONSE to the person who said hastily conservative Americans shouldn’t take out loans: almost everyone is taking out a loan and paying them back. Meanwhile, the government just borrows and borrows without paying it back. Must be a Democrat who said that.

IF YOU DON’T think Afghanistan and Iran isn’t Bush’s fault, you’ve forgotten your history real quick. Remember who led us over there and didn’t finish it up?

See HOT LINE throughout Times

FROM THE RIGHT

What’s your family’s heritage?

“German. My grandparents were both 100 percent.”

— Shirley Bauermeister

“Indian. I don’t really follow any traditions, but I love horses and I am a horse farmer.”

— John Sullivan

“German. My mother was 50 percent and my grandmother was 100 percent.”

— Martha Chandler

“I’m Irish, both sides of my family were.”

— Linda Lindon

“I’m English and Scottish because my grand-parents were. We still drink a lot of tea.”

— Lisa Stidham

“I’m not Irish but I’m grand parents are.”

— Lee Giacolone

“Italian and Native American. We do traditional Italian dinners and my wife teaches kids about Native Americans.”

— Matt Martello

FROM THE RIGHT

Midwest Times

U.S. Troops return to Iraq

George W. America’s enemies know the will of the American people — we tire too quickly, preferring to focus more on celebrity culture than on those who have vowed to destroy us.

But some rules of engagement have also weakened the ability of American forces to defend themselves and achieve their objectives. Too often soldiers are told they can’t fire unless fired upon, which has likely led to the killing and wounding of U.S. soldiers. Pre-empive strikes appear to be things of the past.

Jihadists have long hid among civilians, knowing of America’s (and Israel’s) reluctance to cause collateral damage.

Enemies and adversaries of the United States no longer fear this country. Under President Obama, people like Russia’s Vladimir Putin, dictators like Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and jihadis of no known national origin (though increasing numbers of Westerners, including some Americans, are joining them), see an opportunity for chaos created by a president who appears to think ‘climate change’ is a greater threat to the world than terrorism.

If President Obama fought terrorism with the same zeal he devotes to ‘climate change,’ the terrorists might be the ones retreating, not America.
Fenton schools planning for life after 11-year bond

Board of education moves to save, invest monies during life of bond

By William Axford
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Fenton — Increased per pupil funding and $11 million in bond money has afforded the Fenton Area Public School (FAPS) district to possibly earn more money in the next decade.

At Monday’s board of education meeting, executive director of finance and personnel Doug Busch presented a long-term plan that would allow the school district to continue purchasing technology and buses after the district’s upcoming bond expires.

The plan calls for saving annual funds set aside for technology and transportation and possibly investing them into fixed annuities.

“The assumption was, because we have new bond money coming in, we won’t cut that money to the general fund, but hold that money each year and use that money to become post-bond, self-sufficient,” Busch said.

Busch said the district designates about $65,000 a year to the technology department for upgrades and new equipment. Busch didn’t give an exact figure for transportation as costs for the department fluctuate due to labor and maintenance costs. If implemented, Busch estimates the district can save $1 million for technology and $1.1 million for transportation by the end of the bond’s 11-year cycle.

Investing funds usually set aside for technology and transportation may be able to generate $40,000 for the district in the next decade, increasing the district’s budget by 1 percent.

“I know $40,000 may not seem like a whole lot off-hand, but we currently spend 88 percent of our budget on payroll,” said Trustee Drew Shapiro. “By being creative and doing something as parking this money somewhere else, we can generate more revenue.”

Busch forecasts FAPS will have a little more than $1.5 million in fund balance for the 2014-15 school year. Busch anticipates the district will receive an additional $175 per student next year, as well as $75 extra per student due to successful 3rd and 8th grade MEAP scores from the fall of 2013.

While extra funding per pupil will help FAPS, school officials budgeted for a potential loss of 50 students next school year, which would cost the district $362,000.

Teacher insurance, utilities and energy costs are expected to increase during the district’s next fiscal year, offsetting the increases in per pupil funding.

FAPS will also begin to implement the $11 million bond funding next school year, which was approved by voters in May. Technology, transportation and updates to infrastructure are some of the projects school officials have slated for the bond.

“$40,000 is a lot of money, it can make a big difference in our schools,” said Vice President Tamara Valley.
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On Friday, June 13, Holly Police were dispatched to a retail business located on the 15000 block on North Holly Road after Gill was caught recording young children.

Gill fled the store before Holly Police arrived and was arrested on June 17 after an alert was sent out to area police departments.

Since each charge is a 5-year felony, Gill will serve up to a decade in prison and will be a registered sex offender, since the victims are minors, if convicted.

Gill was arraigned on Thursday, June 19 at the 52-2 District Court in Clarkston and is currently held at Oakland County Jail on a $125,000 bond. His next court date is June 26 at the same district court.

SECOND SHIFT
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first career and 30 percent of nurses opting for a ‘non traditional’ age, including about 10 to 15 percent in their second career.”

Hurley’s Emergency Department and Critical Care Unit tend to attract more male nurses to their floors. “About 15 to 20 percent of our nurses in these areas are men,” said Overman.

Goupil is now in the 14-week orientation program at Hurley, working first shift. When he completes orientation, he’ll be working the night shift from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m.

“It’s actually a good shift for me, because I won’t have to miss my kids’ activities,” said Goupil, a single father with shared custody of daughter Reagan, 16 and son Parker, 14. “Having worked so long at the jail, I’m used to goofy hours and working on holidays.”

To earn his nursing degree, Goupil returned to school, even though he already had a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Michigan. He started on his pre-requisites in 2006 in a proactive move before retirement. “I knew I didn’t want to be a police officer into my 60s,” he said.

In 2012, he was accepted into Mott Community College’s Nursing Program, graduating this past spring with an associates degree.

The hardest part of the nursing program wasn’t the medical aspect.

“The biggest challenge was learning the computer program at McLaren, Genesys and Hurley, where I did my clinicals,” said Goupil. “Each had their own computer program for charting patient care, doctor’s orders and patient progress. I was comfortable starting IVs, but the computer work was the most challenging thing to learn.”

Mark Goupil is into his 14-week graduate clinicals at Hurley hospital in Flint, where he is in charge of four patients.

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Mark Goupil
Hurley Medical Center
graduate nurse

Mark McCabe
67th District Court
Ask the Judge

Straw buyers of guns: part two

A ‘straw buyer’ is a person who makes a purchase on behalf of another without disclosing the relationship to the seller.

The majority found Mr. Abramski to be a straw buyer for his uncle Mr. Angel Alvarez. It was undisputed that Mr. Alvarez was eligible to receive and possess a firearm.

Mr. Abramski was charged under two separate sections of the law — making a false statement to acquire a firearm, and making a false statement as to a record required to be kept under the law by a federally licensed gun dealer.

The majority opinion (joined by four justices), was authored by Justice Elena Kagan and discussed the three arguments that Mr. Abramski made on appeal:

(1) A false response to the actual transferee/buyer question is never ‘material’ irrespective of whether the ‘actual buyer’ is合格 to own a gun because the law focuses only on the person actually at the gun dealer’s counter.

(2) Alternatively, the fact that the uncle was eligible to own the gun makes the misrepresentation immaterial as to the lawfulness of the sale.

(3) The gun dealer record reten- tion requirements do not specifically require keeping the false response given by Mr. Abramski.

Justice Kagan rejected each of these arguments. As to materiality she found that the false representa- tions were indeed material. Allow- ing straw buyers of guns would be inconsistent with ensuring proper gun buyer identification to prevent ineligible individuals from having guns and aiding law enforcement in tracing guns when a serious crime is committed.

She also found that under the law the record of the false statement was required to be kept by the gun dealer.

The dissent was written by Justice Antonin Scalia with three joining justices.

He found that the law did not prevent straw buyers, and the false statement given was not material, as the truth did not make the sale unlawful as the uncle was an eligible buyer.

He also found that the law did not require information to be kept as to whether the transferee is buying the gun for an eligible third party.

I have only highlighted the re- spective opinions. The entire case is available online at the United States Supreme Court website for further review.

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Genesee County Health Department.

“I definitely would not pick up a snapping turtle,” Babini adds. “If you want to help a snapping turtle cross the road, you can guard it but don’t put yourself in danger of other drivers.”

Snapping turtles are named as such for their powerful clamping jaws, and the crankiness to use them.

In the City of Fenton, ducks have been known to stop traffic as they cross the street by the gazebo downtown near Dibbley. People can attempt to herd ducklings and their parents to safety.

For persistent problems with wildlife, Babini said contacting the closest DNR animal control office may be the best course of action.

When driving at dusk or dawn, Babini warns motorists should drive slower around wetlands and forests, as spotting deer can be harder in times of less light.

No matter what type of wildlife is encountered, motorists should not put them into their vehicle or keep them as pets.

“In Michigan, it is illegal to take possession of wildlife,” Babini said. “If you can pick it up to move it, that’s OK. But you cannot put wildlife in your car and take it home or anywhere else.”
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The Adventure Paddle was essentially a fund raiser for the Headwaters Trails, who maintains the river in the area, with assistance from groups like the Keepers of the Shiawassee.

Events like tornadoes and rough winters litter the river with branches, and humans sometimes litter it with garbage. These volunteers come in with their own equipment and time to clear the river, according to Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) specifications.

Around 60 registered and participated. It cost $22 to become a Headwaters Trails member, and $5 for a ride back. The ride back was $10 if you chose not to be a member.

Maggie Yerman, with the Keepers, said the goal was to raise funds, but to also simply make people aware that the river is here as a recreational option.

Many were surprised they could kayak on the river any time they want — you just have to arrange a ride back. After they paddled, some were surprised by how pleasant the trip was.

As far as the natural beauty of the river, the Shiawassee is really a different place entirely depending on the season. In the right season, you can see sandhill cranes, or deer running across the river before the boats, said Yerman.

Fall yields dramatic colors, and a better view of the wildlife. Summer is hot, with a breeze for relief. “It would be really difficult to say which is my favorite,” said Yerman.

Sunday was sunny and warm, with relief provided by said breeze, and shade from the dense green trees above.

Some of the paddlers were experienced, others were on their first trip, but all seemed to want to come back.

Eric Lesher along with son Jake, 10, get ready to paddle down the Shiawassee River on Sunday, with Deanna and Hailey, 8, seeing them off.

Linden residents enjoyed carnival rides, fireworks and Highland games this past weekend at Linden Mills Days, the city’s annual summer festival. City officials called the two-day event a success and look forward to next year’s event.
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Fuel discount must be redeemed by July 6, 2014.
Heather Kettle was on this spot, when she realized she had been stung by a bee. She only just made it inside when daughter Courtney, 15, and Vincent Cantu, 18, had to work to save her life.

LIFE

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and respiration had shut down to the point that she needed immediate transport by an ambulance.

Kettle has been stung before, but has never collapsed and stopped breathing so quickly that she couldn’t help herself get her own medication.

She was transported by North Oakland Fire Authority’s Alpha 3 unit to Genesys Regional Medical Center, where she stayed for several hours to stabilize.

Kettle credits Courtney with saving her life. “I’m fatally allergic to bee stings,” said Kettle. “Courtney knew exactly what to do, and she stayed calm. The situation could have been so much worse, with a different outcome.”

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Heather Kettle

Courant Holly Hills Primitives

The “busiest building in town” will receive much needed upgrades this summer, which will make the library more usable for visitors and staff.

UPGRADE

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Manager Mike Burns. “The building needs a lot of modernization, the whole building.”

Call it “well loved,” but by fall, it will be updated inside with a whole $180,000 project.

Burns said that currently, they are in the process of planning for the interior modernization. The bids are being prepped for carpeting, paint and electrical upgrades, along with furniture and a new configuration for both floors of the building.

He estimates the library will be closed for four weeks during the upgrades.

The wall that separates the line of computers upon entry from the general area will be removed. In general, the areas will become more usable and open. “It’s going to be such an upgrade, it’s needed,” said Burns. He estimates that the project could happen in August. He isn’t sure what the bids will return at, but they estimate it will be a $160,000 to $180,000 project with monies coming from the DDA.

The city was considering an expansion project as well, but that idea is not in the works currently.

Last summer the exterior was repainted for $12,000, and some trees were removed. Flooding was a concern due to calcified drain tiles, so it was fixed for $6,820.

The library staffing is funded through a Genesee District Library millage. The maintenance, repairs and operations is funded by the city. $52,700 is budgeted from the city of Fenton general fund each year.

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. This report contains more votes from the very active final week of legislative sessions ending June 13, before an extended summer break.

Senate Bill 334: Require certification of federal health care law “navigators”

To require “certification” for the individuals and organizations acting as “navigators” authorized by the federal health care law (“Obamacare”) to assist individuals who apply for government-subsidized health benefits through the law’s “exchange,” including criminal background check and training in a program that protects the privacy and security of Michigan residents’ personally identifiable information. The bill authorizes administrative sanctions and fines for individuals and organizations who violate various rules, including “steering” a person toward a particular policy. Introduced by Sen. Jim Marleau (R).

Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) YES NO
Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) YES NO

Senate Bill 910: Ban enforcement of new wood stove emissions limits

To prohibit the Department of Environmental Quality from imposing new state wood stove and wood heater regulations, or enforcing new federal ones. The bill was introduced following news reports that proposed federal Environmental Protection Agency rules would impose restrictive new limits on wood heat. Introduced by Sen. Tom Casper (R).

Passed 25 to 12 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) YES NO
Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) YES NO

Senate Bill 748: Revise protectionist Detroit “limousine” regulations

To allow Detroit to expand the scope of a city regulatory regime on “limousines,” by extending it to vehicles that can carry eight people including the driver. The limousine regulations have the effect of limiting competition to the taxi cartels that are protected by the city. The bill is sponsored by Detroit Democrat Virgil Smith, Jr. and cosponsored by Oakland County Republican Mike Kowall. Introduced by Sen. Virgil Smith, Jr. (D).

Passed 30 to 8 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) YES NO
Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) YES NO

House Bill 5168: Facilitate DARTA operating Woodward streetcar

To authorize the Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority created by a 2012 law to enter agreements to operate a potential Woodward Avenue streetcar in Detroit. The bill would exempt this project from a provision requiring unanimous action by the DARTA board for any form of rail passenger service, and specify that Detroit and Wayne County would be responsible for covering the line’s operating deficits, and not other communities in the RTA. Introduced by Rep. John Walsh (R).

Passed 32 to 6 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) YES NO
Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) YES NO

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Events dominate Linden’s weekend landscape

By David Troppens
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Linden — Derek Fries is always doing something during the weekends.

If he’s not competing in a regatta, chances are he’s competing in a triathlon. And despite being 61, it’s not a shock when he’s among the leaders. After all, he won his age group at nationals in the triathlon last year.

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FirstTry event winners
Top Male Overall
Roger Mausolf 52:11
Top Female Overall
Jenna Davis 56:58

FastTry event winners
Top Male Overall
Derek Fries 45:51
Top Female Overall
Erin Ward 54:44
Top Male Masters
Ed Nicholson 46:41
Top Female Master
Sandy Smith 59:07

Less intimidating distances make FirstTry Triathlon a big hit

By David Troppens
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No. 15 - Holly boys tennis: The Bronchos are another team that has earned a spot in all six polls, always finishing between ninth and 16th. They earned the honor by capturing the Metro League title rather easily and placed 12th at the state meet. This is one of those teams that could argue they should be higher, but we like them in this spot. They are a model of consistency. No. 14 - Fenton girls swimming: The Tigers dropped off the poll for the first time ever last year, but bounce back to a pretty respectable No. 13 spot this year. The squad dominated the Metro League as they were expected to do and then went to the state meet, placing 19th while there. They finished second at the county meet to Grand Blanc. Two years ago, the Tigers placed fifth in our final poll. No. 13 - Linden girls soccer: The Eagles were a young team, but that didn't keep them from posting an undefeated Metro League championship season and from capturing a district crown. This squad should be fun to watch next spring.

The following teams have made our Tri-County Final Top 16 Poll each of the six school years we've done it. Linden boys cross country: Has been No. 1 three times. Holly boys tennis: This squad ranks a one of the most consistent programs in the tri-county area over the last 25 years. Fenton volleyball: Six straight undefeated Metro League regular seasons? That's impressive.
RUNWAY
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But Saturday’s was quite a bit different than most. After all, how often is an airport closed so that a 5K road way, we mean airport, race can be held on it? This was the first time it has happened at Linden Prices Airport, and it seemed the competitors enjoyed it.

“It was my first time and it was awesome,” said Miyajima. “It was a short flight over here and the weather was awesome. You never get to run on a runway, at least legally.”

“It’s something you don’t get a chance to do that often so it definitely was fun thing to do,” Borders said. “For sure we’ll be back.”

It was the inaugural race, and for a first-time event planned on the same date as the more established FirstTry Triathlon, also held in Linden, the race had a decent enrollment of around 100 runners in the 5K event. There was a shorter one-mile fun run and walk an hour earlier which also had a nice group of runners.

There were several differences with this race than most because it was on a runway. It was held at 9 p.m., so by the time most runners were finishing, the runway lights were lighting up the course. Also, there were plenty of smaller planes located near the race location for people to look at prior to the event.

Kathleen McGowan is a veteran Fen- ton runner who has been in her share of races, including last spring’s Bos- ton Marathon. She ended up being the first-place woman, posting a 5K time of 21:23.17, just barely ahead of second-place finisher Sarah Springer (21:23.29). She enjoyed the experience of compet- ing on a runway.

Wings of Mercy 5K Race results
Here is a list of the winners at the inaugural Wings of Mercy 5K Race held at Linden Prices Airport on Saturday.

Top Male Overall
Jack Eck 17:35.31
Top Female Overall
Kathleen McGowan 20:52.63
Top Male Masters
Mike McPherson 19:00.71
Top Female Master
Kris Kotala 21:37.46

“This was fun. This was definitely fun,” McGowan said. “That airplane over there has a speaker system, so it sounds like the plane is going off when you run by it. You can hear it. And then when you come back this way, they have a big lighted-up X. You are on a runway and it makes you feel like you can fly. It’s awesome. I will definitely do this again.”

The overall winner was Linden cross country runner Jack Eck. Eck won the race with a time of 21:19.59.

“I’ve never run on an airstrip before. It was a lot of fun, liked it,” Eck said.

“What I liked the best was probably getting to feel all the people behind me. I don’t want to sound arrogant about it, but I get to see everybody on the course. On a regular course I don’t know who is in front of me or behind me. Here I could see.”

The event was part of the third-annual Wings and Wheels event, with funds helping support Wings of Mercy East Michigan. Wings of Mercy offer air transportation at no cost to people who are financially needy and need special- ized medical treatments.

“I’ll come back. (The runway) is flat and well marked,” McGowan said.

“Plus, it’s for a great cause. Wings of Mercy help so many people, it’s nice to donate a little. And I think we get more out of it than they get.”

FIRSTTRY
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than a typical event. In many instances, those first-timers have now become vet- erans to the FastTry event. For some fam- ilies, it’s becoming an annual event, like for John Roth III, who was cheered on by his three daughters. His father, John Roth Jr., also heard cheers from his grand kids.

“It’s pretty cool,” Roth III said about hearing his daughters cheer. “It is a fam- ily thing. My dad and I do it. My brother-in-law and I do it. My niece too. I started doing them about eight to 10 years ago, and I kind of drug everyone in with me.

“It’s nice because it is a decent size, and not really big. They really cater to people who haven’t done it before. I think it’s cool because people trying it for the first time get that chance in a non- threatening environment and in one that is a bit shorter.”

The first to actually cross the finish line was Joe Christopher, but due to the staggered times, he placed fourth over- all in 48:11.

“This is my second FastTry,” the Fen- ton resident said. “I like that they have the FastTry because if you are used to it, you can participate and be competitive with all these guys. It’s cool.”

Adam Framson, 33, doesn’t look like what you’d expect the typical triathlete to look like. He’s a bit stockier, but he still finished with a nice time of 49:98, one of seven to finish under 50 minutes.

“Even though I am not the skinniest guy out there, I can do O.K.,” Framson said. “It’s a great race. You get to mix and match with the events you are strong in.”

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(Left) The Top Male Masters and (Right) The female overall winner was Kathleen McGowan (954). She grabs a water at the water station, near the end of Linden Prices Airport’s runway.
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Answer in this Sunday’s edition of the Tri-County Times

DEAR DR. ROACH: My gallbladder was removed 16 years ago, and I have been having frequent diarrhea for those 16 years! I understand it’s because without the gallbladder, there’s no bile. It seems to me that with all the brilliant researchers in the world, someone could come up with a substitute for bile. A pill, maybe? I am an 85-year-old female and have seen at least four gastroenterologists during this time, and none of them had a clue. The last one I saw told me to “live with it.” Has anyone asked you about this problem? — D.E.

ANSWER: It’s not uncommon at all. Also, the liver still makes bile, and some experts think it is too much bile that causes diarrhea. If occasional Imodium isn’t doing the job, I have had good success with cholestyramine, which binds excess bile salts.

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300: RISE OF AN EMPIRE

Based on Frank Miller’s latest graphic novel Xerxes and told in the breathtaking visual style of the blockbuster “300,” this new chapter of the epic saga takes the action to a fresh battlefield-on the sea-as Greek general Themistokles (Sullivan Stapleton) attempts to unite all of Greece by leading the charge that will change the course of the war. “300: Rise of an Empire” pits Themistokles against the massive invading Persian forces led by mortal-turned-god Xerxes (Rodrigo Santoro), and Artemisia (Eva Green), vengeful commander of the Persian navy. PG-13, 1 hr. 43 min.

WINTER’S TALE

Colin Farrell headlines this romantic drama adapted from the novel by Mark Helprin, centering on the relationship between a thief and a dying woman. Producer-screenwriter Akiva Goldsman makes his feature directorial debut with this Warner Bros. production also starring Russell Crowe, William Hurt, Jessica Brown Findlay, Jennifer Connelly, and Eva Marie Saint. PG-13, 2 hr.

ENEMY

Academy Award Nominee Jake Gyllenhaal reteams with his PRISONERS director, Academy Award Nominee Denis Villeneuve, in this sexy and hypnotically surreal psychological thriller that breathes new life into the doppleganger tradition. Adam Bell (Gyllenhaal) is a glum, disheveled history professor, who seems disinterested even in his beautiful girlfriend, Mary (Laurent). Watching a movie on the recommendation of a colleague, Adam spots his double, a bit-part actor named Anthony Clair, and decides to track him down. R, 1 hr. 30 min.

DVD RELEASES

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iPhone Tip of the week

Read websites more easily

Stop struggling to read overcrowded Web pages on the iPhone’s small screen. Instead, tap the Reader button, found in the URL bar at the top of a Web page, and you’ll see a much clearer, predominantly text version of the page. Even better: This view hides advertisements. It doesn’t work with all websites. This also works on the iPad.

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**Fenton**

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