Summer events will continue despite streetscape

Fenton holiday activities and festivals will see only a few minor changes.

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As Fenton organizations and civic groups gear up for a busy summer season, they are doing everything they can, despite the ongoing downtown construction, to make sure “the show still goes on.”

One of the first big local events to be affected is the annual Memorial Day Parade, which typically begins See SUMMER EVENTS on 5.

Holly kicks off 2015 prom season

Holly High School students dance to some classic hip-hop tracks like “Triky,” by Run DMC and “Let me Clear My Throat,” by DJ Kool. Prom was hosted at the 59 West Entertainment Complex in Highland Township. The theme was “Once Upon a Time.”

KRCC names new director

Nicholas Klemp, 40, looks forward to serving the community in another capacity.

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Nicholas “Nick” Klemp, 40, has added another hat to his professional collection, having recently been named the new director for the Karl Richter Community Center (KRCC). He began his new duties last week.

Klemp also works with the Holly Area Community Coalition, a non-profit organization that offers drug and alcohol See DIRECTOR on 9.

Police cruisers to get new computers

Five outdated in-car computers to be replaced at a cost of $17,800.

By Vera Hogan
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The Fenton City Council on Monday unanimously approved the purchase of five new police car computers to replace those purchased in 2009.

According to Police Chief Rick Aro, the current computers have reached the end of their service life, causing hard drive and memory failures.

The computers are critical to the day-to-day operations, Aro said. “They are used by officers to dispatch cars to calls, run LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network), NCIC (National Crime Information Center) and Secretary of State checks, complete reports when needed, produce and print traffic citations,” See COMPUTERS on 8.

Linden schools alert parents to be on lookout for suspicious man

White male in older burgundy car approaching kids.

By Sharon Stone
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Parents in the Linden Community Schools district received a letter and a recorded phone message Monday from Superintendent Ed Koledo. He was warning the community about a suspicious individual who has been approaching young people in the area.

After school on Monday, school officials were made aware of a suspicious incident in the area of Silver Lake and Hogan roads where an unknown man in a car approached young people. A similar incident occurred in the area of Linden and Sharp roads two Saturdays ago.

See SUSPICIOUS on 6.

Stranger danger awareness tips can be found with this story at tctimes.com.

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‘IT’S A LABOR OF LOVE’
Honor guard members — leading parades and presiding at veteran funerals

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You’ll often see a military honor guard leading a parade or a patriotic holiday or presenting a folded American flag to a grieving veteran’s widow at a funeral, while Taps is played in the background.

These men and women are performing a service that requires military precision, a dedication to excellence and a heart of volunteerism that places them at some of the most solemn ceremonies that mark people’s lifetimes and passages.

Other events, like leading the annual Freedom Festival Parade every year, are joyful and exciting, but challenging because of the physical prowess it requires to walk in precision for 2½ hours, wearing a full honor guard uniform and carrying an M1 Garand rifle.

“It’s a long walk,” said Wayne Peterson, captain of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3423 in Fenton. “I have to keep my eyes on the parade so we don’t get too far ahead of the next (parade) group.”

While parades come but once or twice a year, military funerals are an everyday event for local honor guards. “We do them seven days a week,” said Peterson. “We go wherever we have to go. If it wasn’t for Roger Sharp (Sharp Funeral Homes), we probably wouldn’t be as strong as we are today.”

Military Funeral Honors, free of charge, are the right of every eligible veteran who was honorably discharged. Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly Township conducted 3,716 funerals last year, half of which were for veterans and the other half for their wives, eligible children, etc.

The honor guard performs a ceremony that includes the folding and presentation of the American flag to the next of kin and the playing of Taps. There’s also a rifle volley, where members of the honor guard shoot in unison.

Local veterans’ groups select one day each month to handle funerals at Great Lakes National Cemetery. For VFW Post 1370 in Pontiac, that day is the first Monday of every month. Normally, there are an average of eight funerals per day, which means that honor guard members are on their feet, often without a break for many hours at a time.

Other Military Funeral Honors are conducted for deceased veterans at cemeteries around the state.

An honor guard for the burial of a veteran also includes the services of two members of the Armed Forces representing the Fenton VFW Honor Guard stands at rest during the military funeral at St. John Cemetery in Fenton on Tuesday. The veteran who was buried was memorialized with a rendition of “Taps,” played by horn, “Amazing Grace” on bagpipes and a volley of rifle fire. “They all deserve the last send off,” said Wayne Patterson, captain of the Honor Guard (right). “We just go and do it for this veteran.”

“IT’S A LABOR OF LOVE. I’ll do it ‘til the day I die.”

Dr. Howard White
Greenlawn Township veterans and officer in charge, VFW Post 1370 in Pontiac

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Democrats in 2016: Why not Joe?

Admittedly, it’s early. But Republicans and Democrats are lining up for 2016. No fewer than 19 Republican self-declared candidates showed up in New Hampshire last week. They’d no sooner left than Hillary Clinton and Martin O’Malley have all but announced. He headlines the South Carolina Democratic convention this weekend. Independent Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders looks like he’ll run as a Democrat. And every day, it seems another group issues another call for Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren to run.

Warren would be a strong candidate, and if Hillary Clinton also declares, the debate between the two of them would be critical for our nation. There’s only one problem: In all the talk about possible Democratic challengers one name is missing: the vice president of the United States. Why not Joe?

Joe Biden has every bit as much experience as Hillary Clinton, if not more. He spent 36 years in the Senate, during which time he served as chair of both the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee. Over the last six years, he’s proven to be one of our most effective vice presidents ever.

Biden also has a powerful life story. Shortly after he was elected to the Senate in 1972 at the age of 29, his wife and daughter were murdered while he was home. Biden considered resigning his seat even before he was sworn in, in order to care for his two young sons who survived the accident, but was persuaded not to by Majority Leader Mike Mansfield.

Every candidate has shortcomings. Biden has two. First, his age. He’s 72 today, three years older than Ronald Reagan was when he ran for president. Then there’s his mild case of ‘foot-in-mouth’ disease, which does occasionally cause him to say something inappropriate, politically incorrect, or just downright dumb. Just because he’s vice president doesn’t mean he’ll necessarily run. Biden says he’ll decide by the end of summer.

What sport did you play as a child?

“Hockey, baseball and football because friends played them and I liked them.” — Kevin O’Connor, Tyrone Township

“Baseball, softball, basketball, and volleyball because I had two brothers and they influenced me.” — Marisa Poeszat, Tyrone Township

“Tennis, swimming and track because my parents offered them and they drove me.” — Cindy Rouch, Tyrone Township

“I was a gymnast because I love the challenge and every time I learned something new it made me feel good about myself.” — Robin Long, Tyrone Township

“I played basketball because that was the only sport they had.” — Vickie Woodbeck, Fenton

“I played in our neighborhood baseball games because it was fun.” — Cal Thomas, Fenton

Flunking civics should not be an option

‘Don’t know much about history’ — Sam Cooke

It’s an old joke, but one that is a comment on our times. A pollster asks: ‘What do you think about the level of ignorance and apathy in the country?’ The person replies: ‘I don’t know and I don’t care.’

Each week, Jesse Watters of Fox News interviews mostly young people about politics, government, current events and history. They are specially chosen to show that young people care to know about their government and country. In a recent episode, interviewees couldn’t name President Obama’s accomplishments or any of the Republican presidential hopefuls. I recently saw Larry Pressler, the former senator from South Dakota, at O’Hare Airport in Chicago. Pressler now teaches a course on civics at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, S.D.

‘Why civics at the college level?’ I asked. ‘Aren’t young people supposed to learn about their government in high school, or earlier?’

‘They’re not learning it there,’ Pressler replied. ‘It isn’t being taught.’

I suspect this is due to the deepening cynicism about politics and politicians. But largely, I think, it is the failure of too many schools to teach about our own government and the next generation’s responsibility to preserve it.

The current generation — tied to social media and their smartphones with no requirement they serve their country in the military or anywhere else — doesn’t seem interested in keeping it. They must be awakened from their indifference because, as Ronald Reagan said: ‘Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children’s children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.’

At the end of 2014, The Wall Street Journal reported that more states were requiring their students in order to graduate from high school. Citing the Education Commission of the States, WSJ added this sobering stat: ‘Currently only 20 states require a social studies test to graduate from high school. More should. In fact, all should.’
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with a ceremonial wreath tossing in the Shiawassee River at Millpond Park. Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro is currently working with VFW lead-

ership on an alternate parade route and will release information as soon as possible.

According to Patricia Lockwood, chairperson for the Fenton Freedom Festival Committee, the Fourth of July Pa-

rade route will, too, be changed. It will start at Industrial Way travel east on Owen Road to Adelaide. The parade will travel north on

Adelaide and proceed to Caroline Street. From Caroline, it will go west to West Street, then travel south on West to dismiss at the school parking

lot. The annual 5K Race route is yet to be determined.

All other Fourth of July activities will remain the same, according to Lock-

wood. “The Rubber Ducky Race will take start downtown just as it always has,” she said. “LeRoy will be closed but there will be a walking path for people to use. We encourage people to come downtown.”

After the Rubber Ducky Race, people will be able to walk across the bridge to the Fenton Community Center, where all other activities people have become accustomed to will take place. Those activities include the Lions chicken barbecue, Kiwanis children’s games, and the big craft show on the lawns.

The Silver Lake Ski Show will go on at Silver Lake Beach on July 3, and the annual fireworks show will be launched from Silver Lake Park at dusk on the Fourth of July.

According to Assistant City Manager Mike Burns, the city’s Concerts in the Park, will continue to take place at the downtown gazebo and park on Thurs-
days from June through August. The Farmers Market will also take place downtown on Thursdays from June through September.

Organizers are still working on routes for the annual Fenton Bas-
ttle Day Run and Artwalk, scheduled for July 11, and the Tour de Lac Bike Ride, sched-

uled for Aug. 1.

According to Burns, the “Back to the Bricks” event had to be post-

poned this year due to construction.

The Fenton Regional Chamber of Com-

merce’s “Taste in Fent-

ton,” previously scheduled for Aug. 6, has been changed to Thursday, July 30.

The location for the event has not yet been determined.

Burns said “hopes upon hope” that Halloween and Christmas events will be able to carry on as scheduled.

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Patricia Lockwood
Fenton Freedom Festival Committee chair

rather than progressing along LeRoy Street, an alternate route for Fenton’s Memo-

rial Day Parade will be announced as soon as possible. The Fourth of July Parade will also be moved from the downtown area to accommodate Streetscape work.

Fourth of July
Parade Route

The 2015 Fenton Freedom Festival Fourth of July Parade will begin further west than usual. According to Patri-
cia Lockwood, chair of the Fenton Freedom Festival Committee, this year’s parade will begin on Industrial

Way in Fenton’s Industrial Park. It will proceed east on Owen Road to Adelaide Street. It will turn left (north) on Adelaide Street to Caroline Street. Parade entrants will then travel west on Caroline to West Street. At West Street it will proceed south to dismiss at the school parking lot. Others will

choose at that point to leave via Silver Lake Road.

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Koledo said he learned that another similar complaint was filed in Mundy Township, near Cook and Reid roads. There was also an incident similar to all of these in February in the vicinity of Pine View and Seymour roads.

Koledo said none of the incidents preceded past uncomfortable questioning, but the similarities between them lead police to conclude that it is the same man.

The unknown man was described as a white male in his mid- to late-20s, dirty brown hair, beard, blue eyes, sometimes wearing a hooded sweatshirt. His car was described as an older burgundy, four-door, GM sedan, possibly early 1990s. Linden schools confirmed the incidents with Linden and Argentine Township police departments as well as the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department, all of which are monitoring the area for added safety.

Stranger Danger Awareness

Telling children not to talk to strangers is not enough anymore and it’s not realistic. Children have a difficult time understanding the concept of “stranger.” If they’ve seen someone at their school or in their neighborhood, they may not think of them as a stranger because they’ve seen them before. In addition, if the person doesn’t look mean or scary they don’t seem like a stranger. However, abductions do not necessarily happen by strangers.

COMING SOON

Lake Fenton presents awards at annual dinner on May 9

The Lake Fenton Community Schools Foundation has announced John Sharpe as this year’s recipient of their “Lifetime Achievement Award,” to be presented at the Foundation’s Annual Award Dinner, May 9 at Spring Meadows Country Club.

Sharpe has been a long-time resident of the Lake Fenton area. He became involved, volunteering coaching boys and girls tee-ball and softball and chaperoning field trips. He graduated from Ferris College in 1968 and earned an advanced degree in 1971 from Central Michigan. In 1992, Sharpe was elected to the Lake Fenton Community School Board, became president in 1995 and continued on the board until 2004. He has been honored by the Michigan Association of School Boards as a Master Board Member and Advocate for Education. Sharpe has also served on the Lake Fenton Schools Foundation since its inception and as president in 2013. His involvement and passion for education was his focus as an employee of the Genesee Area Skill Center for nine years and Mott Community College for 25 years.

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Teacher of the Year

Kathleen VanHouten is Lake Fenton’s 2014—2015 recipient of their Teacher of the Year Award, sponsored by Financial Plus Credit Union. She graduated from the University of Michigan-Flint in 1999 with a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Education with a major in Language Arts. VanHouten also received a Master’s in Education Degree in 2002 from Marygrove College, and an Education Specialist Degree in Administration from Oakland University in 2008.

After completing her student teaching in Lake Fenton, she began working in a variety of positions and subjects with fifth- through eighth-grade students. During her 12-year tenure in Lake Fenton, VanHouten has taken on multiple duties outside of the classroom including working as a volleyball coach, quiz bowl advisor, yearbook advisor, student activities director, curriculum coordinator for 6-8 ELA, and NCA/Advance-Ed coordinator for Lake Fenton Middle School. She continues to teach sixth-grade Language under the leadership of Principal Dan Ferguson, and hopes to continue working for Lake Fenton for many years to come.

Kate and her husband, Rob, have a son, Kayden, and a daughter, Alyana who are both students at Lake Fenton.

Awards presentation

The award presentation will take place at Spring Meadows Country Club on May 9, beginning at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and the program. Registration for $50 per person can be made by check payable to Lake Fenton Schools Foundation and mailed to Jerry Ragsdale, 10030 Shadybrook Ln, Grand Blanc, MI 48439.
The Armed Career Criminal Act of 1984, Part II

The Johnson case facts are fairly simple. The Defendant Samuel Johnson pleaded guilty in Minnesota Federal Court on June 6, 2012 to a single count of being a felon in possession of a firearm under federal law. As part of his plea agreement, he agreed that the Armed Career Criminal Act (ACCA) might apply as he had previously been convicted of three federal firearms violations involving possession of a short-barreled shotgun in 2007. It was also agreed that he reserved the right to appeal the mandatory minimum sentence that he received of 15 years in prison and the applicability of the ACCA, as he contended that this 2007 offense should not be considered a violent felony.

The issue before the Supreme Court is whether the last part of the ACCA that defines a violent felony as otherwise involving conduct that presents a serious potential risk of physical injury to another is unconstitutionally void for vagueness.

Void for vagueness is a legal concept that has been around with us since the 19th century. The rationale behind it is that when it comes to a specific criminal law it must be written so as to make it clear what conduct is prohibited and what is not.

In Michigan a party challenging a statute on vagueness grounds can do so in three separate ways by showing:

1. The statute (or law) does not provide fair notice of the prescribed conduct.
2. The statute is so indefinite as to confer on the trier of fact unstructured and unlimited discretion to decide when an offense has been committed and,
3. The statute is overbroad and impinges on First Amendment rights.

In Johnson, the defendant argues that there isn’t fair notice in the last sentence of the statute and it allows for arbitrary enforcement. In other words it is a type of catch all phrase that unfairly allows for a number of different felonies to be considered as being violent for sentencing purposes.

If the defendant’s arguments prevail he would receive a lesser sentence.

Historically this has been a much litigated area in the law. A decision is expected this term.

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the parent service of the deceased veteran, arranged to serve at the funeral by the Department of Defense.

Services are held 12 months a year, no matter what the weather, and typically last up to a half hour, or an hour in the case of a Catholic funeral service. “We don’t care what the weather is outside,” said Peterson. “We do the funeral for the veteran. I have a dedicated crew and we’re all on the same page.”

The task can be mentally and physically challenging for members of the honor guard, most of whom are in their 60s and 70s and are veterans themselves.

“When we arrive at the cemetery and see all the flags and the graves, I can’t help but get a lump in my throat,” said Dr. Howard White of Groveland Township, officer-in-charge of the Honor Guard of VFW Post 1370 in Pontiac. Some people grab your hands when you’re presenting the three rounds. You’re so close and you’re looking at them in the eye. Sometimes it’s all I can do to not shed a tear. It’s a labor of love. I’ll do it ‘til the day I die.”

The Honor Guard helps to lead the Fenton Freedom Festival Parade and the Memorial Day Parade each year. It’s their most visible responsibility, but they spend more time serving at funerals.
MISSING ALZHEIMER’S PATIENT FOUND
At 5:27 a.m. on Tuesday, April 28, firefighters from Linden were called in to assist Linden police with the search of a 74-year-old Alzheimer’s patient in the area of Ripley and Rolston roads. The woman was last seen around midnight. At 5:45 a.m., firefighters from Fenton City and Fenton Township were also called in to help. Within the hour, the woman was located and was safe.

FENTON TOWNSHIP MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI, FLEETING
At 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 26, Fenton police and fire responded to a minor injury crash at North Road and Poplar Street. A 22-year-old Fenton Township man pulled out of an apartment parking lot on North Road. His silver Malibu struck a black Mercury, driven by a 56-year-old Linden woman. She had four other people in her car. The man exited his car and attempted to flee on foot, however, nearby residents chased the man and detained him until police arrived. Police suspected the man had been drinking and arrested him for OWI. At the police station, his blood alcohol content was .21 percent. The man admitted to drinking and said he must have passed out when he pulled out of the parking lot. He was issued a court appearance ticket for June 22 for OWI, leaving the scene of an accident, and having no insurance.

DUPLICATE TAX RETURNS
A 43-year-old Fenton woman reported to Fenton police that she learned from her tax preparer that someone filed a false income tax return using her Social Security Number. She had filed the return on April 3 in Plymouth and learned on April 14 that it was rejected because of the duplicate return. The IRS was advised of the complaint.

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produce towed vehicle reports, produce traffic crash reports, obtain photos of drivers, provide fingerprint identification, information, message the police department and other patrol cars,” Aro said.

In addition to the computer itself, a new docking station is required for the new computer model, which increases the cost of the product by just over $3,400. The total cost for the computers, dock and installation is just over $17,800.

Aro said the computers will be purchased through the law enforcement management information system. “We have to use a single source because of the types of features needed on computers used by officers,” he said.

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Local high school students to sponsor walk in Flint

**LF’s Starfish Initiative stepping out to end bullying**

Lake Fenton High School’s Starfish Initiative — a student-led bullying prevention group — invites the community to attend their “Step Out to End Bullying” event this Saturday, May 2 in Flint. Students, parents, legislators, business owners, and other community members have been invited with the intent of addressing bullying and the negative impacts it has on individuals and society. Sheila Smith, the Starship Initiative’s advisor said that if 160,000 students miss school each day because they fear bullying, they most likely are not receiving the education required to lead a successful future.

Starfish Initiative has had two walks in the past — both in the Fenton area, however, this walk is taking place in Flint as a more central location to include all 21 school districts in Genesee County. The Starfish Initiative is expecting a good turnout this Saturday. Smith said Flint’s police chief and mayor are expected to attend the walk.

In attendance also will be Michigan Sen. Glenn Anderson from Westland. He championed the Matt’s Safe School Law, (Michigan’s anti-bullying law) and he also is the legislator who introduced the amendment to Matt’s Safe School Law to include cyber bullying into what is now called Matt Epling’s Safe School Law, adopted in December 2014.

Those attending the anti-bullying walk will gather at the University of Michigan-Flint Pavilion, 303 South Saginaw St. at 1 p.m. Attendees will then walk to Flint City Hall, 1011 South Saginaw St., stopping at the Flint Farmers Market on the return.

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prevention assistance. “We work with both the schools and the community,” he said.

Klempp plans to do both jobs as the KRCC director position is part-time, working 20 hours per week.

A pastor for Crossing Community Church, Klempp also holds weekly services at the KRCC.

Klempp said the Community Center has been in the Karl Richter Campus building for just under a year. Of the programs and activities that will be held there, he said, “It’s a work in progress.”

There are many plans underway for the KRCC, he said. The building is large enough to accommodate a variety of programs and events.

“My job as the new director will be to go out and find people interested in teaching classes, for example,” he said. All talent levels will be considered.

Klempp also is hoping the Community Center will someday serve as a business incubator, giving people interested in starting small businesses a place to begin operations. “We want to help them get their feet off the ground,” he said. Hopefully, once that happens they will continue to locate their businesses in the Holly area.”

Other events planned include hosting CPR and first-aid classes for the community, as well as financial training and job readiness training, Klempp said.

“We’re also trying to find people who will share their talents by teaching classes in art or photography or music,” he added.

KRCC has already been used as the site for some sports leagues over the year, and he is hoping the gym can be used to hold summer sports clinics. Klempp hopes to host some larger events at the KRCC, such as antique shows and mom-to-mom type events.

The Community Center has already held plays in the auditorium, and they’ve hosted a concert by the Jason Eaton Band, Christian pop/rock musicians.

“We have a lot of plans and it will be my job as director to try and coordinate all of these activities and make them happen,” Klempp said.

“I have a great team of people helping me,” he said, referring to the KRCC Advisory Board and Holly Village personnel. The Holly Village offices were relocated from their downtown building to the Community Center last year.

“The (village) council is a great resource for me,” Klempp said.

Klempp is a resident of Rose Township. He and his wife, Jenny, a para-educator at Rose Pioneer Elementary School, have been married for 16 years. They have two daughters, Claudia a second-grader at Rose Pioneer and Trinity, who is in fourth-grade at the school.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IT’S ENCOURAGING TO see that Fenton schools is offering a ½-day kindergarten program for the fall. It gives parents, who don’t want to send their child full-day, a great option. It’s a shame that more school districts are unwilling to do the same.

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Fenton baseball settles for split vs. Kearsley

**Norris’ walk-off single leads Tigers to win in first game of DH**

By David Troppens
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Fenton — Seven innings wasn’t enough for the Fenton varsity baseball team to capture a first-game victory against the Kearsley Hornets on Monday.

It took nine. However, if it wasn’t up to a pretty thrilling seventh, the Tigers’ 4-3 nine-inning victory would’ve never happened.

Trailing 3-0 entering the bottom of the seventh, the Tigers tied the contest with three runs during the seventh and eventually won the game on Justin Norris’ bases-loaded RBI-single in the ninth, plating Taylor Lawrence from third base.

The Tigers (2-2 in the Metro) found themselves in another tight contest in the second game of the twinbill, but lost that contest by a tight 3-2 score, keeping the Hornets (4-1) in first place in the Metro race.

The Fenton ninth in the opening game was set up by Lawrence’s bunt single. He then advanced to third with no out on a wild pick-off throw. Intentional walks loaded the bases with no out, setting up Norris’ at bat. Norris responded with the game-winning single.

“Figured he was going to throw a curveball because he’d been going fastball and then curve right after that,” Norris said. “I sat back, waited and drove the ball right up the middle.”

The Tigers’ ninth inning heroics wouldn’t have happened without Fenton tying it up in the bottom of the seventh.

Trailing 3-0 and with one out, Drew See FENTON on 12

**TWO NO-HITTERS TOSSED VS. BEECHER**

Sydney Sheyachich pitched a three-inning perfect game and Kim Roe tossed a three-inning no-hitter in the twinbill. Offensively, Roe and Melody Draeger had five hits in the two games, while Emily Angus and Sheyachich had four each.

**FENTON SOCCER SHUTS OUT CREEK**

Miranda Crews and Chloe Foor scored goals, leading the Tigers to a 2-0 Metro League victory against Swartz Creek on Monday.

Brennan Sullivan and Sophie Crews had assists. Abbey Quesnelle earned the shutout in net with four saves.

**FENTON GOLFERS WIN TIGHT MATCH**

Tied at 193-193, the Fenton boys golf team defeated Clio based on a fifth-man tiebreaker at the Coyote Preserve.

Fenton’s scores were Patrick Conroy with a 46, Joey Ferrara and Mako Hunter with 48s, Mike Fabatzi with a 51 and Joe Haas with a 53.

The JV team also beat Clio 203-280. Brenden Remillard shot a 47 and Ed Farrell carded a 48.

**Lacrosse squad is learning, having fun**

**Fenton/Linden co-op team proving successful**

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Fenton — In three games with the Fenton/Linden varsity girls lacrosse co-op squad, Lauren Klein has done something two more times than she ever did in 14 years of soccer.

She’s already scored two more goals than she ever did on the soccer field.

Klein scored two of those goals on Friday during the Fenton/Linden Heat’s first home game of their career. On each, she ran about 100 yards from one side of the field to the other, eventually scoring the goal. So it’s pretty easy to see why the Linden junior enjoys lacrosse.

“I’m playing next year for sure,” Klein said. “It’s so fun. In soccer, I’ve always played defense and I’ve made one goal in my 14 years of playing soccer, something like that. I already have three. It’s fun scoring goals. It makes me want to keep on playing.”

Based on the numbers, and the youth of the Fenton/Linden squad, it looks like a lot of girls will be playing varsity lacrosse for a long time. Friday’s roster had 28 players on it and only one is a senior. All but three are newbies to the sport.

It appears the girls are catching on the game quickly.

“Fenton played competitive with the Raiders for most of the first half before falling 11-6.”

“This is my first year and it’s so much fun. I love this sport,” Fenton’s Skylar Parks said. “It’s really fun to play with each other.”

**Eagles shut out Bronchos, 4-0**

By David Troppens
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Holly — When talking to the players or coach Kevin Fieberntiz, one gets the feeling the Linden varsity girls soccer team looks at themselves as a work in progress.

That’s a scary thought for the rest of the Metro League if that’s the case.

The defending Metro champions showed why they are among the favorites to capture the title again this season, defeating the Holly Bronchos 4-0 in what was the league opener for both teams on Monday.

Linden scored two goals in each half and dominated possession for most of the game.

In the opening half, Katie Wilkowski and Erica Freeman scored goals, putting the Eagles up 2-0. From there, Linden remained in control for most of the contest.

Maddie Zayan added a third goal with 19:58 remaining after Teressa Waltherhouse’s shot was saved.
Tigers earn two late-inning victories vs. Hornets

By David Troppens
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Fenton — The seventh inning was a good time to be a Tiger varsity softball player on Monday afternoon.

The Tigers experienced two walk-off victories in the seventh inning against Kearsley, helping the squad maintain a perfect 4-0 Metro League record.

In the opener, the Tigers overcame a 4-1 deficit entering the sixth inning, plating five runs in the final two stanzas. The key seventh-inning shot ended up being Brenna Hatch’s first over-the-fence home run of her career, a two-run shot with two out for a 6-4 victory.

In the second game, Meagan McArule was masterful on the mound, tossing seven innings of shutout ball. However, the Tigers didn’t score until there was one out in the bottom of the seventh on Katelyn Caidnuff’s RBI-single to center, plating Hatch, who reached base on an error. Fenton won 1-0.

“It was crazy,” Caidnuff said about the two-late-game victories. “It shows we just pushed through the last couple of at-bats. We knew we had it in us and we just had to bring it out.”

“I never count these guys out, because their bats are just phenomenal.” Fenton varsity coach Stefanie Roberts said. “I never count them out and they never count themselves out.”

In the opener, the Tigers trailed 4-1 and Fenton’s bats were pretty quiet in the process. However, Fenton scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth and then three in the seventh. In the sixth, Emma Brant was hit by a pitch and eventually scored on Hatch’s RBI-single to center. Hatch also scored two batters later on a Logan Carter batted ball to third which resulted in an error and her scoring. Fenton trailed 4-3.

The bottom of the seventh was even more wrenching for Fenton fans. Sydney Cles walked, but the walk was followed by two consecutive outs. However, Emma Brant responded with an RBI-single, tying the contest. Then, Hatch followed with her home run over the right-centerfield fence.

“I was just trying to score Sabrina,” Hatch said. “That was the most important thing to me. I wasn’t thinking home run. I was looking for my pitch, a pitch I could hit solid. It ended up being perfect.”

The key moment in the contest may have come in the first when Kearsley led 1-0 with runners on second and third and no out. The next batter flew out to Brant, who threw the ball into Carter. She then threw the ball to Hatch at third, who tagged out two runners for a triple play. What looked like could be a big Kearsley inning, ended up in just the one run. Fenton tied it up in the third when Mackie Keller singled, stole two bases and scored on Hatch’s bunt single. Kearsley retook the lead with one run in the fourth and two in the fifth. The Tigers’ lead remained 4-1 until the sixth.

The winning pitcher was Paige Dean, who went the distance. In the second game, McArule’s pitching kept the Hornets scoreless, as she allowed very few legitimate scoring chances.

“My inside-courser fastball was really working today and so was my drop ball,” McArule said. “It’s a lot of pressure (being in a 0-0 game). You definitely wish you had a couple of runs, but it’s also kind of fun because you have to keep your head in it. You need to be in a zone and need to fight for it. It’s fun when you come out on top.”

The Tigers (4-0 in the Metro) did just that, finally scoring the game’s only run in the bottom of the seventh. With one out, Hatch reached on an error, stole second and was plated on Caidnuff’s strong single to center.

“It was the perfect pitch,” Caidnuff said. “I didn’t have to ask for much better. It felt good to hit it.”

Holly, Linden enjoy success at MSU

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Nobody came home with a first-place finish at the Spartan Classic Track and Field Invitational on Friday, but several area competitors came close.

The Holly boys were paced by Javen Barr and D’Anthony Austin. Barr placed second in the 200 dash (22.98) and also had a strong fourth-place showing in the 100 dash (11.32). Meanwhile, Austin placed second in the long jump (19-11.34). Holly’s other top-eight performer was Nate Frasier in the 3,200, taking eighth in 9:53.63.

The Linden boys had one runner-up. That was Kyle Korman who posted his second-place effort in the discus (138-0). Five others earned top-eight efforts. They were Andy Roberts, sixth in the discus (123-4) and eighth in the shot put (44-8); Dawson Blank, seventh in the 400 (53.71); Mike Gold, seventh in the high jump (5-7), and Cade Dickson, eighth in the 400 (53.99).

The girls’ sides the Bronchos had six top-eight efforts, while Linden had three. Alia Frederick medaled in two events, earning a third-place effort in the 300 hurdles (48.08) and a fifth-place effort in the 400 (1:02.56).
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Garrison started a rally with a walk. Jon Gillman followed by reaching base on an error, and another out later, Jake Henard loaded the bases with a single.

A wild pitch cut the gap to 3-1 and advanced the runners to second and third. Action responded with a two-out, two-run double, tying the contest at 3-3.

“I was focused on hitting the ball, that’s all I was thinking about — hitting it and taking it the other way,” Acton said.

“All day everyone tried to pull it, but he throws it faster than most pitchers, so I shortened my swing, put a level swing on it and hit it down the line.”

John Leaske pitched a strong contest, tossing the first six innings. However, he left without a decision. The first runs he allowed came in the sixth with the wait of an error and an RBI-single.

Garrison tossed the final two innings and got the victory.

“I give a lot of credit to the kids for (coming back),” Fenton coach Shawn Lawrence said.

“They let me coach them, the listened to me and bought into what we were doing here — execution an the small ball stuff. They gave us an opportunity to come back in that one.”

Fenton hosts Clio for another Metro doubleheader on Thursday at 4 p.m.

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but bounced to Zayan, who bodied the ball into the net.

The team’s fourth goal came with 8:33 remaining when Wilkowski took a pass off a throw in, drove to the goal and scored her second of the night.

“We are getting good and off to a good start,” senior tri-captain Grace Walterhouse said.

“I think we have a lot of potential to make it farther than we did last year.

“We are working on the technical stuff, the passing to the feet. Our fitness is big. We are still working on our fitness. But our energy was good tonight.”

“The first 10 minutes of the game, we were on fire,” Fiebennetz said.

“Then after we got the first two goals, we kind of settled in and played. We had a lot of mishandled balls ... we need to clean up. I was happy with the ideas, that is good way to put it. The ideas of what we were trying to do were there. We just have to clean up the mishap balls and have to look to the forwards a little more.”

Holly (3-5) had its moments and tried hard to defend the Linden’s potent attack. For large periods it worked. But the Eagles’ superior speed and talent was the difference.

“We had a better second half,” Holly coach Mark Diskin said. “We switched formations to counter their midfielders. However, we were still breaking down on the outside back position. But a team that is as speedy as that, what do you expect?”

“We’ve managed to put together a pretty good non-conference record. We have some positives going forward. We have really good heart, and I think we will be able to match up our 4-2-1 formation against most teams.”

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blat. The majority of the team has totally impressed me.”

Fenton/Linden actually took the early 2-0 lead. With 11:44 left in the first half, Ellie Reuschlein stole a pass in the Flashing defensive zone and scored. Just over two minutes later, Kendall Carino scored on a shot in front of the net. However, Flashing took a 4-2 lead into the break.

The Heat did score four more goals. Two came on Klein’s breaking runs down the entire field. Reuschlein and Parks also scored.

“It’s pretty tiring,” Klein said about running down the entire length of the field. “But it’s fun, so you want to keep going.”

It looks like the program is going to have no problem with keeping on going.

**HOLLY**
Linden’s Madeleine Zayan (left) tries to shield Holly’s Alex Karakuc from the ball in the Eagles’ 4-0 victory against the Bronchos on Monday.

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**NOTE: Prep Report JV 11, Fenton/Linden Heat 10**
Tied at 10 with 15.9 seconds left, the co-op program’s Kendall Carino worked for a shot, but was foiled after the save. Carino had another shot with 1.9 seconds left from eight meters out, but the shot went wide.

Carino and Morgan White had three goals each, while Ellie Reuschlein had two goals. Kelly Kemp and Skylar Parks had a goal each. Sara Hopkins and Maddie Withers had assists. In net, Natalie Miller made 18 saves.

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John Strayer, 58, had never “cruised” before, but he and his wife, Gail, took the cruise of a lifetime last fall along the celebrated and sung-about Danube River.

“I had always wanted to see the countries behind the Iron Curtain,” said Strayer of Fenton. “Neither of us knew what to expect, but we loved it.”

The eight-day romantic Danube Cruise presented by Viking River Cruises began its journey in Budapest, Hungary after a long flight from Detroit Metro Airport. The weather was very similar to Michigan’s cooler fall weather, requiring jackets or sweatsuits for outdoor comfort.

The cruise included ports of call to Austria’s capital city of Vienna, where visitors to the city enjoyed its imperial architecture and gracious culture and toured riversidetowns in Austria’s Wachu Valley.

“Unfortunately, we didn’t get to see as much of the city as we would’ve liked, because that’s when jet lag really set in,” said Strayer. “We were so tired.”

He and Gail especially enjoyed the panoramic scenery from picturesque communities that floated by as the cruise ship made its way upstream, ending in Nuremburg, Germany.

With only 180 passengers on board, the ship created a much more intimate atmosphere, compared to mega-cruise ships with thousands of passengers. That’s one of the distinct advantages of river cruising — everything you see and experience is much closer and more personal.

“Watching the landscape go by either from our cabin or the lounge was so beautiful,” said Strayer. The houses in valleys surrounding the Danube in Austria were just gorgeous.

Food was another special part of the eight-day adventure, with the ship’s more intimate kitchen providing tastes of authentic dishes, including wines from the various regions visited.

The Strayers were very impressed by their small stateroom accommodations and the professionalism of the staff. “Viking does bend over backwards,” said Strayer. The only disappointment was that the time spent at each port was so short. “You get into town and fall in love with the place, then it’s time to get back on the boat,” said Strayer.

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Eat these foods to sharpen your thinking and prevent age-related memory loss

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The next time you’re fixing a salad, you want to add celery and chickpeas, and maybe even a few slices of iron-rich flank steak to your greens. These foods are on a list of “brain foods” that are considered by many to sharpen your thinking and prevent age-related memory loss.

Here is a list of other foods compiled by forbes.com that are said to nourish neurons, boost neurotransmitter production, reduce inflammation and protect against neural degeneration.

1. Curry

The spice that gives curry and mustard their yellow color contains is a chemical called curcumin that is shown by research to boost memory, slow the progression of Alzheimer’s and stimulate the creation of new brain cells.

2. Celery

Celery is one of the richest sources of luteolin, linked with lower rates of age-related memory loss. Other good sources are peppers and carrots.

3. Broccoli and cauliflower

Choline, found in broccoli, cauliflower, wheat germ and beef liver, keeps neurotransmitters healthy, keeping a person sharp and their memory strong. Broccoli is also high in vitamin K, studied for its effect in boosting cognition.

4. Walnuts

Research suggests that omega-3 fatty acids boost the function of neurotransmitters, in addition to being heart-healthy. While salmon is one of the richest sources of omega-3s, you can’t eat it every day because of its high mercury content. But walnuts can be a daily habit, sprinkled on salad or eaten as an afternoon snack. They also contain memory-protective vitamin B6.

5. Crab

One serving of crab has more than your entire daily requirement of phenylalanine, an amino acid needed to make the neurotransmitter dopamine, as well as brain-stimulating adrenaline and noradrenaline and thyroid hormone. While other fish and seafood are rich in phenylalanine, it’s easier to find that some seafood and less likely to be high in mercury compared to tuna and other popular fish. Research also suggests phenylalanine may also be helpful in battling Parkinson’s disease.

6. Chickpeas

High in magnesium, chickpeas are a strong source, making this food beneficial for brain cell receptors and relaxing blood vessels, letting more blood through to feed the brain.

7. Buckwheat

A natural mood-calmer, buckwheat is rich in magnesium, which makes this food beneficial for brain cell receptors and relaxing blood vessels, letting more blood through to feed the brain.

8. Brewer’s yeast or marmite

It’s one of the best food sources of thiamine, also called vitamin B1 and pyridoxine, also called vitamin B6, both linked with brain function in many ways. Researchers are studying the possibility that thiamine supplementation may help prevent or slow the development of Alzheimer’s and dementia. Many foods, including bananas, black beans, lentils, eggs pork and sunflower seeds all have good quantities of these B vitamins, so eating a varied diet is helpful.

9. Red meat

When it comes to brain health, the high vitamin B12 content in beef is beneficial. Lamb and pork tips the scales in red meat’s favor. An overall energy booster, vitamin B12 is vital to healthy brain function. For those who like beef liver, it has the highest B12 content of all.

10. Blueberries

A diet high in blueberries is linked with faster learning, sharper thinking and improved memory retention. Other students have documented the antioxidant power of blueberries in clearing free radicals and reducing neurodegenerative oxidative stress.
Additional tours were the massive BMW assembly plant outside Nuremberg, classical music concert in Vienna, Hapsburg Palace outside Vienna, Nazi history tour in Nuremberg, Danube Norbons and a thousand year old monk brewery.

The cost of the cruise in fall of 2014 (not counting the extension to Prague) was $11,302 for two (this includes the 8-day cruise, all meals (with alcohol), tours and round trip airfare). The flight is out of Detroit with a stop in London or Paris and then a connection to Budapest. “Unquestionably, this is the most money we ever spent on vacation but when it was over we both said it was the best money we ever spent,” said Strayer.

He also suggests that people interested in river cruising in Europe do so while they’re in good health and can navigate terrain easily. “Europe’s not necessarily handicapped accessible,” said Strayer. “It’s good to go when you can still get around.”

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The Strayers extended their eight-day cruise with a three-day add-on trip to Prague, the capital and largest city of the Czech Republic. He strongly recommends that cruisers take advantage of these opportunities, not knowing when you’ll get back to that area of the world again.

Features of river cruising:

- There aren’t waves, and you always see the shoreline.
- You’re in port for at least some portion of each day.
- Your view changes often; how scenic depends on the itinerary.
- You’re dropped off in town, not an industrial port that may be an hour’s drive from what you’ve come to see.
- No long waits to get on and off the ship.
- More small-group socializing.
- You must eat at specific hours, as dining isn’t offered 24/7.
- Everything is near your cabin.
- You spend more time with the captain and other officers.
- Shore excursions are included in the price, although à la carte excursions may also be offered for an extra charge.
- Wi-fi is free.
- There are no sales pitches for art, drinks, jewelry, future cruises, etc.
- You needn’t pack the day before you leave; you can keep your bags with you until morning.

River Cruising

WHICH ONE FLOATS YOUR BOAT?

River Cruising vs. Ocean Cruising

More to life after

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Charles Joseph Veselovsky Jr.
1955-2015
Charles Joseph Veselovsky - age 59, of Linden, died Friday, April 24, 2015. Funeral services will be held 11AM Thursday, April 30, 2015 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 East Broadway Street, Linden. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be held 2-4 and 6-8 PM Wednesday. Those desiring may make contributions to Linden Athletic Boosters. Chuck was born June 30, 1955 in Flint, the son of Joseph Charles and Beverly Marie (French) Veselovsky. He retired from Delphi with over 30 years service. He enjoyed and supported Linden Athletics. He loved riding motorcycles and spending time with his family. Chuck is survived by his wife, Julie; sons, Anthony and Steven; mother, Beverly; sister, Susan (Rick) Peleske; brother, Mike (Pam); Veselovsky nephew, Trevor; father-in-law, Jim Lewis; mother-in-law, Dolly (Mike); sister-in-law, Jill (Bassiam); nephews and nieces, Sean, Peter and Natalie; dog, Rebel. He was preceded in death by his father. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Arnold Ward Smith
1929-2015
Arnold Ward Smith - age 85, of Fenton, died Friday, April 24, 2015. Funeral Mass was celebrated 11AM Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at the chapel of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton with Rev. Fr. Dwight Ezop celebrant. Interment followed at St. John Cemetery, Fenton. Visitation was held 3-8 PM Monday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton and from 10-11 AM Tuesday at the chapel. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the St. John G.I.F.T. Campaign. Mr. Smith was born December 14, 1929 in Flint, the son of Lyle and Laura (Hahs) Smith. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during the Korean War. Mr. Smith married Marian Redd on April 23, 1955 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. He retired from AC Sparkplug in 1991 after 43 years of service. Surviving are: wife of 60 years; Marian; three sons, Timothy “Scott” Smith and wife, Robyn of GA, Jeffrey Smith and wife, Anna of TX, David Smith and wife, Kelly of Fenton, eight grandchildren, Matthew, Melissa, Anthony, Taylor, Christian, Meghan, Patrick and Casey, two great grandchildren, Brielle and Preslie. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Gregory and brother, Edmund. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.
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Ans: 

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DVD RELEASES

PADDINGTON

Paddington tells the story of the comic misadventures of a young Peruvian bear who travels to the city in search of a home. He begins to realize that city life is not all he had imagined — until he meets the kindly Brown family.

PG, 1 hr. 35 min

83% liked it

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THE WEDDING RINGER

Doug Harris is a loveable but socially awkward groom-to-be with a problem: he has no best man. He is referred to Jimmy Callahan owner of Best Man, Inc., a company that provides best men for guys in need.

R, 1 hr. 41 min

71% liked it

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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9 Stir-fry Eggs  
12 Scent (r)  
13 Rage (r)  
15 Quasi-modo's Shelter, at sea  
17 Flightless Kevin of "SNL" fame  
21 They give one pause  
24 Faucet problem  
25 "The — Daba Honeymoon"  
26 Siesta (r)  
28 Skier's hill  
31 Protein-rich beans  
33 Felon's flight  
35 Move back and forth  
36 Lifts to test the weight  
38 Thanksgiving veggie  
39 The — of Adam's mate  
40 Meadows  
43 Went sightseeing (r)  
45 Ink stain, e.g.  
47 "— Impossible" Bath alternative  
48 Depressed  
49 Make corrections  
54 Candle count alternative  
55 Obliterater  
56 Hockey surface  
57 That woman  
58 Parking lot device  
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A seemingly stalled romantic situation could benefit from your reassurance that you want this relationship to work. And if you do, use a tad more of that irresistible Aries charm.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Going to new places and meeting new people appeals to both the Taurean's romantic and practical sides. After all, you never can tell where those new contacts can take you. Right?

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) That career-change opportunity that didn't work out when you first considered it could come up again. But this time, remember that you have more to offer and should act accordingly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) There could be some tensions in relationships — domestic or workaday. But a calm approach that doesn't raise the anger levels and a frank discussion soon will resolve the problem.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good idea to begin preparing for that career change you've been thinking about for a while. Start to sharpen your skills and expand your background to be ready when it calls.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Bless that Virgo skepticism that has kept you from falling into traps others seem to rush into. But you might want to give a new possibility the benefit of the doubt, at least on a trial basis.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Travel and career are strong in your aspect. Perhaps your job will take you to someplace exotic. Or you might be setting up meetings with potential clients or employers. Whatever it is, good luck.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Someone might use deception to try to push you into making a decision you’re not fully comfortable with. But those keen Scorpio senses should keep you alert to any such attempt.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Romance dominates this week when Cupid speaks the Archer, for a change. Positive things also are happening in the workplace. Expect important news to arrive by the week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Anyone trying to bully the Sea Goat — whether it involves a personal or a professional matter — will learn a painful lesson. Others also will benefit from the Goat’s strong example.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Congratulations. With things going the way they are, you should be able to spare some time and take a break from your hectic schedule for some well-earned fun and games.

PISCES (February 19 to March 21) Your sharp Piscean intuition should be able to uncover the true agendas of those who might be trying to catch the Fish in one of their schemes.

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Untreated hearing loss tied to lower earning potential

Maximizing one’s ability to hear well should be part of any smart career strategy. Individual performance in an organization is found to be directly related to listening ability or perceived listening effectiveness. In fact, listening is one of the top skills employers seek in entry-level employees and in those being promoted. People who both hear and listen well are also more likely to establish positive working relationships with bosses, clients, and colleagues.

An alarming new study by the Better Hearing Institute (BHI) reveals a direct correlation between unaddressed hearing loss and earnings. The national survey, entitled “The efficacy of hearing aids in achieving compensation equity in the workplace,” clearly demonstrates that hearing loss has a significant impact on people’s ability to earn a livelihood. The study underscores how critically important it is for workers to treat hearing loss early in order to maximize their job performance and earning potential.

According to Sergei Kochkin, PhD, author of the study: “The real tragedy in delaying hearing loss treatment is that when left unaddressed, hearing loss negatively affects individuals and their families for the rest of their lives in the form of lost wages, lost promotions, lost opportunities, lost retirement income, and unrealized dreams. But when people with even mild hearing loss use hearing aids, they improve their job performance, increase their earning potential, enhance their communication skills, improve their professional and interpersonal relationships, stave off depression, and improve their quality of life.”

Why 22 million Americans delay trying a hearing device to solve their hearing problem

**Inadequate Information.** Most people lose hearing gradually and may not realize they have significant loss. Your family and friends adapt by speaking to you more loudly and clearly.

**Stigma and Cosmetics.** Some people reject hearing aids because they are concerned of what other’s will think. This does not need to be a barrier to improving your hearing. With advances in technology your hearing solution can be nearly invisible to others. Once your quality of life is improved, cosmetics will be of less concern to you.

**Not Realizing the Importance of Hearing.** Another reason for rejection of hearing aids is that people have forgotten how important hearing is to their quality of life. However, untreated hearing loss can lead to anxiety, stress, fatigue, withdrawal from family and friends, impaired memory, reduced alertness and personal safety, reduced job performance and earning power and diminished overall health.

**Cost.** Your hearing solution will be based on type of loss and lifestyle. Many factor’s go into your hearing aid purchase and will affect the price. Which type and style is best for you? What features do you need? What’s included in the price? (Warranty, 30-day trial period, Free cleaning and adjustments). Your hearing health care provider should present to you clear and easily understood pricing options as well as financing options. Be sure to freely ask any questions that will help you make an informed decision.

**Key Study Findings**

- People with untreated hearing loss lose as much as $30,000 in income annually.
- Use of hearing aids was shown to reduce the risk of income loss by 90%–100% for those with milder hearing loss, and from 65%–77% for those with severe to moderate hearing loss.
- There is a strong relationship between the degree of hearing loss and unemployment for those who do not use hearing aids.

The links between hearing loss, Dementia

Seniors who have untreated hearing loss may be at an increased risk for developing dementia, a loss of brain function that can affect memory, thinking, language, judgment and behavior. This is the finding of a study conducted by researchers from the Division of Otology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

The study included 639 people whose hearing and cognitive abilities were tested over a period of time, starting in 1990 and concluding in 2008. Researchers found that study participants who had hearing loss at the beginning of the study were significantly more likely to develop dementia by the end of the study. How might hearing loss and dementia be connected? Investigators aren’t sure, but they think a common pathology may underlie both conditions, or possibly the strain of decoding sounds over the years may overwhelm the brains of people with hearing loss, leaving them more vulnerable to dementia.

The article concludes that, whatever the cause, these findings may offer a starting point for further research as to whether interventions, even as simple as hearing aids, could delay or prevent dementia by improving patients’ hearing.

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