

Summer events will continue despite streetscape

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

By Vera Hogan
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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 down-

town 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
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The Fenton Freedom Festival activities behind the Community Center will go on as it has, despite construction.



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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.

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

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Holly kicks off 2015 prom season



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Holly High School students dance to some classic hip-hop tracks like "Tricky," 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." Fenton and Linden High School proms are this weekend, and Lake Fenton's is May 16.

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►Five outdated in-car computers to be replaced at a cost of \$17,800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,
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KRCC names new director

►Nicholas Klempp, 40, looks forward to serving the community in another capacity

By Vera Hogan
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Nicholas "Nick" Klempp, 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.
Klempp also works with the Holly Area Community Coalition, a non-profit organization that offers drug and alcohol
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Nicholas Klempp, new director for the Karl Richter Community Center, is shown here with his daughters Trinity (left) and Claudia, volunteering on Alley Street in Holly for Operation Clean Sweep.

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“For those looking at Hillary for President, you might want to view YouTube, 'Hillary the Movie.' I was astonished at what was there. Be aware of everything available.”

“Democracy will not prevail if we don't all take to the polls on Tuesday. Please vote! Let the citizens rule, not the rulers in Lansing.”

“Best of luck to Chocolate Ride. How exciting it must feel to be part of a world-wide event like Kentucky Derby Day. Fenton will be watching and rooting for a win.”

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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

Groveland Township veteran and officer in charge, VFW Post 1370 in Pontiac

'IT'S A LABOR OF LOVE'

Honor guard members — leading parades and presiding at veteran funerals

By Sally Rummel

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You'll often see a military honor guard leading a parade on 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

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VFW Honor Guard members are recognized on the wall of the VFW building. It can be a serious time commitment when there are funerals almost every day.





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NATIONALLY SYNDICATED
Bill Press

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 showed up as the lone Democratic candidate. There's the difference: Republicans have too many candidates and Democrats have too few.

But that could soon change. Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley has all but announced. He headlines the South Carolina Democratic convention this weekend. Independent Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders looks like to 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 United States 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 killed in an auto accident. 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.

THE HOT LINE submitted concerning homosexuality was in response to Bill Press' claim of it not being mentioned in the New Testament and had nothing whatsoever to do with passing any law against it. Change the subject and present a totally irrelevant response, typical logic of the left.

WELCOME TO HOLLY?

As a new homeowner, I was angry that Waste Management charged us \$75 for a garbage can. Their statement that they 'will only stop and collect their cans,' has left me saving up for a recycle can. Have a great day.

IN 1492, IT was a consensus of scientists and world leaders that the world was flat and the sun revolved around the Earth. They were wrong. Now we have a consensus of scientists that we have global warming. True science is based on undeniable facts, not on a consensus.

THE FENTON MOTTO should be 'Fenton, hope you're not in a hurry to be somewhere.'

THERE ARE VALID arguments on both sides of the trash debate. Is it really an all-out choice or are city leaders looking into a plan that meets everyone's needs? Please find out.

THE TIMES SHOULD poll every Michigan legislator about how they are voting on the proposed increase on sales tax. If they are voting 'yes,' vote them out.

GOOD GOING FENTON Board for seeking the students' opinions on IB and Block Scheduling. Shame on the board member who berated the student

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who told you their opinion.

LIKE A MILLION or more people, I am deathly allergic to cats. That's why I was astounded to get into the security line at Detroit airport and see a woman three spots ahead of me holding and stroking a cat. How on earth is this even legal? But, it is.

POPULIST JOE

GRAVES has a great solution for the road problem, 'priorities.' Voting no against the proposal his congress put on the ballot is very bold.

A STORY LAST week on the news showed a group of kids in Troy having a bounce-a-thon to raise money for a high school boy who needs a new heart or he will die. Some still say we have the best health care system in the world.

I HAVE HAD enough of all the income redistribution policies of the government. Since 1973, the middle class buying power has eroded. The 1 percent has gotten 99 percent of the economic gains since the financial meltdown.

NEIGHBORS, PLEASE USE some common sense when overloading your recycling bins on windy days. The trash in the culverts along Lahring Road is awful. Crush the milk cartons, secure your trash in some way.

SHOULDN'T THE COMPETITIVE bidding process, performance-based evaluations and warranties for road construction work be implemented immediately, even if Prop 1 fails? These are just good, sound business practices.

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NATIONALLY SYNDICATED
Cal Thomas

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 commentary 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. The interviewees don't seem to care that they know little 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 civics in order to graduate from high school. Citing the Education Commission of the States, WSJ added this sobering stat: 'Currently only 10 states require a social studies test to graduate from high school.'

More should. In fact, all should.





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What sport did you play as a child?

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"Hockey, baseball and football because friends played them and I liked them."

— Kevin O'Connor
Fenton Township



"Baseball, softball, basketball, and volleyball because I had two brothers and they influenced me."

— Hertha Poeszat
Tyrone Township



"Tennis, swimming and track because my parents offered them and they drove me."

— Cinda Rachor
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."

— Robin Royer
Livingston County



"I played in our neighborhood baseball games because it was fun."

— Vickie Woodbeck
Fenton



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Rather than progressing along LeRoy Street, an alternate route for Fenton's Memorial 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.

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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 leadership 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 Parade 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 Lockwood. "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 Thursdays 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 Bastille Day Run and Art-walk, scheduled for July 11, and the Tour de Lac Bike Ride, scheduled for Aug. 1.

According to Burns, the "Back to the Bricks" event had to be postponed this year due to construction.

The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce's "Taste in Fenton," 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

Fourth of July Parade Route

The 2015 Fenton Freedom Festival Fourth of July Parade will begin further west than usual. According to Patricia 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 proceeded 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 in-

cidents 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.

Former school board member, teacher to be honored

►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 28 years.

Sharpe served his country during the Vietnam War, receiving the Purple

Heart, Bronze Star and Vietnam Gallantry Cross. Sharpe and wife, Cheryl have had three children graduate from Lake Fenton, Rachel ('97), Rebecca ('98), and John ('00).

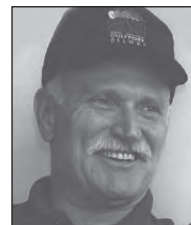
Teacher of the Year

Kathleen VanHouten is Lake Fenton's 2014-15 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 Literature 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, Alayna 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.



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Kathleen VanHouten

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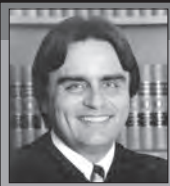
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The Armed Career Criminal Act of 1984, Part II

The Johnson case facts are fairly simple. The Defendant Samuel Johnson pleaded guilty in a 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 felonies including 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 serious potential risk of physical injury to another is unconstitutionally void for vagueness.

Void for vagueness is a legal concept that has been 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.

HONOR GUARD

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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 I drive up to 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."



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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.

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Police&Fire report

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FENTON TOWNSHIP MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI, FLEEING

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 13 in Plymouth and learned on April 14 that it was rejected because of the duplicate return. The IRS was advised of the complaint.

COMPUTERS

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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.

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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 Starfish 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, 1101 South Saginaw St., stopping at the Flint Farmers Market on the return.

DIRECTOR

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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.

“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.”

Nicholas Klempp
KRCC director

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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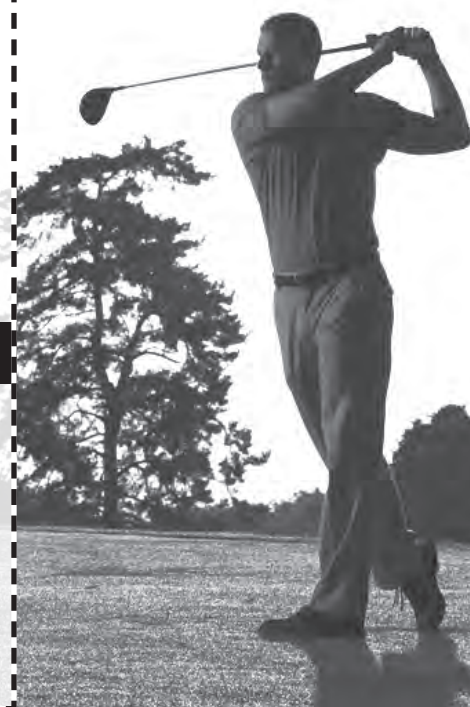
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Fenton baseball settles for split vs. Kearsley

► 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 sev-

enth, 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.

"I 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."

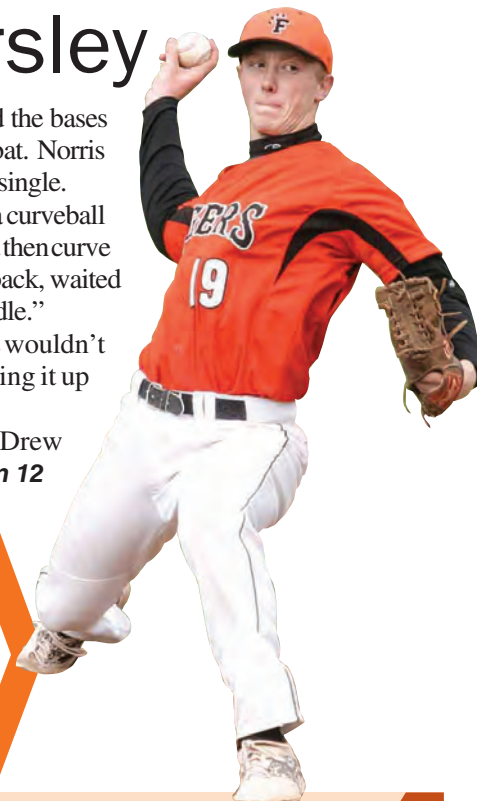
The Tigers' ninth inning heroics wouldn't have happened without Fenton tying it up in the bottom of the seventh.

Trailing 3-0 and with one out, Drew

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JOHN LEASKE

Leaske tossed six strong innings in the Tigers' first-game 4-3 victory against Flushing on Monday.



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ONLINE EXCLUSIVES

► Fenton and Linden will face off at Greater Flint Tourney. Read about it at tctimes.com

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 Perrera and Mikko Huotari with 48s, Mike Fabatz 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

By David Troppens

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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



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Fenton/Linden co-op lacrosse player Celina Oddenes (front) tries to scoop the ball during the Heat's match against Flushing on Friday. Teammate Lauryn Bell is the player farthest left.

but three are newbies to the sport. It appears the girls are catching on the game quickly.

Fenton stayed 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."

"My cousin who lives in Indiana plays and has been playing for a long time. I wanted to try it and I love it."

Roger Ellis is the first-year head coach, and he's also learning the game with the girls.

"Other than a pick-up game, this is my first time," Ellis said. "It's a

See **LACROSSE** on 12

Eagles shut out Bronchos, 4-0

By David Troppens

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Holly — When talking to the players or coach Kevin Fiebertz, 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 Teresea Waltherhouse's shot was saved,

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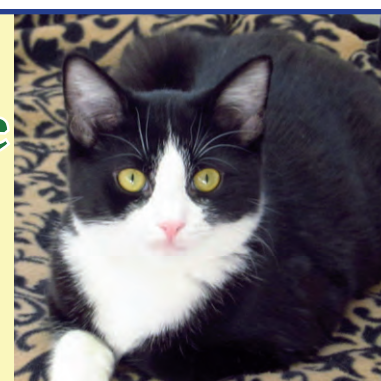
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SOFTBALL

► **Linden 2-12, Flushing 4-2:** Alexa Marsh had three hits and five RBI and also pitched a four-hitter, leading the Eagles to the 12-2 victory in the second game. She struck out two and allowed just four hits in six innings on the mound. Marsh had five hits in the two games. Liz Rakowski had four hits, while Megan Klavitter, Cayla Wierenga and Christina Clemons had three hits each.

► **Lake Fenton 4-7, Durand 0-3:** The Devils had strong pitching performances from Kim Roe and Sydney Sheyachich, leading to the twinbill sweep. In the opener, Roe tossed a seven-hitter and struck out 12. Offensively, Kalani Lau hit a two-run triple and Roe had an RBI-single during the Blue Devils' three-run fifth.

In the nightcap, Sheyachich tossed a six-hitter and struck out six en route to the win. She also provided a potent bat, collecting two doubles and two singles. Lau had a triple and a double while Sidney Conn had two hits. Melody Draeger also had a triple. Emily Angus had two RBI.

► **Lake Fenton at Alma tournament:** The Blue Devils captured three victories, defeating Farwell 6-1, Alma 9-4 and St. Charles 5-2.

Kim Roe tossed two complete-game victories, allowing just four earned runs in 14 innings pitched. She struck out 18. Sydney Sheyachich earned the complete-game victory against St. Charles, striking out five.

Offensively, Kalani Lau had three hits (double) and two RBI, while Melody Draeger and Sidney Conn had two hits against Farwell. Erin Ezell also had a double.

Against Alma, Draeger, Lau (double), and Roe (double and triple) had two hits each, while Allison Petts also tripled. Erzell had a double.

Against St. Charles, Lau (triple), Roe (double) and Emily Angus had two hits each.

► **Linden at Chesaning Invitational:** The Eagles lost to St. Johns 12-3, Ithaca 9-1 and Essexville Garber 11-10 in 11 innings. Liz Rakowski and Cayla Wierenga had five hits each during the tourney.

► **Clio 21-15, Holly 4-7:** The Bronchos had 18 hits collectively, but were swept. The Bronchos' defense committed 11 errors in 12 innings.

► **Soccer**

► **Lake Fenton 8, Durand 0:** The Blue Devils (4-0, 5-2-1) remained perfect in the GAC with the easy victory, scoring six goals before halftime. Ashlyn Skidmore, Kuristin Porritt and Kaitlyn Begley had two goals and an assist each, while Melissa Williams and Marissa Hathon had a goal each. Tayanna Brown recorded an assist.

In net, Emily Moore and Mackenzie Rampy combined for the shutout.

► **East Lansing 4, Holly 1:** The Bronchos were outshot 19-8, resulting in the loss. Holly's only goal came when Paige Gunn scored her second goal of the season off a rebounded shot initially taken by Kristin Hansel.

► **Boys Golf**

► **Fenton, Linden at Traverse City Invitational:** The Tigers posted a 13th-place position overall out of 32 teams at the event held at Grand Traverse Resort, recording a team score of 332-340-672. John Lloyd led the Tigers with an 80-77-157, while Austin Landis carded an 81-87-168. Chris Gilbert had an 83-91-174, while Nick Campbell finished with an 88-85-173.

Linden's team total was a 372-388-760. Tony Mastin led the Eagles with an 87-100-187, while Dylan Elmer carded an 89-89-188. Trevor Sundrla had a 93 during the opening day, while Buck Hudson had a 96 on the second day.

► **Boys Lacrosse**

► **Linden/Fenton at Bay City Central Invitational:** The co-op squad lost to Lapeer 3-2, Motor City Lacrosse 7-3 and Swartz Creek 8-3, but tied Anchor Bay 3-3.

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, Meaghan McArdle 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 Katey Cairnduff's RBI-single to center, plating Hatch, who reached base on an error. Fenton won 1-0.

"It was crazy," Cairnduff said about the two late-game victories. "It shows we just pushed through the last couple of innings. 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 nerve wracking for Fenton fans. Sabrina Cleis walked, but the walk was followed by two



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Fenton's Macie Keller tries to slide into second base. She was out, but the Tigers swept the doubleheader against Kearsley on Monday.

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 Macie 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 Hornets' lead remained

4-1 until the sixth.

The winning pitcher was Paige Dean, who went the distance.

In the second game, McArdle's pitching kept the Hornets scoreless, as she allowed very few legitimate scoring chances.

"My inside-corner fastball was really working today and so was my drop ball," McArdle 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 Cairnduff's strong single to center.

"It was the perfect pitch," Cairnduff said. "I couldn't have asked for much better. It felt good to hit it."

Holly, Linden enjoy success at MSU

By David Troppens

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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 Javon 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 3/4). 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 (134-0). 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).

On the girls' side 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

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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-all.

"I was focused on hitting the ball, that's all I as 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.

EAGLES

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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 gelling 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," Fiebernitz 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



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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.

have really good heart, and I think we will be able to match up our 4-4-2 formation against most teams."

Holly hosts Kearsley today at 6:45 p.m., while the Eagles host Swartz Creek, also at 6:45 p.m.

LACROSSE

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blast. 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 Flushing defensive zone and scored. Just over two minutes later, Kendall Carino scored on a shot in front of the net. However, Flushing 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.

"The amount of improvement has been ridiculous," Parks said. "Most girls, I was one of them, couldn't even catch at all our first practice. The improvement from then and now is really great. But we deserve this because we've put in so much work."

Notre Dame Prep JV 11, Fenton/Linden Heat 10

Tied at 10 with 15.9 seconds left, the cop program's Kendall Carino worked for a shot, but was fouled 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.

MSU

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100 hurdles (17.53). Her 300 hurdles time broke the sophomore school record. Also placing was Madison Piet, who took fourth in the 100 hurdles (17.43).

Holly's girls were led by Emily Alvara-

do, who earned two medals. She placed fourth in the discus (108-0) and fifth in the shot put (33-10). The other Holly top-eight performers were: Samantha Tshirhart, fifth in the 1,600 (5:26.92); Lauren Hackett, fifth in the 3,200 (5:07.79); and Isabelle Brown, sixth in the pole vault (8-6).

PREP REPORT

BASEBALL

► **Linden 1-4, Flushing 4-3:** The Eagles scored the go-ahead run in the second game in the top of the seventh on an RBI-single by Aaron Sarkon, plating Tim Sines, who singled. Marshael Ryan was the winning pitcher, tossing six innings of two-run ball. He struck out four. Jake Marshall earned the save, striking out two in one inning. Offensively, Chris Kitch and Travis

Petts had three hits in the twinbill, while Marshall, Kevin Bates, Bailey Davis and Brady Sarkon had two hits each.

► **Clio 11-5, Holly 1-3:** The Bronchos collected nine hits in the two games. Gage Grondin paced the offense with three hits, while Mason Syjud had two hits. D.J. Tennis allowed just two earned runs and struck out three in a complete-game loss in the second contest.

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A Viking River Cruise ship is much smaller than an ocean vessel. This one that John and Gail Strayer traveled on held 180 passengers.

River romance

Eight-day Romantic Danube Cruise on Viking Cruises exceeds Fenton couple's expectations

By Sally Rummel

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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 sweatshirts 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 riverside towns 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.

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John and Gail Strayer pose here on the Charles Bridge in Prague, Czech Republic. The trip to Prague was actually a three-day extension at the end of their cruise.



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"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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“We made a mental note of places we wanted to return to.”

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Over 50?

Check out Loose Senior Center for ongoing activities

From Detroit Tiger games to European tours, cooking classes and more, there's something for everyone

By Sally Rummel

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You might be surprised to look around you at a typical Loose (pronounced Low-see) Senior Center activity and find young "50-ish" people taking part in the active, affordable programs that have made this center such a destination.

Pickleball, Zumba, computer classes and concerts are just a few of the activities that draw more than 4,000 members to regular activities at the Linden center.

The Loose Center is not only a destination for the area's senior population, but it's also a community gathering place for non-profit groups as well as individuals, who rent the facility for conferences, weddings and private parties.

The center is open daily Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., as well as some evening hours for special events. A mid-day meal served at 11:30 a.m. helps provide a nutritious lunch in a social setting — just call by noon the day



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before to save yourself a place at the table.

"The Loose Center has become a wonderful treasure, not only for the senior population but for the total community," said Executive Director Carl Gabrielson. "We've got more than 180 programs, services and events for those over 50, but we're finding that younger people are coming to events and joining the entertainment and activities. Loose is far from one-dimensional and is becoming a meeting place for all ages in our

community."

Whether your interests are in social gatherings, travel, computers, concerts, sports or special occasion rentals, there's a place for you at Loose. Visit loosecenter.org for a complete schedule of events and activities.

Travel

Loose Senior Center is a starting point for many day trips and overnight bus trips, from cheering on the Detroit Tigers to visiting the Soaring Eagle Casino. You'll even find travel companions for trips to New York City, Niagara Falls, Montreal and Quebec City and more.

Classes

Getting interested in topics or life skills you want to learn more about is an important part of maintaining your mental acuity as you age. Learning while in the company of others also keeps you socially engaged and building relationships.

If you want to learn special cooking techniques, get more savvy on your computer or iPad, improve your wellness or maintain your personal safety, there's a class for you at Loose.

Fitness

Whether you're "fit and fabulous" at 50 or just trying to maintain functional fitness at an older age, there's a class to meet your needs at Loose.

Tai chi, line dancing, Wii bowling, yoga, Zumba, Zumba Gold and Pickleball, are just a few of the regular fitness classes available, with very affordable per-class pricing, and some "open play" offered for free.

Fit4Ever, a program of gentle exercise and movement designed to improve strength, balance, energy and stamina, is open for both men and women at just \$5 per class.

For a more active outdoor pursuit, a Biking Bunch meets regularly led by ride leader Ann Walker.

Health checks

From manicures to massage therapy, the Loose Center offers regular appointments to take care of local residents over the age of 50. Some are free and some require a small fee, but residents can enjoy the convenience of on-site podiatry checks, free blood pressure and blood glucose screenings, Take Off Points Sensibly (TOPS), etc.

Special events

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BRAIN POWER

on your plate

► 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 10 "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 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.



Celery, peppers and carrots are linked with lower rates of age-related memory loss.

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 high in relaxing tryptophan, as well as magnesium. It's also gluten-free and high in fiber, so it's a great substitute for grain.

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.

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John and Gail Strayer took in all the sights of Austria's Wachu Valley from their river cruise.

RIVER

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"We made a mental note of places we wanted to return to."

The Strayers' favorite port of call was Regensburg, Germany in the southeast corner of the country. One of the oldest cities along the Danube, medieval Regensburg was spared from most of

the ruin of World War II, remaining a picturesque city well known for its many examples of Gothic architecture.

"We would absolutely love to go back there," said Strayer. "Breweries were everywhere. One brewery was releasing a beer and they celebrated with a parade led by a team of goats. It was amazing."

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.

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 Narrows 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).

Summary

►River cruising is enjoying a phenomenal rise in popularity, especially throughout the scenic rivers winding through Europe.

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."

The Strayers are already checking their calendars for another river cruise in the future. "We can't go every year, but every other year's a good possibility," he said.

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Charles Joseph Veselsky Jr.

1955-2015

Charles Joseph Veselsky - age 59, of Linden, died Friday, April 24, 2015. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Thursday, April 30, 2015 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 East Broad 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 Charles Joseph and Beverley Marie (French) Veselsky. 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, Beverley; sister, Susan (Rick) Peleske; brother, Mike (Pam) Veselsky; nephew, Trevor; father-in-law, Jim Lewis; mother-in-law, Dolly (Mike); sister-in-law, Jill (Bassam); nephews and niece, Sean, Peter and Natilie; 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 11 AM 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 5-8 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 (Harris) 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, Brilei and Presslei. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Gregory and brother, Edwin. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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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 spears 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.

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE

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

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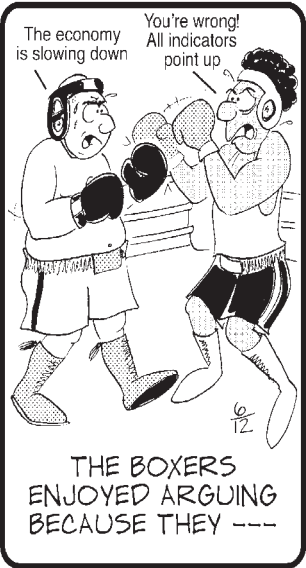
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- 1 Binge
- 4 Founded (on)
- 9 Stir-fry need
- 12 Eggs
- 13 Scent
- 14 Rage
- 15 Quasi-modo's workplace
- 17 Shelter, at sea
- 18 Flightless bird
- 19 Kevin of "SNL" fame
- 21 They give one pause
- 24 Faucet problem
- 25 "The — Daba Honeymoon"
- 26 Siesta
- 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
- 40 Adam's mate
- 41 Meadows
- 43 Went sightseeing
- 45 Ink stain, e.g.

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- 47 "— Impossible"
- 48 Depressed
- 49 Bath alternative
- 54 Candle count
- 55 Obliterate
- 56 Hockey surface
- 57 That woman
- 58 Parking lot device
- 59 Deity
- alter ego
- 5 Stirring
- 6 Boar's mate
- 7 Make corrections
- 8 "— go first"
- 9 Energetic determination
- 10 Sandwich cookie
- 11 Acute
- 16 Moon vehicle
- 20 Has a bug
- 21 Moolah
- 22 Reed instrument
- 23 How pilgrims progressed?
- 27 Remuneration
- 29 Macadamize
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- 32 Undo a dele
- 34 "The Piano Lesson" painter
- 37 Tribal chief
- 39 Mom
- 42 Coastline
- 44 Gls' entertainment grp.
- 45 Mediocre
- 46 Theater box
- 50 Tit for —
- 51 Peruke
- 52 Environmentally friendly
- 53 Stop signal

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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.

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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."

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.

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 others 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 re-

jection 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 your type of loss and lifestyle. Many factors 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.

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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 Otolaryngology 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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