

Fired Fenton postal worker takes own life

► Former employee under investigation by U.S. Postal Inspection Services

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A former Fenton postal employee was found dead in his home Wednesday afternoon following a police situation that lasted several hours.

Det. Mike Neering of the Mundy Township Police Department said Ricky Hughes, 65, was found dead with a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Neering said Hughes had worked at the Fenton Post Office and
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Fenton Post Office

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State legislators weigh in on Proposal 1

► Graves, Robertson against; Ananich to vote 'yes'

By Vera Hogan

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On Tuesday, voters will head to the polls to decide whether they will support Proposal 1, which if passed will result in a 1-percent tax increase, from 6 to 7 percent.

If Proposal 1 is supported by the voters, the majority of those tax dollars are intended to fund road repairs in Michigan.

Last week, State Rep. Joe Graves (51st District) announced that he will not be voting in favor of the proposal.



Joe Graves
State Rep.
51st District

"I do not support Proposal 1 and I strongly believe that the legislature should have fixed Michigan's road problem with existing money," Graves said. "Fixing Michigan roads comes down to setting clear priorities and funding those priorities appropriately."

"I will be voting 'no' on May 5 and will continue working to make sure clear priorities are set to ensure existing tax dollars go to fix Michigan roads," he added.



Dave Robertson
State Sen.
14th District

"I voted no on all of the bills that came before the legislature back in December. I didn't think it was the right thing to

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Jim Ananich
State Sen.
22nd District

Downtown merchants remain hopeful

► Customers urged to enter most establishments through back door

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Downtown Fenton merchants are doing their best to hang in there while construction on the Streetscape project takes place. Many are hoping patrons will be a friend and come in through the back door.

While some may think dropping a car off for repairs at Vek's Auto Service could be difficult, owner Harry Vekaria says he is still able to get vehicles in and out of his business.

"One lane of the street (LeRoy) is always open," he said. "Mill Street being open both ways helps. Everything seems to be OK."

Assistant City Manager Mike Burns confirmed that one lane of LeRoy Street will be open for 95 percent of the time, and Mill Street, usually a one-way,

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Subcontractors for Champagne & Marx including André Collins (center), work on components on the side of the building housing Sweet Variations in Dibbleville. This separating wall will allow for two different sidewalk heights with a wheelchair ramp.

North LeRoy Street holding its own

► Original prime shopping district thrives despite Owen Road/Silver Parkway

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Since the explosion of development along Owen Road over the past 20 years, and the birth of Silver Lake Village, some merchants and businesses have been tempted to go that way. But there are some North LeRoy Street businesses that have successfully remained in their original locations.

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The North LeRoy business district is not part of the DDA, but has an identity of its own, with a variety of longtime and successful businesses.

Fenton varsity basketball coach resigns

► Takes position with Howell's girls basketball

By David Troppens

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For 11 years, Fenton has been Tim Olszewski's basketball home.

But for 48 years, Howell has been Olszewski's lifetime home.

So when the opportunity to take over the Howell varsity girls basketball coaching position came up, Olszewski knew he had to go back to his roots.

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“The comment about roads was right on. Only a few companies do it and they conspire on pricing, specs and quality. The roads are predetermined to fail by design. I worked for them, I know.”



“Please take the time to vote on Tuesday. We are literally being enslaved by our tax-crazy leadership. All the polls state that the majority of us are against it, but we have to vote to be heard. Please vote.”

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When buying a fishing boat...

► Local fishermen look for maneuverability, custom features

By Sally Rummel

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With nearly 44 million freshwater anglers in the U.S., freshwater fishing consistently tops the list of favorite outdoor sports.

If you're hooked on fishing in the tri-county area, you have endless varieties of fishing opportunities in more than 55 area inland lakes, as well as the Shiawassee River. Bass, walleye, pike, crappies, steelhead and bluegills abound, with eager fishermen trolling area waters for just the right catch.

The vessel you choose for fishing can be as simple as a canoe with paddles, a small aluminum rowboat or a much bigger boat with a more powerful motor. Consider how many people will be taking part in your fishing trips and that will determine how many seats and rigs you might need to accommodate your friends and family. Freshwater fishing can be as much about spending time with other people as it is about reeling in a huge fish.

All-purpose lightweight aluminum fishing boats by Polar Kraft make up 85 percent of the market at Freeway Sports Center in Fenton Township. The area's largest fishing boat center, Freeway Sports not only sells boats used on the tri-county's inland lakes, but also larger bodies of water like Lake St. Clair and Saginaw Bay.

“People today want their boats to be versatile enough for many different kinds of fishing experiences.”

Jim Adams
Freeway Sports Center

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A fishing boat with two occupants cruises out of Crane's Cove in Fenton Township Wednesday evening. A fishing boat like this is equipped with a trolling motor for moving slowly through the water without scattering the fish.



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Fenton Township alone has 19 lakes. Lake Fenton is 845 acres, with lots of prime fishing locations.

Hooked on fishing

Anglers across Michigan have hundreds of fishing location options available

By Sharon Stone

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With 11,000 inland lakes across Michigan, enthusiastic fishermen are eager for the opportunity to try their skill at some of the best freshwater fishing in the world. Whether it's walleye, pike, largemouth bass, trout or salmon, Michigan has so much to offer.

Free Fishing Weekend is set for June 13-14. All fishing license fees will be waived for those two days while first-timers and seasoned anglers alike can compete for **See FISHING on 15A**



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will raise our already outrageous 6-percent sales tax to 7 percent. That is more than a 16.5 percent increase.



That means the next time you buy a vehicle for the average new car price of \$31,252.08 you will pay \$2,187.64 in sales tax as opposed to the current \$1,875.12, or an additional \$312.52. And, unless you are one of the 15.2 percent of buyers who pay cash for a vehicle, you will effectively be financing, and paying interest on that \$2,187.64 for four to six years.

And it's a permanent increase — a 16.5-percent increase that will never go away. In Michigan, the average life-time salary of all workers at all levels is \$1.66 million. Assuming you spend

even half of that on taxable items, it means that over your lifetime you will pay sales tax alone in the amount of \$58,100. And that \$58,100 in taxes is on money that the government has taxed once already. How did we ever let this happen?

By the way, a 7-percent state sales tax will put Michigan second to only tax-insane California's 7.5-percent state sales tax. Call me crazy, but why don't we look closer at states like Montana, Delaware, New Hampshire, Oregon and Alaska who have 0-percent state sales tax rates and ask them how they do it? Why would we emulate anything Crazifornia is doing?

Here's a question I haven't heard asked — or answered. Roads and bridges deteriorate over time, not instantly. This should have been addressed years ago. And if there is a problem, do what

we taxpayers do, cut wasteful spending and shift tax dollars to where they are needed. We literally are paying an effective tax rate of over 50 percent already. Simply reaching into our pockets and demanding we pay more due to incompetent planning is not leadership, it's bull\$#!+.

But, I digress. Here's the bottom line. All the polls indicate that two-thirds of voters say they are voting 'no.' That's all fine and dandy, but that also encourages voters to make the decision to stay home and let others vote it down. Please don't let that happen. We are under a tax siege by our elected leaders. If our forefathers could abandon their families and farms to risk their lives to fight criminal taxation rates, we should certainly be able to abandon our TV sets for 60 minutes — especially at a pay rate of \$20,000 per hour.

See you at the polls.

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YOU STILL DON'T get it. Whether media condones homosexuality is irrelevant. You believe it if you want, but don't force it on others or my children. When you say it's acceptable, that's your opinion. But when you want laws normalizing it, you're forcing your beliefs on others.

QUIETLY, I WAS going to vote 'no' on Proposal 1. After reading what Joe Graves plans to do (absolutely nothing), I am changing my vote to 'YES.' They have had all the time in the world to find a solution.

WE WOULD LIKE to thank 'Christmas in Action,' individually and collectively, for such a wonderful Saturday. We can't thank you enough. If you have a chance to work with or donate to, please do so. It is an amazing group.

I THINK JOE Graves should be ashamed of himself. His party put together this Proposal 1, and now he says he's against it. Where's his party loyalty? Why didn't he propose something better?

REPEAL MICHIGAN'S NO-fault insurance. It's insurance companies' 'slush fund.'

GIVE ME THE Michigan budget. I will find all the money we need by getting rid of unneeded state employees and

cutting their extravagant pensions and healthcare. Rise up and vote.

YOU ARE MISTAKEN about paying for trash while away on vacation. Under the new plan, if you go on vacation for more than a month, you can let city hall know. They will adjust your bill. If you don't know, don't guess.

I DROVE THROUGH Linden on garbage day and saw two huge containers at every house. The bins are oversized and unsightly. I wonder how the elderly would navigate

them to the street each week. Please do not put this system in place. Fenton is becoming more beautiful.

PROBLEM SOLVED. CREATE pay-for-use roads in Michigan. The tollbooths could be constructed and manned by unemployed Michigan workers. The revenues created would fix the roads and create jobs. I think I am going to run for office.

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Readers write

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Michigan's no-fault auto law

Dear Editor,
Legislation being considered in Lansing would provide much-needed reform to the state's auto insurance no-fault law. One of the key components of the legislation would create a statewide auto insurance fraud authority. Unfortunately, Michigan is one of a handful of states without a dedicated fraud authority. With our unlimited, lifetime medical benefits and no state-wide fraud authority, Michigan is ripe for fraud. In fact, auto insurance fraud in Michigan is estimated at \$400 million. Reducing the number of schemers and fraud in our excellent no-fault system will provide much-needed cost relief to consumers. The Fraud Authority is modeled after the very successful Auto Theft Prevention Authority, which has reduced auto theft in our state. The Authority will provide much needed financial support to local and state law enforcement and prosecutors so that fraudsters can be investigated and prosecuted for their crime.

— Pam Barkel
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Are you voting in the election Tuesday?

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"Yes, I am going to vote, because I want better roads."

— Curtiss Lovelace
Fenton



"Yes, I am going to vote, because I always vote."

— Ralph Collins
Argentine Township



"I'm not voting, because I don't think it applies to the area that I am in."

— Trice Berlinski
Argentine Township



"Yes, I am voting, because to vote against Proposal 1."

— Ron Horn
Fenton Township



"Yes, I will be, because I vote every election."

— Garry Ciechanowski
Sterling Heights



"Yes, I am, because it is our privilege to vote and everyone should."

— Stacey McKee
Fenton

Cruising season revs up in Holly

► Annual Holly Car Show will feature hundreds of display vehicles

By Vera Hogan

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Organizers of the popular Holly Car Show, held annually in historic downtown Holly, are gearing up for another successful season.

According to organizer and Holly Village Councilman Bob Allsop, this year's Wednesday night event will begin on May 13.

"It's a great community event, that is made possible by a wonderful group of volunteers and sponsors," Allsop said.

The car show is open from 5 to 8 p.m., but the downtown streets (Saginaw and Battle Alley) are shut down at approximately 4 p.m., giving participants time to find their places.

Allsop, who has been running the Holly Car Show for the past six years with John Lobo, said the shows have been going on for more than 20 years and have become extremely popular among participants and spectators from around the state, and the Midwest.

Allsop and Lobo are assisted each week by their wives, Laurie Allsop and Lisa Lobo, who volunteer their time as well.

As far as the number of participants, Allsop said, "Sometimes there are 100, and other times there have been 500."

In addition to the chance to see and find out more about some very classy, hot cars, spectators and participants will enjoy some oldies music offered



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Holly's downtown car cruise attracts approximately 200 classic cars, which are appreciated under the din of classic rock.

by Beth the DJ. Prizes are awarded for the best cars shown each week, and drawings for prizes donated by local individuals and businesses, and 50/50 raffles also are held each week.

"We even have a 'crybaby' award," Allsop stated, explaining that the crybaby award is usually awarded to someone who may have had a negative attitude about something. He used the example of one participant bringing in a \$20,000

car, and another coming in with a \$5,000 car. The owner of the less expensive vehicle might say something like, "No one is going to want to look at my car while that one is here." That is the person who wins the "crybaby" award.

One thing they don't do, according to Allsop, is give away food or allow food vendors. "We rely on the great restaurants in town to provide the food," he said.

See **CAR SHOW** on 21A

“We even have a ‘crybaby’ award.”

Bob Allsop
Holly Car Show coordinator and Holly Village councilman

DENTAL TIP — OF THE WEEK —

Teeth Whitening

Why do my teeth have stains and discolorations?
Most stains are caused by age, tobacco, juices, coffee, tea or red wine. Other types of stains can be caused by the use of Tetracycline (antibiotic) or too much fluoride during the early years.

What treatments are used for stained teeth?
Before using any whitening procedure, ADA recommends consulting with your oral health care professional. There is a gamut of tooth whitening options available. These include: whitening toothpastes, paint on gels, whitening strips, professionally sold take home kits, and bleaching performed in the office by your dental care provider. Most tooth whitening modalities are effective to a varying degree against stains caused by the age, tobacco, coffee, or tea, etc. The stains caused by tetracycline or too much fluoride respond less predictably to the whitening methods. Other options such as bonding, porcelain veneers, or crowns are used to treat these kinds of discolorations.

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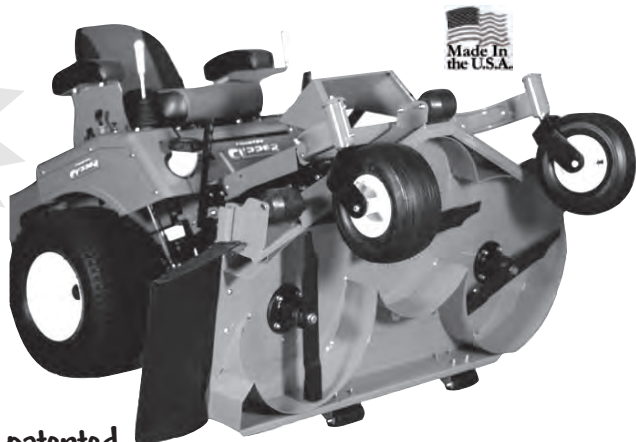
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Recalled state rep finds new passion

►Public defense and family law provides fulfillment beyond politics for Paul Scott

By Emily Stocker

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For many people in the tri-county area, the name Paul Scott brings up thoughts of recall efforts and angered teacher unions.

Scott graduated from Grand Blanc High School in 2000, and went on to study political science and economics at the University of Michigan. From there, he went on to earn his master's degree from Harvard and his law degree at the University of Michigan.

"I always wanted to be an attorney. I followed the O.J. Simpson trial very closely growing up and really looked up to the prosecutors, defense attorneys and the judge. I saw them as all having great jobs with great responsibilities," Scott said.

During his last year of law school, Scott ran for the legislature and finished his last semester while in office. The state government shutdown in 2009 afforded him time to study.

When Scott lost the recall, his shift went immediately from politics to studying for the bar exam. Taking care of his infant son while studying for the bar was quite a challenge. He credits his mother for helping with his son during that difficult time.

After passing the bar, Scott began public defense work. "I was able to see

the real failures of our society by working with people who have no income and no real prospects in life except crime," he said. This work gave him a new and very important view on society.

"My role in public defense work is not to get people off from crimes they committed, but largely to get them the help they need so they don't become permanent wards of the state," Scott said. Most of his cases are representing first-time drug offenders.

Over time, Scott's passion transcended to family law. Becoming a single father in 2011, he didn't know where to turn for help. "I take great pride in helping parents who want to be in their children's lives. Most people don't know they don't have to beg their child's parent to see their kid. They can simply file the appropriate paperwork and secure their legal rights. It's a fairly simple and rewarding process for me."

Scott is enjoying expanding his law practice right now. As of now, he doesn't harbor future aspirations in partisan politics, but he does greatly admire the judges in our county. "Down the line, I could see pursuing a judgeship, but right now I am just focused on being the best attorney I can be and raising my son."

In his spare time, Scott spends time with his son, Carter, and is an avid follower of Detroit sports. He deems himself a rabid Uni-

versity of Michigan fan. He also enjoys euchre, chess and bowling. "I'm an all-around Grade A nerd."



Paul Scott

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Paul Scott
Attorney

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THANK YOU JOE Graves for having the courage to vote for what you think is in our best interest, not the interest of a political party. You've got my vote.

■■■
I'M NOT A senior and I have complaints. I put out my garbage can every third week, which is \$28.80 per year (\$7.20 per quarter plus recycling cost). Now I get to pay the same as my neighbor who uses at least four tags per week. How is this right?

HIGHEST CAR INSURANCE in the USA, and the worst roads. There has been no forethought, plan or budget from our legislature for 50 years to address the roads and infrastructure? Or has the plan always been to raise taxes? I am voting 'NO.'

■■■
MY WIFE AND I picked up trash in our neighborhood this week to commemorate Earth Day. In doing so, we collected three full bags of trash, including an old pair of shoes, a broken skateboard, and a dilapidated mattress. Let's keep Fenton clean.

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do then, and I don't think it is the right thing to do now."

Though he did not say how he will be voting, State Sen. Dave Robertson (14th District) said, "I did not support putting a sales tax increase on the ballot. I am against tax increases in general. I wanted more of a trade, or a tax shift and I didn't get it. So now, it's up to the voters to decide. If the proposal is not supported by the voters, it is well within the Legislature's ability to do that."

State Sen. Jim Ananich (22nd District) said he supports Proposal 1.

"I support Proposal 1 because our roads are terrible and it's hurting our economy and costing hardworking taxpayers more every time they pay for car repairs," Ananich said. "There are also important changes that help make sure taxes paid at the pump actually go to funding transportation, warranties to ensure our fixes last longer and we get our money's worth, and ways to make those who cause more wear and tear to pay their fair share."

Summary

Local representatives in the Michigan Senate and House share their thoughts on Proposal 1, which will be decided by voters on Tuesday, May 5.

"It's not a perfect solution, but the benefits to our roads and taxpayers in this compromise convince me to vote 'yes,'" Ananich said.

The House Fiscal Agency estimates that the sales tax increase, if Proposal 1 passes, would generate more than \$1.6 billion per year, with \$1.2 billion going toward roads, \$130 million to mass transit, \$300 million to the school aid fund, and \$95 million to local governments.

WHAT A 'YES' VOTE WILL DO

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- **Increase portion of** use tax dedicated to School Aid Fund (SAF).
- **Expand use of SAF** to community colleges and career/technical education, and prohibit use for 4-year colleges/universities.
- **Give effect to laws that:** increase sales tax to 7 percent, as authorized by constitutional amendment; increase gasoline/diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes; expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects; increase earned income tax credit.

"I did not support putting a sales tax increase on the ballot."

State Sen. Dave Robertson
District 14

Area clerks expect low voter turnout

► Less than 30 percent of voters could determine state sales tax, funding to fix roads and more

By Sharon Stone

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Residents across Michigan who have not already submitted their absentee voter ballots will head to the polls on Tuesday, May 5 to decide whether to pass Proposal 1. As of Monday, Michigan had 7,270,826 registered voters.

Read what local legislators have to say about Proposal 1 in Vera Hogan's story.

Requests to have an absent voter ballot mailed to you must have been received by your clerk no later than 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2. You must be a registered voter to receive an absent voter ballot. After receiving your absent voter ballot, you have until 8 p.m. on Election Day to complete the ballot and return it to the clerk's office. For further details, go to www.mi.gov/sos.

Tom Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk for Fenton Township, expects a 20- to 25-percent voter turnout in Fenton Township. In his opinion, since countywide and statewide turnouts are usually a bit lower than Fenton Township's, he predicts an 18- to 23-percent voter turnout for Genesee County and Michigan as a whole.

Summary

► Election polling stations are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5. Residents across Michigan will be voting on Proposal 1, which would raise the sales tax from 6 to 7 percent.

Fenton Township residents will vote at Lake Fenton High School.

Fenton City Clerk Renee Wilson said all five of the City's precincts are in the St. John's Activity Center and the polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. "I would estimate around a 20-percent turnout, but really don't have a recent comparable election to compare turnout. As of today (Wednesday), we have issued 233 absent voter ballots."

According to Linden City Clerk Lynn Henry, city residents vote at Faith Baptist Church on Silver Lake Road, just as in the past. As of Wednesday afternoon, 15 percent of the absentee voter ballots have been returned.

Rose Township Clerk Debbie Miller reminds residents of their polling locations. Precinct #1 is at 9080 Mason St. (Township Office lower level), Precinct #2 is at 7110 Milford Rd. (Rose Pioneer Elementary School) and Precinct #3 is at 7110 Milford Rd. (Rose Pioneer Elementary School).

Miller said she estimates voter turnout to be about 27 percent, however, it's too difficult to guess at this time. Rose Township has 4,888 registered voters. The clerk's office sent out 396 absentee ballots and as of Thursday, 323 have been returned.

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If these do not relieve the symptoms, it is best to see an optometrist. When I see a patient with a red eye, I first take a case history, this will often tell us what is causing the red eye. Then I examine the eyes with a slit lamp. A slit lamp is like a microscope to examine the eyes. This instrument enables me to determine if a red eye is from infection, such as bacterial, viral, toxic, or allergic.

Spring and the fall seasons are the most common for allergy. There are very effective allergy eye drops your optometrist can prescribe that are usually much more effective than the over the counter drops.

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Downtown merchants rolling out the red carpet

► Promotions to welcome residents, visitors to downtown Fenton as Streetscape continues

In light of the Fenton Streetscape project, the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) shares some great reasons to shop and dine in downtown Fenton.

The "Shop & Win" promotion begins Thursday, April 30 (National Pay It Forward Day) and continues throughout the spring and summer.

When anyone shops and dines in downtown Fenton, at participating merchants, they will receive coupon cards for neighboring businesses with every purchase.

There are 20 participating merchants including A Joyful Noise, Biggby Coffee, Billmeier Camera, Elle Marie Hair Studio, Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grill, Fenton House, Fenton's Open Book, Guenter Beholz Jewelers, The Iron Grate, The

Laundry, La Petite Maison, Marjie's Gluten Free Pantry, Red Fox Footwear, Rejuv Ave. Skin Spa, Rough Draught, Round Town Cupcakes, Sawyer Jewelers, Sweet Variations, Vek's Auto Service, Yesterday's Treasures and Lasco Ford.

Enter to Win! Drawings for a prize basket of gift cards from participating Fenton businesses will take place Nov. 13. This promotion runs April 30 through Oct. 31 and no purchase is necessary.

In the spirit of "paying it forward," some of the merchants will donate a percentage of purchases to benefit charitable organizations on different dates/times during construction throughout the spring and summer.

A Pay-It-Forward Community Dinner at The Laundry on Monday, May 4 from 4-10 p.m. The Laundry will donate 15 percent of diners' pre-tax purchases to Fenton firefighter's charities. Carryout orders are included. Other coupons or discounts are not permitted.

Music Mondays will be held at A Joyful Noise Music Studio. Every Monday, 5 percent of the proceeds from all sales will benefit Prelude String Orchestra, a beginning string orchestra program in Fenton. This promotion runs Mondays 2 to 8 p.m. throughout the months of June, July, and August.

Red Fox Footwear will offer 15 percent off any purchase for those with a race bib from the Firefighter's race on Aug. 8, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Watch for more of these special events at FentonMomentum.com.

It's 'feet first' at Serendipity Wellness Spa

► Linden spa serves up new Pedicure Menu, evening hours and new focus on wellness

By Sally Rummel

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Imagine being a guest at Serendipity Wellness Spa in Linden, having a server bring you a Pedicure Menu and taking your accompanying beverage order.

All you have to do then is sit back and relax, letting the soothing massage and pedicure pampering begin.

Serendipity Wellness Spa's new Pedicure Menu presented by Spa Owner Jessica Skop brings you "feet first" toward a new way of relaxation with new services rolling out just in time for the busy pedicure season of spring and summer.

From the time you place your order for one of more than two dozen pedicure services until the second you walk out the door with pampered feet, your spa experience will be in the hands of a staff dedicated to your relaxation and refreshment. You can kick-off your shoes knowing that the next hour will be one of complete relaxation, soaking up the warmth of swirling water, hydrating oils, exfoliating scrubs and a gentle stroking foot massage. Polish is just the finishing touch of a whole new spa experience.

Serendipity's Pedicure Menu includes Signature pedicures in Spa (basic), Deluxe or Ultimate, as well as nine "most desired" pedicures using seasonal fragrances and oils. You'll find on the menu, "A Tranquil Ocean Marine Pedicure," served with a refreshing



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Licensed and certified nail technicians on staff at Serendipity Wellness Spa each hold up a Pedicure Menu so that guests can place their order when they come in.

glass of Bower's Harbor Riesling, "A Tropical Paradise Pedicure," served with a Mango Moscotto and seven other tantalizing combinations, almost good enough to eat.

“We’re focusing more and more on the whole person, from the inside out.”

Jessica Skop
Owner of Serendipity
Wellness Spa

Those seeking a touch of wellness can choose an Anti-aging Pedicure or a Pure Organic Green Tea & Acai Pedicure, among a choice of five.

Young guests under age 12 will also have their choice of Scented Pedicures in Chocolate, Sugar Cookie or Very Berry.

Move over, ladies, the men in your life also enjoy a relaxing, soaking pedicure. "Men can choose from a Tea Tree Oil Pedicure or a Well-Being Pedicure, each served with a choice of

Craft Beer," said Skop.

This Pedicure Menu is just one of the new spa offerings debuting this spring as part of Serendipity's focus on wellness from head to toe.

New massage services continue to roll out weekly, from Cupping Massage to Raindrop Therapy, Guided Meditation Massage, Bamboo Massage, Nap Therapy and more. "We're focusing more and more on the whole person, from the inside out," said Skop.

Serendipity Wellness Spa continues to draw clients for state-of-the-art hair design, new fast and painless techniques for Brazilian waxing, as well as manicure services.

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sign on East Elizabeth Street at Pine Street at 3:55 a.m. on April 29. Contact was made with the driver, a 21-year-old Fenton Township woman and her passenger, a 22-year-old Fenton man. They told the officer they were talking. A computer check of the woman revealed she had an outstanding arrest warrant out of Fenton. She was taken into custody and transported to the Flint City Jail to await arraignment. The male passenger was released.

GPS STOLEN FROM UNLOCKED FORD ESCAPE

A 59-year-old Fenton woman filed a larceny from auto complaint with the Fenton Police Department. She said that between April 29 and 30, someone entered her unlocked Ford Escape while it was parked in the 200 block of Pinewood Drive and stole her GPS, valued at \$200.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHY DOES THE village of Holly charge the water/sewer usage the same? I wash my cars and water my lawn/garden and the water never reaches the sewers.

THE TOOLS OF science have changed a lot since 1492. It wasn't that long ago germs were discovered. Take a look at the NASA satellite pictures of how glaciers have changed. Science is a process that is sometimes wrong but science is not afraid to admit when it's wrong either.

ALL DECISIONS ARE risk and reward. Policies and war in the Middle East will continue as long as the world is dependent on oil. Saudi Arabia is strategically forcing production to shut down here and kill alternative energy businesses. Cheap gas now, but a big cost down the road.

SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT of all Americans now know someone who is gay. Most no longer fear the gay stereotypes of the past. Interracial marriage was once illegal and when it changes, opponents didn't like

it, but it had little to no effect on them. Gay marriage will be the same.

SNYDER, STOP WASTING money on commercials and spend that money on the roads. Get rid of no fault insurance. If you want that extra insurance, pay for it on your own. Don't drag the rest of the state with you.

RIOTERS IN BALTIMORE are 'unemployed?' I think people can riot in their spare time. I agree leaders have failed many people. People fail to see how some of the same policies that favor the wealthy trap people in poverty.

BALTIMORE IS AN example of what happens when society ignores and even pushes aside poverty. It is a crisis in America. It is happening right here now in Flint, Saginaw, Pontiac, Detroit and more. It's more than just the education system letting generations fail.

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LEROY

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If there was ever only a few reasons to head north on North LeRoy Street, one was to enjoy a wonderful meal at John's Pizzeria Restaurant — still referred to by long-time Fenton residents as "Johnny's."

Having celebrated their 50th anniversary in November at the same North LeRoy Street location, the original John's Pizzeria and Cocktail Lounge was started by Delio Barletta, a beloved member of the community who died in September of 2013. He and his daughter, Sandy Barletta-Zdenek, owned and operated John's together until his passing.

And it doesn't look like the restaurant is going anywhere anytime soon. "We are excited to have been here for 50 years. We love our location and our loyal customers," said Zdenek.

Another big reason to go that way has always been for the ice cream. Uncle Ray's Dairyland has been serving yummy treats to residents in Fenton and the surrounding communities since 1978.

According to owner Dave Durant, Uncle Ray's opened in 1978 in the building now known as "The Gray Lady," now owned by Tremaine Real Estate. The newer Uncle Ray's Dairyland has been in its present location since 1988.

Even though Silver Lake Village boasts some big guns when it comes to hardware and home improvement stores, Taylor Hardware has remained steadfast in its North Leroy Street location.

According to Operations Manager Brian Edwards, Taylor Hardware always has been

and still is a family-owned company, with Dale Taylor being the current owner.

"Taylor Hardware attributes its success to a strong belief that God comes first and the company second," said Edwards. "With time all things change, employees come and go, products or brands change, but our commitment to Fenton and our customers never does."

"We have never been tempted to leave this side of town. Jumping ship when things get tough is just not our way," Edwards added. "Understanding our strengths and our weaknesses is something we strive for every day."

Another long-time, family-owned business that has remained at its original North LeRoy Street location is Harris Financial Services.

Owner Rob Harris said, "My grandfather started Harris Financial in late 1979, and in the early to mid-'80s rented one and a half offices upstairs in the building we

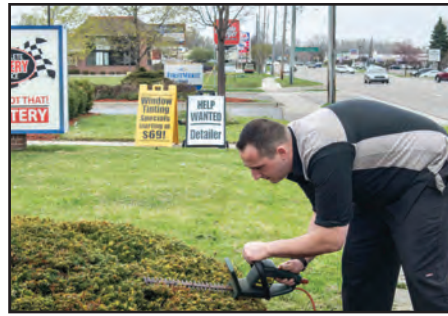
currently occupy. The opportunity arose for my grandfather and father to purchase the building, and we are still there today."

"We love being on North LeRoy and have never been tempted to relocate to a higher trafficked area."

"Also, we get a lot of comments from area folks who really enjoy the pithy or inspiring messages we put up on our marquee sign out front," Harris added. "We've even been told multiple times that people go out of their way to travel on North LeRoy just to see if we've put up a new message. You just can't get all of that in a more modern development. We love being on the north side of Fenton."

“We have never been tempted to leave this side of town, jumping ship when things get tough is just not our way.”

Brian Edwards
Operations manager
for Taylor Hardware



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Emery Pollard, manager of the Pennzoil 10-Minute Oil Change on North LeRoy Street trims hedges on Wednesday during a lull.

It is highly likely that at one time or another, Fenton area residents have purchased furnishings for their home from Fenton Home Furnishings.

Owner Gerry Willey said he opened his first store across the street from his present location in April of 1979. In later years, he said his business did so well that he purchased, remodeled and added on to the building across the street, where Fenton Home Furnishings remains today.

"It has been a good location for me and Fenton has been good to me," Willey said. "Business has been great since I opened."

Willey admitted that he was once tempted to move to Silver Lake Village, but changed his mind because he thought the taxes might be too high.

These are just a few examples of the many long-time Fenton businesses, including Locke's Party Shoppe, Lovegrove's, Auto Value, Guns Galore, Kan Rock Tire, Lil' House of Carpet, Walden's Lounge, Douglas Water Conditioning and many others, that have remained in their North LeRoy Street locations, something for which their customers are truly grateful.

DID YOU KNOW?

Even though North LeRoy Street turns into North Fenton Road in Fenton Township, somewhere in the area of Sagebrush Cantina, it doesn't matter much to customers because it's all still Fenton.

DID YOU KNOW...

• **Sagebrush Cantina** was once another fine-dining restaurant called Richard's. After Richard's, it was remodeled and re-opened to another popular restaurant called Jimmy G's, owned by Jim and Joan Garfield (former Fenton Township treasurer).

• **CFI Medical Solutions** on Fenton Road was once the Ames Department Store, a place where local shoppers took advantage of a number of great deals.

• **The North LeRoy Street VG's** Grocery was once the location of the original Fenton Kmart, before the new Kmart was built in Silver Lake Village.

• **The Sears Hometown Store** was once occupied by the Tractor Supply Company (TSC), which is now located by Target off Owen Road.

• **The site of the** now-vacant Luigi's restaurant on North LeRoy was once the location of a Fenton favorite for breakfast, lunch and dinner — Heritage Restaurant. In addition to regular diners, many clubs and organizations held their weekly meetings at Heritage.

• **The plaza currently anchored** by the Rite-Aid was once the location of another popular Fenton grocery store called Bazley's.

• **Halo Burger** was once located behind Uncle Ray's Dairyland, but closed. Good news, there is a new Halo Burger in the former North LeRoy Street Burger King building.

• **The Secretary of State's** office was located for many years in the Lakewinds Plaza. It was closed in recent years, much to the dismay of customers who now have to drive to Fenton and Hill Road to do their SOS business.

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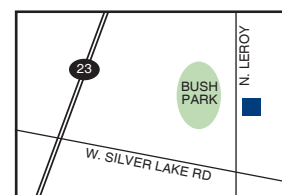
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BOAT

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"People today want their boats to be versatile enough for many different kinds of fishing experiences," said Jim Adams of Freeway Sports Center.

Most of these boats are "rigged out" with custom-designed features, including pedestal seats, livewells, bait bays and ample storage room for fishing accessories and fittings, such as rod holders or outriggers.

Technology has come to the sport of freshwater fishing with the widespread use of electronic fish-finding sonar and GPS navigation. "Our main brands of sonar are Lowrance and Hummingbird," said Adams. "That's almost become a 'standard feature' in a fishing boat."

Freeway Sports Center specializes in boats custom designed for panfish, bass and walleye fishing, each with their own special features. A bass boat, for example, features shallow draft and swivel chairs, providing an ideal structure to maneuver and fish in an environment where most bass live.

These fishing boats range in size from 12 feet all the way up to 22 feet and typically carry from two to five passengers. They tend to allow more maneuverability in tight and shallow water, making them ideal for conditions in the tri-county area.

Average prices for these aluminum boats are between \$15,000 and \$30,000, depending on size and custom features, according to Adams.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

LET'S TALK ABOUT the \$2 billion that the Clinton Foundation has shaken down foreign governments for or has accepted bribes from. I'm talking about Hilary Clinton letting the Russians have a pass to buy 50 percent of the uranium production in America for \$100 million in contributions to the Clinton Foundation.

IT IS DISTURBING that Argentina allows so many junk yards to do business in our township. They should be required to put a solid fence around the yard. A good example is on Seymour Road near Cole Road.

DON'T GET ME wrong, I really love the brand new road they gave us out here at McCaslin Lake Road, but do you realize that if you have a flat tire on that road there is nowhere on that road for a car to pull off at.

SO, IN THE latest state budget proposal, Gov. Snyder had asked for funding an early childhood illiteracy program and increase funding for at-risk children. I guess those, and roads aren't priorities for Joe Graves.

IT'S 8:30 A.M. Friday, hello yellow bomber. It's officially spring. — From your fans on Rolston Road.

WELL, HALLELUJAH, THE king defended the police department. My retired relative never shot at a person in 30 years, however, three times, he was shot at in his squad car by other people. Even in a bank robbery, it was not safe to shoot where bystanders were. Love the king!

FISHING

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bragging rights (all fishing regulations still apply), according to Michigan.org.

Area anglers might want to check out these popular fishing destinations, all within easy driving distance from the tri-county area. These brief descriptions were provided by Michigan.org.

Seven Lakes State Park

An endless variety of topography and ecosystems form the area called Seven Lakes. Its land was a combination of farmland, rolling hills and forests. About 230 acres of water with several miles of shoreline await the park user. The dam, formed one large lake from seven small lakes. Metal detecting area.

Holly Recreation Area

Nearly 8,000 acres of rolling woodlands, several lakes and open fields provide scenic overlooks and excellent fall color viewing. McGinnis Lake campground has 159 modern and rustic, heavily wooded to open and sunny campsites and cabins.

Overtime III Charters in Holly

Fishing for Salmon and Lake Trout from May first thru June. Walleye fishing July and August.

Highland Oaks

Highland Oaks offers more than 300 acres of picturesque rolling hills, wetlands and old pastures. Located within the headwaters of the Shiawassee River, Highland Oaks preserves sensitive habitat while providing recreational experiences in a natural setting. A 1.5 mile mowed grass trail is available for hiking, mountain biking horse-back riding and cross-country skiing.

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Nothing settled in Fenton/Holly girls tennis rivalry

By David Troppens

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Fenton — Both coaches left feeling with a few breaks their squad could’ve gotten the victory.

But at the same time, both mentors had to feel pretty good their squad didn’t lose.

And, really, both coaches are right.

When the Fenton and Holly varsity girls tennis teams faced off on Tuesday, the squads didn’t

settle much. That’s because when it was all over, it was a 4-4 tie.

“After losing four straight once we won the first three matches, I was happy to have a tie,” Fenton coach Gary Ballard said. “But, it’s been 30-plus years since anyone beat Holly (in the Metro) head-to-head. I thought we had a chance to end that streak, but they won four straight. Holly always seems to respond in the clutch.”

“When you play Fenton, you are facing a team with two of the best players in the state. To overcome that is not easy,” Holly varsity coach Will Sophiea said. “It was imperative we at least got a tie. Now, it’s going to be a very important couple of weeks.”

With one match left on the court, Holly led 4-3, but Fenton’s Katy Kurncz (No. 3 singles) provided a vital 4-6, 7-6(7), 6-2 victory against Jenna Pepper, creating the 4-4 draw.

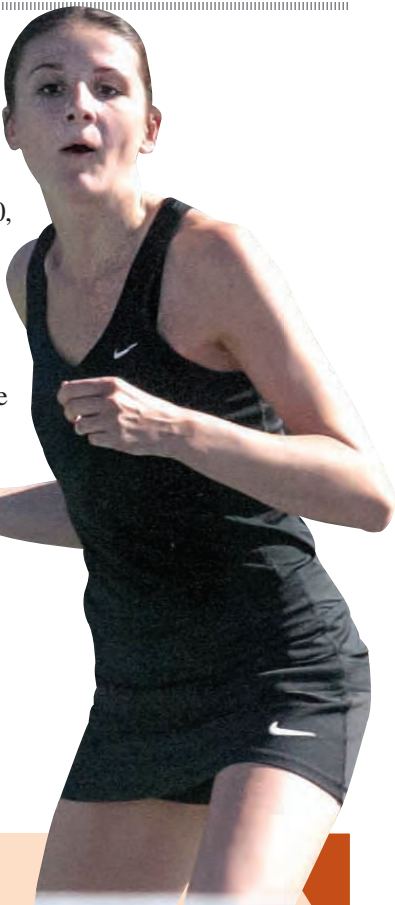
Fenton’s top two singles players — No. 1 Madison Ballard and No. 2 Sydney Phillips — earned 6-0, 6-0 victories. Fenton also got a win at No. 2 doubles where Kendra Praedel and Delaney Hindzinski beat Nicole Johnson and McKenna Rooker 6-2, 6-4.

Holly dominated the rest of the doubles action. Sydney Renehan

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KATY KURNCZ

The Fenton No. 3 singles player won her match on Tuesday against Holly’s Jenna Pepper.



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Sports

ONLINE EXCLUSIVES

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LINDEN BASEBALL SWEEPS BRANDON

Marshael Ryan tossed a one-hitter, helping lead the Eagles to a 1-0 victory in the second game of a double-header against Brandon. The Eagles (6-2, 12-4) also won the first game, collecting 10 hits in an 8-3 victory.

In the nightcap, the Eagles scored in the first when Jake Marshall was hit by a pitch and scored on Brady Sarkon’s two-out double. It was the game’s only run. Ryan was masterful, striking out five and walking one.

In the opener, Jake Marshall, Ryan and Travis Petts had three hits. Petts drove in three runs.

NINTH-RANKED EAGLES SOCCER DEFEATS CREEK

Linden (2-0, 6-1) recorded its second straight Metro League shutout, defeating Swartz Creek 1-0 on Wednesday.

Linden’s only goal came with about 14 minutes left off a cross by Erica Brightling to Erica Freeman, who scored.

Linden’s keepers Madison Paige and Bridget Adams split time in the net, combining to make six saves.

Linden faces Flushing in another Metro League contest Monday at 6:45 p.m.

Tigers’ defense sparks win

▶ Gritty Fenton posts 1-0 victory vs. Brandon

By David Troppens

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Fenton — Scoring goals hasn’t been the Fenton Tigers’ strength during the 2015 girls soccer season.

Being strong defensively and just being a scrappy bunch has. So far the equation is working.

The Tigers improved to 2-0 in the Metro League and remained in a tie for first by defeating the Brandon Blackhawks 1-0 at Fenton High School on Wednesday.

“We have a lot of work to do in terms of scoring goals,” Fenton coach Matt Sullivan said. “But I think our defense has been strong all year. We have been really scrappy. The game at Swartz Creek and, again, tonight — we’ve had 20 girls scrapping out there. With that kind of effort, you can’t complain, but we need to find more ways to score.”

The Tigers found a way to score once on Wednesday, and it held up. The goal came on a strong cross from Carly Granger to Miranda Campbell. Campbell put the ball into the net for the 1-0 lead with about 16 minutes left in



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Fenton’s Sophia Crews (right) battles for a loose ball with a Brandon player during the Tigers’ 1-0 victory on Wednesday night.

the first half.

The first half experienced pretty balanced action, but the Tigers took control of possession and kept the ball in Brandon’s defensive end for most of the second half. And while that play didn’t create any more goals, it did make

it easier for the Tigers’ team defense to preserve the shutout. They also shut down Swartz Creek on Monday, 2-0. Keeper Abigail Quesnelle earned the shutout with some help from the starting defenders in front of her — Camp-

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LF remains perfect in GAC softball play

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton varsity softball team were given a chance to play with the 1995 state championship squad watching them on Thursday.

They were able to take photos with them, talk to the players of 20 years ago and also give them their commemorative 20-year anniversary pins in between games.

The current Blue Devils gave the past Class C state championships one more honor. This year’s edition of the Blue Devils were able to sweep the Montrose Rams in a pair of 8-1 victories at Lake Fenton High School.

“It was very inspirational,” said Sydney Sheychich, who finished the twinbill with five hits combined and a complete-game victory on the mound in the second contest. “It would be one of my dreams to be able to do that (win a state

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Linden track sweeps Fenton

By David Troppens
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Fenton — It was a pretty close meet between the Fenton and Linden girls track squads, but in the end, the Eagles had a little more depth and were able to clinch a tight 72-65 victory against their area rivals at Fenton High School on Wednesday.

The Linden boys (3-0) had a bit easier time earning their victory, winning 13 of the 17 events and earning a 106-32 victory.

In the girls' event, the Tigers stuck close by capturing three of the four relay firsts. However, the Eagles dominated the distance events, sweeping the 1,600 and taking first and third in the 3,200, helping establish the win.

In the girls' event, Taylor Ganger took part in three Linden (2-1) firsts. She was the team's only individual double-winner, taking first in the 1,600 (5:38) and the 800 (2:38). She also earned a first in the 3,200 relay with Maya Gossett, Courtney Davis and Savannah Ferrara (11:09).

The rest of Linden's victories were earned one each in individual events. They were Alia Frederick in the 100 hurdles (16.98), Breyanna Turnipseed in the 300 hurdles (49.58), Ferrara in the 3,200 (12:19), Jessica Daul in the discus (84-5), Alexis Brandt in the pole vault (7-6) and Madison Piet in the high jump (4-9).

The Tigers (1-2) won three of the relays. Maddie Hall, Hannah Sage, Emily Kinser and Emily Battaglia earned one in the 1,600 (4:25), while the 800 relay team of Sage, Kinser, Hall and Zeinab Torabi earned one as well. The 400 relay team of Sage, Tatayana Mitchell, Kayla Knitter and Nina Lombardi (53.62) also won.

Hall earned two firsts individ-

ually. She won the 200 (27.28) and the long jump (17-1). Other firsts were earned by Mitchell in the shot put (34-0 1/2), Sage in the 100 (13.19) and Kinser in the 400 (1:04.0).

In the boys' event Linden (3-0) dominated, with all four relay wins and two individual double-winners. Aaron Maul won the 110 hurdles (17.89) and the 300 hurdles (45.04), while Jacob Cox won the 100 (11.0) and the 200 (23.56). Other individual winners for Linden were Dawson Blank in the 400 (53.52), Devin Daul in the pole vault (10-6), Mike Gold in the high jump (6-0), Kyle Korman in the discus (144-4) and Andy Roberts in the shot put (44-10 1/2).

Linden's relay winners were: Bailey Davis, Cade Dickson, Daul and Blank in the 1,600 (3:41.41); Ronnie Gipson, Nolan Hill, Ryan Young and Jacob Cox in the 400 (46.34); Nick McDonald, Andy Bennett, Conor Sproule and Mikey Varacalli in the 3,200 (8:53.06) and Davis, Gold, Dickson and Cox in the 800 (1:34.14).

"We had a good night," Linden coach Nick Douglass said. "We had lots of personal season records. Hopefully that continues and we keep getting better."

"(We have) Kearsley and Flushing (next week) and then Holly (in two weeks). That makes for a tough two-week stretch. Hopefully we can compete with them all. They are all different with regards to what their strengths are."

Fenton (0-3) had a double-winner. It was Jacob Lee, who earned a first in the 1,600 (4:38) and the 3,200 (10:13). Ethan Follett earned a first in the 800 (2:08.16) and Gregg Brennan in the long jump (19-3 1/2).

Lake Fenton girls vs. Goodrich, Beecher

The Blue Devils were able to leave Beecher's new track with one of the victories, defeating the hosts 70-56. They also performed well against Goodrich, losing 76-60.

Charlotte Irwin had a strong night, capturing firsts in three field events. She won the discus (87-5), the high jump (4-2) and the pole vault (8-0). The Blue Devils also had three overall firsts on the track. They were earned by Hannah Garty in the 300 hurdles (1:00.3), Skyler Martin in the 1,600 (6:51.9) and Meara Baxter in the 3,200 run (16:04.8).

"We had several second-place finishers and 22 personal records set," Lake Fenton coach Eric Meyers said. "It was a great night to be a Blue Devil."



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(Top) Fenton's Ethan Follett (left) and Linden's Mikey Varacalli compete in the 800. Follett won the event, but the Linden Eagles won the meet 106-32. (Immediately above) Fenton's Nina Lombardi (left) and Linden's Alia Frederick compete for the 100 hurdles' win. Frederick took first and the Eagles also defeated the Tigers, 72-65.

Holly boys track remains perfect in Metro beats Flushing, Clio

By David Troppens
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Holly varsity boys track coach Rich Brinker thought his sprint teams remained a mystery for most of the track season.

They aren't now.

The Bronchos (4-0) had some strong sprint performances en route to a sweep of Flushing and Clio on Wednesday. Holly beat Flushing 88-40 and defeated Clio 105.5-31.5.

"Not having the Linden and Creek meet until the last week, I really didn't know where we stood," Brinker said. "We were a mystery on our sprint side. We had a sprinter on spring break for 15 days and we really didn't have a 4X100 and a 4X200 relay. ... Last night was the first time we truly had a full squad."

Javon Barr led the way for the Bronchos, earning four firsts. He won the 100 (11.1) and the 200 (22.99) individually.

He also teamed with D'Anthony Austin, Austin Chmura and Andrew Becker (44.82) to win the 400 relay and with Blake Staffne and Becker to win the 1,600 (3:37.76).

"He's our sprint leader and the biggest thing for him is he's coming into the season in shape," Brinker said.

Dakota Thorington won two events, taking first in the shot put (46-6 3/4) and in the discus (143-1). The other individual winners were Staffne in the 400 (53.81), Dino Varacalli in the 800 (2:02.58) and Nate Frasier in the 3,200 (10:03.81).

The Holly girls didn't fare as well, losing to Flushing 104-33 and to Clio 88.66-47.33.

Emily Alvarado won the shot put (36-0 1/4) and the discus (112-7), while Juliet Clark won the 300 hurdles (52.26).

Holly hosts Brandon for a Metro League dual on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

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Holly's Ann Fetzer dribbles with the ball in a recent contest. The Bronchos defeated Kearsley 4-1.

Holly captures 4-1 Metro win

By David Troppens
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After being shut out by Linden in its first Metro game, and then being shut out for a half against Kearsley, the Holly varsity girls soccer team was probably starting to wonder if the squad would ever score a goal in Metro action this year.

Well, the Bronchos (1-1, 4-5) did. Holly scored four goals in the second half, earning a strong 4-1 victory against Kearsley on Wednesday.

Kearsley scored midway through the first half on a direct ball, giving the Hornets the halftime lead.

It took Holly's offense less than a minute to score in the second half. Kristin Hansel buried a shot from about 20 yards out. About five minutes later freshman Victoria Karakuc gave the Bronchos the lead for good with her second goal of the season. Karakuc would finish with a second goal, scoring the final one of the night. In between her goals, Amy Scruggs scored.

Blue Devils set up big game vs. Goodrich

► Defeat Mt. Morris 8-0 to set up GAC title contest

By David Troppens
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Defense wins championships.

And a good offense helps as well.

Apparently, the Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer team has both.

The Blue Devils scored eight goals in about 47 minutes of action, and the defense rarely allowed Mt. Morris into the Blue Devils' defensive third, resulting in an 8-0 victory for the defending GAC champions on Tuesday.

The Blue Devils also had a very respectable 4-2 loss to second-ranked Powers on Monday.

Ashlyn Skidmore made sure the Blue Devils (5-0, 6-3-1) were on top almost immediately, scoring two minutes into the contest. Kuristin Porritt had two first-half goals and Kaitlyn Begley, Mackenzie Rampy and Abbey Rhodes also had goals. The Blue Devils led 6-0 at the half.

Melissa Williams scored two goals within the first seven minutes of the second half, earning the Blue Devils the 8-0 victory.

"The defense of Julie Craig, Alexis Cash, Tayanna Brown, Mackenzie

Rampy, Lauren Oppenheiser and Alexi Rose was strong," Lake Fenton coach Lenny Glasstetter said. "They only allowed Mt. Morris to cross midfield three times."

Emily Moore earned the shutout in net. Brown, Skidmore and Porritt had assists.

Against Powers, the Chargers took a 2-0 lead into the half, with early first-half goals by Kennedy Clothier and Andrew Glubzinski.

However, Porritt cut the gap down to 2-1 with a goal midway through the second half. That was as close as the Blue Devils would get. Powers' Rachel Philpotts and Clothier scored goals, putting the Chargers up 4-1. Skidmore scored Lake Fenton's final goal.

Lake Fenton travels to Goodrich with the winner capturing the league championship on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

"I thought we'd be down this year with such a young team," Glasstetter said. "We have seven new starters from last year. We are a young team overall. Senior captains Kaitlyn Begley, Lauren Oppenheiser and Melissa Williams are very good leaders."



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Lake Fenton's Ashlyn Skidmore dribbles with the ball in a recent contest. Skidmore scored a goal in the Blue Devils' 8-0 victory against Mt. Morris on Tuesday.

LF baseball collects hard-earned split vs. Montrose

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton varsity baseball team had strong defensive and pitching performances in both games of a doubleheader against Montrose Thursday night.

The difference was in one game, the bats came up with some key hits while in the other they struggled against a strong hurler.

Lake Fenton (4-2, 6-8) scored three runs in the first inning and two more in the fifth to earn a 5-4 victory in the opening game. However, Montrose hurler Colin Dewitt tossed a masterful one-hitter, outdueling Lake Fenton's Trevor Wright's three-hit performance, resulting in a 1-0 Lake Fenton loss in the second game.

"I was really impressed with our pitching staff all day," Lake Fenton coach Brad LaRowe said. "We are starting to pitch and not just throw. If those guys stay the way they have, we can maybe try to make a run and do something in league play."

In the opener, Brandon Bacon tossed 4 1/3 innings of two-run, two-hit ball, striking out eight. John Fernelius relieved and tossed 1 2/3 innings. Chandler Forunier set Montrose out in order in the seventh, striking out two, to earn the save.

Offensively, Zach Harper singled and Bacon walked to start the rally in the first inning of the first game. Jared Smith followed with a two-run double and Dakota Holzwarth hit an RBI-single. Lake Fenton led 3-0.

In the fifth, Thomas Messenger and Bacon singled, setting up the threat. Smith responded again with a two-run single, putting Lake Fenton up 5-2 at the time.

The only run scored in the second game came in the first when Noah French walked and eventually scored on a sacrifice fly by Ian Reinhart, giving Montrose a 1-0 lead.

The Blue Devils had just two innings with runners reaching base. In the third, Dakota Hol-



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Lake Fenton's Brendan Mineau tags out a Montrose baserunner during the Blue Devils' doubleheader split against the Rams on Thursday.

zwarth walked, but the pinch runner was picked off. In the sixth, Holzwarth walked and an out later, Cameron Conover got the Blue Devils' only hit of the game, a single to right center. It put runners on first and third base. However, a hard hit line drive off of Wright's bat was caught and sparked a double play, ending the threat.

Fenton 14-6, Clio 3-8

The Tigers spit a pair of contests. In the opening game,

Chase Coselman had three this and five RBI and Jake Henard provided four hits in the 14-3 win.

John Leaske also had a bit-game, pitching four innings of three-hit ball. He also had two hits, including a home run. He drove in two runs. Drew Garrison also had three hits.

In the 8-6 loss in the nightcap, Justin Norris, Leaske, and Garrison had two hits each. Leaske had three RBI.



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GIRLS SOCCER

► **Fenton 3, Powers 1:** Carly Granger had two goals and an assist and Chloe Foor had a goal and two assists, leading the Tigers (5-1-2) to the victory. In net, Abbey Quesnelle was strong, making 11 saves.

BOYS GOLF

► **Fenton 150, Kearsley 177:** At Flint Elks, the Tigers came within three strokes of tying the school record and came out with an easy win. John Lloyd and Nick Campell led the Tigers with 37s, while Chris Gilbert and Patrick Conroy shot a 38. Austin Landis carded a 39 and Joey Perrara shot a 42.

► **Fenton hosts JV invitational:** Fenton took second at the event held at the Coyote Preserve, while Lake Fenton finished third. Patrick Conroy led the Tigers with an 88, while Brenden Remillard shot a 100. Lake Fenton's Andrew Miller paced the Blue Devils with a 94, while Sam Berringer carded a 106.

► **Holly 165, Swartz Creek 170:** The Bronchos had four golfers score 42 or better, resulting in the victory against the Dragons. Mitchell Hughes led Holly with a 40, while Parker Rowse carded a 41. Kyle Vanboemel and Luke Harrington shot 42s.

► **Flushing 159, Linden 173:** Tony Mastin shot a 38 at Spring Meadows for medalist honors. Tyler Ziccardi shot a 43 while Trevor Sundra and Gabe Piesko shot 46s.

GIRLS LACROSSE

► **Saginaw Heritage 16, FLAX Heat 6:** The Fenton/Linden co-op lacrosse squad got three goals from Kendall Carino, but it wasn't enough to beat Saginaw Heritage. Maddie Withers, Ally Bilodeau and Lauren Klein had a goal each. In net, Natalie Miller made 16 saves on 32 shots.

BOYS LACROSSE

► **Saginaw Heritage 14, Linden/Fenton 2:** The co-op squad recorded two goals from Zack Walsh. Derrick DeLong earned an assist. In net, Adam Glomb made 13 saves while Manny Vomvolakis made eight saves.

GIRLS TENNIS

► **Fenton 7, Brandon 1:** In singles action, Madison Ballard (No. 1), Sydney Phipps (No. 2) and Katy Kurncz (No. 3) won in straight sets.

Winning doubles matches for Fenton were Abby Rachor and Sylee Kiran (No. 1), Kendra Praedel and Delaney Hudzinski (No. 2), Sarah Wakefield and Andrea Praedel (No. 3), and Caitlin Heenan and Ally Barnett (No. 4).

BASEBALL

► **Flushing 11-14, Holly 4-1:** The Bronchos had just 11 hits and made 11 errors in the twinbill, resulting in the sweep. In the opener, Peyton Molzahn, Hernan Solis and Sean Degan had singles. In the nightcap, Mason Syjud (double) and Chet Wyant had two hits, while Gage Grondin and D.J. Tennis had doubles.

SOFTBALL

► **Linden 7-1, Brandon 9-0:** Megan Klavitter tripled and scored on a passed ball in the seventh, earning the Eagles the win in the second game. Klavitter had three hits in the contest. On the mound, Christina Clemons limited Brandon to six hits. In the first game, Liz Rakowski had two hits.

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title). Seeing them so happy makes me warm and fuzzy inside. It was really cool. It was really inspiring."

I think they were excited to give them their commemorative pins. They enjoyed taking the picture with them," Lake Fenton coach Amos Rinks said about his current team meeting the squad from 20 years ago. "It's one of the things these girls aspire to. That state championship did a lot of things for the future of the program."

The Blue Devils (6-0, 14-3) did a lot of good things against Montrose on Thursday. They collected 24 hits and had two strong pitching performances. Kim Roe tossed a one-hitter in the opener, only allowing a lead-off single in the top of the fifth. She struck out four and walked two. Sheyachich scattered five hits and struck out 13, while walking two.

Offensively, the Blue Devils started the opener with four runs in the first. The big blow in the first was a three-run triple by Allison Petts. In the second inning, Roe provided a two-run home run during a three-run explosion. Lake Fenton led 7-0 and cruised from there.

In the nightcap, consecutive two-out RBI-singles by Petts and Erin Ezell put the Blue Devils up 2-0. Kalani Lau and Sheyachich had RBI-doubles during a three-run second and Melody Draeger had an RBI-single in the two-run third. The final Blue Devil run in the contest was driven in by Petts' sacrifice fly in the sixth.

Sheyachich says the Blue Devils mixture of new and veteran players is working well.

"I like how close we are," Sheyachich said. "We are so compatible together. We

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and Paige Reid defeated Abby Rachor and Sylee Kiran at No. 1 doubles 6-2, 6-4, while Michelle Major and Megan L'esperance (No. 4) won by the same score against Caitlin Heenan and Ally Barnett. Finally, Abby Graff and Kate Beauregard defeated Sarah Wakefield and Andrea Praedel at No. 3 doubles 6-4, 6-3.

Holly's sole singles win came at No. 4 where Journee Kerner won a tight 6-3, 7-6(3) match against Alyssa Branoff.

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bell, Margaret Berry, Sophia Crews and Alexis Brissette.

"This team is really close on and off the field, especially off the field," senior Brennan Sullivan said. "So whenever we play together, we all kind of know each other and know how to work with each other. We like to talk to each other. We are good with communicating.

"We trusted each other. We didn't worry about the mistakes and we just kept each other going. We just fought it out."



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Lake Fenton's Kalani Lau tags a Montrose player trying to reach second base in the Blue Devils' sweep of the Rams on Thursday night.

work really well together."

After Sheyachich's five hits, Petts had four hits in the twinbill. Draeger and Ezell had three.

Flushing 3-10, Holly 2-9

With two out in the bottom of the eighth, Flushing scored two runs on an overthrow and a wild pitch, earning the 3-2 eight-inning victory.

In the second game, Holly trailed at one time by a 10-0 deficit, but cut the

gap to 10-9, seeing the Bronchos' comeback fall just short.

In the opener, Holly's Lynn Armstrong allowed just one run and seven hits through seven innings. In the nightcap, a nine-run fifth put the Bronchos back into it.

Offensively, Jessica Ricksgers and Jessica Richmond led Holly with four hits each. Michelle Konarzewski had three hits and four stolen bases.

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Olszewski, who led the Fenton varsity boys basketball team to five Metro League championships in 11 years, recently resigned his position at Fenton so he could become the Howell varsity girls basketball coach and in the process replace the coach who he considers his mentor, Lee Piepho. Olszewski also teaches at Howell High School and graduated from Howell.

"I've taken this job because it holds the possibilities for future advancements," Olszewski said. "I have had nothing but great experiences at Fenton. I love Fenton. I thought I was going to cry when I told (Fenton athletic director) Mike Bakker. It has nothing to do with anything negative. It was a great job, working for a great AD and a great program."

For long periods of time, the Tigers were pretty great under Olszewski. He leaves Fenton with a 152-84 record overall and a 126-46 record in Metro League contests. His 126 Metro victories put Olszewski fifth on the all-time Metro varsity boys basketball list. Linden's Denny Hopkins (238 wins) leads the list while Fenton's Bob Bruder (210) is third. Fenton captured five straight Metro League crowns from



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Tim Olszewski was the varsity boys basketball coach at Fenton for 11 seasons, capturing five Metro League titles in that period of time.

the 2008-09 season through the 2012-13 season. In 2012-13, the Tigers were a perfect 16-0 in Metro games, and came one win against Powers away from a perfect 20-0 regular season overall.

"He was my first hire. I'm happy for Tim," Bakker said. "He's worked really hard. Obviously, I'm disappointed for our program because he's a great guy. He's a

great coach. he's done a great job and done a lot of good things for our program. ... He helped change the energy level and gave it his heart and soul for 11 years. He will be a difficult person to replace. ... I hate to replace a guy like that, but the reality is you always want people striving for more and that's what he is doing. If he wants to take a next step for his career professionally, I'm

all for that."

Bakker said Olszewski told him about the resignation on Monday and he received his official resignation on Wednesday. The position will be posted and a committee will be put together in the pursuit for a replacement. Bakker hopes to have a new coach before the school year is up, or at the very latest by the end of June.

In 2012, the Tigers captured their first Class A district title in school history, breaking Clarkston's 18-year run of district crowns in a 68-66 overtime victory at Swartz Creek High School. It was Fenton's first district crown at any class level since 1990 and the first one by any Metro squad since Linden won a regional in 1998. Since then, the Metro has enjoyed more success in state tourney action.

"I remember my first year like it happened yesterday," Olszewski said. "I remember specific plays. ... I remember coaching the brothers like Tyler and Kyle Hamilton and having those relationships. I remember the district championship win over Clarkston. I remember looking in the stands and thinking 'Can you believe this is where we are compared to where we were at?' I remember conversations with Trevor Kline and Tyler Szczepanski. I remember specific instances with every team over the years. The best memories involve building the relationships I've created through the years. It's been a fantastic experience."

But, when it comes to memories, one place may be able to surpass Fenton in Olszewski's mind, and that place is Howell. He played for the Highlanders when he was a student. Olszewski's first full-time coaching position was as the freshman girls basketball coach. He's coached girls AAU teams at Howell and then coached JV boys basketball. He eventually became the varsity boys basketball coach as well before moving to Fenton. He's also been teaching at the high school for 17 years.

"I graduated there, teach there and the reception there has been outstanding, very positive," Olszewski said. "Just like at Fenton, some of the memories there feel just like yesterday."

Prior to Olszewski taking the job at Fenton, the Tigers struggled to a 6-15 overall mark and a 2-12 Metro record in 2003-04. Fenton had yet to post a winning Metro League record since winning a league crown during the 1998-99 season. But that first year Olszewski wanted to improve the team's play and increase excitement into the product, and he quickly did both. The first two seasons he brought an uptempo basketball game to Fenton which drew fans to the games.

"That for sure drew excitement," Olszewski said. "But after a couple of years we weaned ourselves away from that."

His second season at Fenton the Tigers jumped to second in the Metro at 10-4, starting a run of 10 straight seasons at .500 or better in Metro action. From the 2008-09 season until the 2012-13 season, the Tigers captured five straight league titles, posting a 95-15 record overall during that period. And while the Tigers haven't been Metro contenders the last two seasons, the excitement the fans have invested in the program since Olszewski came to Fenton, remains. Arguably the crowds remain the largest and most enthusiastic in the Metro League.

"I hope I treated people respectfully and led our program with class," Olszewski said. "I wanted the program to be a positive experience for all people involved. That was the goal. There's a right way and a wrong way and I always wanted to do it the right way."

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By Sally Rummel

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- **Don't start telling** the owner what they did wrong or what you would have done different. It all goes back to the respect thing.

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It does not cost a thing to get in to see the Holly Car Show, Allsop said. They do accept donations though, which go to benefit their chosen charity, The Clarkston Lions Club.

Any charity, if it is associated with Holly, is welcome to set up a little table, Allsop said. One young lady, associated with Holly youth, brings a little machine and sells popcorn during the show every week, he added.

Allsop said he is sensitive to the

needs of downtown merchants, who keep their shops and businesses open during the car shows. "It's hard to shut the whole town down, but if everyone works with us as they have this will continue to be a great community event," he said.

Premier Auto Truck & Body in Clarkston and Bars Leak in Holly are the show's major sponsors, Allsop said. Red Devil in Holly and Holly Auto Parts are also big sponsors annually.

"Without them, we couldn't do the show," Allsop said.

Calendar of events

Aglow International - Holly
Aglow International – Holly will meet at 315 South Broad St. in Holly on **Wednesday, May 13.** Fellowship and snacks is at 9:30 a.m., followed by a meeting at 10 a.m. Julie Wamsher, Holly Aglow president will be the featured speaker and will discuss love and support of God in our lives. For more information, contact her Wamsher at (248) 841-5126 or wamsherja@gmail.com.

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will remain a two-way street throughout the construction period.

Though good-natured about it, Carol Schuler, owner of Sweet Variations at the southwest corner of Shiawassee and LeRoy, said the construction is not helping her business.

"Especially now, because the whole side of my store is torn up for the construction of the handicap ramp," she said.

The back door she once had is not gone because of an addition being constructed at the back of the building. Schuler said she has been fortunate in that she has had some nice orders for anniversaries, birthdays, etc.

"In the meantime, I am having fun watching the earth movers go back and forth," she said.

Tara Wakeham, co-owner of The Iron Grate, next door to Sweet Variations, said, "We have definitely seen a decrease in traffic. We are hoping that once the weather gets nicer, more people will be willing to walk

further to visit the stores."

Wakeham said she doesn't think everyone realizes that they can legally park on South LeRoy Street, on either side of the road.

"We've also recently opened our back door entrance and encourage patrons to come in that way," she said.

Nick Karayanis, who co-owns Round Town Cupcakes with his mother, Theresa Karayanis, said their shop is starting to experience a decrease in business, something he expects may get worse before it gets better.

"We have a lot of custom orders," he said. "But we still rely on the foot traffic."

Like The Iron Grate, customers are welcome to enter Round Town Cupcakes from the back door, which faces the municipal parking lot.

According to Linda Kelly of Rejuve Ave., the corner location makes it convenient for customers to continue getting in and out of the business.

"We have a back door and a front door and our customers have always used both."

“We are hoping that once the weather gets nicer, more people will be willing to walk further to visit the stores.”

Tara Wakeham
Co-owner The Iron Grate



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Vek's Auto Service is located in the heart of Dibbleville — and also in the heart of streetscape construction.

Streetscape Update

According to Assistant City Manager Mike Burns, who also serves as the director for Fenton's Downtown Development Authority (DDA), there will be one lane of traffic open on LeRoy Street during 95 percent of the construction project.

"Next week, however, Shiawassee will be completely shut down for a day or two, from LeRoy to Adelaide," he said.

The Streetscape project is being conducted in two phases in order to minimize the impact on traffic and area business. The north end of the project, near the Cornerstone building, will not be started until the south side is done, he said.

The entire project, which involves mainly infrastructure, road and sidewalk repairs and improvements, is being completed to calm traffic and improve walkability in the downtown area, Burns said.

It was not intended to improve parking, although once complete, eight new parking spots will have been added.

The road will be completed and a two-way again by no later than mid-November, Burns said. "Spring planting and some landscape restoration will take place next spring."

Burns said they are doing everything they can to assist the downtown business owners during this time. "We meet every Wednesday morning at 8 a.m.," said Burns. "Everyone is welcome to attend and the first thing we address are the public's concerns."

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Zonta Cub of Fenton is hosting its eighth annual "Driving Against Domestic Violence" golf scramble on Sunday, May 17 at The Majestic at Lake Walden. Proceeds will benefit the YWCA Safe House, a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. The Majestic at Lake Walden is located at 9600 Crouse Rd., in Howell. Cost is \$84 per person or \$340 per team. Cost covers green fees, cart, light lunch, dinner, and awards and prizes. Sponsors for this charity outing are also sought. For more information and the registration form, go to fentonzontaclub.com.

Upgrades at Linden gas station



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Systems are upgraded by R.W. Mercer Company at the Beacon and Bridge gas station in Linden Tuesday. The store manager said the installation had nothing to do with underground gasoline leaks linked to the station in November. The upgrades included refurbished pumps and a siphon line for two of the underground gas tanks.

POSTAL WORKER

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was under investigation by the Postal Inspector. The detective is awaiting word from the postal inspector with regard to the investigation.

Lori Murray, who lives on the route Hughes used to deliver mail on for years said she remembers him as a nice man. "It's very sad," she said. "He was a private, but nice man and all of our neighborhood will miss him very much."

Just after noon on Wednesday, Mundy Township police officers responded to Hughes' home on Hill Road, between Linden and Jennings roads. The postal inspector had asked the police department to check on Hughes, as they had not heard from him as scheduled.

While the officers were on Hughes' front porch and knocking on the front door, they heard a single gun shot. The officers immediately backed off and called for back-up.

In addition to Mundy Township police, police from Swartz Creek, Flint Township and Grand Blanc Township responded to the area. The Michigan State Police Emergency Response Team was also called in for assistance. Neering said a county parks employee was also on hand for assistance.

Hill Road between Jennings and Linden roads was shut down and the daycare center at Linden and Hill roads was placed on lock-down. The high school and middle school in Swartz Creek also were placed in lock-down, as well as nearby neighborhoods. The road closure and lock-downs were done as a precautionary measure.

Once the home and surrounding area was secured, Neering said the MSP Emergency Response Team approached the home. When they entered the home, they observed Hughes, who appeared to be dead. He lived alone and there were no other people inside the house Wednesday afternoon.

The road was opened for traffic again about 5:30 p.m. and Mundy Township police cleared the scene at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Because of the many rumors surrounding the incident, this story will be updated continuously as more information becomes available from investigators.

Because of the investigation, Elizabeth Najdich, communications director with the United State Postal Service, was not at liberty to say any more than that Hughes' employment had been terminated prior to Wednesday's incident.

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I KNOW A lot of people slam science because they feel part of science is trying to disprove God's existence or discredit the Bible's version of creation through evolution. But if those same people get cancer, they will want 2015 science, not 1492 science.

I COULD DIG up something I don't like on every presidential candidate. Shocking? Hardly. If they were honest, hard working everyday people, they wouldn't be politicians.

EXTORTION, BULLYING, THREATS, slander, lies and deception are the tools of a politician. A good heart is required to be a leader. Don't get the two confused.

DOUBLE STANDARD? AMERICA applauds the black mother smacking her 16-year-old son. Where is 'child protective services?' Clearly a case of child abuse. Both can't be right!

I HAVE A close relative who works for the VA. She says everything you've heard about the VA is absolutely true. Workers are always looking for ways to up their bonuses by padding statistics.

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TRY BEING ON Shiawassee and South LeRoy around the construction. It's almost as bad driving around the potholes by State Road school.

COPS EVERYWHERE HAVE the scariest jobs ever, especially now since so many high-ranking politicians are so disrespectful toward their profession. They put their lives on the line every day to protect all citizens. I can only imagine what it's like to be their spouse.

THERE IS NOT much competition in road building. That's why the costs are so high. There are not enough businesses that do the work, and the barriers to enter the business are huge.

HARTLAND RESIDENTS, LOOK at your winter tax bill and see what you are currently paying to the Cromaine Library. Isn't that enough? Vote 'No' on May 5.

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