

THE MANY FACES OF MODERN MOMS

HAPPY
MOTHER'S DAY



■ Mothers today face a variety of challenges and joys

By Vera Hogan | 810-433-6823

Mothers today are a diverse group of women living unique lives, often with challenging and joyful experiences. But one thing can be said for most moms — they love their children with all their hearts and will do everything and anything, even if it means sacrificing their own needs, to ensure their happiness and success. **See MOMS on 13A**

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Angie Seyfried
relaxes with her
son, Nolan, 4, and
daughter, Blaire, 2.

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Local Prop 1 results mirror state results

■ Less than 20 percent of Fenton voters bother to go to polls

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Michigan voters rejected the controversial Proposal 1, which would have increased state sales tax from 6 to 7 percent, by more than a million votes statewide Tuesday.

Much like the rest of the state, an average of just over 80 percent of the tri-county area voters shot down Proposal 1, with 82 percent of the city of Fenton voters saying 'no,' and 79 percent voting against it in the city of Linden.

An even higher percentage of Fenton Township voters said 'no' to Proposal 1, with 86 percent voting 'no' to 13 percent voting 'yes.' According to Fenton Township Operations Manager/Deputy Clerk Tom Broecker, the township had a 27.3-percent voter turnout.

See PROP 1 on 8A

Hogs go wild in Holly



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On Sunday, the sound of motorcycle motors of every generation rumbled off the buildings of historic downtown Holly. It was beautiful weather for The River Church's Rally @ Battle Alley, which is incredibly popular and in its 18th year. There was live music, vendors, the blessing of the bikes and a raffle. The guest of honor was Ron Finch, acclaimed custom bike builder. Approximately 600 bikes filled downtown bringing in more than 700 visitors. **See more photos online at tctimes.com.**



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The nearly \$2 million project is almost complete. New classrooms, a studio and structural improvements were all made to the 78-year-old community center.

Fenton community center's \$2 million project almost done

■ Open houses this week give donors and residents a chance to see new updates, addition

By Sally Rummel
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Fenton has always been a destination for people interested in the fine arts and community events that feature local talent. Now, these dreams for an expanded, updated facility have come to a

See PROJECT on 21A

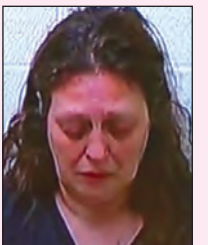
Grandmother heading to court Monday

■ Preliminary exam set for woman charged with murdering Fenton man

By Vera Hogan | vhogan@tctimes.com

Mary Bigford, 51, of Lake is expected to appear in the Isabella County District Court 76 in Mt. Pleasant on Monday. Her preliminary exam has been scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on May 11. She remains lodged at the Isabella County Jail.

See GRANDMOTHER on 23A



Mary
Bigford

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“Here’s an idea, all the liberals who want to inflict their life-controlling legislation on the rest of us should move to Oregon and California and pass all the anti-gun, organic, vehicle mpg, abortion, anti-business, punitive taxation and lifestyle-control laws they want. I will gladly chip in for gas to get them there.”

“Why are tips taxed? If I decide to give a tip to someone with my own money that I have already paid taxes on, why would it then be subject to taxation again?”

What’s next? Taxation of the 10 bucks I send my nephew for his birthday?”

“When questioning that the TC Times won newspaper of the year keep this in mind. The paper allows all opinions to be expressed and you cannot complain just because the opinions don’t always agree with yours. It is great that readers can express their opinions on a myriad of topics.”



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OF THE WEEK**

“Less than one out of every five eligible Fenton voters bothered to vote? No wonder any special interest group can get anything they want passed in Fenton, such as a \$30 million bond we’ll be paying on for 20 years.”

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Kristen and Austin Saber of Fenton Township learn the sex of their baby, due in late September, while they are surrounded by family and friends at a party on April 29. Per instructions from Kristen, the hospital clerk called the baker with the gender information. When they cut into the cake, the pink frosting revealed that the Sabers were having a girl.

Is it a boy... or a girl?

■ Creativity, excitement builds with gender reveal celebrations

By Sally Rummel

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Kristen Saber, 25, of Fenton Township knows all about having babies. As a nurse in the University of Michigan Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, she spends her nights taking care of other people's babies.

"I'm used to being a little sleep-deprived," admits this mom-to-be, who is expecting a baby on Sept. 23 with her husband, Austin, 26.

The couple planned a gender-reveal party in April, after undergoing an ultrasound when Kristen was about 19 weeks pregnant. But she asked the ultra-

See **BOY OR GIRL** on 22A

SUMMARY

■ Having a baby is the perfect time to enjoy surprising family and friends with the news of a pregnancy or sex of the baby, using creative ideas at parties or on Facebook.



Giving birth in 2015

■ Women have many options when having babies — from midwives to birthing suites

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Kate Middleton and Prince William aren't the only couple in the world excited about having a baby in 2015.

Sarah and Terrance Schemansky of Fenton are welcoming their first child this summer, filled with all the expectant joy and trepidation that first-time parenthood brings to most couples.

"We never really set out to get pregnant with this baby, but we decided not to try NOT to have one either," said Terrance, 40, a music promoter and local musician. "When Sarah told me to come downstairs because she had something to show me, I thought maybe there were deer outside our window or something like that. But then she told me she was pregnant. That's what we focus on every day now."

The couple has decided not to find out the gender of their child, wanting the

See **GIVING BIRTH** on 12A

“Women are the most satisfied with their birth experience when they've had some element of participation and control.”

Lyric Walsh, MS, CNM
Hurley Birthing Center



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Sarah and Terrance Schemansky look at the gifts received at her first baby shower.

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Mom's hands

This column is published every Mother's Day. It was originally published in 2004.

A friend sent me an email the other day that got me thinking about my mom's hands.

For me, Mom's hands are the first thing that comes to mind when I think of her. Some days I can recall them more clearly than her face. Often they were red and raw from hot dishwater, wrinkled from bath water, and battle-scarred from years of accidental burns from scorching skillets and hot irons. But they were the most important hands in my life — and they were beautiful to me.

Mom's hands reached out from the delivery room for me and each of my six brothers and sisters in the first few moments of our life and never really let go until the

day she died.

Mom's hands spent countless hours spoon-feeding a seemingly endless parade of babies from endless jars of Gerber strained vegetables and fruits. They changed our diapers, washed our faces, combed our hair and wiped our runny noses. They reached out and caught us when, as toddlers, we crashed to the floor while learning to walk. They held our trembling bodies when we awakened from bad dreams in the middle of the night.

Mom's hands dried our tears and applied Band-aids to our scraped knees and elbows. They buttoned our coats, pulled on our mittens and taught us to tie our shoes. They waved a finger an inch from our noses when we misbehaved and washed our mouths out with Ivory soap when we were disrespectful.

Mom's hands prepared an incalculable number of meals to feed her family. They transformed flour, sugar, spices and apples

into award-winning pies.

They took thousands of photos of birthday parties, graduations and weddings. They clapped at hundreds of plays, little league games, award ceremonies and ballet recitals. They tied bows on countless birthday and Christmas gifts.

Mom's hands proudly displayed her wedding ring to show the world that she had married the love of her life. They shook in fists of anger when she was hurt or angry.

They trembled when she wrote weekly letters to my older brother serving his country in Vietnam. They folded in prayer each night before she slept. They shook when she buried a son, her parents and her baby sister.

They eagerly turned the pages of textbooks and proudly accepted a college diploma when she attained her dream of becoming a nurse after her children were grown. They lovingly cradled each of her

dozen grandchildren.

Mom's hands held the hands of countless relatives, friends, neighbors and patients who sought her comfort in times of need.

When, near death, she couldn't walk, couldn't see and couldn't speak, her hands could still weakly squeeze our hands in acknowledgement of our presence right up until mere hours before she died.

And it was these same hands that God reached out and took hold of when He took her home.

Mothers are God's most precious and under-appreciated gift. If I were King, every day would be Mother's Day. I'd give anything I possess if I could, just for a moment, to hold my mom's hands in my hands again.

To all moms — Happy Mother's Day.

Opinions offered in If I Were King are the author's alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email the King at king@tctimes.com. Some content adapted from the internet.

By Foster Childs



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All submissions, if approved for publication, must be 50 words or less and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Tri-County Times. We reserve the right to edit for clarity, length and liability.

DO NOT PUT cayenne pepper around your garden. Rabbits cannot blink and it will blind them and make them susceptible to predators and traffic.

WELL, I DO have to thank the Tri-County Times for giving us the articles called Michigan Votes. Had I not read the proposed legislation, or current bills, I would not have realized how difficult it is to really understand the way these are written. No wonder we have problems.

THE MOM SEEN disciplining her son on TV during the protest was right in the way she did it. Her son was involved with a crowd that was killing cops, looting businesses and attacking the media. She effectively stopped him from becoming a stereotyped statistic. Good for her.

JUST RECEIVED A phone scam from a 503-000-1235 phone number. Indian speaking man stating he was from I-Fix and that he worked with Microsoft and was getting error messages from my computer. He wanted me to run a program. Just warning people to be careful and don't fall for it.

CHANGING THE LAWS to prevent discrimination against gays doesn't affect you or your kids. You are obviously just intolerant even though you probably pretend to follow Jesus.

CAN SOMEONE EXPLAIN how in the Oath that is taken by United States citizens when they enter federal jobs such as the armed services that 'Preserve and Protect,' translates into bringing deadly viruses into the country?

IT WAS NICE to hear Gov. Snyder admit charter schools are having most of the same problems as public schools. It's

not OK to weaken and undermine the financial stability of public schools just to destroy the teachers union on the back of generations of children.

THE VARSITY SOFTBALL coach needs to remember those girls don't play the game because of him, they play because of their love of the game. It's the girls who work their butts off in the off-season, as well the regular season, who are the program. I think you have you have forgotten that. Go Blue Devils!

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Readers write

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Raise smoking age to 21

Dear Editor,
I am writing in response to the article 'Should the smoking age be raised to 21?' I believe raising the minimum age to purchase tobacco to 21 would be a great stride for Genesee County. During the years from ages 18-21, youthful experimentation often accelerates into daily use. It's a time when the brain is highly vulnerable to the effects of an addictive drug like nicotine. Exposure during this period may result in permanent neurological receptor changes that lead to a lifetime nicotine habit and resulting illness. Raising the nicotine/tobacco age also better protects younger teens, as 90 percent of those who provide cigarettes to kids under 18 are under 21. As a result, raising the age to 21 has been shown to reduce youth smoking. As a parent working hard to raise my children to embrace healthy behaviors and reject industry targeting and peer influence, I support this initiative.

— Carri Chanter, Fenton

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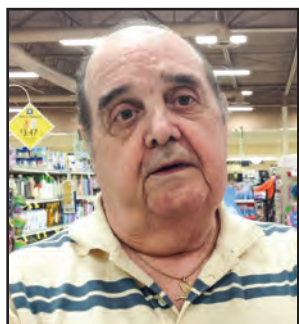
What was your favorite memory of your mom?

streettalk



"How much fun she was and she was always there when you needed her."

Carole Binns
Fenton Township



"When I was about 5-6 years old, she used to let me watch trains while I ate my lunch."

Larry Osterman
Fenton



"My mom was a wonderful woman and everything she did was memorable."

Evelyn Bertschy
Fenton



"Her being in the room with me when I gave birth to my daughter."

Chrissandra Padilla
Holly



"She was a wonderful woman and wonderful grandma to my kids."

Rosie Quinn
Tyrone Township



"Going up north on vacation for the week and going to Lake Michigan because it was always a happy time."

Shanon Darga, Fenton

Police&Fire
report

MAN STOPS BREATHING,
DRUGS BEING TESTED

At 1:20 p.m. on May 3, Fenton police responded to a home in the 800 block of Second Street for a 38-year-old male not breathing. Lt. Jason Slater said responding officers made contact with a female who said she found the man, unconscious. When she began CPR, he awakened and began vomiting. Police recovered an unknown white powder along with drug paraphernalia from the bathroom. The substance was sent to the crime lab for analysis. Charges are pending the results from the crime lab. The man admitted to using drugs. He was transported to Genesys for medical care.

STOLEN CADILLAC FOUND IN WOODS

At 10:50 a.m. on May 1, Fenton police responded to a wooded area near North Lemen and Dauner on a report of an abandoned vehicle. A 45-year-old Fenton woman walking her dog discovered a 2001 Cadillac CTS4 partially covered with twigs and grass. Two tires were missing. It appeared as if the car was driven on just the rims. A computer check revealed the car had been reported stolen out of Holly. Holly police were advised of the discovery and they sent out a tow truck. Holly police have a person of interest for the theft.

TEENS HARASS SHOPPERS

At 11:50 p.m. on May 3, Fenton police responded to a retail store in the 3700 block of Owen Road on a report of four teens harassing people as they entered through the garden area. Police observed two males but they denied harassing anyone. They then spotted two additional males approaching them, one of whom was a 19-year-old Grand Blanc resident. As police spoke with him, they detected the odor of intoxicants. He refused the PBT and was cited for Under 21 consumption. He was lodged at the police station overnight. Police learned he had an outstanding arrest warrant from Holly and was released to Holly police for his arraignment. The other three teens were released to their parents.

OPEN BEER FOUND IN WOMAN'S CAR

At 6:45 p.m. on May 1, a Fenton police officer clocked a 1995 Grand Prix traveling 50 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone on South Holly Road. A traffic stop was initiated. The 21-year-old Fenton woman admitted that she did not have a valid license. Police recovered open beer and drug paraphernalia from her car. She was issued a June 22 court appearance ticket for open intoxicants and driving on a suspended license.

TEENS CITED FOR DRINKING

At 3:20 a.m. on May 4, Fenton police observed a male and female talking loudly in a driveway in the 100 block of North Adelaide Street. As the officer approached, the couple said they were just having a discussion. The officer detected a strong odor of intoxicants. The 19-year-old Linden female registered a .247 on the PBT and the 18-year-old Fenton male registered a .126. They were both issued court appearance tickets for June 29 for Under 21 consumption. The couple said they were at a party.



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Walk into the patio showroom at Grand Blanc Outdoors and you feel immediately like you are on vacation. Stylish yet durable American-made outdoor living furniture sets look inviting for relaxing and dining, creatively set among off-set umbrellas, fire pits and other indoor/outdoor décor. You're surrounded by beautiful furniture and accessories that fuel your imagination for your own home's outdoor possibilities.

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Eastman loves walking customers through the easy, streamlined process of designing their very own unique outdoor furniture, then having it arrive in time for a full summer of outdoor living. "You'll love the quality of American made outdoor furniture," added Eastman. "It comes with a 15-year warranty."

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it will last for years on your waterfront deck or other outdoor living areas.

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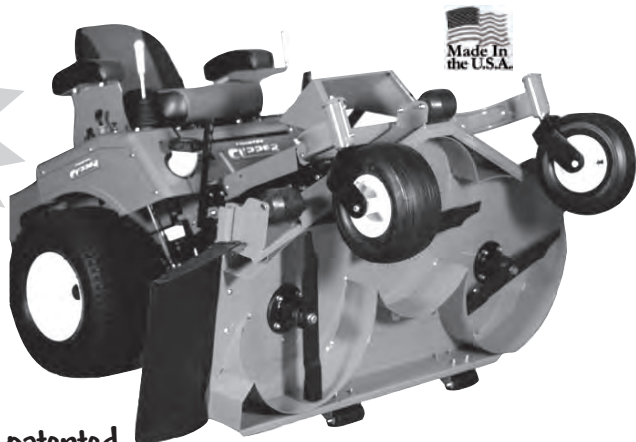
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Monument honoring vets killed in action finds home in Holly

Holly VFW Honor Guard to provide military honors at dedication

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The Holly VFW Honor Guard Unit has been selected to provide military honors at a dedication ceremony at 10 a.m. on May 16 (Armed Forces Day) at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly Township.

At this ceremony, a bronze monument inscribed with the names of 68 men and titled "We Will Remember Them" will be dedicated. This monument, dating back to 1946, will be permanently on display at the cemetery.

Art Ingraham, a member of the Holly VFW Post 5587, a Vietnam veteran and a member of the Holly Honor Guard Unit shares the history of this monument and why this dedication ceremony is so important to the Alumni Association and the Holly VFW members.

Ingraham said this story actually dates back to 1916, when the Henry Ford Trade School opened its doors in Highland Park. The school had six boys and one instructor. Founded by Henry Ford, the all-boys school gave underprivileged boys an opportunity to help support themselves, and their families.

In 1952, Ford Trade School closed its doors and merged with Dearborn Junior College, known today as Henry Ford Community College. In its 35 years of existence, the trade school graduated more than 8,000 students.

According to Ingraham, in 1946, at the 30th anniversary commemoration of the trade school, Henry Ford II addressed the 1,400 attendees. More than 1,000 of his students served in World War II and of



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A dedication ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 16 at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly Township to establish a final home for this monument. The Holly Honor Guard has been selected to provide full military honors.

those men, 68 of them paid the ultimate price for freedom by giving up their lives for their country.

During this event, a presentation was made to honor those men by the Trade School Alumni Association and the bronze plaque mentioned earlier was presented to the Henry Ford Trade School.

Last August, the Veterans Administration at the Great Lakes National Cemetery approved the alumni association's accommodation request and the bronze plaque will remain on site to serve as a reminder that freedom is not free, and we must never forget the men who gave their lives for their country and our freedom.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I TOLD MY wife Joe Graves is a role model. If he has the courage to do nothing I can too!

I VOTED TODAY for Proposal 1. Didn't want to, but fixing our roads and better funding for local government and schools is important to me. Republicans control the state and just don't have the political courage to say 'no' to big business and do what's right for the people.

VILLAGE OF HOLLY water complainer.

Call the village offices. You can buy a second meter and separate your outdoor (non-sewer) water use from the indoor water you use that goes into the sewer.

DON'T KNOW IF this qualifies as a Hot line, but something needs to be done about the horrible smell in the parking area off Owen Road, just west of U.S. 23. A restaurant manager said the septic is backed up and the city refuses to act on it.

WITH THE VOTE results in on Proposal 1, the voters didn't just say 'No.' They said 'H-E-Double-Hockey- Sticks No.'

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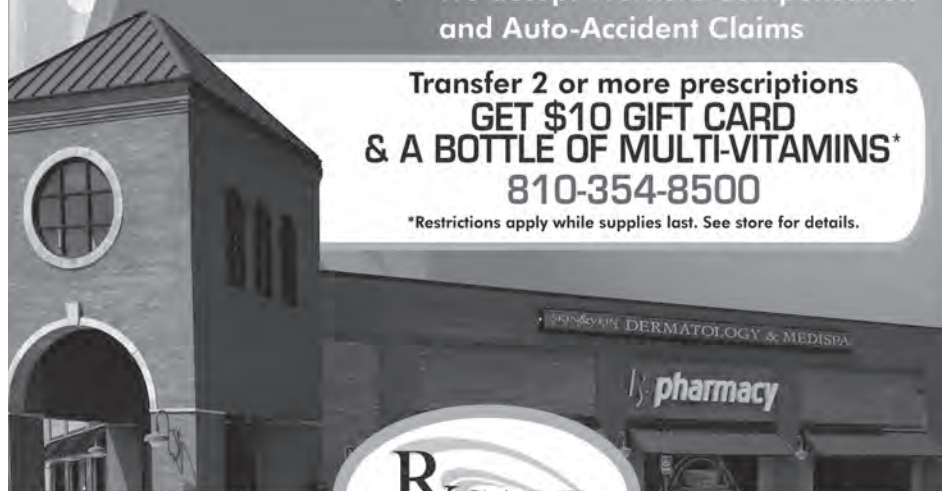
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■ Learn how to protect your computer and devices from cyber thieves

By Vera Hogan

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Whether it is a big name bank or major department store chain, it seems like not a day goes by that people don't hear about some type of computer hacking or security breach.

There are steps people can take to protect their personal information and personal computers and avoid becoming the victims of cyber thieves.

A special agent in the FBI's cyber division offers some great advice. The following are some key steps to protecting your computer from intrusion:

- **Keep your firewall turned on.** A firewall helps protect your computer from hackers who might try to gain access to crash it, delete information, or even steal passwords or other sensitive information. Software firewalls are widely recommended for single computers.

- **Install or update your antivirus software.**

Antivirus software is designed to prevent malicious software programs from embedding on your computer. If it detects malicious code, like a virus or a worm, it works to disarm or remove it.

- **Install or update your anti-spyware**

technology. Spyware is just what it sounds like, software that is surreptitiously installed on your computer to let others peer into your activities on the computer. Some spyware collects information about you without your consent or produces unwanted pop-up ads on your web browser. Be wary of ads on the Internet offering downloadable antispyware as in some cases these products may be fake and may actually contain spyware or other malicious code.

- **Keep your operating system current.** Computer operating systems are periodically updated to stay in tune with technology requirements and to fix security holes.

- **Be careful what you download.** Carelessly downloading email attachments can circumvent even the most vigilant anti-virus software. Never open an email

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Financial Q&A

Retirement Savings

Am I contributing enough to my 401(k), 403(b), 457, or Retirement account?

For 2015, the maximum amount you can save into these accounts is \$18,000 per year for those under age 50, and \$24,000 for those 50 and older under the catch up provision. If you are self-employed or own your own business you can defer up to \$53,000 per year. We always recommend trying to max out your 401k as fast as you can. Once you get into a max habit you'll rack up some nice bucks in no time. Remember, the contribution to your 401k is pre-tax so an \$18,000 contribution is more like \$12,735 less from your paycheck a year if we use a 25% effective tax rate and 4.25% Michigan tax rate. Today most people do not have pensions so the need for increased elective deferrals is more important than ever.

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“Here's a test. Take a walk down into your basement, and look up at the ceiling for thin sheets of tin nailed between your floor joists. These are your cold air return lines. Give them a good pounding. Do you see puffs of dust seeping out of the edges? That, my friends, is the reason you have uncontrollable dust problems, and this debris cannot be removed without the help of a professional.

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By: Dr. Juan Alvarado,
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WHAT CAN I DO FOR RED ITCHY EYES?

Eyes that become irritated, red, and predominantly itchy are usually suffering from allergic conjunctivitis. The conjunctiva is the clear membrane over the white part of the eye or sclera. Mildly red itchy eye may be helped with just using cold compresses and/or over the counter products such as Visine or Vasocon-A.

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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PROP 1**Continued from Front Page**

a bit higher than his earlier projection.

According to Fenton City Clerk Renee Wilson, a total of 1,762 voters cast their ballot on Tuesday, representing an 18.7-percent turnout. There were 1,492 'no' votes and 270 'yes' votes for Proposal 1.

Linden Clerk Lynn Henry reported a 31-percent voter turnout, with 920 voters casting their ballots. On Proposal 1, the 'no' votes totaled 756, and 'yes' votes totaled 164.

Proposal 1 was intended to help fund Michigan road improvements by \$1.2 billion, but had other funding measures attached to it, something many voters said they found suspicious.

Kimberly McCarthy is one voter who says she is not surprised by the results. "People aren't interested in giving more dollars to a government they don't trust to allocate those funds appropriately," she said. "Would they really fix the roads?"

State Sen. Jim Ananich (27th District), who also is the Senate Majority Leader, made this statement Tuesday night, "We know Michiganders want the roads fixed. What we heard tonight was that they're

tired of bearing the brunt of funding everything while wealthy corporations and insurance companies get billions in giveaways.

"Working families have sacrificed enough, paying more than \$1.6 billion in new taxes since 2011. It's time for everyone to chip in; no more one-sided sacrifice by working families.

"We need a sustainable solution for Michigan's roads that doesn't overburden working families and doesn't rob funding from schools, police and fire protection."

The vote count statewide was 1,405,716 against Proposal 1, with 349,813 voters supporting it. Genesee County saw a 20.6 percent voter turnout, with 55,460 voting against the proposal, and 11,517 casting their ballots in favor of it.

There was a slightly higher voter turnout in Oakland County at 27.4 percent. "No" votes in Oakland totaled 194,956, and "yes" votes at 57,526. Livingston County had the highest voter turnout Tuesday at 30.4 percent, with 35,788 voting against Proposal 1 and 6,436 voting for it.

While all precincts had been counted, all election results were unofficial Wednesday morning.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

SCHOOLS GET AUDITED and provide financial information every year. It is nothing new. People only notice when there is a problem. If it is someone else's school then they just don't care at all.

I WOULD RATHER have the 'blight' of the big blue trash bins than the blight of all the trash some people dump to avoid purchasing tags.

ELECTION OVER, GAS prices up. We knew that was going to happen.

YOU FIND it 'disgusting' that the King references flight 9525, but you don't find it disgusting that our president is a racist, dishonest serial liar who hates America?

SINCE OUR STATE congress will always give big business tax breaks (corporate welfare) how about just changing all the tax laws so all businesses get treated the same no matter how big. Small business gets hammered in Michigan. It's time for big corporations to pay a little.

MICHIGAN VOTES**WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON RECENTLY**

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released on Friday, May 1.

House Bill 4409: Repeal welfare recipient "extender" subsidies

To repeal a law that requires the state to send \$10 per month for six months to former welfare recipients who no longer qualify. The House Fiscal Agency reports the extra payments cost the state \$116,400 annually.

Passed 110 to 0 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO**Senate Bill 271: Ban "two for one" or "all you can drink" sales at bars**

To prohibit bars and restaurants from offering "all you can drink" for a fixed price or "two for the price of one" promotions and sales.

Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)

☒ YES ☐ NO**House Bill 4151: Repeal criminal sanctions for minor with BB pistol**

To repeal a law that makes it a misdemeanor for a minor unaccompanied by an adult to possess a BB pistol except in his or her own home or yard.

Passed 30 to 7 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)

☒ YES ☐ NO**House Bill 4154: Revise firearms definition to exclude air guns**

To revise the definition of "firearm" in the law that authorizes hunting and fishing regulations, so that it no longer applies to "air soft" or paint ball guns. Restrictions would still apply to use in the field of BB or pellet guns (precision versions of the latter are often used for hunting). This is part of a package that revises the definition of "firearm" in other statutes so it no longer applies to BB, pellet, paint ball or "air-soft" guns.

Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)

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The industrial park is home to the Tri-County Times and a variety of other unique businesses.

Fenton industrial park thrives due in part to tax breaks

■ Creative Foam, Tri-County Times, Altas Technologies and dozens more make up popular business area

By Vera Hogan

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The final story of a series focusing on the development of Fenton over the years.

Let's face it, regardless of where one lives, there is nothing too exciting about an industrial park — except in Fenton there is one thing — tax incentives.

Operating under the stewardship of the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA), which like Fenton's Downtown Development Authority (DDA), is able to capture a percentage of tax dollars for the benefit of the LDFA district. In Fenton's case, the majority of the LDFA district is in the industrial park. A part of the industrial park property is located in the DDA district.

According to Assistant City Manager Mike Burns, industrial/manufacturing businesses also have the option of applying for Public Act 198 Industrial Facility Tax Credits (IFTC). "This would allow for tax credit on new investment for industrial/manufacturing property and expansion," Burns said. "The credit is a 12-year credit and Council usually will consider granting the credit for five years initially and when that time expires Council will reconsider extending the credit to the 12th year."

Many companies have come and gone from the industrial park, which was built

in 1970, over the years, one of the oldest of which was Excel Corporation, a non-unionized corporation that built complex test machines, parts and robotics machinery, mainly for the big three automakers. When the company closed its doors 15 years ago, after 35 years in business, it resulted in the loss of nearly 120 jobs.

Although the economy was fairly prosperous at the time, company President Timothy Barrow said, "It has just been an accumulation of things over the last few years. We were losing money, things were up and down over the years and we were never able to recover from a large contract we took on with one of the big three."

Employees lost more than just their jobs. Because Excel offered its employees stock ownership, many lost between \$25,000 and \$100,000.

Atlas Technologies also is among the oldest employers in the industrial park. It is known around the world for supplying custom

automation solutions to its customers. Their designs often include standard, modular components that have been developed and continuously improved over their 50 years in the industry.

Creative Foam, too, has remained steadfast as a major industrial park employer, and even plans to build in the near future on the site of the old Fenton Cinema grounds. The company, in business for more than 40 years, is a major provider of engineered solutions in die-cut, formed foams and composite core kitting.

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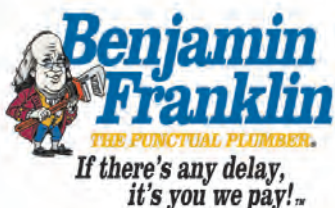
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HACKING

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attachment from someone you don't know, and be wary of forwarded attachments from people you do know.

• **Turn off your computer.** With the growth of high-speed Internet connections, many opt to leave their computers on and ready for action. The downside is that being "always on" renders computers more susceptible. Beyond firewall protection, which is designed to fend off unwanted attacks, turning the computer off effectively severs an attacker's connection.

According to Money.cnn.com, there are a number of simple things computer users can do right now to better protect themselves against hackers and unwanted surveillance.

• **Install the HTTPS Everywhere browser extension.** HTTPS Everywhere is an add-on for Chrome, Firefox and Opera that ensures that whenever you visit a site that offers data encryption, you're using it. You can check whether a site offers encryption by looking at the address in your browser and seeing whether it begins with "https," as opposed to "http" or "www." The "s" stands for "secure."

• **Be diligent with software updates.** When companies discover vulnerabilities in their software that hackers can exploit, they send out security patches to solve the problem that appears in the form of pop-ups or download prompts.

• **Two-factor authentication.** Services like Facebook, Twitter and Google's Gmail offer a feature known as two-factor authentication, which works with your smartphone to add an extra layer of security when you're logging in. After you have entered your password, you are

prompted to enter a numeric code that is sent to your phone via text message or generated by a mobile app.

• **Tape over your cameras.** Even when your webcam isn't in use, sophisticated hackers can activate it remotely, giving them a virtual peephole into your home. But there is an easy fix for this — just put a piece of electrical tape or a Post-It note over the camera when not in use.

• **Stow your phone.** Just like they can access video from your webcam, hackers can listen in on your private activities by remotely activating the internal mic in your smartphone. Keep your phone stored out of earshot in a separate room when you know you will not be using it.

• **Browse anonymously.** Without precautions in place, most Web users leave a digital trail that makes it easy for those with just a bit of technical sophistication to figure out every site visited. The "Tor" web browser solves that problem by bouncing your communications to computers all over the world, preventing the sites you visit from learning your location and preventing any third parties trying to monitor you. Download the software for free at torproject.org.

Sources: fbi.com and money.cnn.com

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- Advance Computer Experts, 1459 N. LeRoy Street, Fenton; (810) 629-0684.
- Most local banks have information of this nature on their websites.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IF ANY OF allegations against Hillary had even a hint of truth she would be under indictment. Mudslinging is easy. Just repeat lies over and over and they become facts in some people's eyes.

■ ■ ■
WHY DOESN'T THE city of Fenton enforce the RV parking ordinances in the city? The ordinance says the purpose is to promote the public health, safety and welfare and to preserve property values. It would be appreciated by many residents and make the city's streets look nicer.

■ ■ ■
WHY DO ALL the liberals, who stick their very large noses into everyone

else's business, give McDonald's such a hard time but ignore places that sell tobacco, firearms or alcohol? One word comes to mind — hypocrites.

■ ■ ■
GOOD MORNING, AMERICA! Coffee's ready. Oh yeah, memo to 'Republican War on Women' talkers, take a hike!

■ ■ ■
YAY REPUBLICANS! WAY to go. It's just a shame that Mr. Obama will now executive order everything he wants his way. Keep up the good work GOP.

■ ■ ■
TWO-PARTY GRIDLOCK is over. Now the stage is being set for one-party gridlock. We have been here before and it didn't work back then either.

GROVELAND TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS LEGAL NOTICE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Z 2015-001 WALDRON (GORDONWOOD)

Proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 21.00.00 of the code of the Township of Groveland. Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Groveland Township Hall, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442 for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the proposed amendment. The amendment, if adopted by the Groveland Township Board, would revise the Groveland Township codified Ordinances, as amended, and change the zoning map text of the Township of Groveland of the following described property as follows:

Z 2015-001, Waldron (Gordonwood), Sec. 13. G 02-13-200-002 from REC (Recreation) to RE/F (Rural Estate Farm). The existing parcel contains 178.06 acres and is zoned REC. The applicant is requesting the east property consisting of 70 acres, a separate five acre parcel and three parcels consisting of five acres each along Grange Hall Road be rezoned to RE/F. The remaining 96.56 acres would remain zoned REC."

Proposed language for the amendment is available at the Township Office during regular business hours. If you are unable to attend the meeting your written comments are welcome prior to the night of the meeting, or you can telephone (248) 634-4152.

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Bad Breath

Chronic bad breath, probably the most widespread and misunderstood health related condition in the world.

Bad breath is caused by Anaerobes (without oxygen) sulfur producing bacteria, located on the tongue and in the throat. These bacteria are necessary for the break down of foods, mucous/phlegm and blood. They thrive in an environment without oxygen. For example, between the fibers of the tongue.

Chronic bad breath may not be as simple as poor oral hygiene habits. People who suffer with post nasal drip, sinus or medical conditions requiring mouth drying medications, are more prone, due to low levels of oxygen. In most cases bad breath can be controlled with good daily brushing, flossing before you brush and regular visits to the dentist.

For those who suffer from chronic bad breath, there may be steps to lessen the severity. Review your diet, avoid foods and mouthwash high in drying agents (alcohol), citrus foods and drink plenty of water. Most important, consult your local dentist and hygienist to rule out a more serious problem.

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excitement of that moment of delivery.

At age 38, Sarah's age automatically puts her in the high-risk category for a first-time mother. A patient at the new Hurley Birthing Center in Flint, she at first saw physicians because of her high-risk status, but now she's back on her regular monthly appointments with a certified nurse midwife (CNM). "We're trying to do a natural birth," said Sarah.

Hurley Medical Center opened its birthing center in March with eight full-time midwives and the support of OB-GYN staff physicians. "We've had eight deliveries so far and have 8 babies due in May," said Lyric Walsh, MS, CNM of Mid-Michigan Midwifery at Hurley.

More women are choosing to use the services of a midwife for a more personal touch, according to Walsh. "We're the experts on vaginal births. We work collaboratively with our physician backups who support women having babies with midwives. Women are the most satisfied with their birth experience when they've had some element of participation and control."

Hurley is also the only hospital in Genesee, Lapeer and Shiawassee counties with a Level III Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit for any medical situations that arise after birth.

The Family Birthing Center at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc averages about 2,100 births per year, according to Dr. Mark Lewis, medical director of the Genesys Institute of Women's and Children's Services. While they are contemplating the use of certified nurse midwives in the future, physicians now staff the center.

"Women can labor, deliver and recover in the same room, then move to the post-



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Sarah Schemansky cooks chicken soup in late April. She is due at the end of June, and has been consulting with a midwife for the delivery.

partum floor where their babies will room with them to encourage bonding," said Lewis. "We encourage vaginal deliveries and only do c-sections for medical reasons for the mother or baby, not elective."

At Genesys, about 60 percent of laboring moms choose to have an epidural for pain relief, while about 30 percent opt for IV medication and 10 percent have a natural birth with no pain relief medication. Eighty percent of women go home on day one after giving birth, while C-section patients are usually in the hospital for two days.

The Family BirthPlace at McLaren Regional Medical Center in Flint offers the area's only LDRP suites in the county, according to Ellen Peter, marketing direc-

tor. That means a woman labors, delivers, recovers and spends her postpartum hours with her baby, all in the same room. Out of 14 suites, one is used for midwife services in a more natural, family setting. "We've offered midwife services here since 1993," said Peter.

New moms at McLaren go home with a tote bag that supports national health and safety initiatives, including a SleepSack Swaddle for baby and the "Going Home Book." "They say babies don't come with a manual, but ours do go home with one," said Peter.

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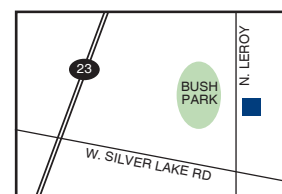
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MOMS

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Unlike the TV moms of yesteryear, like June Cleaver of the 1960's sitcom "Leave it to Beaver," most mothers today don't come down in the morning wearing a dress, pearls and perfectly coiffed hair. Not too many of them are like Peg Bundy of "Married with Children" fame (1990s) either, who was the polar opposite of Cleaver, doing nothing for her household or children.

Today's mothers are somewhere in-between.

Angie Seyfried of Fenton is one mom who is showing her kids that she can do it all. A former journalist, she now teaches English Language Arts at Lake Fenton High School. She also just earned her Master's Degree in Arts and Literacy Education from the University of Michigan-Flint.

"The great teachers I knew inspired me to be a teacher. I also loved 'teaching' through writing as a journalist, and that experience has helped me in the classroom," she said.

Seyfried also has two children. Her son, Nolan, 4, will start Young Fives in the fall, and daughter, Blaire, is 2 years old. With a full-time teaching career, she said, "I quickly learned to prioritize my time. I'd work on homework after the kids went to bed and during naptime.

"Being Blaire and Nolan's mom is the biggest blessing in my life. Watching their personalities grow is a gift," she added. "They make me laugh and have taught me so much about myself.

"I wanted to be a model for my kids and show them the importance of resilience and a strong work ethic when meeting goals," Seyfried said. "Teaching was a dream of mine, and when they are older, they will know it's good to take a risk on the one person you should most believe in — yourself."

Heather Edmonds, 44, of Fenton is raising her daughter, Isabella, 8. She also has an adult son. Edmonds earned a degree in Actuarial Mathematics from the University of Michigan a couple of years ago. Before she had a chance to pursue a career in that field, however, tragedy struck. Isabella's father was killed in an accident, instantly making her the mother and father, grief support counselor and activities director for her daughter.

"The biggest challenge is helping Isabella deal with life without her daddy," Edmonds said. "She has gone through all sorts of different emotions since he died. She has mostly been confused and sad. It is hard for her in school when all the other children have dads and she does not.

"During the holidays, we take the cards

and gifts she made for him and release them to heaven via 'balloon express.' I have also reached out to groups for grieving kids so she has connections with other children missing a parent as well," Edmonds added.

To keep her daughter busy and focused on something other than her loss, Edmonds enrolls her daughter in special summer camps, and encourages her to perform in plays and, most recently, an opera in which she is currently performing in Detroit.

"In the opera, her stage dad comes back from the war and she has to act happy to see him," Edmonds said. "As one would expect, she relates this to her real daddy and wishes he was really in the opera and would be coming back. It is really heart breaking when there is nothing you can do to make your little one's pain go away. I just hug her and love her."

Edmonds is a baker, creating specialty cakes and treats for a living, giving her

“Sometimes I wish I would have waited until I was older to have kids, but now that I'm older, I would not change a thing.”

Tammy Hurley
Fenton mother and grandmother



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Tammy Hurley (center, blue blouse) of Fenton poses with some of her Hungry Howie's coworkers.

more time to spend with Isabella.

On their future, Edmonds said, "I just muddle through, hoping and praying all will be OK and I am doing right by her. I try to keep her daddy alive in her heart but try not to dwell on it either. It is quite the balancing act."

Tammy Hurley, 46, of Fenton is a mother of seven children, ranging in age from 7½ to 31, and the grandmother of four ranging in age from 3 to 13. Many

folks in the Fenton area know her as the Hungry Howie's delivery lady, something she has been doing full-time for 13 years. She is also a bouncer and a singer at the Autumn Lounge near Baker College on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Hurley sings mostly country tunes and when asked if she's any good, she said, "Well, people tell me I should go on Americal Idol, but I tell them I'm too old."

Hurley said she is not afraid to deliver pizzas in any kind of weather. "I was pregnant with my 9-year-old when the (August 2007) tornado hit," she said. "I got stuck over by Denton Hill Road and was trying to get back to town. My boss sent everyone out looking for me."

For relaxation, Hurley said she loves to snowmobile in the winter, and canoe and camp in the summer.

Looking back, Hurley said, "Sometimes I wish I would have waited until I was older to have kids, but now that I'm older, I would not change a thing. I have great kids; they have never been any trouble."

On Mother's Day, Hurley said she, the kids and other family members will probably get together for a cookout. But there won't be any pizza that day.

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Heather Edmonds of Fenton during a 2014 trip to Europe.

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By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

ROOT CANALS AND CROWNS

Once a tooth becomes infected a root canal is needed to save the tooth. An infected tooth will never heal on its own. An abscessed tooth is a source of chronic infection that can drag down your immune system and in advanced cases can be life threatening. In year's past the only treatment option for an abscessed tooth was to have the tooth extracted. Now saving the tooth with endodontic (root canal treatment) is a more favorable option. Once the root canal treatment is completed, a crown is often, but not always, needed. Root canal treated teeth are usually weaker than regular teeth. One of the main reasons a tooth needs endodontic treatment in the first place, is because there is a very large and deep cavity. The larger the area of decay the less tooth structure remaining and the weaker the tooth is. The overall success rate of a root canal is 95%. The number one reason a tooth that has had a root canal ultimately fails and needs to be extracted is because the tooth fractures and breaks becoming non-restorable. A crown provides much needed support and reinforcement to the tooth preventing fracturing. Now, there are times when a tooth has had a root canal and there is plenty of remaining strong tooth structure. In these cases a crown is not needed. Therefore, the need for a crown after a root canal is determined on a case-by-case basis.

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D-E-F

By Yvonne Stegall

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Whether you are getting all the vitamins and nutrients you need in your meals each day, it can help to have a guide to what some important nutrients are and how you can get them without taking them in pill form.

Sometimes there are reasons that make it important to take a vitamin or supplement in pill form, like illnesses or certain medications that can cause the body to have trouble absorbing certain nutrients.

In order to learn more about the vitamins you need, this series is covering the alphabet of nutrients for you. It's not a comprehensive list, as there are thousands of them out there, but it gives you a good start.

Here are the vitamins and minerals that are most popular under D, E & F in the alphabet and what they can do for you.

Vitamin D

Vitamin D is needed to help your body absorb calcium, among other things. You can find foods that are fortified with vitamin D, but the best source of this vitamin that helps support your bones and teeth is through sunlight. Just 15 minutes of sunlight each day gives your body all the vitamin D it needs.

DHEA

DHEA is short for some hard to pronounce words, and it is a hormone. It's taken by both men and women who have hormone issues, including erectile dysfunction, and reportedly helps with anti-aging and depression. While the body naturally makes DHEA, supplements are made in a lab and taken in pill form.

Vitamin E

Vitamin E is an antioxidant and readily found in many types of nuts. It's great for your skin and even for the health of your brain. You can get vitamin E naturally, take it in supplement form, or use it in liquid form externally.

Echinacea

Echinacea is created from the North American Coneflower, which is a daisy-like pink flower that generally grows as a weed in the wild. People take this herbal supplement for numerous respiratory issues, including allergies and the common cold. It's great for boosting the immune system. You get this through pill form or tea.

Fish oil

Fish oil is an excellent source of omega-3 fatty acids and really does the body good. You can get these oils by eating fresh fish, but because of mercury levels in fish you don't want to be eating it every day. Because of that, you can find fish oil tablets. Just beware of the fishy burps.

Next week you'll learn all about Ginkgo and what it does for you!

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LOOKING BACK at this week IN LOCAL HISTORY

5 years ...

Sunday, May 9, 2010

Fenton family make national news. Phil Hagerman, pharmacist, of Fenton, always knew he wanted to work with his father. Now, he and his father, Dale Hagerman, 82, and their family business, Diplo-mat Specialty Pharmacy, are at the center of one of Michigan's "big-gest and best" news stories of the last decade, chronicling the unprecedented growth that was spawned by one historic Fenton business — the downtown Fenton Drug Store.

10 years ...

Sunday, May 15, 2005

Fenton superintendent announces retirement. Fenton Area Public Schools Superintendent Patrick O'Connell has announced he will retire from his position effective June 30. He served as superintendent for 4½ years.

15 years ...

Sunday, May 5-14, 2000

Cain, city at odds over dismissal procedure. Michael Cain showed up for work as usual Tuesday morning, despite the fact he was fired from his position as city manager the previous evening. Mayor Sue Osborn said a letter of termination was delivered to Cain later Tuesday afternoon. She was accompanied by Police Chief Gerald Cattaneo. Cain refused, however, to turn in his keys and city credit card.

20 years ...

Sunday, May 5-14, 1995

Fenton resident is mom of 14.

Children are cheaper by the dozen, and two more, according to Adeline Polidan, 78, of Fenton. She's the mother of seven sons and an equal number of daughters. "There are no favorites. I love them all equally," she said.

25 years ...

Sunday, May 5-13, 1990

Two missing teens – later found within Fenton City limits. Two Fenton teens reported missing by their parents were found by the Fenton police. The girls, ages 15 and 16, had not been seen since May 6 and their parents notified police May 8, according to Fenton Police Chief Gerald Cattaneo. Cattaneo spotted the girls in the company of three males at about 2 p.m. May 9, at a gas station on the corner of South Long Lake Road and North LeRoy Street after receiving a tip the teens may still be in the area.

30 years ...

Sunday, May 5-12, 1985

DNR nets fish at Lobdell. People lined up for free fish caught from Lobdell Lake in Argentine Township. Over 5,000 pounds of fish were given away in the first three days of netting by the Department of Natural Resources this week.

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The industrial park has been in place since 1970 and many businesses have come and gone since its inception.

INDUSTRIAL PARK

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Creative Foam has been deemed one of Michigan's 100 top places to work.

Lear Seating closed its doors to its seat-making assembly plant on May 7, 2010, after filing bankruptcy during the recession in 2009.

More than 120 hourly workers had the chance to transfer to Rochester Hills. Those who did not wish to transfer were offered severance packages.

Today, the former Lear building is occupied by McDunnough, Inc., a full-service plastic recycler, processor, broker and supplier of recycled plastic materials and services for the plastic industry. The company provides service not only in plastic recycling, but paper and cardboard recycling as well.

The city of Fenton's state-of-the-art Department of Public Works offices and complex are located in the industrial park, having been built with DDA dollars as the land on which it is located is part of



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Businesses in Fenton's industrial park include fabricating, tool and die, and even dog boarding. It's also the only area zoned for medical marijuana cultivation.

the DDA district. The former DPW garage, once located at Jefferson and Lincoln streets, just south of the St. John School in Fenton, was falling apart so city leaders agreed to the new industrial park facility.

Newer companies such as Kuka, which engineers and manufactures test and assembly systems for engines, transmissions, axles/suspension/steering and automotive components, have located in the industrial park.

In September 2011, Hanwha, a \$1.4

SUMMARY

■ Fenton's industrial park is home to many long-time and new businesses, many of which offer engineering and manufacturing services for the automotive industry and customers nationwide.

billion Korean company launched its global business center in the park. Fenton was chosen as the location because of its close to proximity to cities like Flint and Detroit.

Other long-standing industrial park businesses include Vic Bond Sales, L.M.I. Corporation, Fenton Storage and Leasing, Century Tool, Mass Transit Authority (MTA), Burgaflex-North America, Inc., Rockman and Sons Publishing, Loramendi, Inc., Tri-County Times and Gigatek, Inc.

BROTHERS DON'T GIVE UP

Shoemaker Services, Inc., located on Fenway Drive in Fenton's industrial park, has one of the more interesting success stories. The company was founded by Jeff and Adam Shoemaker, and has grown from one truck and lawn mower to what is now one of the largest landscape companies in the area.

"I had no idea when we started mowing lawns that we would grow to the size we are today," wrote owner and president Jeff Shoemaker on the company's website.

The Shoemakers are living proof of the tenacity of teenagers. In the late 1990s, the brothers stored their mowers along the side of their family's South Long Lake Road home. Some, at the time, complained and the issue made its way to the Fenton City Council. Their mother, Sandra Shoemaker, appeared politely and professionally before the council on at least one occasion to answer for her sons' after-school and summer landscaping business.

By not giving up, the brothers have grown a successful company, created many jobs and are among the city's major taxpayers.



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Bronchos jump to top of Metro League standings

►Barr breaks school record, Holly beats Brandon in Metro dual

By David Troppens

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Holly — Only one team remains undefeated in Metro League boys track action.

And that squad is Holly.

The Bronchos improved to 5-0 in the Metro with a convincing 101.5-35.5 victory at home against Brandon High School on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the Linden Eagles came within 1.5 points of remaining undefeated, losing to Kearsley 69-68 but defeating Flushing 70.5-

66.5 in a home competition, also on Wednesday.

This means entering Tuesday's meet pitting Holly, Linden and Swartz Creek at Holly High School, the Bronchos (5-0) are one meet ahead of Linden (4-1) and Kearsley in the dual meet standings.

The Bronchos had the easier time of it on Wednesday. Javon Barr helped spark the victory with a school-record first-place finish of 10.72 seconds in the 100. Barr was one of 11 first-place individual finishers for the Bronchos. Two others were double individual-winners. They were Dakota Thorington in the discus (149-3)

and the shot put (47.9 1/2) and Nate Frasier in the 1,600 (4:32) and in the 3,200 (9:55).

Other individual winners were Blake Staffne in the 400 (52.33), Zac Felix in the 800 (2:07.39), Andrew Becker in the 200 (22.58), Scott Maki in the high jump (5-6), Ryan Beltz in the long jump (19-5 1/2) and Keenan Steele in the pole vault (11-0).

Two Holly relays also earned firsts. They were the 3,200 relay team of Kurtis Col-

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JAVON BARR

Barr broke the Holly school record in the 100 meter dash on Wednesday with a time of 10.72 seconds.

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LF SOFTBALL

SWEEPS MT. MORRIS

The Blue Devils earned a sweep against Mt. Morris on Thursday. In the opener, Kim Roe tossed a three-hitter and struck out 13 to lead Lake Fenton to a 2-0 win. In the nightcap, the Blue Devils had 14 hits and won 17-1.

In the opener, the Blue Devils took a 1-0 lead after Kaitlyn Sparks scored on Melody Draeger's double.

In the nightcap, Kalani Lau tossed a five-hitter on the mound and at the plate had three hits, driving in four runs and scoring four runs. Erin Ezell had three hits as well, while Draeger, Sydney Sheyachich and Roe had two hits each.

FENTON SWEEPS NOVI

The Tigers (16-6) won both games 12-0 and 14-4.

In the opener, Emma Brant had three hits, while Brenna Hatch and Katey Cairnduff had two each. Taylor Mowery, winning pitcher Paige Dean and Myla Wolosonovich had two RBI each.

In the nightcap, the Tigers had 20 hits, led by Logan Carter's four-hit, six-RBI day. She had a two-run home run. Brant, Hatch and Mowery had three hits each.

Devils win fifth straight title

►LF beats Goodrich, earns regular-season GAC championship

By David Troppens

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Goodrich — In four years Lake Fenton girls varsity soccer captains Kaitlyn Begley and Melissa Williams had never lost a Genesee Area Conference regular season match en route to three straight titles.

On Tuesday, the Lake Fenton senior class pretty much iced its fourth straight GAC crown by defeating Goodrich by a 3-0 score in rainy conditions at Goodrich High School.

The win was a battle of first-place teams, and with the victory the Blue Devils put themselves within one win of a fifth straight conference crown and another undefeated season. Lake Fenton completed their outright championship on Thursday, defeating Dryden 8-0. In many ways Tuesday's game was the title contest since Dryden wasn't expected to pose a threat. The co-captains were pretty thrilled on Tuesday.

"It's awesome. I love not losing a (league) game," Williams said. "It means a lot to me, winning every game over four years."



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Lake Fenton's Kaitlyn Begley (left) is one of the seniors on the Blue Devils girls varsity soccer team that never lost a regular-season GAC match in her career.

"It means everything," Begley said. "I feel so lucky to have this group of girls, this team with me and (Lake Fenton varsity girls coach) Lenny (Glasstetter) and

(assistant coach) Brenna (Meicher). It means the world to me. I can't get over it."

The Blue Devils dominated

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Fenton track squads sweep dual meets

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity track and field programs swept up four victories against Clio and Swartz Creek on Wednesday.

The Fenton boys defeated Clio by a 74-62 margin and also edged Swartz Creek 76-61. Meanwhile, the Fenton girls had a bit easier go of it, earning a dominating 98-39 victory against Clio and a 92-45 win against Swartz Creek.

The Fenton girls captured overall firsts with all four relays. Katherine Hiller, Emily Kinser, Emily Battaglia and Zeinab Torabi combined to win the 1,600 relay (4:28.01), while Fenton also won the 3,200 relay (10:57.87)

The sprint relays were equally effective. Hannah Sage, Maddie Hall, Kinser and Torabi won the 800 (1:49.59), while Sage, Tatyana Mitchell, Kayla Knitter and Nina Lombardi won the 400 (1:01.96).

Two performers won two individual firsts. They were Hall in the 100 (13.20) and

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1995 state champ softball team honored 20 years later

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton — Jerry Cowan was shocked.

The Lake Fenton varsity softball team he coached had just won a Class C state title and was back at the high school after the Blue Devils' 10-6 triumph against Goodrich in the championship game. He expected a large crowd. Instead there no one was there.

"We were driving back on the bus and decided to swing down through Fenton on the way back," Cowan said, remembering the moment that happened about 20 years ago.

"We were honking the horns with the few cars that were with us. We got back to the school and there was nobody there. The fire trucks and everyone were at the expressway waiting for us. We came in the back way and they were all waiting (at the Thompson Road) exit. We didn't know where anyone was. We were wondering where the parents were. It was pretty funny."

That's about all that went wrong for the Lady Blue Devils in 1995 as the squad captured their first — and still only — state championship that spring. On April 30 in between games of a doubleheader against Montrose, many of the players, coaches and parents from that state title team were honored for their ac-

complishments 20 years ago, of course, at a different high school field and campus than the past players played at.

"This is neat," Amy (Lukowski) Blair, who was the team's All-State and All-American pitcher that season, said about the special day.

"The biggest thing about it are the friends you make and the teammates. Right now, three of us play on the same slow-pitch team together."

"I think about softball in high school and this team a lot, so I was excited (when I heard about the reunion)," 1995 second baseman Keri Atkinson said. "I was so excited. And I was shocked it has been 20 years. I had no idea."

A second chance

The funny thing about the 1995 squad is it was the year the Blue Devils weren't supposed to win a title. It was supposed to happen a year earlier.

"We were 39-2 my junior year," Lukowski said.

"We had a stellar team. We lost our first game and we lost our last game in the semifinals. We had a powerhouse team and then we graduated a bunch of seniors."

But then things started to materialize. The squad was 8-1 early on and when the team lost, it was against a strong squad. The attitudes started to change.

"Once the season was rolling, I



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN

Lake Fenton's current team and the Blue Devils' players from the 1995 state championship team take some time to pose together in between games of a doubleheader against Montrose. The 1995 team was recently invited back to Lake Fenton to celebrate the 20th anniversary of their Class C championship.

thought we had a chance to do this again," Atkinson said. "It was exciting because a lot of us had been there, so we knew how to handle our emotions about going to Battle Creek."

The title run almost ended in the district finals. Lake Fenton led New Lothrop 1-0 in the seventh when an error helped the opposition tie it. However, the Blue Devils responded with a run in the bot-

tom of the seventh and earned a 2-1 win.

"There were two outs and there was a fly ball to my left fielder, she dropped it and they tied it up," Cowan said.

"Amy Lukowski said, 'Don't worry about it, we're going to get it back.' We scored a run and won it in the bottom half of the inning. It was one of those things where they had each other's back."

See 1995 on 19A

FLaX Heat capture first win in team's history, defeats Swartz Creek 13-11

► Reuschlein scores four goals in squad's victory

By David Troppens

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The first-year Fenton/Linden co-op girls lacrosse program, named the FLA X Heat have been working hard to get its first win of the season.

They've had a few close calls, but were unable to get that first victory, at least until Thursday night.

The FLA X Heat avenged a loss to Swartz Creek earlier this season by defeating the Dragons 13-11 on Thursday. The Heat lost the first game between the squads by a 10-6 margin.

"Every Heat player played their best game of the year," said coach Roger Ellis.

The Heat had some strong offensive performers during the contest. Ellie Reuschlein led the squad with four goals,

while Kelly Kemp and Kendall Carino had three goals each. Lauren Klein, Celine Oddenes and Maddy Withers had one goal each.

Natalie Miller was busy in net, and proved strong, making 21 saves on 32 shots faced.

The Heat had come close to earning victories before, including dropping a tight 11-10 verdict to Notre Dame Prep.

The squad's next game is Thursday at home against Waterford Kettering at 6 p.m. Home games are played at Fenton High School's football field.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

FLA X Heat player Lauren Klein (right) tries to scoop up the ball during a recent contest. The Fenton/Linden co-op girls lacrosse team defeated Swartz Creek on Thursday, 13-11.



FENTON

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the long jump (17-9 1/2), and Mitchell in the shot put (34-11) and the discus (75-11). Other individual winners were: Lombardi in the 100 hurdles (17.33), Danielle Hack in the 1,600 (5:56.51), Emily Battaglia in the 800 (2:46.15) and Kayla Keiser in the 3,200 (12:31.78).

The Fenton boys were able to capture two wins due to winning three relays. Sean Stiles, Chris York, Josh Czarnota and Nick Bills won the 400 relay (46.94), while John Sage, Czarnota, Drew Miller and Jason Dietrich took the top spot in the 800 relay (1:36). Dominic Dimambro, Ethan Follet, Jacob Lee and Luke Chabot combined to win the 3,200 relay (8:41).

Dietrich won the 200 dash (23.57) and the 400 (53.07). Lee was the final overall winner for the boys, taking first in the 1,600 (4:44).

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PREP REPORT

BOYS GOLF

► **Flushing 156, Fenton 166:** Joe Montpas carded medalist honors for Flushing with a 35, leading the squad to the critical Metro League victory. John Lloyd led the Tigers with a 37, while Nick Campbell carded a 42. Chris Gilbert and Patrick Conroy each had 45s.

► **Fenton 164, Linden 179:** The Tigers (6-1) enter Monday's Metro League meet four points behind first-place Flushing after defeating Linden on Thursday. John Lloyd led the charge by earning medalist honors with a one-under-par 35. Chris Gilbert followed with a 42, while Nick Campbell shot a 43. Patrick Conroy capped Fenton's score with a 44.

Linden (3-4) was paced by Devon Cota's 40. Tyler Ziccardi and Trevor Sundrla had 46s, while Buck Hudson shot a 47.

► **Linden 167, Brandon 177:** Dylan Elmer earned medalist honors, carding a 39, while Tyler Ziccardi shot a 41. Tony Mastin shot a 43, while Trevor Sundrla carded a 44.

GIRLS TENNIS

► **Holly 7, Swartz Creek 1:** The Bronchos won all four doubles flights and cruised to the easy win. The doubles winners were Sydney Renehan and Paige Reid at No. 1 doubles, Lily Kossak and Danielle Sink at No. 2 doubles, Kate Beauregard and Abby Graff at No. 3 doubles and Michelle Major and Megan Lesperance at No. 4 doubles. Winning singles matches were Nicole Johnson (No. 2), Jenna Pepper (No. 3) and Journee Kerner (No. 4).

GIRLS SOCCER

► **Lake Fenton 8, Dryden 0:** The Blue Devils (7-0, 8-3-1) locked up their fifth straight Genesee Area Conference regular-season championship by defeating Dryden in just one half of work.

Mackenzie Kato started the barrage of goal just six minutes into the game. After her, Melissa Williams scored twice and Julie Craig, Kuristin Porritt, Mackenzie Rampy, Abbey Rhodes and Ashlyn Skidmore each scored. Porritt also had an assist.

Emily Moore earned her sixth shutout of the season, having to make just one save in net.

BASEBALL

► **Fenton 13-7, Davison 9-3:** The Tigers earned the sweep at Davison. In the opener, Justin Norris and Drew Garrison had three hits each, while Matt Acton, Zack Kostka, Taylor Lawrence and Jon Gillman had two hits each.

In the second game, Norris chipped in three hits again, while John Leaske, Chase Coselman and Tanner Tallman had two hits each.

Tigers stay perfect in Metro play

By David Troppens

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Fenton varsity girls soccer coach Matt Sullivan recently said one of the keys to his squad has been the defense's ability to play without Bri Costigan on defense, allowing her to impact the offense.

The Tigers proved him right on Wednesday.

Costigan scored three goals in the Tigers' 4-0 victory at Clio, keeping Fenton in sole possession of first place with three Metro League games remaining.

The Tigers, now ranked ninth in Division 2 in the state, scored two goals in each half to earn the victory.

The Tigers' offense is getting better each week, while the defense remains perfectly strong. Fenton (4-0 in the Metro) scored just three goals in their first two league contests, but posted two 4-0 victories within 48 hours of each other, beating Kearsley by the same score on Monday. Meanwhile, the goose-eggs on defense keep piling up. The Tigers have yet to allow a goal in league play, earning another one on Wednesday. This time Abigail Quesnelle made six saves, recording the shutout in net.

Offensively, Foor remains one of Fenton's biggest threats, scoring a goal. Assists came from four different players — Riley Moore, Carly Granger, Sophia Crews and Miranda Crews.

The biggest part of the Tigers' Metro schedule is coming up. While they are in first place, Fenton has yet to play any of the two teams immediately below

them in the standings. Fenton hosts Holly on Monday at 6:45 p.m. and then faces second-place Flushing at home on Wednesday. The Tigers' final regular-season clash is May 19 at Linden, a contest that could decide the Metro League championship.

Linden 4, Brandon 1

After dropping a 4-3 shootout contest to Flushing on Monday, it's going to be important that the Eagles keep on winning out if they want to defend their Metro League crown.

Tenth-ranked Linden (8-1-1) began that process by earning a strong 4-1 victory against Brandon on Wednesday.

Alia Frederick had a big day, scoring two goals and providing two assists. Meanwhile, Maddie Zayan and Jordan Holscher had a goal and an assist each. Jessie Magalski chipped in an assist.

The defense played a strong contest as Madison Paige and Bridget Adams combined for the victory in net. Paige



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUPBACH

Fenton's Bri Costigan (front) dribbles with the ball in a recent game. Costigan scored three goals in the Tigers' 4-0 victory against Clio on Wednesday.

posted a shutout in the first half, while Adams allowed just the one goal in the second half.

Linden (3-1 in the Metro) hosts Kearsley on Monday and travels to Clio on Wednesday.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS
Dakota Holzwarth hit a two-run home run in the Blue Devils' doubleheader sweep of Mt. Morris on Thursday afternoon.

Blue Devils earn sweep of Mt. Morris

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton varsity baseball coach Brad LaRowe isn't sure when the last time the Blue Devils swept Mt. Morris before Thursday.

But answering that question is easier today. The Blue Devils swept Mt. Morris 10-1 and 9-7 during a twinbill on Thursday.

In the opener, Brandon Bacon tossed a three-hitter and struck out eight. Offensively, Bacon also had three hits, including a triple. Dakota Holzwarth was a perfect 4-for-4 with two RBI and three runs scored, while Trevor Wright, Jared Smith, Nick Mermuys and Cameron Conover had two hits each.

The nightcap was more of a thriller. It took a Holzwarth two-run inside-the-park home run with two out in the bottom of the sixth inning to spark the 9-7 victory. The Panthers tied the contest up with two runs

in the top of the sixth, but the Blue Devils responded in their sixth. Thomas Messenger reached base on an error and two outs later, Holzwarth hit his four-bagger.

Lake Fenton (8-2, 10-8) scored three runs in the third inning, three more in the fourth, one in the fifth and two in the sixth. The key shot in the three-run third was Jared Smith's two-run triple. In the three-run fourth, Thomas Messenger had a two-out two-run single. Smith also had an RBI-single.

Mermuys ended the game with three hits, while Holzwarth, Smith and Messenger had two hits each.

"We played really well last night," Lake Fenton coach Brad LaRowe said. "I am proud of how this team is starting to come together."

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Holly's Emily Alvarado won the shot put with a throw of 35-feet-9-inches in the Bronchos' loss to Brandon on Wednesday. Alvarado also captured first in the discus with a throw of 116-4.

BRONCHOS

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ley, Dillon Lemond, Felix and Dino Vivanco (8:34.5) and the 400 relay team of Becker, D'Anthony Austin, Randy Douhitt and Barr (4:49.5).

The Linden boys had a battle with two of the other tough challengers in the Metro, resulting in a meet that had both of the Eagles' competitions not decided until the final 1,600 relay.

"It was an awesome environment to be a part of as both a coach and a fan of the sport," Linden coach Nick Douglass said.

"The competition was amazing throughout the 17 events. ... Every team ran season records in the event. ... The kids continue to get better and faster and that's all we can hope for. If they keep working hard, it might pay off in the not so distant future."

The Eagles had three individual firsts and one outright first in the relays. Jacob Cox took part in two of them. He teamed with Ronnie Gipson, Nolan Hill and Ryan Young to win the 400 relay (44.72). He also won the 200 dash (23.35). The Eagles' other firsts were earned by Cade Dickson in the 100 (11.53) and Kyle Korman in the discus (136-0).

The Linden track program travels to Holly for a key double-dual meet Tuesday at 4 p.m. Swartz Creek is the third team involved in the event. A Holly sweep would give the Bronchos con-

trol of their own destiny for an outright Metro League crown. A Linden sweep would give both teams control of their own destiny for at least a co-title entering the Metro meet on May 20 at Linden High School.

Girls Track

Brandon 82, Holly 55

The Holly girls captured firsts in six individual events and in two relays. Emily Alvarado was a double-winner, taking first in the discus (116-4) and in the shot put (35-9).

The other individual firsts were earned by Samantha Tschirhart in the 1,600 (5:44.63), Maggie Schneider in the 800 (2:26), Lauren Hackett in the 3,200 (11:45) and Cierra Smith in the high jump (5-0).

The team of Tschirhart, Chloe Konopitski, Schneider and Hackett earned firsts in the 3,200 relay (10:31.90) and the 1,600 relay (4:30.40).

Linden 104.66,

Kearsley 32.33

Flushing 85, Linden 52

The Eagles defeated Kearsley 104.66-32.33, but lost to Flushing 85-52.

The Eagles had four individual firsts with Jessica Daul earning two of them in the shot put (31-3 1/2) and in the discus (83-3). Breyanna Turnipseed took first in the 300 hurdles (49.41), while Maidon Piet earned the top spot in the 100 hurdles (16.88).

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I remember that. It was a special thing."

Behind a strong defense and Lukowski's pitching, the Blue Devils allowed just two runs in seven tournament games, heading into the state championship game against rivals Goodrich.

It was a sloppy title game with the Blue Devils trailing 6-2 after four innings. However, a six-run fifth and a two-run sixth allowed the Blue Devils to defeat the Martins 10-6.

"It was interesting playing Goodrich in the finals. How often do two teams from the same league play each other in a state championship game," Lukowski said. "It was very unusual."

The squad said the camaraderie was what they remember the most.

"I remember really loud bus rides and a lot of chanting and songs," Atkinson said. "We had super awesome coaching, had awesome parents and a lot of support. It was like a little community of people, a family. It was a very exciting."

"I just remember the closeness of the team and the way they pulled for each other," Cowan said. "They encouraged each other. They never got down."

DEVILS

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the match throughout, dictating control of play more than the final 3-0 score may suggest.

Within minutes, the Blue Devils scored what ended up being the game-winning goal when junior Kuristin Porritt scored. As much as Lake Fenton dominated play, the Blue Devils were unable to extend the lead. That changed with 1:52 left. Sophomore Ashlyn Skidmore had the ball near midfield, dribbled a bit and took a shot from 30 yards out just one second after a Goodrich defender yelled 'She'll take that shot.' Skidmore took it and scored it into the corner of the net. Lake Fenton had a 2-0 lead entering the half.

"I had the open shot so I figured I might as well (take the shot)," Skidmore said. "It just went bottom crossbar and that was cool."

Already holding a comfortable two-goal lead, the Blue Devils pretty much iced the victory when Skidmore scored her second long-distance goal. This time it came off a direct kick from about 30 yards out.

"I've been practicing those my whole life and, finally, it went in. That was so cool," Skidmore said.

Until the final 15 minutes, the Martians rarely got the ball into the Blue Devils' defensive third with possession. With Lake Fenton leading 3-0, that changed a little bit. However, keeper Emily Moore made three nice saves during the final 10 minutes to earn the clean sheet.

"We thought we were going to have a pretty tough game," Skidmore said. "It was a tough game. Goodrich played really good, but we came to win."



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Lake Fenton's Ashlyn Skidmore (left) just about loses her balance while keeping possession of the ball in the Blue Devils' 3-0 victory against Goodrich on Tuesday.

"I was a smidge nervous going in, but that actually helped us," Begley said. "We were really expecting them to come at us. That's why we were so on top of it, because we expected a lot more (from Goodrich)."

That's already been accomplished considering this was the team's fifth straight regular season title. Now all that remains is winning the separate GAC tourney crown.

"We have a lot of really good club girls who have put in a lot of work in the offseason, and we haven't stopped playing since last high school season," Begley said. "We want to keep this repetitive winning name around Lake Fenton."

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

Argentine Fire Chief Jim Reid stands in front of one of the department's fire trucks as one of his last duties before retiring May 17.

Argentine Fire Chief Jim Reid retires after 29 years

■ **Community Open House will honor him Saturday, May 16**

By Sally Rummel

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Argentine Fire Chief Jim Reid will be carrying almost three decades of memories with him when he officially hangs up his fire hat on his last day of work on May 17.

Reid has served as fire chief for the last six years of his 29-year career at the Argentine Township Fire & Rescue Department. Eight-year firefighter Matt Lafferty will assume chief duties on May 18.

Reid's work at the fire department has always been a part-time job, but it has always been full time in his heart.

From his biggest fire fought 28 years ago at Diverse Plastics in Flint Township, where he battled that blaze with 200 other firefighters, to talking a young girl out of a suicide attempt, Reid's career as a firefighter has been both rewarding and challenging. "The young girl came to me later and thanked me for coming to help," said Reid. "Those are the things I'll remember."

Reid is proud that none of his 25 firefighters have been hurt on the job and he has seen both the number of calls increase as well as vehicle improvements during his tenure. He has greatly appreciated the support of these firefighters, township officers and board members.

"I've been lucky to have this team," he

said. "They've made the job a lot easier and more fun."

Fire may burn through his veins, but Reid hasn't always been a firefighter. He worked for 20 years in the field of computers, and then joined the Argentine Fire Department for part-time work shortly

after his wife, Peggie, did. "My wife one day decided to join the fire department, and I joined her three months later," he said.

His full-time career for the past 18 years has been as Fire & Safety Officer for the Maxey Boys Training School in Whitmore Lake.

Not only is Reid retiring from all of his work, he and Peggie are leaving the area June 1 for their new retirement home in Murrell's Inlet, South Carolina.

"I hate to leave the department and our friends we've made in the area," said Reid.

"But at the same time, I'm ready for the next phase of our lives."

The public is invited to an open house honoring retiring Fire Chief Jim Reid

Retiring Argentine Township Fire Chief Jim Reid will don his official uniform for the last time on Saturday, May 16. He will be guest of honor at a Community Open House set for 6 p.m. at the Argentine Fire & Rescue Department, located at 9048 Silver Lake Rd. in Argentine Township.

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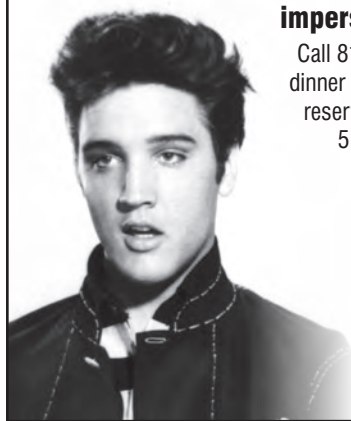
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The Fenton Community and Cultural Center's additions hold true to the original designs by renowned architects Eliel and Ero Saarinen of Bloomfield Hills.

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reality through the doors of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

Open houses are set this week for the \$2 million project that expanded and updated the center.

A Donor Reception will be Thursday, May 14, from 6 to 8 p.m., by invitation only, so that people who made a financial commitment to the project can see the results firsthand.

A short program, ribbon cutting and champagne toast, tours and performances by the Fenton Community Orchestra, a ballet troupe and art exhibits by the South Lakes Community Arts Council are part of the evening events.

A Community Open House is set for Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. with tours of the new building and art on display, open to everyone in the community.

"It's a center for all cultural activities and events in the area, including music and performing arts," said Patricia Lockwood, chairman of the fundraising committee for this project. The new addition showcases two multi-purpose rooms on the upper and lower levels, as well as two foyers.

The original Fenton Community Center was built in 1937, designed by world

renowned architect Eliel Saarinen, who is best known for his work in designing the Cranbrook campus in Bloomfield Hills and in 1947, the Gateway Arch in St. Louis.

"Our architect, Lindhout Associates of Brighton with Brad Alvord overseeing the project, carried out the integrity of the building's original design throughout the new 5,800-square-foot addition," said Lockwood. "It's really a great transformation for the building built in 1937 to the new Fenton Community Center in 2015."

Construction was completed by Rhoads & Johnson Construction in Fenton, headed by Kevin Johnson.

For a list of community events taking place at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, visit fentoncommunitycenter.org.

SUMMARY

■ Open houses for the newly updated and expanded Fenton Community & Cultural Center will be held this week on Thursday, May 14 for the Donor Reception and Saturday, May 16 for the Community Open House, open to the public.

“It's really a great transformation for the building built in 1937 to the new Fenton Community Center in 2015.”

Patricia Lockwood
Chairman of the FCCC
fundraising committee

Social News

WEDDING

Kish-Heinrich celebrate wedding

Kel Leigh Kish of Holly became the bride of Jeffrey Heinrich on November 1, 2014. Attending the couple were her sister and Matron of Honor, Hol Leigh Christian of Holly; Bridesmaids were Carrie Jacobson of Holly and Jenni Myrick of Farmington Hills; Best man was the groom's brother, David Heinrich of Sterling Heights. Groomsmen were Joe Zubeck of Royal Oak and Galon Christian of Holly. The Ring Bearers were the bride's nephew, Holden Christian of Holly and Gabe and Linden Romano of Warren. The bride's mother is Sandie Kish of Holly and the groom's parents are Peggy and Thomas Heinrich of Atlantis, Florida. The bride and groom exchanged vows surrounded by family and friends at the Historic Howell Opera House in downtown Howell. Following the ceremony, dinner, drinks and dancing were enjoyed by all at the Opera House. The couple spent their wedding night at the Westin Book Cadillac in downtown Detroit. Lovers of Northern Michigan, the newlyweds enjoyed a honeymoon in Traverse City.



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BOY OR GIRL

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sound technician not to tell them the gender of the baby, so they would be the first ones to be surprised at the party. Instead, she asked her to call a baker at VG's Grocery in Fenton, who would put the appropriate color frosting (pink or blue) within the layers of the cake being served at the party.

When she sliced into the cake, she was the first one to be surprised and thrilled to find out they will be having a girl. "It made it so exciting to find this out when we were with family and friends," said Kristen.

This gender-reveal party is just one way today's couples are having fun making announcements of pregnancy and gender to friends and family.

If you look at Facebook regularly, you'll likely see pictures of couples using creative visuals to share their excitement. Perhaps it's a pair of baby shoes set next to mom and dad shoes. Certain careers lend themselves well to unique

announcements — from baby cowboy boots on a fence next to mom and dad's boots to an optometrist making the announcement with a baby set of glasses next to two sets of adult glasses.

One cute Facebook entry said simply "We're ... PREGO!" while the happy dad-to-be held up a jar of PREGO Spaghetti Sauce.

To announce the sex of your baby at a gender reveal party or shower, you can use clever ideas like the Sabers did. You can hand guests a sealed envelope with the news inside, wrap your pregnancy "bump" with an appropriate ribbon and bow under your shirt (if you're not too shy) or do a balloon launch of appropriately colored balloons. Today's couples are taking the excitement of a pregnancy to new heights and having fun with all the surprises.

Kristin Saber is Times photographer Tim Jagielo's step-sister.

"I've seen plenty of births. It's scary to go through it yourself, but I'm excited."

Kristen Saber, RN
Nurse at Neo-Natal Unit of U-M Hospital



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO
Kristen Saber's aunt, Kim Hart, joins the celebration through FaceTime from her Florida home, with the help of Kathy Jagielo, Kristen's mother.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | VIDEO STILL

Osaka Buffet opened in Flint Township in January, offering an expansive buffet in a high-quality Asian fusion concept, focusing on service and cleanliness.

Osaka Buffet offers quality Asian fusion

■ Buffet, Chinese cuisine, sushi bar and hibachi-style dining all at one nearby restaurant

By Sally Rummel

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If you want a quality Asian fusion dining experience, you will find it worth a drive to the new Osaka Buffet in Flint Township.

Located at 3583 Miller Rd., next to Forman Mills in the Target plaza, Osaka Buffet is unlike any other Chinese buffet-style restaurant you've ever been to.

The first thing you'll notice when you walk through the doors are the huge interior renovations that have taken place. Everything has been totally remodeled, according to owner Yidi Weng, who opened the restaurant in January after nine months of renovations. It's a whole new concept in Asian fusion dining.

Featuring more than 30 Chinese buffet menu items from crab legs to New York strip steak, Osaka Buffet focuses cooking with only top-quality ingredients. Fresh seafood presented on the buffet and used in sushi and sashimi is never frozen and is always the more expensive market varieties. Diners will also enjoy oysters on the half shell, jumbo cocktail shrimp and

calamari, among many other Chinese cuisine favorites.

Diners who want to experience an hibachi-style Asian meal can also watch a chef prepare their entree right in front of them.

Service is top priority at Osaka Buffet, even with buffet-style dining. You come in, we take care of you, according to Weng. You're being waited on, while at the same time being able to choose exactly what you want.

Diners will find seating for 250 inside this spacious, contemporary-designed restaurant in hues of black and green. There's room here for any size gathering, from an impromptu evening out to birthday parties, anniversary celebrations and any other special occasion.

Priced at just \$7.99 for lunch and \$13.99 for dinner, Osaka Buffet is an affordable option for business and leisure dining.

To experience a walk-through of this very unique Asian restaurant concept, visit tctimes.com to view the Osaka Buffet in live video.

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Yidi Weng
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News briefs

FREE SPRING MUSICAL FESTIVAL COMING TO DOWNTOWN FENTON

Fenton Momentum 2015 has announced a free community event that will showcase the wide range of musical talent in the Fenton area. The focus is on young musicians and the teachers who work with them to achieve musical success. The music festival, hosted by A Joyful Noise Music Studio, will take place **Sunday, May 17, from 2 to 9 p.m.** at Rackham Park, adjacent to the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. The concert will showcase talent from all musical genres such as acoustic, classical, folk, and rock. The Fenton Community & Cultural Center is at 150 South LeRoy St. in Fenton. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will take place inside the community center.

CROMAINE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROPOSAL DEFEATED BY VOTERS

Livingston County voters failed to approve a proposal that would have generated up to \$12 million on a 20-year millage for improvements at the Cromaine District Library, located at 3688 North Hartland Rd. in Hartland. Had the 0.77-mill proposal passed, the money would have been used for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping an expansion and improvements to the library, including parking and site improvements. There were 3,017 "yes" votes and 3,609 "no" votes.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I AGREE WITH calling the big garbage cans 'yard art,' because there is no other place to put them. I have a one-car garage with no room for monster cans. I want to pay for what I use, not what my neighbor uses.

PARENTS PLEASE PLAN to attend the Fenton school board meeting on Monday, May 11 at 6 p.m. in the administration building. Topics may include budget cuts, elimination of teacher positions, increased class sizes, and privatization of support staff. This is public meeting and anyone can attend.

PRETTY FUNNY HOW we saw no road graders, not one construction worker out fixing the roads. Now that Proposal 1 has failed, you'll probably see them out there working again.

YES, THE FATE of Flight 9525 was disgusting as is the performance of the current administration. The King's article merely makes a comparison of two disgusting things. I don't think that makes the comparison disgusting.

**TEXT
GARAGESALE**
(ALL ONE WORD)

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for an updated list of
area garage sales.

Times

Calendar of events

FREE NIGHT OUT

Local art, music and drinks will be featured at a free cultural event on **Friday, May 15, from 6 to 9 p.m.** at the Fenton Community Center. Come kick off your weekend with 10 local artists, the Lynchpin Beer Company and music by Touch. The 10 artists are Aimee Cameron, Brian Day, John Dykstra, Ilham Mahfouz, John McLaughlin, Jennifer Montague, Chris Reynolds, Tony Roko, Dessi Terzeiva and Paula Zammit.

MEET AND GREET

Attention singles 55 and over, the next Meet and Greet will be at the Fenton Winery and Brewery on May 23 at 7 p.m. Please drive around to the back of the building and come in through that side door (store entrance). See you there.

GRANDMOTHER

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Bigford was charged with five felony charges, including homicide-first degree and homicide open murder, after the April 18 shooting death of her grandchild's father, Lawrence Howard, Jr., 39, of Fenton.

If she is found guilty as charged, Bigford could spend the rest of her life in prison.

According to Mt. Pleasant police, they were called to the 3700 block of South Isabella Road on a report of a shooting April 18. The incident occurred in the parking lot of the Chase Run apartment complex.

Officers found Howard dead in vehicle from multiple gunshot wounds. Police have not yet revealed a motive, but it is believed Howard and Bigford's daughter were involved in an ongoing custody dispute of the couple's 3-year-old daughter.

It also was reported that sexual assault allegations had been made against Howard, but no evidence of abuse was found and both parents had a right to see the child. Howard was at the apartment complex that Saturday afternoon for regularly scheduled parenting time.

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