Road travel up 5 percent in Michigan

Memorial Day weekend kicks off summer road trips

AAA Michigan projects more people from the state will travel during this year’s Memorial Day weekend than they have since 2007. The Dearborn-based auto club says its projections show more than 1.1 million Michigan residents will travel 50 miles or more from home during Memorial Day weekend. That’s up nearly 5 percent from last year.

The projections include more than 1 million people driving and nearly 60,000 people traveling by air. Other forms of travel include train, bus or ship.

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Half-day kindergarten not in the budget for coming year

Fenton Schools last district to offer kindergarten options

By Sally Rummel

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Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) were the last local holdout for a half-day kindergarten program option, following state funding cuts for half-day programs that took place in the fall of 2012.

That option was tentatively eliminated during a recap of the 2015-2016 budget at a FAPS special meeting last Wednesday. “It’s part of our budget now moving forward,” said Superintendent Tim Jalkanen. “But it won’t be voted on until the end of June.”

Jalkanen said that Fenton Schools held onto the half-day programs because they wanted to offer them as an option, but that enrollment has decreased over the years. “We wanted enough signing up by May 1 and See HALF-DAY on 9

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‘BUG OFF’

Don’t let common household pests invade your home or yard

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Marshal Emmendorfer doesn’t love bugs any more than the next guy, but he makes his living making sure that insects stop bugging people at home and at work. As an exterminator with his own business, Marshal’s Pest Control, he knows that spring is the season when insects start making a serious onslaught into area homes. “They’re coming in to find a warmer spot after a cold winter,” he said.

“They’re looking for food and water.”

With Michigan being the home of about 274 different species of insects and bugs, it’s likely you’ll run across a number of different ones in your home or yard.

Ants

Ants are the main insects now on the march in tri-county area homes. “If it wasn’t for ants, I’d be out of a job,” quipped Emmendorfer.

Little sugar ants are looking for any little crumbs of food and larger black carpenter ants are searching for water, which is why Emmendorfer said you’ll find them most often in the kitchen and bath.

When sugar ants locate a reliable source See BUG OFF on 10

Grain moths and weevils

Keep these tiny bugs away by placing a cinnamon stick or bay leaf in with your flour, pasta or grains. The strong-smelling spices will repel the insects without affecting the food’s taste or smell.

House flies

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## Think varicose veins are just a cosmetic issue?

Varicose veins are a sign of vein (venous) disease.

Symptoms may include pain, swelling, restlessness, burning, itching, fatigue of the legs as well as skin damage. Learn more about vein disease at www.flintveins.com

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Try natural methods of pest control first

- Use common household ingredients before chemicals, especially if you have kids, pets

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While any frustrated homeowner can be tempted to blast household pests with a chemical pesticide, here are a few ideas for natural methods of pest control presented by motherearth.com.

**Ants**

 Routinely wash away a scented trail left by ants so other ants can find their way to food. Use a vinegar-based cleaner made from ¼ cup vinegar, 2 cups water and 10 to 15 drops of peppermint, clove, eucalyptus or tea tree essential oil. Keep ants out of your cupboards by sprinkling powdered cinnamon, paprika or cayenne pepper across their trails.

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Why is this important?

As part of the Trans-Pacific Partnership and the failed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, Obama is seeking the ability to negotiate trade deals with a range of countries around the globe.

Obama and his team have shared the results with Congress because they believe it's the only way to ensure a deal that's good for the American people.

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THE RESULTS OF both the parent and teacher surveys about the IB program at Fenton show that the program is not supported by the staff or the community. Let's stop the wasteful spending.

TO THE CAR driver who almost killed me and my sister on Siler Parkway and then drove off: you should be ashamed of yourself.

GOOD THING the King isn't a pilot. Traveling 50 mph into a 50 mph head-wind would create a relative wind of 100 mph and he would run out of fuel less than half the way to his destination.

He needs a 50 mph 'tailwind' to achieve his goal of no wind in his face.

TO MR. CHILDS, going 50 miles per hour against 50 miles per hour head-wind will give you 100 miles per hour feeling. Wind of 50 miles per hour from your back you should feel no resistance.

IF ANYONE I know taught at a school that 80 percent of the students couldn't read, I wouldn't be blaming the students. Making a joke of the failures of education especially in poor parts of the country says more about your ignorance than the president's does.

See HOT LINE throughout Times.

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Cal Thomas

Who is a journalist?

My first job in journalism was as a copyboy at the NBC News Bureau in Washington, D.C. In my early 20s, I asked Bill Corrigan, the newsroom manager, ‘What must I do to get on the air?’ He replied, ‘Get a college degree and a minimum of five years writing experience with a newspaper or wire service.’

In those days, every reporter at NBC News and the other two networks came from print because television was relatively new and as network news president Reuven Frank noted in his book ‘Out of Thin Air,’ we were making it up as we went along.

I got the college degree, but avoided the wire service and newspapers (until later) and have managed to enjoy a decent career in broadcast and print journalism.

The rules of the road to journalistic success have changed dramatically, as has the definition of journalist. Today, one can self-identify as a journalist without any background or experience.

Which brings me to George Stephanopoulos, the ABC News anchor and co-host of ‘Good Morning America.’ Stephanopoulos donated $75,000 to the Clinton Foundation, but neglected to disclose that information while interviewing Peter Schweizer, author of ‘Clinton Cash,’ a book critical of the foundation and the Clintons.

Stephanopoulos apologized and his bosses at ABC News said no disciplinary action is planned, except that he has removed himself from moderating primaries during the 2016 election cycle. It doesn’t matter because anyone who replaces him will likely have the same worldview — Republican candidates bad; Hillary Clinton good.

Following this revelation, Politico reported that dozens of media organizations donated money — from the thousands to the millions of dollars — to the Clinton Foundation. Could it have something to do with buying favor or access should Hillary become president?

A 2014 Gallup poll found that ‘Americans’ confidence in the media’s ability to report the news fully, accurately, and fairly’ has returned to its previous all-time low of 40 percent. The major networks don’t seem to care; they plod on as though they have no problem, blaming cable news and other factors for their ratings decline. No other business treats its customers and potential customers this way.

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Lupus has changed their lives

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Two local women with two different stories share their own experiences with Lupus, one of the most difficult diseases to diagnose because symptoms can be vague and mask other illnesses.

Because May is National Lupus Awareness Month, their stories are timely and may help other people who are living with Lupus and don’t know it.

Tina Moore and her son, B. “Corey” Lutrell

Tina Moore was 43 years old and her son, Brandon “Corey” Lutrell, was just 23 when they both came down with a mysterious illness back in 2002. “We both got hit really hard,” said Moore, now 56.

That “mystery illness” turned out to be Lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that causes painful inflammation in various parts of the body, with the disease ranging from mild to life-threatening.

“For me, it first felt like a pulled muscle,” said Moore. “I ended up in the hospital with my kidneys dropping protein, and I couldn’t walk for a year. It affected our vascular system, our lungs and our kidneys.

For her son, Lupus became a death sentence after a 12-year battle with the disease, along with other ailments, including rheumatoid arthritis and Raynaud’s Syndrome. Lutrell passed away very unexpectedly last Dec. 11 at age 34, from “complications from Lupus,” according to the medical examiner’s report.

“He died from Lupus, that’s it,” said Moore, who was often frustrated by the lack of understanding of the disease by the medical community.

While those 12 years had been filled with years of painful, debilitating symptoms of the disease, they also brought joy, as he married his wife, Patti, in 2004, bought a home and had a son, Noah, now 8. “He had severe joint pain, even at the bottom of his feet, migraines, an abscised tooth, mini-strokes,” said Moore. “We described it to doctors that it’s like you’re playing pinball, with the pain bouncing back and forth.”

Today, Moore continues to have severe symptoms of the disease, mostly walking and breathing issues and lack of mobility in her hands, but manages them daily through mostly natural, holistic methods.

“I used to be so active, walking five miles a day, working as a massage therapist,” said Moore. “Now if I walk from my handicapped parking space to the back of Walmart, I can hardly make it back out of the store. It affects everyone differently.”

Moore, her husband, Steve and Lutrell’s widow, Patti founded the B. Corey Lutrell LUPUS Memorial Foundation to bring awareness to people about the disease. “We hope to bring awareness to people in the medical field, the community and to people with Lupus,” she said. “If you’ve got symptoms and you aren’t feeling better in six weeks, get a blood test done. That will help in diagnosing the disease.”

Becky Young

Becky Young, 45, has been living with Lupus for 25 years, diagnosed at age 20. “It can be hard to diagnose because there’s not one test. You have to meet eight out of 11 criteria. All of mine came back as ‘abnormal.’”

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POLICE ENFORCING SEAT BELT LAWS OVER HOLIDAY WEEKEND

More cops will enforce ‘Click It or Ticket’ from May 18 to May 31

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On May 18, law enforcement agencies started cracking down on seat belt usage, according to Michigan State Police. “Click it or Ticket” is in effect until May 31 where, for the first time, federal safety funds are providing more enforcement in all 83 Michigan counties. Signs will alert drivers of seat belt enforcement zones, which officers will enforce.

These seat belt enforcement zones are meant to save lives, not to write more tickets, according to Michigan State Police.

In 2014, 188 people died in Michigan from an accident when they weren’t wearing their seatbelt. Since 2000, when the Click it or Ticket law went into effect, 2,659 lives have been saved, according to the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute.

In a vehicle crash, the force of slamming into something and suddenly stopping is damaging to everything in the vehicle — the key lanyard, the coffee in a travel mug, loose change, and the organs in your body. Even forcefully pushing the brakes causes everything to lurch forward, and chances of severe damage increase significantly when not wearing a seat belt.

The Michigan State Police have also found that seat belt zones reduce the risk of crime. In the past, these Click it or Ticket enforcement have resulted in drunk driving arrests, recovering stolen vehicles, and felonious and misdemeanor arrests.

SEAT BELT FACTS

• Newer seat belts lock up during sudden stops or crashes
• Properly worn seat belts rarely cause injury
• Michigan law requires passengers ages 8 to 15 to use a seat belt
• Drivers and front seat passengers must be buckled up in accordance with state law
• Children under the age of 4 must ride in a car seat
• Children must use a car seat until they are 8 years old or 4-feet-9-inches tall

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mailing is an optional service plan.

HomeServe offers coverage that provides protection against costs associated with a water service line emergency. According to Fenton’s Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Czarnecki, property owners are responsible for their water service line from the shut-off near the property, which is usually between the sidewalk and the curb, all the way into their house.

In a manufactured home community, like Fenton Oaks LLC, located within the city limits, Fenton Oaks management will repair water line issues up to where the line reaches the water meter on the home. “If there is an issue from the meter to the home, or in the home, it is the homeowner’s responsibility,” said Tammy Miller, park manager.

Czarnecki said, “It’s hard to know what the cost would be to make repairs until you know what the problem is and what the fix is going to be.”

Homeowners interested in learning more about this coverage should contact the company and find out exactly what is covered if there is a broken line and how it will be repaired.

“All of the billing will be put in place to avoid confusion. No one is exempt from the charge. What they replace the entire line if it springs a leak? That could be costly to have done, and what materials do they use to make the repair or replacement?”

According to the mailing, the annual benefit is $6,000 annually. Multiple service calls are permitted up to the benefit amount. There is no deductible and the rate of insurance is $5.49 per month, or $65.88 per year.

The document states, “Your plan starts the day your form is processed, and there is an initial 30-day waiting period before you can make a service call, giving you 11 months of coverage during the first year. This prevents calls on pre-existing conditions and helps keep the coverage affordable.”

HomeServe also claims to hire all local, licensed and insured plumbers to perform all covered repairs.

Czarnecki said those interested in this type of coverage should find out exactly who will be doing the work.

“We have some good local contractors who treat homeowners, especially seniors, well and do a good job for a fair price,” he said. “However, there are some contractors who don’t do such a good job. It would be good to know up front who they have under contract to perform the work so people can check in with the Better Business Bureau (BBB) and elsewhere.”

Despite 302 complaints involving issues with advertising, billing and service, HomeServe itself enjoys an A+ rating from the BBB.

“Our good BBB rating is due in part to the low number of complaints for a business of our size,” said HomeServe’s public relations representative Mykles Meehan said. “We serve over 2 million homeowners around the country and perform more than 300,000 repairs for these customers annually. Moreover, we work hard to bring all complaints raised to successful resolution for the customer.”

Meehan said HomeServe serves nearly 40,000 customers in the state of Michigan.

“I tell people asking about this private service ‘it’s like any other insurance,’” Czarnecki said. “You would be paying for something that you hope to never need. Also, the homeowner needs to consider the age of their home, past plumbing issues they may have had, and if they have another way to afford and pay for making these types of repairs.”

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ROAD TRAVEL

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AAA Michigan says travelers will find car rental and lodging costs are higher this year, while airfare is down slightly compared to last year.

A new study by the award-winning travel app GasBuddy found that 73 percent of people will be traveling this summer between Memorial Day and Labor Day, with a majority (83 percent) planning to take at least two trips. Eighty-six percent of those traveling will be doing so by packing up the car and hitting the road.

The survey of more than 150,000 GasBuddy members revealed that Memorial Day tops the list as the most popular weekend to travel out of the three major holidays during the summer, followed by Independence Day and then Labor Day.

Almost half, 45 percent, of travelers plan to take a road trip during non-holiday weekends.

The national average for a gallon of regular gasoline is currently $2.715, amongst the highest price in nearly two years. However, based on the survey, 58 percent of people responded that gas prices do not impact their vacation plans, while 17 percent say they plan to take advantage of the lower gas prices compared to recent years.

“People can’t get enough of the classic, summer road trip,” said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy. “Nearly half of the people who responded claimed they love going on them and wish they could take one every week. Even with the current uptick in gas prices, we predict most U.S. travelers will pay the cheapest Memorial Day gas prices since at least 2009.”

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Linden schools ready for cardiac emergencies

District recognized with MI HEARTSafe School designation

By Hannah Ball
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Linden — Even though the automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in Linden schools haven’t been needed for years, the school, along with all six schools in the district, are being recognized for having preparations in cardiac emergencies.

Among 122 schools in Michigan, all six Linden schools have been awarded the MI HEARTSafe School designation by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Michigan Department of Education (MDE), American Heart Association (AHA), Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA), and Michigan Alliance for Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death of the Young (MAP-SCDY).

These are awarded for a term of three years to schools that prepare for more than the usual requirements for cardiac emergencies.

“At the beginning of this (school) year we made a push for first aid training, the CPR, AED training and so staff were given the opportunity,” said Linden High School Principal Russ Ciesielski. “Pretty much everyone took advantage of it.”

Linden High School currently has three AEDs. The sticky pads with sensors on the AEDs are used during push for first aid training, and they detect heart rhythms when on someone’s chest. If the rhythm is abnormal, like during cardiac arrest, it sends a shock to the heart, which may reestablish a normal heartbeat, according to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. Aperson’s survival rate decreases 10 percent every minute they are in cardiac arrest.

Public Act 12.1 already requires all kindergarten schools to have a cardiac emergency response plan, but schools qualify to receive the MI HEARTSafe designation with the following:

• a written medical emergency response plan and team
• 10 percent of staff must have current CPR/AED certification
• have accessible, properly maintained and inspected AEDs with signs identifying locations
• perform at least one cardiac emergency response drill a year
• must guarantee pre-participation sports screening of all student athletes with current physical and history form endorsed by the MHSAA, according to MDHHS.

Linden schools offer training to anyone in the district, Ciesielski said. Staff had the option over the summer of participating in a one, full day training where they were certified or recertified in CPR and using the AED. They’ve had additional trainings. The Linden High School Athletic Trainer does individualized training for groups, such as the staff in the front office.

When they do drills with the AEDs, they use expired pads.

“We’re constantly getting the checks,” Ciesielski said. The school receives monthly email updates with exact dates of when the pads on the AED need to be checked. Ciesielski said the school hasn’t had to use the AEDs as far as he can remember, but they have a crisis management team and plan.

The MI HEARTSafe School designation was implemented last year and 40 schools were designated in the program. It’s meant to counteract cardiac death, the leading cause of natural deaths in the United States, killing 325,000 adults yearly.

“In Michigan, more than 300 people between the ages of 1 and 39 die from sudden cardiac death each year, according to MDHHS.

“I think what’s happening across the area is students are getting more aware,” Ciesielski said. “Just the idea of being responsible and health awareness. They might not have credentials, but they know what (the AED) is.”

“Yes,” he said, when asked if it’s important to stay prepared. “That’s why you have to have the drills. That’s why you have to have the practices because you don’t know. You pray that it’ll never happen and you’ll never have to deal with it. You need to be prepared.”

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Plow Days entertains, teaches about yesteryear

By Tim Jagielo

The annual event connects 2015 life to 1930s agriculture

Evan Ritenhourgh, 10, of Orion Township helps Harvey Sorensen split wood during Plow Days on Saturday.

This year, the ground was too wet and heavy with clay to do much actual plowing, but that didn’t stop visitors from exploring the classic tractors and hit-and-miss engines.

To the side, maple syrup is sold, and wool yarn is spun. The old farm house is also like walking back in time, which is open for Plow Days.

“I’ve been trying to get the ‘heritage’ part of farming,” said Sorensen, chairperson of the committee. “As we’re speaking, all this stuff is disappearing.” He remembers equipment like this being used on his family’s 120-acre farm. “It was extremely labor intensive, they were fortunate to have equipment like that old corn husker,” he said.

He gets a variety of feedback from visitors — from memories of people who used this equipment in the past and haven’t seen it in 50 years, and those who have never seen it before at all.

See more photos online.
Linden Masons award two scholarships

2014 LHS grads to use funds for furthering education

The Linden Masonic Lodge awarded two $1,000 college scholarships to two 2014 Linden High School graduates. Riley McIntyre received the Linden Lodge Scholarship and Luke Holcomb received the Mary Huycz Scholarship. They are both attending and furthering their education at Mott Community College.

Scott Wogen of the Linden Mason Lodge said that members voted to give three $1,000 scholarships beginning with the 2015 graduates.

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the numbers just weren’t there.” He said that the issue is a two-fold one: “It’s the loss of funding in addition to the cost of staffing the program.”

He personally spoke with parents who had enrolled their children to let them know of the changes for this coming school year. “I think most of them understand that we’re trying to be fiscally responsible.”

Fenton parent Rachel Perantoni, who formed the group Mid-Michigan Parents for Half-Day Kindergarten when the state funding was cut in 2012, believes that Fenton Schools are missing a “school of choice” students into the district.

“Many parents in surrounding areas would be interested in having their students come to Fenton if they knew about the half-day kindergarten option,” she said. “We already know of 10 students they’re going to lose because Fenton is dropping the half-day option.”

She’d like to see a compromise between administration and interested parents, by combining Young-Fives and half-day kindergartners. “That would give the school the numbers they need and would give parents the half-day option. At the state level, there’s no difference noted between Young-Fives’ programming and kindergarten programming. We believe this could be successful.”

Another local parent, Tessa Stickle of Fenton believes half-day kindergarten should still be an option, and would be willing to go to Lansing to make it happen. “I’m sad to see things go in this direction. Some 5- and 6-year-olds are not ready to be away from home for an entire school day, especially if they’ve been at home with Mom or another caregiver. Half-day is a nice way to transition.”

Other local school districts had already eliminated half-day kindergarten. “Linden does not offer half-day kindergarten, ever since the state changed its funding,” said Linden Schools Superintendent Ed Koledo. “We continue to offer a Young-Five program which is a half-day program.”

Lake Fenton Schools Superintendent Wayne Wright said that Lake Fenton cut its program when the state cut the funding in half for half-day kindergarten programs. “Most parents have been very happy with the (full day) kindergarten program,” he said. “We haven’t had any complaints about it.”

I think most of them (parents) understand that we’re trying to be fiscally responsible.”

Dr. Tim Jaikanen
Superintendent of Fenton Area Public Schools

Linden to offer special Memorial Day activities

The city of Linden is gearing up for Memorial Day with several events, including the unveiling of a “Patriot Wall,” the Memorial Day Parade, and Music By the Mill 2015, featuring the Jump Street Swing Band.

The Linden Arts Council in collaboration with Linden VFW Post 4642 and the Linden Community Schools will unveil the “Patriot Wall” on Memorial Day, May 25, prior to the Memorial Day Parade. The short ceremony will be at 9:30 a.m. at the site of the “Patriot Wall,” on the LaFontaine Union Block in downtown Linden.

The wall is a banner 4 feet high and 10 feet long. It will encourage the writing of messages and greetings to our troops. The graphics and artwork on the banner were done by Gemma Amendola, of the Linden Community Schools Art Department.

The banner will eventually be removed and with the assistance of the VFW Post, be sent to troops overseas.

Everyone is encouraged to stop by and sign the wall after the unveiling. After the parade, Music By the Mill 2015 kicks off with a performance by the Jump Street Swing Band at 11 a.m.

For more information, go to Linden City’s website at www.lindenmii.us.
Sugar ants don’t sting, but may defend themselves by using their mouthparts to bite. However, these bites aren’t painful and don’t produce any symptoms unless a person is highly allergic to the bite.

Carpenter ants are the largest species of ant on the North American continent. Unlike termites, they only nest in wood and don’t eat it. When you find these larger black insects indoors in the summer, they’re likely coming in from the outside, not necessarily nesting inside your home. They are attracted to excessive moisture, so you’ll often find them around pipes, tubs, showers, etc.

Emmendorfer recommends that homeowners put a chemical barrier from the outside by using products suited for the job from local hardware or discount home stores. “Be sure leaves and trees don’t touch your home, and that wood piles aren’t located next to your house.”

Spiders

House spider cobwebs are located in various places within a home, including windows, ceiling corners and above or beneath fixtures. They spin webs in various locations until they find the most suitable place to catch prey.

“Every home’s got spiders,” said Emmendorfer. “There are over 10,000 varieties. We’re lucky in Michigan that we don’t have any poisonous ones.”

He adds that more people are afraid of spiders than snakes.

Prevention methods start from the outside of your home, making sure windows and doors are tightly fitted with no cracks or gaps. Cracks in walls and foundations should be sealed with caulking. Homeowners should also vacuum to remove webs and knock outdoor webs down.

A dust-to-dawn outdoor light will also attract bugs, which will then attract spiders. “Change the white light to a yellow light, which doesn’t attract the bugs,” said Emmendorfer.

MOSQUITOES

Mosquitoes are actually a type of fly. Only female mosquitoes are known to bite, taking a blood meal from humans and animals in order to develop her eggs.

These pesky bugs are more of a nuisance outside than inside, being attracted to outdoors to any standing water on your property.

In addition to the discomfort of bites, resulting in redness and itching, mosquitoes may also transmit serious diseases to humans, including the West Nile virus, as well as illnesses to domestic animals and wildlife.

More active from dusk to dawn, mosquitoes can be deterred with repellants containing DEET, plus the use of citronella candles outdoors.

More recently, residents of Fenton Township and the cities of Fenton and Linden can receive a free mosquito spraying for special occasions, as part of a pest control company’s contract with local municipalities.

FLIES

Flies are one of the most common nuisance insects of spring and summer, from houseflies to cluster flies and fruit flies. Like other bugs, flies invade homes in search of food and conditions that are ideal for breeding and living. They are notorious scavengers that will feed on meat, vegetables and garbage in and around your home.

In addition to being a nuisance, they can also pose a serious health risk. Flies contaminate food and spread diseases when they drop food and contaminate food onto counters and work surfaces.

The first step in fly control is exclusion and sanitation. Then you can use insecticides that come in residual forms, aerosols, fogging materials and baiting forms. Fly traps are also popular, from disposable types to electronic fly flight traps. An old-fashioned swatter works well for one-by-one contact.

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She said that symptoms for the first 20 years were fairly mild. “I was even able to have two children who are both healthy,” said Young, a single mom of a 10- and 12-year-old.

But the last four years of living with the disease have been very difficult. Lupus is now attacking Young’s brain. “My situation is pretty unique,” she said. Her adrenal glands no longer work. I’ve had both of my hips replaced — twice.

A full-time R.N. by profession, Young had to stop working two years ago, when double vision and blurring made it impossible to continue her work in the Pediatric ICU at Harper’s Ferry. She’s now undergoing chemotherapy at University of Michigan Hospital once a month.

“It’s a full-time job to be sick,” she said. “Basically, my immune system is attacking my own body. I’m creating antibodies that see my tissue as ‘the enemy.’”

One of the most difficult aspects of treating the symptoms of Lupus with steroids has been a recent weight gain of more than 50 pounds in the last year. “Normally, I weigh about 140 pounds, so it’s been like carrying part of an extra person around with me,” she said.

In spite of the seriousness of her symptoms and difficulty of treatment, Young still feels very positive about her life. “I have so much love and support,” she said. “Even when my hair fell out from chemo, my kids and my boyfriend tell me all the time how beautiful I am.”

What is Lupus?

Lupus is an autoimmune disease that can affect various parts of the body. Lupus occurs most often in women between the ages of 15 and 44, but men, older people and children can also develop the disease. Scientists believe three factors play a role: heredity, hormones and environmental factors, including UV rays from the sun. There is no cure for Lupus; however, early diagnosis and appropriate medical treatment can significantly help manage the disease.

Source: Lupus Foundation of America
Fake IRS calls

In last week’s column, I wrote about marketing and fraud scams by people who are intent on stealing hard earned money from innocent consumers.

For today’s column I am following up with another example of such scams by people who are impersonating Internal Revenue Service (IRS) agents and making telephone calls to innocent consumers demanding payment for unpaid taxes.

There are a number of problems with this starting with the fact that the IRS does not call people about such issues, but instead uses the mail to contact consumers.

Additionally the people who are being called typically don’t owe any taxes at all and if they are convinced to make a payment, the money won’t be going to the government but instead it will go into the pockets of the scammers.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has a special website addressing these schemes with highlights of common themes when there is such a call:

• The caller will use a common name and fake IRS badge number.
• They will know the last four digits of the consumer’s Social Security Number.
• A demand for payment will be made via a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. The IRS doesn’t ask for either of these payment methods, nor will they ask for credit card numbers.
• They will rig caller ID information to make it appear as if the IRS is really calling.
• They will also send fake emails that look like real IRS correspondence.
• A second call will be made by someone claiming to be the police or department of motor vehicles again, with a fake caller ID.

The FTC advises that the first thing to do is to hang up on these people and never give them any information. If consumers have already paid their taxes, they can report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General For Taxpayer Assistance at 800-366-4484. Phony emails can be forwarded to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov (don’t open them). A complaint can also be filed with the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint. Include the phrase ‘IRS Telephone Scam.’

National Memorial Day observance is not only about picnics and BBQs

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Citizens throughout the country are preparing this week for the big Memorial Day weekend, which for many includes a paid day off from work on Monday, May 25, and barbecues and other recreational get-togethers with family and friends.

Many will begin their day, however, with a community Memorial Day parade, followed by a trek to the local cemetery for the annual ceremony to pay tribute to our war dead.

According to va.gov, to ensure the sacrifices of America’s fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law “The National Moment of Remembrance Act,” P.L. 106-579, creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance.

The commission’s charter is to “encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity” by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation.

In traditional Memorial Day ceremonies, the flag of the United States is raised briskly to the top of the staff and then solemnly lowered to the half-staff position, where it remains only until 12 p.m. It is then raised to full-staff for the remainder of the day.

The half-staff position remembers the more than one million men and women who gave their lives in service of their country. At noon, their memory is raised by the living, who resolve not to let their sacrifice be in vain, but to rise up in their stead and continue the fight for liberty and justice for all.

Poppy is symbol of death, renewal and life

Long ago, the red poppy had become a symbol of death, renewal and life. The seeds of the flower can remain dormant in the earth for years, but will blossom spectacularly when the soil is churned. Beginning in late 1914, the fields of Northern France and Flanders became the scene of stupendous disturbances. Red Poppys soon appeared. In 1915, at a Canadian dressing station north of Ypres on the Essex Farm, an exhausted physician named Lt. Col. John McCrae would take in the view of the poppy strewn Salient and experience a moment of artistic inspiration. The result was his poem, “In Flanders Fields,” which is read at countless Memorial Day ceremonies throughout the country.

When the flag of the United States passes by, it is respectful for parade-goers to place their hand over their heart until the flag goes by.

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Farmer doubted that Genesee County would take care of the road, and he asked the board if the road was going to be public or private.

Fenton Township Treasurer John Tucker said, “The road situation was expected in this development. It’s pretty interesting to say the least.” The township is still discussing if the road will be public or private.

“The road had shifted at one point in time and then relocated by a road commission coming down the hill as made it (the road) bend.” Tucker said. “Part of the project is to move the road, get it back where it belongs.”

The project would help the area by “eliminating things that would be less desirable on the lake,” Tucker said.

Michael Casler, president of the Lake Fenton Sailing Club, raised concerns about looking at all the legal documents and contracts before making decisions. He said the club wants to learn more about the design and plan of the retaining wall, the materials being used, the final ownership of the wall, expected repair maintenance cost, the design and profile of the entranceway, and a few other items.

“Our bylaws currently require 75 percent approval from our members,” said Casler. “That hasn’t been done yet because we don’t have anything we can review with the membership. I like to think we can work it out.”

Civil engineer Kevin Cook with CHMP Inc., in Grand Blanc, represented some of the builders and the owners, Khalil and Elizabeth Saab.

Cook, who also spoke at the April 18 Fenton Township meeting, said the issues with Sonora Drive deal with the sharp turn and the partially public and private road. He said each lake front property would have its own dock, and the two off-lake units would share a dock.

At the meeting on Monday, Cook said they’ve had several meetings with the fire department throughout the year. “The fire department requested that the boat ramp be maintained,” Cook said, adding that it would be for the fire department’s use.

“We’ll work with the township to resolve the road issue and the required realignment, working with the sailing club,” Cook said, adding that sewage and the existing composting will require improvements.

The second reading will on June 1, when the board is expected to vote on the matter.

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For those not attending the parade or ceremony, it is respectful to refrain from engaging in noisy daily activities, which may include, for example, the use of lawn mowers, chain saws, etc., at least until 12 p.m. on Memorial Day.

Sources: USmemorialday.org, va.org; USflag.org

CORRECTION
Pellett’s Department Store

In the article, “Remembering Pellett’s Department Store,” published in the May 13 Midweek edition, it was incorrectly stated that George D. Pellett, who died at the age of 91 on March 16, built Pellett’s Department Store in 1929. The store was actually built by his father, George Pellett Sr., George, Jr. entered the business upon his return from serving in World War II.
**Holly girls tennis captures regional crown**

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Holly varsity girls tennis coach Will Sophia thought it would be a challenge for his squad to capture a regional crown this season.

But the Lady Bronchos proved they were up to the challenge, capturing the Division 2 team crown at Flushing High School on Friday.

Holly had four flight champions and three others finish as flight finalists, resulting in an easy regional title.

Holly scored 25 points, easily surpassing Petoskey’s 19-point team total. Meanwhile, the Fenton Tigers finished third with 16 points. However, the Tigers had two flight champions and will have senior Madison Ballard heading to the state meet at Kalamazoo College after she won the No. 1 singles championship at regionals.

“It surprised me,” Sophia said about the team’s performance. “It was quite the day for Holly tennis. I think I projected us to get 24 points, but I thought it would be difficult for us to get there. But we outplayed that.”

The Bronchos earned flight titles at No. 4 singles with Journee Kerner, No. 1 doubles with Paige Reid and Sydney Renehan, No. 3 doubles with Kate Bearegard and Abby Graft and at No. 4 doubles with Michelle Major and Megan Lesperance. Kerner earned her title by defeating Flushing’s Annie Martin 6-0, 6-4, while two of the doubles flights beat Petoskey squads to earn their titles.

Reid and Renehan beat Skylar Smith and Alexis Stokel 6-3, 6-1, while Major and Lesperance defeated Ariss Swener and Grace Tollas in a tight 2-6, 7-5, 7-6(3) match. Bearegard and Graft defeated Midland’s Natalie Landis and Reyna Muck by a 7-6(4), 4-6, 6-4 score.

There were two other area flight champions. At No. 1 singles, Ballard cruised through her first two

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**LINDEN WINS CLARKSTON TOURNEY**

Linden posted wins against Cranbrook (12-1), Clarkston (6-2) and Brandon (11-3) to earn the Clarkston Tournament championship on Saturday.

Linden captured the title by defeating Brandon in the final game. The Eagles used 14 hits and a six-run sixth to blow the game open. Bailey Davis had three hits, drove in two runs and scored two to lead the offense. Travis Petts also had two hits and two RBI, while Brady Sarkan and Ethan Quesnelle had two hits and an RBI, each.

On the mound, Sarkan was the winning pitcher, striking out five in 5 1/3 innings. Jake Marshall got the save, tossing 2 2/3 innings of shutout ball in relief.

In the opener, Linden had 10 hits and walked eight times to earn the win against Cranbrook. On the mound, Lucas Marshall tossed a six-hitter, while striking out three. Petts and Trevor Banasiak had two hits each.

Tim Sines tossed a five-hitter in the 6-2 win against Clarkston. Jake Marshall and Austin Buerkel had two hits each.

**Tigers end Eagles title hopes**

Leaske, Coselman pitch gems, Fenton sweeps Linden

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Linden — If a team can’t win a league title, the next best thing is keeping your rival from winning one.

That’s what the Fenton varsity baseball team did on Monday afternoon.

John Leaske pitched a one-hit shutout in the opener, leading the Tigers to a 3-0 victory against the Linden Eagles, and Chase Coselman tossed 6 1/3 innings of shutout ball in the second contest, leading the Tigers to a 4-0 victory. Fenton’s sweep (7-5, 15-11) knocked the Linden Eagles (9-5, 19-8) out of the Metro League race.

Leaske was outstanding in the first game, tossing just 100 pitches. Leaske earned two walks and just a seventh-inning single by Travis Petts against him in the opener. And when Coselman needed a reliever in the second game, it was Leaske again. With the bases loaded, one out and Linden trailing 4-0, Leaske got two fly outs to end the contest, earning Leaske the save.

“It felt amazing. I felt good the whole day,” Leaske said. “I felt better as the games went on.”

“To me a one-hitter is just as

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**Softball rivals split twinbill**

Fenton enters Wednesday DH with Brandon tied for first

By David Troppens
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Linden — Both teams had reason to feel good about Monday’s twinbill against two tremendous rivals — the Fenton and Linden varsity softball teams.

Linden, with the help of a walk-off single by Molly Churches, won the first game

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Fourteen Linden athletes qualify for D2 state meet

By David Troppens
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In some ways the Division 2 state meet may feel like a regular team track meet for the Linden varsity track program.

With 14 athletes headed to Zeeland High School on May 30, the Eagles could still take a bus to the event.

The Linden boys qualified 10 athletes in four different events while the girls qualified four athletes in five different events at the Division 2 regional held Saturday at Linden High School.

The Eagles had one regional champion. The 400 relay team of Ryan Young, Mike Gold, Cade Dickson and Jacob Cox earned that title with a first-place time of 44.07 seconds. The rest of the Linden boys qualified for state by taking second-place.

Another relay earned a spot. That was the 3,200 relay team of Mikey Varacalli, Andy Bennett, Nick McDonald and Conor Sproule. They earned second with a time of 8:20.42.

Two individuals qualified by taking second. They were Andy Roberts in the shot put (50-0.34) and Kyle Korman in the discus (132-7).

“Regionals went really well overall,” Linden boys track coach Nick Douglass said. “What a day. We had 11 Cranston Field records established Saturday. That is an indication of the type of competition we had on site. The kids performed really well and that includes those that were not fortunate enough to qualify. Everyone had a great day overall.”

Lake Fenton also competed at the regional and had just one top-five performer. That was Isaac Golson who placed fifth in the 800 (2:03.94).

The Lady Eagles had one qualifier earn it by taking second and the rest... See FOURTEEN on 18

Blue Devils complete GAC regular-season, tourney sweep for fifth straight season

By David Troppens
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Two great feats were accomplished by the Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer team.

First, the squad captured the Genesee Area Conference tournament title, earning the team five straight seasons of winning the regular-season crown and the tourney during the same year.

The second involved prom. Those who were attending Lake Fenton’s annual event on Saturday night, were able to do both – compete in the tourney and make prom.

Lake Fenton’s Julie Craig buried the seventh shot during an overtime shootout and the Montrose player missed hers, leading the Blue Devils to a 2-1 overtime victory against the Rams in the GAC tourney title game on Saturday.

Immediately after the game ended the girls who were going to prom got back to Lake Fenton High School, showered in the lockerrooms and prepared for the prom in about an hour, just getting ready in time to leave for the event.

“They got back to the school at about 4:30 p.m. and in an hour were ready to leave at 5:30 p.m.,” Lake Fenton coach Lenny Glasstetter said. “The bus for prom left at 5:30 and the last soccer player was on the bus at 5:29 p.m.”

In the championship game, Kurstin Porritt scored Lake Fenton’s only goal in regulation, setting up the 1-1 tie. In the first overtime shootout, both teams made four goals and missed one. In the... See DEVILS on 18

Lake Fenton’s Julie Craig kicked the game-winning shootout goal leading the Blue Devils to a 2-1 victory against Montrose and to their GAC tourney title.
Seven Bronchos headed to state; Fenton qualifies two

By David Troppens
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Seven was the magic number for the Holly varsity track program at Friday night’s Division 1 regional held at Bloomfield Hills High School.

The Bronchos had competitors qualify for state in seven events as the boys placed third as a team and the girls placed ninth.

The Holly boys had two regional championship performances, while the girls had one.

The boys only individual champion was Nate Frasier who captured the top spot in the 3,200 run with a time of 9:24.78.

“Nine within nine seconds of the school record and he’s getting stronger and stronger,” Holly coach Rich Brinker said. “The school record is 9:15.2 and that’s his goal (at the state meet).”

The other champion was the 3,200 relay team of Dino Vivanco, Zac Felix, Kurtis Cooley and Blake Stafnine. They took the top spot with a time of 8:01.22.

“The school record is 7:56.8 in the 3,200 relay and that’s a record those guys want to take down,” Brinker said.

The final champion came on the girls’ side where Emily Alvarado took the top spot in discus (117-8). Not to be outdone, the outstanding thrower also placed third in the shot put (36-4 1/2), becoming Holly’s only sole individual state qualifier in two events.

Others qualifying for the state meet individually were: Jaxon Barr, second in the 100 dash (11.22); Stafnine, second in the 800 (2:00.46); and Dakota Thorington, second in the discus (156-0). The Holly boys came within one point of second place and were just 14 points behind Waterford Mott.

“The whole goal going into regions is getting as many kids out as you can,” Brinker said. “If you qualify a lot, then you can score at regionals and anything can happen at the state finals.”

Other individual boys who placed in the top five of an event were: Vivanco, fourth in the 800 (2:02.75); Thorington, fourth in the shot put (48-0); Scott Maki, fourth in the high jump (5-8); and Lucas Sammut, second in the pole vault (11-6).

The Holly girls had two other individuals place in the top five of an event. They were Samantha Tschirhart, third in the 800 (2:20.53) and fifth in the 1,600 (5:30.05); and Isabelle Brown, fifth in the pole vault (8-6).

The Division 1 state meet is May 30 at Rockford High School.

Fenton at Division 1 regional track meet at Milford High School

The Fenton Tigers had two individuals qualify for the state meet at the Milford regional on Friday.

Jacob Lee came the closest to earning a regional title, taking second in the 3,200 with a time of 9:27.90. Meanwhile Madeline Hall qualified in the long jump. She placed third with a state-qualitying distance leap of 17-feet-3 1/4.

The Fenton girls had three other performers earn top-five placings at the regional event, with two of those coming in the 100 dash. Hall placed fourth in the 100 (12.89) while Hannah Sage placed fifth (13.15). Nina Lombardi earned the other placing, taking fifth in the 100 hurdles (16.84).

One other Fenton boy earned a top-five placing. That was Jason Dietrich in the 200 (23.77).

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matches by earning 6-0, 6-4 wins, and then won the regional crown by defeating Ptoskey’s Sydney Chambers 6-0, 6-2 in the title match. At No. 2 singles, Fenton’s Sydney Phipps cruised to straight set wins through the tourney, defeating Holly’s Nicole Johnson in the title match 6-2, 6-1.

The Bronchos had two more flights earn runner-up status. At No. 3 singles, Jenna Pepper lost a tight 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 match against Midland’s Hyspata Swanson. The No. 2 doubles team of Lily Kossak and Danielle Sink moved to the finals match, but lost a 7-6(0), 7-6(6) match to Petoskey’s Hanna Simmons and Alenda Chapdelaine.

At No. 1 singles, Haley Crippins won her first match but then lost a tight 6-7(5), 6-1, 6-4 contest against Midland’s Arianna Hohner.

“I am pleased with the improvements this season,” Sophia said. “The strides they’ve made are just amazing.”

The Tigers were hoping to advance to the state meet, but were unable to mainly due to no one else besides Ballard and Phipps making it to the finals.

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A good as a no-hitter against Linden. Today, my speed wasn’t the biggest thing, but my location was on point. Whenever I wanted to pitch inside, I pitched inside. The curveball helped me today.

Actually, it was an outstanding pitchers’ duel in the opening game between Leaske and Austin Buerkel. Both were tossing no-hitters until Fenton’s Jon Gillman earned a bunt single to start the sixth inning. Justin Norris was hit by a pitch and Coselman answered with an RBI-double. Zack Kozka followed that hit with a two-run double of his own, and Fenton led 3-0.

That’s all the support Leaske needed. Lin- den’s only legitimate chance to score against the Fenton junior came in the bottom of the fifth when two walks and a hit batter loaded the bases with two out. However, a ground out ended that threat. Leaske got four of the final six outs with strike outs, and only Pets’ single with one out in the seventh kept the no-hitter from happening. Leaske struck out six and walked two.

In the second game Coselman was almost as good. He scattered six hits and two walks, while striking out four in 6 1/3 innings. Linden’s Marshall Ryan was hit first, tossing a seven-hitter and striking out five, but, once again, Linden’s bats couldn’t get anything going.

Fenton broke the scoreless tie with two in the fourth. Cosel- man singled and Kozka walked. Leaske’s groundout scored Cosel- man and Drew Garrison hit a sacrifice fly, making it a 2-0 Fenton lead.

The final two runs came in the Fenton sixth. Coselman singled and Leaske walked. Garrison hit an RBI-single and a throwing error plated Leaske.

“It’s huge for us as a team and a program. I feel real blessed to be with a group of guys like this,” Coselman said. “We’re so lucky and to not give up a run in two games is huge. To claw out those two wins is something we haven’t been doing, and to do it on the biggest stage is awesome.”

For Linden, it was a theme that has hit them many times this year — a lack of offensive punch.

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by posting state-qualifying times.

Alia Frederick will be the Eagles’ only two-time participant, earning a fourth-place time of 16.24 seconds in the 100 hurdles and a third-place time of 46.80 seconds in the 300 hurdles. Savannah Ferrara was the closet to winning an event. She took second in the 3,200 (11:56.99). Taylor Ganger placed fourth with a state-qualifying time of 5:21.59 in the 1600. And Madison Pet

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5-4. Meanwhile, the Tigers kept control of their own destiny in the Metro League race by capturing the second game with two runs in the top of the 10th inning, earning them an 11-9 win.

In the opener, Linden jumped to a 2-0 lead off a two-run home run by Rhiannon Morse in the third inning, and still led 3-1 after six innings. However, Fenton answered back with three runs in the top of the seventh inning. Singles by Paige Dean, Meghan McArdle and Emma Brant set up the threat. It was a two-run single by Kacey Caidmuff that put the Tigers up 4-3 entering the bottom of the seventh.

However, the Eagles bounced back. With one out, Megan Klavitter walked and Cayla Weirenga singled. Then with two out, Morse walked. That set up Molly Churches’ two-run walk-off single, giving the Eagles what had to be considered an upset victory.

“I was excited,” admitted Churches. “I was shaking. I was thinking ‘Please don’t catch it.’ Getting that win meant a lot. It was great.”

Alexa Marsh earned the victory on the mound, tossing an eight-hitter, while strik- ing out six.

The second contest was an even crazier 10-inning offensive affair. The Tigers jumped out to a 5-1 lead after single runs in the first three innings and a two-run fourth. However, the Eagles answered back, sending 12 bat- ters to the plate in the bottom of the fourth, eventually scoring six runs to take a 7-6 lead.

The Tigers looked regrasp control when Logan Carter homered, tying it at 7-all. A single and a stolen base by Taylor Mowery allowed a Myla Wolosonovich ground out to plate the go-ahead run. The Eagles answered back with one in the seventh. Brinann Vargas singled and eventually scored on Weirenga’s two-out RBI-single, forcing extra innings.

Both teams scored single runs in the eighth, but Fenton scored two in the top of the 10th. McArdle singled and scored on Brant’s one-out RBI-double.

“We had a runner on so that was our oppor- tunity,” Brant said. “I didn’t have any pressure on me because if I didn’t get the hit, I knew the person right behind me would. Two bat- ters later, Caidmuff would drive in her third run of the game, giving Fenton an 11-9 lead. Paige Dean, who pitched the first game and entered the second in the fifth, looked tired but was able to earn the critical win by getting Linden out in order in the bottom of the 10th. Dean threw 100 pitches during the twinbill.

“I am a little tired,” Dean said. “I had to dig deep for sure. It was a big win especially play- ing Brandon on Wednesday. ... That second win was big for us. (Monday’s) result set us a little more event going into Wednesday.”

Fenton and Brandon are tied for first atop the Metro at 11-1 entering the Tigers’ home twinbill at 4 p.m. If the teams split they share the crown. If either sweeps, they win the title outright.

“A league title would be fantastic, espe- cially my senior year,” Dean said. “That was one of our goals we set at the beginning of the season and reaching our goals is import- ant to us.”

Linden is happy with how they played.

“We thought we could get one,” Linden coach Gordon Jamison said. “We beat Bran- don last week, so we came in with a little more confidence. I guess we are the spoilers right now.”

Three other Linden individuals had fifth- place efforts. They were Jacob Cox in the 100 (11.44), Varacalli in the 1600 (4:35.47) and Ferrara in the 1600 (5:23.67).

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defeated Dryden 8-0. Porrirt, Melissa Williams and Craig had two goals each, while Skidmore and Lauren Oppen- heiser added one each. Oppenheiser’s goal was the first of her four-year career.

In the semifinal round, Porrirt scored two more goals and Skidmore added one in a 3-1 victory against Byron. That set up the championship game against Montrose.

Lake Fenton (14-4-1) was perfect in GAC action, winning every game in con- ference play and during the tournament.

“This team has a lot of talent, but they weren’t that mature on the field to start,” Glasseter said. “But their self- confidence has come a long way. They started to talk and do things like older kids do. They matured. And we had 11 different scorers, with four scoring 10 or more.”

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**Aries** (March 21 to April 19) Your Aries self-esteem level is high, as is your impatience to see more action come your way in the workplace. Good news, Lamb: It could start to happen sooner than you think.

**Taurus** (April 20 to May 20) Changing things now could upset a lot of people. But if you feel you’re acting because you believe it’s the right thing to do, others will understand and even come to support you.

**Gemini** (May 21 to June 20) A change of mind might not necessarily be a change of heart. You still want to go ahead with your plans, but you might see a better way to make them happen. So go for it.

**Cancer** (June 21 to July 22) An old business dispute could re-emerge and possibly affect upcoming negotiations. Consider opening up the situation to include suggestions from others on both sides of the issue.

**Leo** (July 23 to August 22) Some Leos and Leonas might find it somewhat difficult to get their ideas accepted or even considered. But that’s only for a while. Things will soon return to the way you like them.

**Virgo** (August 23 to September 22) The pace seems to be slowing down from the hectic on-the-job run you recently enjoyed. But be assured that you’re still in the race to pick up new workplace-related goodies.

**Libra** (September 23 to October 22) Seasonal changes create opportunities for busy Librans. However, be sure to balance your workload with your personal life so that you don’t overdo it on one end or the other.

**Scorpio** (October 23 to November 21) A former critic could make a surprise turnaround and become a supporter. But if your Scorpion sense suspects a questionable motive, who are the rest of us to doubt it?

**Sagittarius** (November 22 to December 21) Data on a new project seems less than dependable. But it might turn out to be just the opposite. Consult with someone who knows how you might best be able to check it out.

**Capricorn** (December 22 to January 19) A recent change of mind might not necessarily be a change of heart. You still want to go ahead with your plans, but you might see a better way to make them happen. So go for it.

**Aquarius** (January 20 to February 18) Showing that you care is what Aquarians do so well. It’s your very special skill. And this week, you’ll have several chances to show off that gift for a very special person. Good luck.

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