‘Fenton River Fest’ promises food, fun and great music

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The Keepers of the Shiawassee River operate under the umbrella of Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation, who hold regular clean-ups of the river.

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Fenton board considering several options

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Members of the Fenton Board of Education have a lot of information to process before their next meeting.

That information includes different options presented at the May 20 special meeting, options aimed at reducing the pain of a 2015-2016 budget, which could involve the loss of anywhere between 12.5 and 16 full-time teaching jobs and the possible elimination of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program.

During their presentation titled “Moving Forward” by Melody Strang, director of Instructional Technology and Curriculum, and Doug Busch, executive director of Personnel and Finance, six possible scenarios were explained to the board. At the May 11 meeting, board members requested additional options to consider before making a final decision on the new budget.

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‘A year in a Volt’

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The proud owners of electric or hybrid vehicles are getting a big charge out of the amount of money they are not spending at the gas pump.

Doug Busch, executive director of finance and personnel for the Fenton school district, is one of them.

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Linden bus driver wins car for $20

Linden schools inadvertently gives back to long-time bus driver

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Linden — A 70-year-old Linden bus driver of 38 years drove away in her “new” 2002 Buick Regal on May 21. It cost her $20.

The Linden Music Boosters raffled off the car as a fundraiser. For $20, anyone could enter to win the car, which was prepared by Dan Shannon, a trustee of the Linden Band Boosters and owner of Shannon Auto. The car had 85,000 miles on it. Shannon went through the car, painted it, put tires and wheels on it. It still has its owner manual, he said.

They sold hundreds of tickets to people in Linden and neighboring areas, and Sheila Sakuta, who drives bus 10, had the winning ticket.

Dan Shannon of Shannon Auto Collision gives Linden schools bus driver Sheila Sakuta the keys to her “new” 2002 Buick Regal. His Fenton business prepared the car to be used for the band booster’s fundraiser.

“I started bus driving because my kids went to school and I didn’t want anyone to steal ‘em,” she said. Fast forward 38 years, and she’s still driving children to and from school because the parents don’t want her to leave. Sakuta’s route takes her around Silver Lake Road, Lobdell Road, Haviland Beach and Hilltop Drive.

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“Love them. That’s why I keep staying,” Sakuta said. “It was wonderful. I couldn’t even believe it. I bought one ticket from a student and it was the winning ticket. She’s been on my bus since kindergarten.”

Sakuta said she always supports Linden fundraisers. Throughout the year, students help raise money with a rummage sale, car wash, a carnival, and the Linden Invitational.

“Whatever the kids on my bus sell, I buy,” she said. “It’s wonderful because I’ve just been leasing a car.”

Her husband, Wayne Sakuta, died two years ago from a bacterial infection. He had tongue cancer. “The last two years have been different. At times difficult, but I’m very strong-willed and really up beat,” Sakuta said. “You have to have that attitude nothing can stop you.”

She found out she won from Dan Shannon. “The coolest thing about the whole story is who won it,” Shannon said. “We kept it local. A local person won. She’s part of this big Linden family.” Shannon and Sakuta’s late husband knew each other.

“He used to come into my shop all the time,” Shannon said. “That’s pretty cool, that connection. It really makes your heart feel good.”

Police&Fire

TIREs, RIMS STOLEn FROM CAR

At 5 a.m. on May 20, a Fenton police officer on patrol spotted a 2015 Ford Taurus, minus its tires and rims, up on bricks as it was parked along Peachtree Trail. The officer made contact with the 33-year-old homeowner and his girlfriend, who had parked her new car in the road the prior evening. The value of the tires and rims was listed at $3,000.

CAR DAMAGED

At 10:30 a.m. on May 20, Fenton police responded to a home in the 400 block of Dauner Road to investigate a damage complaint. A 59-year-old resident told police that sometime between May 16 and 19, someone made multiple scratch marks on her 2002 Chrysler four-door car. There are no suspects.

FENTON MAN SHOPLIFTS

At 1:34 p.m. on May 23, Fenton police responded to a grocery store on North Leffoy Street to investigate a retail fraud complaint. Upon arrival, police made contact with the suspect, a 45-year-old Fenton man, who was seated in a vehicle in the parking lot. Employees told police that the man had walked in, selected $500 worth of store merchandise, including $85 of ribeye steak, and walked out without paying. Just as the employee confronted the man outside, he was entering a vehicle, which had just pulled up. Apparently, the suspect knew the driver, however, the driver was unaware of the retail fraud. The man was taken into custody. Police learned that he had outstanding arrest warrants from Grand Blanc Township and Fenton. The man was lodged at the Genesee County Jail, pending arraignments on the warrants. Fenton police will also seek charges for retail fraud.
A tradition of respect continues in tri-county area

Memorial Day events include parade, wreath laying and ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — The route was changed, but the solemn respect of the event remained the same. On Monday, Memorial Day, the community turned out to acknowledge fallen military veterans, despite the threat of rain, and to thank veterans still among the living. Due to Streetscape, the parade avoided North Leroy Street. Families including adults, teens and children stood along Caroline and Adelaide streets and Shiawassee Avenue, and applauded as the Fenton High School provided music, and the day culminated into a ceremony with readings and a 21-gun salute at the cemetery.

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For Fenton’s Memorial Day activities, the parade ran from Caroline and LeRoy street to Oakwood Cemetery. Onlookers were encouraged to applaud for the honor guard, led by the Fenton VFW. Fenton High School provided music, and the day culminated into a ceremony with readings and a 21-gun salute at the cemetery.

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Holly Village holds its own parade and ceremony, hundreds visit Great Lakes National Cemetery

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly Twp. — In the tri-county area, a more dramatic backdrop for Memorial Day reflection probably doesn’t exist than at the Great Lakes National Cemetery.

No other location drives the point home more than a matrix of 4,500 white markers on rolling green hills. On Monday, those hills were dotted with visitors to family and friends who are now interred there.

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The annual Memorial Day ceremony held Sunday at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly Township is so well attended that the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office provides traffic control, and the Patriot Guard Riders coordinate parking. While many visitors attend the actual ceremony, some spend their time at the markers of loved ones.

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The second Cuban revolution

If you want to see the face of the new Cuba, talk to Niuris Higueria, co-owner and chef of Havana’s Paladar Atelier (paladar’s the name Cubans use for privately-owned restaurants).

Higueria’s not only a top chef, she’s as sharp an entrepreneur as you’ll find anywhere. To escape the rural community where she grew up, she and her brother exchanged 18 different houses until they secured a home in Havana’s comfortable Vedado neighborhood, which they’ve converted into one of the country’s best-known and most successful paladars.

Twenty years ago, all restaurants in Cuba were state-owned. Today, as part of ongoing efforts to restructure the economy, the government’s trying to get out of the restaurant business and is instead encouraging private ownership. Or talk to Julio Alvarez, co-owner of his wife of the Nostalgic Car Company. Recognizing their economic potential, Alvarez founded a company to buy and restore Cuba’s fleet of aging, classic American cars from the 1950s. Visiting his shop, I watched mechanics working on a 1959 Chevy Impala and a 1955 Chevy Bel Air. Once restored, rebuilt and repainted, they become part of Havana’s colorful and hugely popular tourist fleet. What’s more nostalgic than riding along the Malecon in a 1957 Cadillac convertible?

Cuba is just 58 minutes away. You take off in Tampa and before you can say “Marco Rubio’s loser” you land in Havana.

Cuba’s also the new must-see place for Americans. Last year, 100,000 Americans visited Cuba. That number’s expected to double this year.

Yes, in large part because of improved relations with the United States, there’s a second revolution coming to Cuba, an economic revolution, which Cubans are quick to describe as ‘intrapaladarism’ to, and not the abandonment of, socialism.

That’s the most debated question in Cuba today. Everybody’s excited about better relations with the United States, but nobody’s talking much about what it means.

One thing’s for sure: Big, positive change is coming to Cuba. It’s already underway. And no matter how hard they try in Congress, Marco Rubio, Mario Diaz-Balart, Robert Menendez, and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen can never stop it.

 compiled by Alexei Rose, intern

How much time do you spend on your smartphone?

“I only spend about 40 percent of my time on my phone due to working.”
— Sandy Norko, Fenton

“I usually spend about 45 minutes to an hour every day for personal use about two hours for business.”
— Ashley Saint John, Fenton

“I spend a lot of time on my phone for work and personal.”
— Shannon Dipsoid Argentine Township

“I do not spend a lot of time on my phone.”
— Lee Ratliff Linden

“I spend both personal and business two hours on my phone per day.”
— Stacey Johnson, Fenton

“I spend about 75 percent of my day on my phone.”
— Nick Versola Fenton

FROM THE LEFT
NATIONALLY SYNDICATED
Bill Press

FROM THE RIGHT
NATIONALLY SYNDICATED
Cal Thomas

The false god of politics

If you visit Mount Olympus, you will see scores of crumbling statues to false gods once worshiped by ancient Greeks. The same is true in Rome, where statues of political gods, notably those named Caesar, lay in ruins.

We are more sophisticated today. Moderns don’t bow to Zeus. Many of us, though, put our faith in the false god of politics, despite its track record of failure to achieve all of the things we project upon it.

In order to accurately judge an idea, policy, or individual ‘stupid,’ one must first have a standard by which stupid can be computed at your table. It’s already happening in some restaurants.

Bolstering unions means more workers paying more dues so more unions can give more money to the Democratic Party.

National paid sick leave? Why do liberals focus so much on time off instead of productivity? Such a policy would be ripe for abuse.

Though false gods can’t deliver, stupid people still act as if they can. Republican presidential candidates must have a message that will bring Americans to their senses and remind them of economic, foreign policy and moral standards that once produced results.
Morgan Maker, 21, spent two weeks in Ghana, Africa for her college nursing program. She worked with mothers and children, doing pree-natal work in community health care.

STUDENTS WITHOUT BORDERS

An up-close look with a local international nursing student

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Morgan Maker, 21, a nursing student at Grand Valley State University, studied abroad in Ghana, Africa the first two weeks of March. By immersing herself in African culture, she experienced startling differences in health care in comparison to America.

Maker grew up in Linden and her father, Scott Maker, is a member of the Linden Board of Education.

She visited Accra, the capital, and Cape Coast. One of the benefits of traveling to Ghana is how politically stable it is. The trip took months of preparation and she applied in mid-October.

“There’s the vaccinations, check-ups, cultural education, and paperwork that needs to be completed prior to leaving,” Maker said. The first few days there, they did basic touristy things, taking tours around the city and getting to know the history.

“It’s different because American schools teach most European history and not African history,” Maker said. She also experienced cultural events at their art institute. “It’s basically a bunch of dudes smoking pot and making drums.”

Everything there is a barter system, she said. “If it doesn’t have a specific cost, it’s open for bartering.”

For many students it was frightening and overwhelming.

“No one’s actually aggressive. It just feels aggressive, Maker said. “It really is safe. It just feels uncomfortable for us because we’re not used to it. Part of growth is stepping outside of your comfort zone.”

While there, schoolwork consisted of community health in the area and working with nurses. Health care in Ghana is preventative and focuses more on not needing a hospital.

“That’s what we’re trying to move toward with nursing here in America,” Maker said. “The whole point of treating people in the community so they don’t have to go to the hospital is so it saves money for both individual consumers and taxpayers.”

The majority of her work involved pre-natal care. All children under the age of 5 have free health care in Ghana. Maker said she did a lot of vaccinations and educating on nutritional superstitions.

“In Africa, mothers will line up with their babies week after week to see what vaccinations their babies need,” she said.

Residents dressed in red, white and blue for Memorial Day pay tribute to veterans in downtown Linden. Veterans, community members and kids walked in the parade.

Area residents sign ‘Patriot Wall’ to honor those who have served

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Linden — Drizzle didn’t stop a few hundred tri-county residents from attending Memorial Day tributes in downtown Linden on Monday.

Sue Turpen, president of the Linden Arts Council, asked Linden Mayor David Lossing and Lt. Col. Ed Koledo, Linden Schools Superintendent to sign the “Patriot Wall” first.

Residents lined up to sign their name and write a message on the wall, a 4-foot-tall banner that will be sent to troops overseas.

A few veterans wore uniform jackets. People wrote messages such as “come home soon” and “thank you for your service.”

Tri-county resident Josh Robbins, 87, said the “Patriot Wall” is a good idea because it lets people know what went on years ago. "It (signing of the Patriot Wall) should happen more often, remembrance for people who died for us,” Robbins said. He See STUDENTS on 8

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Busch purchased the car a year ago this month from Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton. “I became interested in the Volt because I drive about 500 miles per week and was looking for something good on fuel economy and environmentally friendly,” Busch said.

“For the 2014 model year, GM dropped the sticker price on the Volt and with the federal tax credit, the car was a very good deal. Additionally, the car was mostly designed and built here in Michigan so that was a plus for me.”

Prior to purchasing his Volt, Busch secured permission to have an electric line installed at the Fenton Administration Building so he could charge his car at work.

“I paid for the installation of the electric line at work out of my own pocket using Craftsman Electric here in town and they were great to work with,” Busch said. “The car tracks how much electricity I use to charge and I write a check back to the district each month for electricity. So, I paid for the initial install costs and then the monthly energy use to charge.

“I also put a card on my dashboard that indicates ‘Employee pays for all charging costs’, he added.

Busch said that after a year of driving his Volt, the “real world” mileage he gets is 155 miles per gallon.

“When charging regularly, I have been averaging 1,328 miles between visiting the gas station to fill up.”

Doug Busch
Executive Director of Finance and Personnel
Fenton Area Public Schools

“If you are able to drive your car to work, you will save on electricity, which is obviously cheaper than gas,” Busch said.

“From April to October, I average about 38 miles on electric before the battery is depleted and it switches over to gas,” he said. “The biggest drop in battery capacity was during the cold months from November through March when I averaged about 32 miles on electric before the battery is depleted and it switches over to gas.

“The other ‘real world’ factor that I have found impacts battery depletion is the speed of the vehicle,” Busch added. “The stop and go in city traffic is better for mileage than higher speeds on the highway.”

Busch said the cold weather limited the amount of battery range when driving.

“When the battery pack is depleted, it has a 9-gallon gas tank and operates just like a traditional hybrid when the battery is depleted,” he said.

In the year he has owned the car, Busch said he has put just over 23,000 miles on it, with about 80 percent operating on electric power.

“When charging regularly, I have been averaging 1,328 miles between visiting the gas station to fill up,” he said. “I have filled it up 16 times during the year that I have owned it and spent about $439 in gas. It does require premium which is a drawback, but the low gas prices this year have helped in that area.”

Busch said there are other benefits and drawbacks he’s noticed over the past year.

“I was pleasantly surprised that it handles as well as it does for a smaller vehicle,” he said. “The weight of the battery pack helps it achieve a low center of gravity.”

On the negative side, Busch said the car has very low ground clearance and caution is necessary to not scrape the bottom on driveway approaches and parking lots.

Overall, Busch said, “The car is an impressive piece of technology and was a good fit for my needs.”

Popular EVs, hybrids
- The Chevy Volt (starting at $34,345), a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle, is a great option for drivers who still want a vehicle with more range than a standard electric car. The electric battery range of the Volt is about 40 miles, while the gasoline engine gets great gas mileage when supplemented by the electric motor.

- Another option is the Nissan Leaf (starting at $29,010), which is cheaper than the Volt and like the Volt is eligible for a federal tax credit. The electric range of the Leaf is almost double that of the Volt, with the drawback of the Leaf being an all-electric vehicle that doesn’t have the added gasoline range of the Volt.

- A third option for an affordable electric vehicle is the Ford C-Max Energi (starting at $31,770) which is a plug-in hybrid capable of driving 500 miles between fill ups. The Energi is larger and more spacious than the Volt or Leaf.

Source: volt sociale.net

Notes of thanks

White Canes fundraiser

The Fenton Lions would like to thank the community for helping us raise more than $3,000 over the weekend of May 1, 2, and 3 during our White Canes fundraiser. We would also like to thank Stevens Furniture for their help. All monies go back into the community. Fenton rocks!

— Melanie Hein
Fenton Lions Club

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Mary Year Program without the world language teacher or $162,000 to operate the same program with one coordinator for all three buildings without a world language teacher.

Both costs include funds for personal development. The cost to maintain the Diploma Program currently being provided, adding collaboration through substitute teachers and provide DP teachers with training would be $115,000.

It is the consensus of the administration team and recommendation to maintain the Diploma Program at the high school for $115,000, and maintain the Primary Program at each elementary building with the reduction of the world language teacher position at a cost of $200,000.

The net savings from the 2013-2014 school year would be $213,000.

The next school board meeting will be held on Monday, June 1, starting at 6 p.m. in the Administration Building, 3100 Owen Road, Fenton.

Former superintendent shares history

Former Fenton schools superintendent Peggy Yates sent a five-page letter to the Board of Education, to serve as a reminder of why the IB program was implemented in the first place.

"While I no longer live in the district, I follow the events in, and concerns facing the district with a great deal of interest," she said. Prior to the implementation of IB, the state of Michigan was calling for more accountability and continuous improvement, Yates said. They were changing the school improvement reporting model to assure this was happening within districts. However, the state struggled with a framework and found itself continually changing the target. Promises of guidelines for accountability and frameworks from which to work were limited and created a great deal of confusion and frustration for teachers, parents, and ultimately students.

"This was the case in the late 1990s and it continues to be the case today," Yates said. Yates outlined several reasons Fenton selected the model it did. The IB framework, she said, provided the district with some structure to address many of the existing issues. Yates letter, which was at her request placed into the record at the May 20 school board meeting, can be read in its entirety at www.tctimes.com.

River Fest

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The annual Shiawassee River Cleanup in Fenton will take place on Saturday, June 27. Volunteers are encouraged to meet at Bush Park at 8 a.m. Kids are welcomed but must be accompanied by a parent or other adult. Proper footwear is required, such as water shoes or old tennis shoes. Flip flops will not be permitted. No tools or other supplies are needed. The river will be cleaned all the way to the Toney Road Bridge.

“Our goal for the cleanup is to maintain healthy river paths for kayakers and canoeists, while leaving natural items (twigs, etc.) to maintain the river’s habitats,” said Shiawassee River Cleanup Chairman Bradley Jacob, who is also a Fenton City councilman.

Former Fenton schools superintendent Peggy Yates provides an overview for implementation.

Summary

The Fenton Board of Education continues work on its 2015-2016 budget considering various options provided by school administrators.

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River Fest arts & crafts show

Artists and crafters of all mediums will be able to display their works in Bush Park during the June 28 Fenton River Fest. Registration is required and the cost for a 10- by 10-foot spot (must bring own set up) is $35, which is collected on the day of the festival at "Sign Up," which will be located at the Keepers of the Shiawassee table/booth. Registration forms must be completed and set out by June 20. Completed forms should be emailed to bjang27@gmail.com, or mailed to River Fest Registration, 47 Chinkapin Pk, Fenton, MI 48430.

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“This is going to be a great community event,” said Bradley Jacob, Shiawassee River Cleanup chair and Fenton City councilman. “The community is just as important to the river as the river is to the community.”

Festivalgoers will be able to enjoy food from Beale Street Smokehouse in Fenton, the Taco Truck and more.

“There will also be six hours of live local music,” Jacob said.

Local bands, including “Playing with Jacks” and “Sugar Hook,” will be performing for three hours. A Joyful Noise Music Studio in Fenton will be providing another three hours of musical entertainment.

Festive activities include kayak demonstrations. “People will be able to get into a kayak and try it out,” said Jacob.

Silver Spy Sports will conduct Paddleboard Yoga demonstrations.

There also will be a Rubber Ducky race, all day 50/50 raffles, and local craft and art vendors. The Fenton Fire Department will also be on hand for touch-a-truck activities.

The biggest event of the day, according to Jacob, will be the Cardboard Canoe Regatta. Canoes can only be constructed using cardboard and duct tape, Jacob said. Canoe-makers are encouraged to be as creative as they can. The winner will receive a cash prize of a yet undetermined amount.

How long can a race like this possibly last? According to Jacob, “Not long, they only last a certain amount of time.”

For more details on the Cardboard Canoe Regatta, email bjang27@gmail.com or leave a voice mail or text message at (810) 354-5777.

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“It was interesting to me because we fight so hard to get mothers to get their children vaccinated in America, but those mothers will line up even if their child doesn’t need a vaccination.” She also weighed babies to make sure their growth was on track, taught children about hygiene, and helped with family planning, such as birth control usage. She said there are about 26 dentists in all of Ghana.

“The traditional birth facilities are concrete floors with a sheet and a malaria net,” Maker said, adding that we don’t fully appreciate how nice American facilities are. The biggest cultural difference was hygiene. Ghana doesn’t have a sanitary or sewer system.

“We take for granted our ability to place a trash can at the end of drive way and know it will be gone every Tuesday,” she said. “In Ghana, there is open sewage in the streets you just learn to step over and there is no such thing as a dump. We talk about littering here, there is no other option in Ghana, everywhere is littering. It’s basically garbage on the streets.” Overall, she said she loved the trip and she’s looking to travel more.

“I’m looking at traveling with a group called ‘Kybele.’ Its humanitarian organization that works in improving child birth safety and improving maternal and infant death rates worldwide,” she said. “I find childbirth practices and variations across cultures very interesting.

“If I could make a decent living as certified nurse mid-wife, I would do it,” Maker said. “In the meantime I’ve found the intensive care unit and rewarding and challenging place to work and that’s the goal as of now.”

Morgan Maker said the streets in Ghana are filled with garbage, due to no sanitary or sewage system. Americans take the garbage removal system for granted.

“The Memorial Day Parade featured veterans, the Linden Marching Band, the Linden Dance Academy, the Linden Arts Council, Boy Scouts and others. Onlookers lined up on the street as early as 9 a.m.”

LINDEN
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joined the United States Coast Guard in July 1945 and served in Rockport, Massachusetts. “It was very lucky,” he said. Debbie Littlefield from Gaines said, “It’s nice. My dad was in the service.” Her father was in the Army for four years and stationed in Alaska. Her brother, also in the service, was stationed in a few places, such as Japan and Thailand. “Now he lives in Thailand. He liked it so much he stayed,” she said.

Beverly Bondra, treasurer for city of Linden, said her dad was in the service from 1951-1955. He fought in the Korean War. “He doesn’t talk about it,” Bondra said. The “Patriot Wall” was put together by the Linden Arts Council in collaboration with the Linden VFW Post 4642 and Linden Community Schools.

Turpen said Doug Morgan of the VFW constructed the wall, and Gemma Amendola, of the Linden schools art department, made the graphics and painted it along with Carol Severn. “The purpose is just to send a message to troops overseas that residents of Linden, Michigan thank them and appreciate what they do to keep our country free,” Turpen said.

“It’s fun because the community is just thrilled. It’s exciting to see so many people here too,” said Gemma Amendola. “It just feels so empty all the time, but when people come out it’s fun.”

The wall will stay up for two weeks. After the signing of the wall, the Memorial Day Parade made its way through downtown Linden, featuring war veterans, the Linden Marching Band, the Linden Dance Academy, and the Linden Arts Council, among others. Kids dressed in red, white and blue, waving flags and riding bikes. Viewers followed the parade and then watched a performance by the Jump Street Swing Band, the first in the 2015 Music by the Mills season.

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VFW Honor Guard passed by. They represented the veterans who gave it all. The parade included local Scout troops and the Fenton High School Marching Band, which provided the emotive musical backdrop.

The day culminated, as it does each year, with a ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery, which also included readings by the Fenton Curtis-Wol- verton VFW Post 3243, the issuing of “Taps” and a 21-gun salute.

Much of the crowd who watched from the streets seemed to make the trek up the hill to listen to readings like “Come Visit My Grave,” and “In Flanders Fields.” Memorial wreaths were laid to commemorate those who died in military service.

**HOLLY**

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While they paid their respects, a large ceremony was also held. The event brings so many people out that the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office runs traffic at the intersection of North Holly and Belford roads. Patriot Guard Riders handled parking.

John Wahlseth, 95, of Davison came to pay respects to two step brothers, who were marines. He quietly said a prayer.

Air Force Sr. Airman and Fenton graduate Sean Rüssel and mother Michelle Miller placed flowers at Russell’s grandfather’s grave. Overtaken with emotion, he cried and they held each other. “It’s been too long since I’ve been here,” he said.

The village of Holly’s parade began at 10 a.m., and ended at a ceremony at the scenic Lakeside Cemetery.

**.Beanery**

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The Times was invited to cover a media event on Wednesday, May 27 (today) at 4 p.m., where plans for the site will be unfolded by the Hagerman family, representatives of SkyPoint Ventures, site developers Rhoads & Johnson and city officials. Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman of Fenton Township purchased the property March 5 through their real estate and business development company, SkyPoint Ventures. The CEO of Diplomat Pharmacy in Flint, Phil Hagerman and his wife, Jocelyn, have purchased three parcels of land in the downtown Fenton area this year.

For details about the announcement, visit tctimes.com.

**BEANERY**
**Eagles capture third straight Flint title**

**Marshall’s walk-off single sparks 2-1 win vs. Fenton Tigers**

By David Troppens
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A streak had to end during Monday’s Division 1 Tom Cole Greater Flint Tournament championship game at Flint’s Broomer Park.

The Fenton Tigers had earned three straight victories against the Linden Eagles so far during the 2015 varsity baseball season. However, the Eagles were the two-time defending champions. It was the Eagles’ streak that continued.

Jake Marshall’s two-out single in the bottom of the seventh inning, plated Trevor Banasiak from second base, giving the Eagles a walk-off 2-1 victory in the championship contest.

The seventh inning started with the teams tied at 1-1 and locked up in a pitchers’ duel between Fenton’s John Leaske and Linden’s Austin Buerkel.

Fenton was able to get the go-ahead run on base in the top of the seventh when Drew Garrison reached base on an error with two out, but Buerkel got the next batter quietly to end the threat. Linden’s bottom of the seventh didn’t go as quietly. Banasiak started the threat with a single and then stole second base. It looked like Linden’s threat may end as well until Marshall hit a 1-2 pitch into right for the game-winning single, earning the Eagles their third straight Flint crown.

“Three years in a row is special because it says Linden baseball is not a fluke,” Linden coach Steve Buerkel said. “Doing one is something, winning two is nice, but winning three means the kids, parents and coaches have it in the right direction. I truly believe everybody is involved in these three wins from the coaches to the parents.”

The two area rivals have been in four pitchers’ duels this season, with Fenton winning each of the past three games 2-1, 3-0 and 4-0. The Tigers used the 2-1 victory to earn a tourney title in the Wooden Bat Classic earlier this season.

**Linden’s Trevor Banasiak (below) steals second base in the bottom of the seventh inning during the Eagles’ 2-1 victory in the Division 1 Tom Cole Greater Flint Tournament championship game on Monday.**

**Another D2 crown for the Bronchos**

**Defeat Imlay City 9-0 in D2 Greater Flint Tourney final**

By David Troppens
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The Holly Bronchos haven’t had their greatest season during the 2015 baseball schedule. However, the Bronchos added one nice highlight on Monday.

Holly’s Mason Syjaud scored two runs in Holly’s 9-0 win against Imlay City in the Division 2 title game of the Tom Cole Greater Flint Tournament on Monday.
Linden/Fenton Wolves cap season with 8-5 victory

By David Troppens

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Despite having just a little more than a month to put the squad together, the Linden/Fenton co-op boys lacrosse program certainly improved as the season progressed.

All one has to do is look at the team’s final game of the season for evidence. The Wolves defeated Whitmore Lake by an 8-5 verdict in the squad’s final contest of its inaugural season, recently.

The victory came just a week after losing to the same squad 8-3.

“That was an upset win right there,” head coach Stan Orzel said. “This team got us a week ago and we came back and beat them. We knew where their shots were coming from. We used a string defense . . . and it worked.

“This is the kids’ fifth week of practice and we had to play against teams that had kids who have been playing for six, seven or eight years, Saginaw Heritage’s players had been playing for nine years. For our boys to do so well, is quite an accomplishment. We beat a team that took us apart a week ago and we beat them.”

The Wolves (3-11-1) had a strong offensive performance from Derek White, who scored four goals and dished one assist. Dylan Miesch also had a strong contest, providing two goals and two assists. Luke White had just one goal, but he quarterbacked the attack by dishing off three assists. Mitch Koch scored a single goal, while Zach Walsh provided an assist. Orzel said the offense incorporated a new system, and it took time for the squad to adjust.

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THIRD
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year. But this time it was Linden that needed a win against its rival to earn a
town crier.
Fenton jumped to the early lead in the third inning. With one out, Taylor Law-
rence doubled. Casey McLaughlin-Smith followed with a single, putting runners on
second and third and one out. Matt Acton followed with a sacrifice fly, giving the
Tigers a 1-0 lead.
One had to wonder if that lead would hold for the Tigers and Leaskie, who
tossed a one-hitter victory against Linden just a week earlier at Linden High School.
Leaskie allowed just two singles and two walks entering the sixth inning, but the
Tigers leading 1-0. However, the Eagles finally got to him in the bottom of the
sixth. Brady Sarkan hit a lead-off double and moved courtesy runner Tim Sines to
third base on Marshall Ryan’s ground out to short. A passed ball eventually platted
Sines, tying the contest at 1-all.
Finally, in the seventh the Eagles got the game-winning run and their only
victory against Fenton in four tries this season. Banasiak singled, stole second and
scored on Marshall’s two-out single.
“We played solid. I think we committed
one error in our last four games,” Buerkel
said. “We are playing good fundamental
baseball. We are still not hitting the ball
as well as I think we can, but this shows
the character of the kids to be able to
come back in the sixth and seventh in-
nings to win it.”
“There was a feeling in the air we
were going to win it. I kind of sensed it.
Nobody panicked.”
While Marshall ended up being the hitting
hero, it was Austin Buerkel who was
masterful on the mound. He limited the
Tigers to just three hits and a walk, only
tossing 87 pitches in the complete-game
victory. He also struck out eight batters.
The only inning the Tigers had more than
one runner on base at a time was in the
third when they scored their run.
“One of the things he’s been good at
is keeping his walk count low,” Steve
Buerkel said about his starting brother.
“He walked the lead-off hitter and that
was it. It took him one batter to get hit on
in the struck zone and then he didn’t
walk a batter at all.”
Linden earned its spot in the champion-
ship game by defeating Lapeer 9-1 and
Swartz Creek 8-3 earlier in the season.
Fenton defeated Flushing 11-7 and then
beat Clio 10-7 to earn its spot in the title
contest.
Linden begins Division 2 district ac-
tion on Saturday at Goodrich High School
against Lake Fenton at 10 a.m. Mean-
while, the Tigers begin their Division
1 district at Hartland High School against
Lakeland Saturday at noon. If either team
wins, they’ll play in their district title
games at about 2:30 p.m.

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and Trevor Sunderla with 84s. Tony Mas-
tin with an 88 and Gabe Plesko with a
90.
Fenton had two strong scores, but
were unable to compliment Lloyd’s 77
and Gilbert’s 83. The other two scorers
were Nick Campbell with a 92 and Aus-
tin Lands with a 95.

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**Fenton**

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303 Union Street.
Moving sale. Tools, furniture, luggage, dishes, ladders, Christmas, toys, books.

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**Fenton**

**SALE**

**MAY 28-29TH, 9-5P.M.**

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**Holly**

**Estate Sale**

**MAY 28-30TH, 9-5P.M.**

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**Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memorials.**

**William J. Kramer**

1934-2015

William J. Kramer - age 81, of Davisburg, died Friday, May 22, 2015. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, with Pastor Ed Pedley officiating. Burial will be in Davisburg Cemetery. Visitation was from 2-5 and 7-9 PM Tuesday. Mr. Kramer was born in Pontiac on March 5, 1934, the son of Frederick and Beatrice Kramer. He was retired custodian from Holly Schools and was a member of the Holly Sports Hall of Fame. He enjoyed gardening and farming. Surviving are 4 children, Sue (Fred) Maves of Holly, Douglas Kramer of KY, Christopher Kramer of Burton, and Erin (Reva) Kramer of Waterford; 2-5 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Patricia and son Timothy Kramer. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. www.dryerfuneralathomely.com.

**Erma “Ruth” Schmuck**

1923-2015

Erma “Ruth” Schmuck - age 92, of Tyrone Township, died May 23, 2015. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 100 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Pastor Russ Greenfield officiating. Interment at Cowell Cemetery, Tyrone Twp. Visitation was held 1-5 PM and 7-9 PM Tuesday. Those desiring may make contributions to the Adopt-A-Pel. Ruth was born May 12, 1923 in Howard County, IN the daughter of Emery and Anna (Cutrell) Symons. She married Robert “Bob” Schmuck in Grand Blanc on December 30, 1966. Ruth was a Sales Clerk at Comber and Fox which is now VG’s. She was a member of the Questers Organization. She enjoyed traveling the world with Bob. She is survived by her husband Robert “Bob” Schmuck; children, Robert “Stan” (Mary) Lee, Michael “Mick” (Kelley) Lee, Daniel (Fran) Schmuck, Becky Harrington; daughter-in-law, Diana Lee; grandchildren, Daniel Lee, Tracy Hittle, Randy Lee, Tina Lee, Tammy Brimacombe, Dana Weiland, Tara Lee, Steven Kondel, Kimberly Olinger; numerous great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and son, Jeffrey Lee. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Still operating under a full head of self-esteem makes you want to tackle a matter you had shied away from. OK. But be sure to arm yourself with facts before you make a move.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) That smart move you recently made caught the attention of a lot of people, including some with financial deals to offer. Use your Taurean wariness to check them out thoroughly.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Shyness might keep you from asking for more information on a potentially important matter. But your curiosity grows stronger by midweek and gives you the impetus for data-gathering.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Taking on too many tasks may not be the wise thing to do at this time. You might overspend both your physical and emotional energy reserves, and have to miss out on some upcoming events.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Try to keep your spending at an affordable level. Splurging now -- especially on credit -- could create a problem if your finances are too low for you to take advantage of a possible opportunity.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might not approve of a colleague’s behavior during much of the week. But don’t play the judgmental Virgo card here. As always, check the facts before you assume the worst.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Coping with an old issue that has suddenly re-emerged could take a big toll on your emotional energies. Decide whether you really want to pursue the possibilities here.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) For all your skill in keeping your secrets safe, you could be unwittingly letting one slip out by the way you’re behaving in that new relationship. Are congratulations soon to be in order?

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Good old-fashioned horse sense could help you get around those who unknowingly or deliberately put obstacles in your way. Ignore the confusion and follow your own lead.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A puzzling attitude change in a colleague from friendly to chilly might stem from a long-hidden resentment suddenly bubbling up. An open and honest talk should resolve the problem.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This week, many ever-generous Aquarians might find themselves feeling an acquisitive urge. If so, indulge it. You’ve earned the right to treat yourself to wonderful things.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Expect to get a lot of advice on how to go about implementing your plans. But once you’ve sorted it all out, you’ll probably find that, once again, your way will be the best way.
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