Holly man in police standoff remains in jail

Charged with selling marijuana, firearms, aggravated assault

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The 51-year-old Holly man who had barricaded himself inside his Holly mobile home for several hours last Thursday morning has been charged with five felonies. This came after an investigation by Holly police and the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team (NE T) from the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office.

Holly Police Chief Michael Story said Mark Evans Landback was arraigned at the Oakland County Circuit Court on Saturday. His cash surety bond was set at $75,000. He will remain at the Oakland County Jail until bailed or arraigned at the 52-D District Court. Landback has been

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Senate votes to ban powdered alcohol, e-cigs for minors

■ State Rep. Joe Graves supports the ban

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On May 20, the Michigan Senate unanimously approved two pieces of legislation sponsored by Sen. Rick Jones (24th District) to protect children from alcohol and nicotine abuse.

Senate bills 231 and 240 have been sent to the House of Representatives for their consideration. Senate Bill 240 would prohibit the sale, distribution and possession of powdered alcohol to minors

Jones, the former sheriff of Eaton County, said, “During my time as a sheriff, I saw many young people tragically die due to alcohol poisoning, and

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Linden’s weekly car show off to fast start

By Tim Jagielo
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Linden — “I would have been happy with 20, but we got 57,” said organizer Scott Brinkley, regarding the municipal lot packed with classic cars.

It’s the inaugural “Linden on Wheels” show, and it will happen every Friday in downtown Linden, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., until September 18. It may already need to expand into a nearby lot.

The event is part of the “Grow Linden” campaign, under the guidance of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce.

For car enthusiasts, there was a solid variety. A Volkswagen Karmann Ghia and a beefed up Mazda RX7 and a chopped Ford Galaxy shared space in the same lot, and all got equal interest with the steady flow of visitors.

Of course, there were more than 50 other cars, plus food vendors and oldies music playing over a sound system located in front of Brinkley’s 1962 Ford F-250.

Lang’s Marina to become condos

■ Fenton Township Board approves rezoning

By Hannah Ball
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Fenton Twp. — The Fenton Township Board of Trustees unanimously voted Monday to approve the rezoning plan of condominiums on the site of the old Lang’s Marina on Sonora Drive. However, there are still concerns over ownership and maintenance of the road.

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Legislation could help students who default on private loans

Negative credit would be erased if defaulter pays first nine months of payments on time

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Pending legislation proposed earlier this month would allow students to repair negative credit from defaulting on private student loans.

With this Federal Adjustment In Reporting (FAIR) Student Credit Act, students who default on private loans could make on-time payments for nine months and the default would disappear from their credit score.

This rehabilitation already exists for federal loans. Currently, private loaners do not have the ability to remove negative credit information with loan rehabilitations, according to Peters.senate.gov.

U.S. Senator Gary Peters introduced this bipartisan legislation with Senator Shelley Moore Capito on May 12.

“The vast majority of student loans are public and already eligible for loan rehabilitation, and it’s unfair to deny graduates with private loans the same ability to get back on track after a default,” Peters said on peters.senate.gov.

The industry average for private student loans is between 9 and 12 percent, according to alltuition.com

Courtney Matlock, 21, a Gaines resident, went to Western Michigan University from 2011 to 2015, getting her degree in textile and apparel studies this past May. She graduated with $16,000 in private loans from Discover. She will start paying back her loans with a 9 percent interest rate.

She’ll have paid $36,000, more than half of what she borrowed, if she pays off the loan with their plan.

“It’s a tad ridiculous that we work so hard and spend so much to make a living to be drowning in debt the day we start living our adult lives,” Matlock said, adding that high interest rates hinder students’ futures because it “stops so many people from even trying to create a better life for themselves.”

Matlock said this new legislation is a small step in the right direction, but the government should be looking to reduce the cost of college altogether rather than making it OK to default on loans.

She now works for Lear Corporation in Southfield and will start paying off her private loans six months after graduation.

Matlock said the government needs to step in and do something about how much students owe when they graduate, like lowering tuition costs, offering more subsidized loans, or putting a cap on student loan interest rates.

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Fenton Shrine Club Paper Sale

Members of the Fenton Shrine Club and Elf Kruraleh Shrine Temple are conducting their annual southeastern paper sale on Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6, Eugene Reid, chairman of the paper sales event said members will be posted at the intersections of North Road and Adelacile Street in the city of Fenton; Torrey and Thompson roads in Fenton Township; Grange Hall Road and Saginaw Street in Holly; and on Saturday only, the corner of Broad Street and North Bridge Street in Linden. Donations from this event will be used to help with the variety of treatments offered by the Shriners Children’s Hospitals.

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I-75 POSSIBLE VEHICLE SHOOTING

On Tuesday, June 2 at approximately 3:05 a.m., troopers from the Michigan State Police-Metro Post were dispatched to northbound I-75 between Clintonville and Baldwin Road in Independence Township for a possible shooting at vehicles complaint. The trooper said that something hit and shattered their right front passenger window. At 3:25 a.m., a second driver in the same area had something hit and shatter their rear passenger window. At this time it has not been determined what the objects were that struck the vehicles. Evidence teches are currently processing the vehicles and troopers are processing the area to attempt to determine the origin of the items that struck the vehicles. Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call the Metro Post at (248) 584-5740. Investigation is continuing at this time.
Hand-washing not a common practice in the 19th century

Even doctors weren’t worried about germs

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It’s easy to take for granted the leaps and bounds medical science has made in the last two centuries. But until 1850, no one thought hand-washing was that important. It was that year that a Hungarian obstetrician named Ignaz Semmelweis stood before his peers in Vienna and demanded they start washing their hands.

Today, hand-washing is a no-brainer, something that has been pounded in to people’s heads since childhood, and one that they are reminded to practice regularly.

At the very least, it is something we expect our doctors to do.

But according to Dr. Howard Markel, a physician and medical historian with the University of Michigan, much of the 19th century was a different story.

Markel said hand-washing was not a common practice, adding that most doctors would have been insulted if the idea suggested to them. This, in an era where doctors would examine cadavers immediately before delivering a baby.

Semmelweis’ proposal, however, was poorly timed as germ theory was not really taking off yet. Now considered to be a hero of modern medicine, back then Semmelweis’ ideas and prickly personality were far from earning him any friends.

“He was derided,” Markel said. “There were many who felt he was not dignified enough to even be called ‘Doctor.’ He had his share of enemies, and that is a great tragedy. It is a sad tale of how personalities sometimes get in the way of fact.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), keeping hands clean through improved hand hygiene is one of the most important steps.
When should you wash your hands?

- **After you go to the bathroom and before you eat something.**
- **After you go to the bathroom and before you eat.**
- **Before and after you’re done going to the bathroom.**
- **When my hands are dirty, and before and after going to the bathroom.**
- **Before you eat dinner, and before lunch and breakfast.**
- **After you go someplace like a store, and schools have germs sometimes.**

Compiled by Vera Hogan, staff reporter
Fenton Concerts in the Park to start tomorrow night

Free concerts at Millpond Park from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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A little construction won’t stop Fenton music lovers from heading downtown Thursday nights.

The popular Fenton Concerts in the Park series is set to begin tomorrow night at Millpond Park, next to City Hall, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Scheduled to the first to perform on June 4, is Allen Scott, a dynamic Tim McGraw Tribute Artist from the Metro Detroit area.

According to allenastim.com, Allen has been performing his tribute to the multi-award winning performer since 2004. Tim McGraw’s “Don’t Take The Girl” made Allen a devoted country music fan. Allen took his lifelong love of music, his physical likeness to McGraw, his undiscovered vocal talents and turned them into his passion.

On June 11, Eye 96 will perform. According to eeye96band.com, Eye96 brings together veteran musicians from East Lansing and the Detroit area. Patrick Hudson, Rick Seguin, and Mike Balavitch hail from East Lansing band Any World; Tom and Denise Sutphen of Two Steps Higher are from Farmington Hills; and Jimmy “Da” Gunn from Rochester, joined the band on drums as of January. They have more than 30 years of experience.

On June 18, The Pete “Big Dog” Fetters Band of Detroit will perform. According to bigdogblues.com, this four-piece group plays a good mixture of blues, popular classic rock and Motown. In business for more than 20 years, the band plays at festivals and concerts during the summer months, and casinos and clubs year round.

The Saucecats will finish this month’s schedule on June 25. According to saucecats.com, The Saucecats were formed in 2001 by a group of seasoned musicians seeking to play fun, energetic music for all occasions, large or small. The Saucecats boast a large following of all ages and have entertained thousands at some of Michigan’s premier festivals and events. The eclectic group features a variety of instruments and all members singing a unique sound. Their musical style centers around New Orleans funk, Zydeco, and Blues, and also blend in Latin and Caribbean numbers.

For information on July’s line-up of performers, see the July 1 Midweek edition of the Tri-County Times.
From A-Z…. Vitamins and Supplements

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Milk thistle

Milk Thistle is classified as a flowering herb. It’s closely related to both daisies and ragweed. Milk thistle is usually taken in the form of a supplement, but may be found in tea as well. It’s great for liver health and is often taken by those diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver.

Manganese

Manganese can be found in nuts, whole grains, legumes, and your leafy greens. Manganese is good for your bones, so it can be taken for arthritis and osteoporosis.

Nettle

Nettle, normally known as stinging nettle, is a plant. The roots and more are used for its medicinal properties. Taken as a supplement or drank as a tea, nettle is popular as a natural allergy remedy. It is also useful for urinary tract infections and kidney stones.

Niacin

Niacin is also known as vitamin B3. Niacin is naturally found in meat and fish. While it can help lower cholesterol and risk of heart disease, you shouldn’t take niacin supplements without talking to your doctor first, because of health risks such as liver damage.

Next week you’ll learn how awesome Omega-3 Fatty Acids are!

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138 at Tomek-Eastern Elementary, and 104 at the Ellen Street Campus (World of Wonder).

Parents were asked how much of an impact the IB program has had on their child. Of the 546 parents who answered this question, the majority, or 24.18 percent said the program has made no impact, followed by 22.53 percent saying little impact, 19.5 percent saying positive impact and 17.95 indicating a significant positive impact. Eighty-six of the parents who answered this question, or 15.75 percent chose to remain neutral.

Parents were also asked, “Are you proud of the fact that all Fenton students in grades K-10 are part of the IB program?” Of the 543 parents who chose to answer this question, the results are very close across the board, with the majority, 37.75 percent answered they are not proud. One hundred and ninety two parents, or 35.36 percent, say they are proud. Nearly 27 percent of the parents chose to remain neutral on this question.

The results are very close when it comes to parents admitting if they understand the IB program. Between 27 and 35 percent said they have a very clear understanding, 25 to 31 percent have a clear understanding, 25 to 29 percent said they understand it “somewhat,” and 10 to 15 percent said they don’t understand it at all.

Parents also were asked to rate the IB experience overall at each level. The majority of parents, 31 to 41 percent, chose to remain neutral about all three levels, Primary Years Program, Middle Years Program, and Diploma Program.

Another question asked was, “If you enrolled your child(ren) in Fenton Area Public Schools since 2008, was our IB program a factor in your decision to enroll in our district?” Of the 457 parents who answered this question, 285 said it was not a factor, 97 said it was a factor, 56 said they were not aware of the IB program when they moved to the district, and 19 said the existence of the IB program was “somewhat” of a factor in their decision to move here.

Hundreds of parents chose to provide additional comments with their surveys (see sidebar for examples). The parent survey results as well as teacher survey results can be read in their entirety at fenton.k12.mi.us.

PARENT COMMENTS

The following is a sampling of the hundreds of anonymous comments, both for and against IB, by parents responding to the survey.

“This program was the reason we chose to enroll in our home district rather than a charter school. I want my children to graduate with an IB diploma. Some colleges actually accept an IB Diploma in lieu of having to take freshman year classes. See Wittenberg University for example. In order to keep the program effective, please make sure the teachers have access to the professional development associated with the IB program.”

“I am very disappointed in the fact that a program is being credited with my children’s wonderful education. It is the people who educate my child that deserve the credit. They were wonderful educators before IB and will continue to be so after IB is gone. The top notch educators and the fabulous Fine Arts Program were why we chose to bring our children to Fenton.”

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**MARINA**

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Out of the proposed 11 units, three would be lakefront and eight would share lake access. Six of the proposed houses would have attached single family units fronting Ford Street; three would be lakefront on detached single family units on Lake Fenton, and the other two would be non-lakefront detached single family units. The project will realign Sonora Drive, create a new retaining wall, eliminate the public boat launch and upgrade the sewer system.

Fenton Township Supervisor Bonnie Mathis, who was absent from the May 18 meeting, raised concerns over the verbiage of the conditions before the vote. She received clarification from Kevin Cook, civil engineer with CHMP Inc., in Grand Blanc. The firm represents some of the builders and the owners, Khalil Saab and Elizabeth Saab. Mathis was concerned about people having access to their homes during construction, where runoff water would flow, if bigger vehicles will be able to get down the road, and a few other concerns.

“Did you put this in the verbiage, then we, the township, have to abide by it...Don’t get me wrong, I want this more than anything,” Mathis said. She added that she was concerned about garbage that is going down the very narrow road when it’s difficult for a car to get through.

Cook said her concerns about the verbiage were site-planning issues, not zone-planning issues. Mathis said she couldn’t vote on something without asking questions first. One concern is that the private part of the Lang’s Marina on Lake Fenton, three will have lakefront access and the other eight will share lake access.

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I am deeply concerned that powdered alcohol will be easily abused by minors — leading to an increase in loss of life.

"With the Senate’s action today, this dangerous product coming to Michigan, we are being proactive in protecting the safety of our children and all Michigan residents," he said.

Michigan isn’t the first state to take action. The states of Alaska, Delaware, Louisiana, South Carolina and Vermont have already banned powdered alcohol. The states of Minnesota, Ohio and New York are considering it.

"I authored the Senate legislation to keep electronic cigarettes out of the hands of our children," said Jones. "I believe it is irresponsible and dangerous to introduce young children to a culture of smoking. If an adult wants to smoke, that is their decision. This bill is an effort to help protect children across Michigan from e-cigarettes, which can be just as addictive as traditional cigarettes."

The legislation, according to Sen. Torrick Jones, would treat stores that sell electronic cigarettes or nicotine cartridges to minors the same way as if they sold them tobacco. Minors who possess these items would be treated the same as if they were in possession of tobacco.

"Senate Bill 231 is an important step in ensuring we protect young people from using tobacco-related products. Michigan should not be one of the states that allow minors to purchase e-cigarettes," said State Rep. Joe Graves (51st District). "I look forward to working on this legislation with my colleagues to develop a sensible solution that protects minors."

"Similarly, Senate Bill 240 is another common-sense regulation in protecting the public," Graves added. "Powdered alcohol is marketed toward young people and I have concerns about its availability to minors and the impact it can have on them."

**WHAT IS POWDERED ALCOHOL?**

Powdered alcohol, a product called Palcohol, might hit the store shelves later this year, but it won’t be available to minors in Michigan if the House of Representatives vote for a bill already unanimously approved by the Senate.

Powdered alcohol is a powder that, when mixed with water, turns into vodka, rum, or another spirit. It is not dehydrated or freeze-dried broccoli. Instead, tiny bits of liquid alcohol, or more specifically, ethanol, are enclosed in cyclodextrins, which are literally small rings of sugar. When water is added, the sugar dissolves and the alcohol is freed into the drink. Source: cleveland.com

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● Before and after caring for someone who is sick
● Before and after treating a cut or wound
● After using the toilet
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Read other disgusting practices with this story online at tctimes.com

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charged with one count of aggravated fe
donious assault with a gun of a non-family member, a four-year felony, possession of a controlled substance (marijuana) with intent to deliver — a four-year felony, manufacturing of marijuana, and two counts of possession of a firearm in com-
mis of a felony — a two-year felony.

Story said police recovered the weapon used for the alleged assault, a loaded 12-gage shotgun. Additionally, a loaded AR15 rifle, a .22 rifle and a 20-gage shotgun were taken from the scene, along with a large amount of ammunition for those firearms.

Holly police were first called to Land
tack's mobile home on Apollo Circle in the Holly Village Mobile Home Park at 3:40 a.m. for a domestic argument.

Landback and his girlfriend reportedly had a verbal argument. She stepped outside the home, with the door closing behind her. She was unsuccessful in getting back inside and walked across the street to a neighbor’s home. At that point, Landback walked out onto the porch carrying a long gun, allegedly threatening the neighbor twice. Landback then went back inside his home. Police knocked on the Landback’s door several times, however, he would not open the door. Believing he had a weapon, police backed off, called in support and started securing the area. “He wouldn’t answer any of our phone calls,” said Story.

The Oakland County Sheriff’s Office Special Response Team arrived with an armored truck. Story said after the chil-
dren were gone from the area and heading toward school, the armored vehicle drove up to the front door and was prepared to punch a hole through it to insert gas. This was when Landback exited the home and surrendered.

The police chief said there were firearms and a controlled substance in plain view inside the home.

CALENDAR

Model A and Model T Car Show
A Model A and Model T Car Show is scheduled for Sunday, June 7 from 12 to 4 p.m. It is being hosted by the Durand Union Station – Michigan Railroad History Museum. Cars and trucks, original and restored, 1930 and older are permitted. There will be awards to the Top 25 Best of Show. There is a $5 registration fee for cars. Motorists should take Russell Street to Ann Arbor Street. Follow Ann Arbor into the Durand Union Station.

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House Bill 4467: Allow more dangerous prisoners at Baldwin private prison
To allow more dangerous adult prisoners to be held at a privately owned and managed prison whose previous contract with the state to house juvenile prisoners was terminated by Gov. Jennifer Gran
holm in 2005. Since then the prison has contracted with other states to house their prisoners, although it is now closed.

Passed 23 to 14 in the Senate
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) YES NO
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) YES NO
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) YES NO
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) YES NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES NO

House Bill 4364: Increase plumbers’ license fees
To extend for another four years “temporary” increases in plumbers’ license fees. This and many other fee increases were proposed by Gov. Rick Snyder as part of his annual budget recommendation, and this week the Senate passed a number of them with similar vote tallies.

Passed 23 to 15 in the Senate
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) YES NO
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) YES NO
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) YES NO
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) YES NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES NO

House Bill 4041: Ban welfare for persistent truancy
To withhold welfare benefits from a household with children who are persistently truant from school. A truant teenager age 16 and older could be removed from the house-
hold by child welfare officials.

Passed 26 to 12 in the Senate
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) YES NO
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) YES NO
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) YES NO
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) YES NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES NO

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Linden baseball wins third straight district title

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Goodrich — It’s become a bit of a tradition for the Linden varsity baseball team.

The Eagles made it three district crowns in as many seasons, earning a 6-1 victory against Flint Powers in the finals of the Goodrich Division 2 district on Monday afternoon.

The Eagles’ tougher contest of the day came in the semi-finals where it took eight innings to take down Durand Catholic.

The Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer team celebrates seconds after defeating Williamston 1-0 in a district final contest at Durand High School on Wednesday.

The second shot went in and I knew that was it. I knew it was the game. I knew we had it.”

Porritt was given some words of encouragement before the winning shot.

“I told her this is going to be for Linden to earn a 2-1 victory against Lake Fenton.

Linden (30-10) continues into regional play on Saturday against Freeland at 10 a.m. The winner of that semifinal game will play in the regional championship contest against either Essexville Garber or Birch Run at about 2 p.m.

“It’s really special,” said senior Austin Buerkel, who was the winning pitcher in the victory against Powers. “This group of guys, who we have been with the last three years, has been amazing.

“We’ve come at it confidently every game. I think we have that level of intensity and confidence in ourselves. We are not cocky, but we think we can do it.”

Buerkel came within an out of tossing a no-hitter in the championship game. As it was, he pitched a one-hitter, walking two, hitting one batter and striking out none.

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Fenton’s Chloee Faucor (front) and Linden’s Elizabeth Walterhouse battle for a ball in the Tigers’ 3-1 victory.

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Fenton softball loses to Lakeland in districts, 8-4

The Fenton varsity softball team trailed once, tied the game when it was resumed on Monday, but then fell behind again, resulting in an 8-4 Division 1 district loss to Lakeland at Hartland High School on Monday.

The game began on Saturday, with Lakeland scoring three runs in the second and one in the third, capturing a 4-0 lead. However, a single run in the fourth cut the lead to 4-1. And when rains suspended the contest in the top of the fifth, Fenton had scored another run and still had the bases loaded with one out. On Monday, when the game resumed, Logan Carter hit a sacrifice fly and Taylor Mowrey hit an RBI-single, tying the contest at 4-4. However, Lakeland scored three more runs in the fifth inning, taking the lead for good.

Emma Brant and Mowrey had two hits each to lead Fenton’s offense. Rianna Ko-telee hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the fifth to give Lakeland the lead again for good.

The remaining story

Fenton resident Dan Bates, 64, carded his first hole-in-one of his 40-year golfing career at Tyrone Hills’ par-three, 165-yard 11th hole on May 17. He used a 25-degree hybrid and shot a 92 for 18 holes during the round. The ace was witnessed by Mike Stack.
Fenton’s Hall, Holly 3,200 relay bring home All-State honors

By David Troppens
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The tri-county area had five performers leave the Division 1 state track and field meet with All-State medals on Saturday.

One came in an individual event, while the other came in a relay.

The individual person was Fenton sophomore Maddie Hall. Hall competed in the long jump at the Division 1 state meet at Rockford High School and placed sixth in the event with a leap of 16-0 1/2. Hall already owns the school record in the long jump.

The other competitors to earn All-State honors were member of Holly’s boys 3,200 relay team — Dino Vivanco, Zac Felix, Curtis Cooley and Blake Staffne. The team placed eighth in the event with a school-record time of 7:55.94.

Holly had six other individual performances at Rockford High school. Emily Alvarado was the only one to compete in two individual events. The senior completed her prep career by placing 12th in the discus (105-4) and 18th in the shot put (36-3 1/2).

Dakota Thornton came painfully close to earning all-state honors in the shot put. The senior finished in ninth place with a throw of 145-1. The top eight performers in each event earn All-State recognition.

Staffne also found himself in two events. Along with the state relay team, he performed in the 800 meter run, posting a 2:02.74. Dakota

The other Holly performers at the state meet were Javon Barr, 16th in the preliminaries of the 100 dash (11.32); and Nate Frazier, 14th in the 3,200 run (9:25.30). Finally, the Fenton Tigers had one more participant at the state meet. It was junior Jacob Lee, who placed 21st in the 3,200 run (9:37.23).

Linden at Division 2 state meet

The Eagles had many participants compete at the D2 state meet held at Zeeland, with many earning personal-best records.

Perhaps the biggest highlight came in the girls 300 hurdles. Freshman Madison Piot came within one placing of earning All-State honors by earning ninth with a time of 47.08 seconds. Just behind her was sophomore teammate Alia Frederick, who took 10th with a time of 47.14 seconds.

The top eight performers in each event earn All-State recognition. Piot’s time was a personal-best.

Frederick’s day wasn’t done. She also competed in the 100 hurdles, taking 21st place (16.77). Savannah Ferrara completed her Linden prep career in style, earning a personal-best time of 11:45.67 in the 3,200 run.

The final Linden female to compete at the state meet was Taylor Ganger, placing 18th in the 1,600 run (5:33.57).

The Linden boys had performers in four events. The squad’s top performer

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your 30th goal, so you better put it in,” senior Kaitlyn Begley said.

Porritt did. From that point on, the Blue Devils held on as Williamson tried to find an equalizer, but to no avail.

Early in the game, the Blue Devils looked like they were going to score a few times, hitting two crossbars and having another situation where a ball was cleared off of Williamson’s goal line. However, as the first half continued, Williamson started taking control. Williamson enjoyed most of the possession during the first half, but the defense — led by keeper Emily Moore and defenders Alexia Cash, Mackenzie Rampy, Abbey Rhodes and Julie Craig — kept the opposition from scoring.

“We all had faith in ourselves,” Moore said. “We wanted it way more. And we constantly talked to each other and kept encouraging each other. We never gave up. That’s a downfall for most teams. They get mad and frustrated with each other. We don’t. We just reinforce each other and remain positive.”

Once halftime came, the Blue Devils took over. Porritt had two good chances before her goal. One came on what was a partial breakaway. With a defender near her, she took a shot, but the ball was saved. And then, about four minutes later, she had a direct kick from about 30 yards which was saved.
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The only run he allowed came in the seventh on an RBI-single by Matt Wiskur.

“It was in the back of my mind,” Buerkel admitted about the thoughts of pitching a no-hitter. “I tried to go out there, not knowing. I was throwing strikes and kept pounding the zone. This year I’ve been rocking a lot of strike outs and I don’t think I had a single strike out (today). I was pitching to contact and getting ahead of the count. Those were the biggest keys to my success today.”

Meanwhile, the Eagles’ offense scored two runs in the third to take the lead for good. Bailey Davis and Buerkel had singles. Jake Marshall had a sacrifice bunt, and Davis scored on Brady Sarkan’s sacrifice fly. Marshael Ryan followed with an RBI-single. Linden led 2-0.

The Eagles added four in the top of the seventh. The key shot was a Davis RBI-single, followed by an RBI-bunt single by Buerkel. Kevin Bates and Brady Sarkan also had singles during the stanza, while Ryan walked with the bases loaded.

In the opener, Linden and Lake Fenton were neck and neck in runs through five innings, but then Lake Fenton started a hot streak.

Linden varsity baseball coach Steve Buerkel gets doused by the water bucket just minutes after the Eagles’ Division 2 district championship victory against Powers.

Lake Fenton (14-12) scored its run in the fourth. With one out, Dakota Holzwarth and Nick Mermuys singled. An out later, Cameron Conover hit an RBI-single, tying the game at 1-all.

Ryan tossed the first 2 2/3 innings, scattering seven hits and four walks, allowing just the run. Marshall earned the win by tossing the final 1 1/3 innings.

Bacon pitched four innings of one-run ball, striking out seven. Wright allowed one run over 3 2/3 innings, striking out six.

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League championship loss by defeating Linden 3-1 in the Division 2 Brandon district title game.

“I didn’t see many differences at all between the two games,” Sullivan said. “The first game’s score was not symbolic of what the game could’ve been. We got the bounces this time and we won.”

The win placed the Tigers into the Division 2 regional tournament at Farmington Hills Harrison High School Tuesday against another Metro Foe, Clio. To find out Tuesday’s results go to ttetimes.com.

The Tigers trailed 1-0 after Linden’s Alia Frederick scored on a penalty kick with about 11 minutes left in the first half. However, Fenton responded just about a minute later when Brennan Sullivan scored on a free kick from about 35 yards out, tying the contest at 1-all.

“It was huge,”Matt Sullivan said about scoring so quickly after Linden’s PK goal. “We weren’t down after their PK. I thought we responded well.”

The Tigers scored the game’s only two goals during the second half. The game-winning goal was provided by Chloe Foor off a rebound shot with about 29 minutes left. Carly Giranger provided some breathing room about nine minutes later when she scored on a header off a corner kick attempt.

In net, Abbey Quesnelle collected 10 saves, earning the victory against the Tigers’ biggest rivals.

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mance came in the 400-meter relay where Ryan Young, Mike Gold, Cade Dickson and Jacob Cox placed 12th with a time of 44.02 seconds. The Eagles also had their 3,200 relay team of Mikey Varaclaci, Andy Bennet, Nick McDonald and Conor Sproule compete. They placed 22nd with a time of 8:23.07.

Two of their state competitors were senior field performers. Andy Rob-

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seven hits, the Eagles (14-24) never scored in the contest. The best chance came in the sixth when singles by Molly Churches and Liz Rakowski and a walk to Megan Klavitter loaded the bases with two out. However, a strike out ended that threat.

Rakowski and Churches had two hits each to lead Linden’s offense.

“We played in a lot of close games and some extra-inning games,” Linden coach Gordon Jamison said. “I am hoping that getting into the district final is something to build on for next year. We are losing only one starter to graduation.”

The Eagles earned their spot in the district title game by defeating area rivals and GAC Red champions Lake Fenton 6-5 in the district semifinal round on Saturday, before the rains cancelled the rest of the tournament.

Linden trailed 5-3 entering the bottom of the seventh inning, but a one-out walk to Cayla Wierenga was followed by an RBI-double from Sterling DeGanver. That cut the lead to 3-2. Rhiannon Morse followed with her own run-producing double, tying the contest. Molly Churches followed Morse with a walk-off RBI-single, her second walk-off hit of the season.

The victory was Linden’s second win against a conference champion in recent weeks. The Eagles also defeated Metro champions Brandon during the late portion of the regular season.

Wierenga had a double in the opening inning, and scored Linden’s first run. Megan Klavitter doubled and scored a run. Morse had the single, plating Klavitter. Alexa Marsh was the winning pitcher, allowing eight hits and two walks. She struck out two.

Lake Fenton’s Melody Draeger reached base twice, providing a double, a single and two runs scored. Allison Petts had a two-run triple in the sixth, putting Lake Fenton (27-12-1) up 5-2 at the time. Erin Ezel had two hits. Kim Roe struck out 10, but allowed seven hits and three walks, taking the loss.

“We didn’t capitalize on our scoring opportunities like we normally do, and in turn, Linden was left close enough to win,” Lake Fenton coach Amos Rinks said.

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  - 1424 St. Lawrence Court. Sale: Legos, hotwheel cars, movies and more.
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- **JUNE 5-6TH, 9-4PM.**
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- **JUNE 6-7TH, 8-3PM.**
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**Paul H. Sharp**
- **1930-2015**
  - Paul H. Sharp - age 84, of Linden, died Sunday, May 31, 2015 at Genesys Health Park. Services will be held at Springview Chapel, Tyrone Twp., at 11 AM on Friday, June 5, 2015. Paul Sharp was born December 20, 1930 on the family farm in Mundy Twp., the son of Charles Leroy “Roy” and Louisa (Ripley) Sharp. He was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the U.S. Air Force. Paul married Donna Daniel on June 7, 1952 and she preceded him in death on September 18, 2009. He retired from General Motors Truck and Bus in 1979 after 30 years of service. Paul enjoyed woodworking and fishing. He loved his family and is survived by two sons, Steven (Joni) Sharp of Linden, Dennis Sharp of Gaines; seven grandchildren, Sara, Brent, Cole (Chad), Tiffany (Will) Brandon, Jessica and Courtney; great-granddaughter, Madison; brother, Dean Sharp, sister-in-law, Annabelle Sharp, several nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Elston Sharp.

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**HOROSCOPES**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Choosing to work with someone you once thought might have been disloyal is a courageous move. The logical next step is to talk things out so there'll be no reason for raising suspicions again.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Take your time making a decision about a personal or work-related relationship. New facts are still coming in, and you'll want to know the full story before you take a definitive step.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Expect to learn something new about an old problem. This could provide some insight into how the problem began, and why it still defies efforts to find a resolution. Good luck.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) An uneasy work-related relationship can be eased with compromises by both sides. The parties might consider putting the agreed-upon changes in writing in case of a future misunderstanding.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Oh, you lucky Felines: Your romantic aspects are in absolutely purrfect form. Don’t be surprised at how especially attentive the ladies and gentlemen in your life are going to be this week.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Looking to prove yourself in a difficult situation is laudable. But try paying more attention to advice from experienced contacts. It could help you avoid time-wasting missteps.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A business decision seems easy enough to make based on what you know. But this week could bring new facts to light, and you might have to do some heavy rethinking.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Feeling sure about the steps you expect to take is great. But you may need to share a few dollops of that confidence with those who have some doubts about your plans.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A sense of well-being dominates much of the week. A slightly depressed mood could set in on the weekend. But being with family and friends helps shoo it away.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You appear to be waking your life’s path like the sure-footed Goat you are. But someone might feel you could do better. Listen to the advice, but make up your own mind.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) With positive signs growing stronger, Aquarians could find themselves facing choices that are each too good to turn down. Best advice: Go for the one you feel most comfortable with.

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