Background checks to adopt a dog?

Legislation would let shelters use criminal data base to screen animal abusers

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Background checks could be required for anyone wishing to adopt a pet in Michigan if new legislation is approved. People convicted of animal abuse in the past five years would not be able to adopt, and See ADOPT on 2

Flushing couple hospitalized after motorcycle crash

U.S. 23 travelers forced to exit highway in Fenton Township Saturday night

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A Flushing couple remains hospitalized at Hurley Medical Center following a motorcycle crash Saturday night in Fenton Township.

Northbound U.S. 23 was shut down for nearly five hours Saturday night so the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department and Fenton Township Fire Department could respond to the serious crash involving a motorcycle and car at 9:25 p.m. Dispatch indicated that a male was unresponsive.

Northbound traffic was forced to exit at Thompson Road. Vehicles were rerouted to Torrey Road where they could enter the highway at Grand Blanc Road.

Lt. Bill Lanning of the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department said the flushing couple on the motorcycle was merging onto northbound U.S. 23 at Thompson Road. As they merged, they See CRASH on 2

The coolest lesson in kindergarten

Kindergartners from Tomek-Eastern Elementary are treated to the coolest demonstration of their school year at the Fenton Fire Hall restaurant’s Pumphouse ice cream stand on Monday. Chef Jakobi (Jake) Voorheis taught the students about how they make their ice cream by hand, using minus 250-degree liquid nitrogen. Here, the steam from the liquid nitrogen harmlessly rolls over the students as he makes a small batch. See story on page 8.

Computer upgrades coming to Fenton water plant

New $35,463 system and computers to replace 10-year-old equipment

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Fenton City Council members on Monday approved the purchase of two new computers and system for the water plant on North Road.

The bid will be awarded to Commerce Controls, Inc. in Novi at a cost of $35,463. This company is the original supplier of the equipment currently in place.

See UPGRADES on 8

Fenton man pulled from Shiawassee River

Intoxicated man falls from paddle boat, rescued by nearby fisherman, teens

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A 39-year-old Fenton man was rescued after being spotted floating face down in the Shiawassee River in Holly Township on Monday, June 8.

North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) responded to the area of Rhoades Lane and Grange Hall Road in Holly Township at 5:49 p.m. on a reported boating accident. The information received indicated that a man had been found holding on to the pontoon of the paddleboat and floating face down in the river.

NOCFA Fire Chief Jeremy Lintz said the incident was unusual and his responders had a difficult time locating the man. Dispatch indicated that the 911 caller sounded like a child who See RESCUED on 2

Long-time Holly Village council member dies

Shirley Campbell served the community for 20 years

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Village of Holly residents are mourning the loss of Shirley Campbell this week. She died Saturday, June 6 at the age of 80.

Campbell was a 20-year member of the Holly Village Council. In that role, she worked tirelessly on matters that protected the health and safety of community residents.

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"You can't even stop texting on your phone long enough to watch classmates receive their diploma? How would you feel if you locked up everyone in the audience while they received your diploma?"

"At our daughter’s graduation from Linden last weekend I was really disappointed with all the people getting up to leave before all the students walked across the stage. How inconsiderate and rude of you!"

"Do you not realize that raising minimum wage will just raise the cost of living? If you want to earn more, go to school or learn a skill. Pay should be based on the difficulty/skill required not your need for more money."
Fenton group hosts event in Frankenmuth

**The Michigan Rowdies** plan get-together to celebrate iconic cars

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Fenton resident Larry Pittman will spend his evening making sure the GT-40 in Frankenmuth runs smoothly. This 40th get-together, celebrating Morris Garage (MG) cars, takes places from Monday to Friday and was planned by the Fenton group, the Michigan chapter of the North American MGA Registry (NAMGAR), also known as the Michigan Rowdies.

This GT-40 takes place on Heritage Park on the Cass River and will feature a car show, competitions, technical sessions on vintage racing, shocks, electrical, tires, and a banquet. There will also be cooking classes at the Bavarian Inn and rides on the Bavarian Belle Riverboat. The mayor of Frankenmuth is invited to choose his favorite car. Awards will be given away for various events and categories at the banquet on Thursday. The mayor’s favorite will receive a trophy.

“It’s a gathering of MGA owners across America,” said Pittman, Michigan Rowdie and chairman of the event. “The big deal about this get-together is that it’s the anniversary. It’s the 60th year of the introduction of the MGA car,” Pittman said. “When they brought this one out, it was so drastically different they called it the first of a new line.”

Pittman said they started planning in 2012. Currently, 345 attendees and 163 cars are registered for the event. The official start date is Monday, June 15, but they begin registering attendees Sunday, June 14.

Pittman is bringing his car, a 1958 MGA on Wednesday. He’s restoring a 1952 MG TD and hoping to have it done for the event. It’s the fourth time for the Michigan chapter of NAMGAR to host a GT in Michigan.

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people convicted more than five years ago could still be denied an adoption. The bill would establish procedures and requirements for animal shelters and pet shops for the adoption of dogs, cats, and ferrets.

Crimes against animals that would prohibit an individual from owning or possessing an animal include neglect, cruelty, and forcing them to fight.

Jody Maddock, director of Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton, said the bill is a good idea, but she still has concerns. “My initial thought is that’s great,” she said. “It depends on what’s included in that. We want to make sure we’re fair. It sounds like it would be a really good safety net for animals.”

Maddock expressed concern over having these requirements for every business or person who adopts out pets. Breeders and rescue groups are not mentioned in the bill.

“If they’re going to do it, they need to do it across the board,” Maddock said. She said if someone can’t adopt from an animal shelter because of their criminal history, they could still go to a breeder.

According to legislation.mi.gov.com, this bill would create Logan’s Law, which was the name of past legislation. It attempted to create a registry of animal abusers after a Siberian husky passed away in 2013 because someone threw battery acid in his face. It was not passed because of the cost.

The Michigan House committee approved the new bill Tuesday, May 12, and now it goes to the House for consideration. If passed, the bill would take effect 90 days after enactment.

L E G I S L A T I O N A F F E C T I N G A N I M A L S
This bill is one of a few that would regulate animal adoption if it passes.

• Senate Bill 220 would amend the Michigan Penal Code to not allow people who have committed crimes against animals to own or possess an animal for at least five years.

• Senate Bill 20 would make it free for animal shelters to access the Internet Criminal History Access Tool to conduct background checks on people wanting to adopt animals. It would amend Public Act 120, which allows for the recording and filing of fingerprints and criminal record check by the Michigan Department of State Police.

Source: Michiganvotes.com

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reported seeing an older man trying to get back into his boat. The exact location was difficult to determine but after they pinged the GPS on the phone, responders narrowed their search area.

Lintz said the man had been pulled from the river, just west of Fish Lake Road. He said three teens who were out walking in that area, as well as a fisherman, noticed the man was struggling to stay afloat and were able to pull him to shore.

The man was not wearing a life jacket and no life jackets were located at the scene.

NOCFA transported the man to Genesys Regional Medical Center. According to Lintz, the man was highly intoxicated but did not appear to have any injuries. He was transported to the hospital due to his intoxication for further evaluation.

The incident remains under investigation. The Oakland County Sheriff’s Office Marine Unit responded, but the man had been transported to the hospital prior to their arrival.

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struck a Pontiac Grand Prix with four occupants, which was also traveling northbound. Neither the car driver from Grand Blanc nor the passengers in the car were injured.

When firefighters arrived, the 36-year-old motorcycle driver and his 34-year-old wife had been thrown from the bike and were on the ground, not moving. They were transported to Hurley Medical Center. The man is listed in stable condition and Lanning said his wife remains critical.

Volz said the highway was shut down for so many hours in order for the crash reconstruction team to do their investigation.

The crash remains under investigation. Lanning said alcohol was not a factor in the crash.
Field days... sign of summer, educational experience

Two National Guard specialists take part at State Road Elementary event

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One sign of summer, especially for students, is the annual field day at their school with outdoor activities, summer food, treats, and gifts.

However, one field day organizer, Jennifer Book, who organized the State Road Elementary field day for June 5, believes the day should be about having fun, not getting cool prizes.

“They should be about the fun of the day and should not be about what they go home with,” said Book, who has a fourth-grader at the elementary school.

She and her husband planned a “Salute to the Troops” field day for State Road Elementary students. They created a simulation boot camp and the students were honorary soldiers for the day. Two specialists from the National Guard attended with their humvees and the kids took pictures with them. Each child got a wristband with the American flag on it.

The obstacle course was similar to what a soldier would go through, Book said. The students climbed over walls, jumped over hurdles, did target practice and a few other activities. Students participated in the Fun Run, where they ran a 50-meter dash and then received some watermelon.

“Some kids ran it seven times,” Book said. “They were worn out and they had smiles on their faces and that’s exactly what I wanted.”

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Meet Koda
Koda wants nothing more than a new family to love.

Meet Crimson & Clover
We are beautiful 1-year-old sisters, who would love to go home together.

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To maintain the activity level, to inspire curiosity or just to entertain throughout the summer, check out this list of nine fun ideas.

Animal scavenger hunt

Ask your children what animals they want to see. Print out a list and plan a few road trips. Take them to different parks, lakes, and areas in the tri-county area. If certain animals cannot be found locally, take them to the zoo in Detroit or Saginaw for an educational and fun activity.

Graphic novels

Reading is always a good idea, but it’s often hard to get children to sit down and pay attention to one thing for longer than five minutes. Graphic novels for young readers have pictures and a story, which helps children visualize and better understand the material. Moreover, this is exposure to multiple art forms at one time, which helps with creative development at a young age.

Obstacle courses

Children have a lot of energy and they need a healthy way to express it. Create an obstacle course in the backyard. Have them climb over benches, army crawl in the grass, and sprint around the yard.

Video games

Video games do help develop better hand-eye coordination and there’s no definitive proof that they cause violent behavior. Even though letting a 6-year-old play “Call of Duty” may not be a good idea, letting them play “The Legend of Zelda” or educational games is a great idea. Games allow everyone to learn about story-telling and graphics. For a few hours, they’ll experience a different world and let you have some personal time. Also, high activity Wii games are a way to exercise.
The Edward Snowden Freedom Act

Given the partisan gridlock in Washington these days, it’s unusual to see members of Congress agree on anything, even a motion to adjourn. But this week Republicans and Democrats not only came together on a piece of legislation, they passed a historic bill to limit the domestic spying powers of the National Security Administration.

True, it’s not perfect. What legislation is? But the USA Freedom Act, signed immediately into law by President Obama, does accomplish two main goals: clipping the wings of NSA and ripping the mask off the secret national security court.

Of course, reforming NSA is not as far as Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) and civil libertarians wanted to go. They advocated shutting down NSA’s massive phone-snooping program altogether, which would have been the right thing to do, but which turned out to be a bridge too far for most members of Congress.

Consider. For the first time in a long time, Congress actually passed a bipartisan bill: with 338 votes in the House and 67 votes in the Senate. For the first time in 14 years, the United States scaled back the unlimited authority for fighting terrorism at home and abroad granted the Bush administration by a panicky Congress in the wake of September 11. And maybe for the first time ever, Congress actually voted to limit the powers of intelligence agencies to spy on American citizens.

How times have changed. In 2001, only one senator, Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, voted against the Patriot Act. This week, 405 out of 535 members of Congress said that the Patriot Act had gone too far.

It was almost exactly two years to the day that Snowden first told the world what NSA was up to. In light of his positive contribution to the national debate over civil liberties, it’s time for the Obama administration to stop treating Edward Snowden like a criminal, and welcome him home as the whistleblower he is.

They should rename the USA Freedom Act — the Edward Snowden Freedom Act. It wouldn’t have happened without him.
Taking flight for the good fight

Third annual Wings and Wheels event helps to transport patients to far away hospitals

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton Twp. — For Grace Riski, 8, it was her first time taking a ride in a small aircraft. Her father Roy Riski is already harnessed into Charles Binder’s Piper Arrow, and with the sound of other aircraft in flight, she climbed up the wing, and into a little adventure.

Airplane rides like this are one part of the Wings and Wheels annual event at Price Airport in Fenton Township to support the non-profit organization Wings of Mercy. This organization is comprised of pilots who donate their time and aircraft to transport patients to places like Mayo Clinic or Boston Children’s Hospital, among others.

Each flight averages $800 in fuel, and 110 patients received rides for medical needs in the last 12 months.

“They are amazing and deserve to be honored. I think that it was a wonderful opportunity to engage the community and share the mission.”

Cory Welch

President, Wings of Mercy

Aside from $40 airplane rides, they also sold 325 pancake breakfasts, raising at least $2,000. They also accepted donations.

The estimated 1,500 who came through also perused classic cars and other unique aircraft, and learned about a unique non-profit organization.

“The community picks up a real intimate awareness about what Wings of Mercy does, and what it does in this community,” said President Cody Welch. “We think that it was a wonderful opportunity to engage the community and share the mission.”

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IN RESPONSE TO the Hot line about softball at the church. We live right next to the Baptist Church on Lefroy, one house north. We enjoy watching the kids play. We consider it a perk.

TO THE UNINFORMED motorist suggesting the same rules do not apply to bikes as they do cars. Here is some easy reading for you. This should help you understand your ignorance — www.1imb.org.

TO THE PERSON who commented on cycling in the middle of the road. It is the law that they do. Bikes are not supposed to bike on the sidewalk, so chill on the road rage. Don’t believe me? See for yourself at bikeleague.org.

I LOVED the article about Andre Gha-
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The military theme went over very well.

“I was trying to think of something fun for the kids to do. I don’t think a lot of little kids understand the military, they don’t understand what they do. They can see it’s a lot harder than it looks,” Book said, adding that the kids had more of an appreciation for soldiers after the event. Rather than having all activities with competitions against each other, Book wanted the students to compete against themselves. They still had a boy versus girl competition, but the kids only participated in two events where they could win ribbons: 50-yard dash and the three-legged race.

When she attended field days as a kid, Book said many of the events were basic and were about getting something to take home.

“It kind of turns into everyone needs to get something, whether it be a shirt or a water bottle. I want to spend the money on something memorable, not something that will end up in the bottom of a trash can,” Book said. “I just hope they had fun with it.”

Each child at the field day did take home something, though. Book made landyards that represented different branches of military.

“We created them so they had something to take home and remember the day by,” Book said. Each field day ended with a barbershop quartet.

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Start a business
No one is ever too young to start a business. Many children create lawn-moving services, dog-walking services, or own vending machines as a tool to learn about business and make money. They can learn about profit, revenue, inventory, and responsibility.

Home movie making
Most children have smartphones, and while most are unnecessary, they can also be turned into a fun, educational tool. Challenge the children to make a movie. Many smartphones have video editing software and they can learn about videography, scripting, acting, and set design.

Play an instrument
Music is a fantastic thing to learn and helps with development of other topics. Students who play an instrument usually have higher grades than students who don’t.

Explore the computer
Allowing children to learn about computers at a young age will help their competency later in life. Most schools encourage children to use computers, and no doubt they will use them later in life. Surfing the web helps everyone learn about different topics, and it could encourage children to learn more about how computers work.

Make food
Challenge children, girls and boys, to bake or cook and you might have a helper in the kitchen. It’s how they’ll learn about ingredients, health, the price of certain foods, how to make a meal, and they might develop more appreciation for the usual cook in the house.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELLO
Field day at State Road Elementary in Fenton included obstacle courses and unique demonstrations from U.S. military, and also lots of running.

Military milestones

Timothy R. Brown graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado. He received a bachelor of science degree and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. The academy is a four-year military institution of higher learning that develops and inspires new air and space leaders with a vision for the future. The new lieutenants go on to serve as pilots, navigators, engineers, maintenance officers, professionals in various technical fields, and some attend medical or graduate school with special scholarships, while others go directly to non-rated Air Force-wide assignments. Brown is the son of Allan and Susan Brown of Fenton. He is a 2010 graduate of Fenton High School.

Air Force Airman Kyle S. Long graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. Long completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Long is the son of Steven and Shelly Long of Holly. He is a 2014 graduate of Lake Fenton High School.

Sat. June 13, 2015
11am to 3:30pm

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Who are your heirs if you have no will? 

Here is a simple fact of life — today everyone is exactly one day older than they were yesterday and unfortunately one day closer to the end of our lives.

I hate to bring this rather sobering topic up, but the reason for it is simply this — when we leave this good earth we will all be subject to the old saying ‘you can’t take it with you.’

What this means in legal terms is that when you die you leave behind what is called an ‘estate’ and your heirs are entitled under the law to receive it.

River Allen once said ‘I’m not afraid of death, I just don’t want to be there when it happens.’ That’s probably not the best philosophy to have for people making an estate plan because everyone should understand what happens to their estate after death.

If one passes away having a will, it is said that the person died ‘testate.’ If they didn’t have a will, then the person died ‘intestate.’

With a valid will, you get to decide who receives what as your heirs, who you want to be in charge of your estate as personal representative, and much more.

If you die intestate, the laws of intestacy apply and Michigan’s state statutes determine who your heirs are, the amount they receive, and for the appointment of a personal representative.

This can create a problem in a number of situations. For example, the statute provides that if you are married and have minor children and die intestate, your spouse receives the first $50,000 of your estate (adjusted upwards using the annual cost of living since January 1, 2001) plus one-half of the balance and the minor children receive the other one-half.

There are a number of other scenarios, including your parents and even your grandparents being potential heirs. This may or may not be what you would have wanted.

The best way to avoid these possible issues is to at least have a simple will. I suggest speaking to a probate attorney for advice in this area. If you don’t know one, you can call the Genesee County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service at (810) 232-6012 for help.

CAMPBELL
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Whether it was ensuring water quality and environmental protection for the community, or promoting the village’s police and fire departments, friends say Campbell was passionate about Holly and its residents.

“Shirley was a tireless worker for the people of Holly,” said former Village President Peter Clemens. “She was a great friend to the community who will be sorely missed.”

Former Village Council member Pauline Kenner served with Campbell for 14 years.

“She was a person who tried to make a difference in Holly all the time she was on council and she did make a difference,” said Kenner. “She was an honest standup person and did what she could for the community.

“She mentored me and was a great friend of mine,” Kenner added. “She was just a great lady and loved by everyone.”

Often described as “tenacious,” if Campbell didn’t know something, she went searching for it until she got it right, Kenner said. “She would bring it back and would fight for what she believed in. She is going to be missed by everyone in the community who knew her.”

Campbell was also a longstanding member of Holly Area Youth Assistance, serving many years as treasurer, Kenner said.

Originally from Grand Ledge, Campbell married Donald Campbell after high school. She eventually returned to school, obtaining an Associate’s Degree from Oakland Community College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Oakland University.

With her accounting degree, Campbell built a 35-year career working for companies like Sutter Products of Holly, and Yankee Department Store of Flint.

In addition to her full-time career, public service and raising a family, Campbell, in her spare time was an avid golfer, and spent many hours waterskiing and camping with family and friends. She also loved all kinds of animals. Campbell is survived by two daughters, two step-brothers, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 18, at St. Rita Catholic Church of Holly.

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for an updated list of area garage sales.

Times
Kindergarteners pumped over ice cream-making lesson

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Fenton — More than 50 Tomek-Eastern Elementary School kindergartners took to the downtown streets Monday as part of their “Community Helpers” unit. The students are in the classrooms of Laura Burrum, JoAnne Purzycki and Kristen Senyko.

According to kindergarten teacher Kristen Senyko, the students started their journey by visiting the Jack R. Winegarden Library and the Fenton Fire Department. They had planned to eat their lunch at the Fenton Gazebo, but due to the threat of continuing rain, the fire department offered to let them enjoy their lunch in the training room.

After lunch, it was time for dessert and the highlight of their trip downtown — visiting Pumphouse Custard, an ice cream shop owned by the Fenton Fire Hall restaurant. There they were met by Chef Jake Voorheis and Union Joints Group owner Jim Miller “Chef Jake” as the children called him, gave a demonstration on ice cream making that garnered a number of “Wows!” and “Oohs and Ahhs.”

Voorheis told the children about liquid nitrogen, which he would be using in his ice cream-making demonstration.

“It’s super cold and super dangerous,” he told the kids. “You guys know where the North Pole is, right? It’s 10 times colder than the North Pole.”

When he opened the liquid nitrogen container, the vapors slid out. “It looks like it’s hot but it’s not,” Voorheis said.

To demonstrate just how cold the liquid nitrogen really is, he dipped a flower into it. When he pulled the flower out, it was frozen and crumbled in his hand.

He then dipped a balloon filled with just air into the mixture. When he pulled the balloon out, it rose into the air and flew away. One of the children yelled to the balloon, “Hope you get to heaven.”

Students also saw what would happen when other items such as orange slices, according to information provided to the council from City Manager Lynn Markland, the city utilizes a supervisory control and data acquisition system to operate and monitor the water treatment plant equipment and processes.

There are two computers with operations software and monitors used to interface the programmable logic controller, which operates the equipment.

“The present computers and system are over 10 years old and use the operating system Windows XP, which lost support on April 7, 2014,” Markland said.

The bid specifications were created to provide, and install two new computers. Both computers must be able to be the primary computer if the other one fails for any reason.

According to the city’s website, the new plant started operating in July 2004 and was primarily constructed in order to remove arsenic, which is settled out during the softening process. The arsenic rule was proposed by the EPA in January 2001 and adopted in January 2002.

Michigan was required to meet the requirements by January 2006.

The process of removing arsenic and other metals such as calcium and magnesium (hardness) is referred to as softening. Hardness can be defined as the soap-consuming capacity of a water sample. The softening process not only enables the city to meet the arsenic rule but also improves the life of the infrastructure over the long term.

The water plant is designed to treat a maximum capacity of 4 million gallons of water per day, with the ability to expand to 5 million gallons. The city pumps approximately 400 million gallons of water per year.

There are four ground water wells with the capability of pumping 4.5 million gallons per day for treatment. The plant has two ground storage tanks that hold a total of 1.5 million gallons of water.
LeDuc leads pack; Rynearson captures first in women’s event

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Fenton Twp. — Mike LeDuc is a runner, but he doesn’t compete in too many running events.

“I do about three races a year, maybe,” LeDuc said.

Apparentley three races is enough. LeDuc, 49, was the first-place runner at the Wings of Mercy Runway 5K race held at Linden Price’s Airport on Saturday night. He won the race with a time of 18:23.9, or about 15 seconds faster than second-place runner Matthew Bartman (18:38.7). The first female runner to finish was Pamela Rynearson, who finished ninth with a time of 20:49.

“I know (Wings of Mercy volunteer pilot) Tim Draeger,” LeDuc said. “They had the flying and the pancake breakfast this morning and all the proceeds go to the Wings of Mercy, which is a really good cause. So I thought I’d come down and run the race.”

The race was one of many activities slated for Saturday. The 5K race follows a one-mile fun run and both are run on the airstrips at the airport. The 5K run started at 9 p.m. assuring the race would finish in darker condi- tions, making the lights on the side of the airstrips a pivotal part of the race.

LeDuc was pleased with his performance.

“It was right about where I thought,” the Fenton resident said. “Dreaming, I thought I may go into the 17s, but I didn’t think I was quite there, yet. I was close.”

Rynearson, 25, went to aviation school, making the race a gimmick for her. She has used the airstrips to take off and land in the past. She found out about the race earlier in the day.

“I am a private pilot so this is up my alley,” Rynearson said. “I love to run and I love aviation, so there was no way I was going to pass up this chance.”

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Wings of Mercy 5K Run/Walk earns growth spurt during second year

By David Troppens
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“THE DRUBLER”
Clio’s Riley McInchins runs at the Wings of Mercy 5K Run.

Eagles’ state run ends in regional finals

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Buerkel’s big game leads Eagles by Freeland in semi, 8-1

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Birch Run — Austin Buerkel can win games with his pitching arm or his bat.

He doesn’t have a real preference which is his dream scenario to win a game. He’s as happy with a game-winning single or a clinching strike out on the mound.

That’s fine because during Saturday’s Division 2 regional semi-final 8-1 victory, Buerkel didn’t have to pick between the two. He used both.

Buerkel went 3-for-3 with two RBI and a run scored at the plate and he tossed a seven-hit one-run complete-game on the mound, leading the Eagles to an 8-1 victory against Freeland during the semifinal contest Saturday morning at Birch Run High School.

Buerkel was the game’s biggest star. He scored the contest’s first run. He opened the game with a single, stole second and continued to third on a throwing
Linden golfers place 15th at state meet

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The Linden varsity boys golf team can be pleased.

The Eagles were one of just 15 teams competing in the Division 2 state meet at Forest Akers East Golf Course. However, Linden probably wished its overall performance was a tad better.

The Eagles finished 15th at the tourney, shooting a 328-246-674 during the 36-hole, two-day tournament. DeWitt won the D2 title with a two-day score of 594.

The Eagles were led by Dylan Elmer, who shot an 82-83-165. He was followed by Tyler Ziccardi’s 84-85-169. Two Eagles shot identical rounds of 81-89-190. They were Devon Cota and Trevor Sundra. Tony Mastin was Linden’s final competitor, posting an 87-90-177.

The Eagles qualified for the state meet by having their best day of the season, placing second at the regional meet held at Calderone Farms Golf Course.

Meanwhile, Lake Fenton’s Wes Potts was at the D3 state meet held at Forest Akers West Golf Course as an individual, posting a 36-hole, two-day score of 82-81-163. Potts qualified for the state meet by winning his D3 regional.

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error. He eventually scored the run on Marshall Ryan’s sacrifice fly, giving the Eagles a 1-0 lead. It was a lead they would never lose. That’s because Buercel, and the defense behind Buercel was masterful all game long. Buercel threw first-pitch strikes to 17 of the 27 batters he faced and remained ahead of the count for most of the contest, resulting in five strike outs and just one issued walk. Buercel was tossing a shutout until the seventh inning, when Freeland used two hits and its only walk against Buercel to score a run. However, it proved too little, too late as the Eagles cruised to the easy win.

“Whatever helps the team win, that’s what I want to do. I’m all about winning,” Buercel said. “I don’t pay attention to the statistics at all. I just let the stats fall where they do at the end. I’m just trying to win ball games.

“That’s my biggest pet peev, I want to make sure I get ahead of the count (while I’m pitching). When you see me out there, if I throw a first-pitch ball, I’m getting on myself. Getting ahead of the count is the most important thing, especially when you are not throwing in the high 80s or low 90s. At this level, you have to get ahead of the count so you are able to use your offspeed (pitches).”

Freeland did have some limited success against Buercel, but each time the Falcons did, Buercel and the Eagles’ defense snuffed out the threat. In the opening inning, Freeland had a one-out single, but the defense turned the first of two double plays to end the inning when first baseman Chris Kitch fielded a ground out, tagged first for an out and then threw to Jake Marshall at second, who made the tag out for the double play. Third baseman Kevin Bates made a couple of nice plays. One came on a nice snare in the fifth inning, helping Buercel get out of that inning easily. The other came when he started a double play in the sixth inning, ending a limited Freeland threat.

Meanwhile, the Eagles’ offense began to do its part during the game’s second half to set up the easy victory.

In the top of the fifth inning, Trevor Banasiak, who had three hits himself, singled. A sacrifice bunt by Bailey Davis moved him to second and a wild pitch put him on third. Jake Marshall platted Banasiak with a sacrifice fly. Linden led 2-0.

It was a four-run sixth that blew the game open. Ryan walked and stole second. He moved to third when Kitch reached base on an error. Travis Petts followed with an RBI-single, and an out later, Banasiak had his first of two RBI-singles. Another out later, Buercel provided some serious insurance runs with a two-out, two-run double, raising Linden’s lead to 6-0.

Linden added two more runs in the top of the seventh. Sarkan walked and an out later Kitch singled. With two outs Bates and Banasiak hit back-to-back RBI-singles making it an 8-0 lead with just the bottom of the seventh remaining.

The victory advanced the Eagles to the regional championship game for the second straight season. The story about the regional title game can be found elsewhere in this publication.

Competitors at the Wings of Mercy 5K Race/Walk held at Linden Price’s Airport Saturday, begin their event.

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miss this one. (The course) is nice and flat. There are no hills, no surprises.”

The race’s proceeds benefit the Wings of Mercy East Michigan Inc. Wings of Mercy provides free air transportation in general aviation aircraft for patients with limited incomes needing treatment at medical centers. This year’s race had 251 registered, an increase of 111 people from last year. The proceeds from the event will help about seven patients get the aviation transportation they need.

The event attracted one well-known runner — Clio resident Riley McLincha. He’s otherwise known as “The Dribbler” because of his ability to dribble three basketballs while he runs his races. McLincha, 64, didn’t start juggling until he was 30 and never played organized basketball. He started combining the three skills when he was 42.

“It’s probably one of the best places to dribble,” McLincha said. “There are no cracks and I’m not expecting any potholes. If I was in better health and younger I’d probably try to break my record.”

There were some groups there as well. A CrimFit group from the University of Michigan Flint campus had about 15 runners and walkers at the event. Tawana Branch is a Crim leader at the campus. There is a group of runners who meet every Thursday night on campus and run together in preparation for the annual Crim races.

“We just try to get our Crim trainees out, support them and have fun,” said Branch, who is a Flint Township resident.

In all, 225 runners and walkers completed the race.
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**Chlids had the lead-off single in the sixth, starting up Birch Run’s three-run sixth.**

**Mack had a single and walked twice at the plate. He also drove in a run with a bases-loaded walk.**

**Farr hit the game-winning three-run triple with two out in the top of the sixth inning. It was the first time the Panthers led.**

**Mack scattered five Linden hits and tossed the complete-game victory. All of the hits he allowed were singles.**

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play. The Eagles’ senior class — including Buerkel, Ryan, Ben Baker, Travis Pett, Jake Marshall, Ethan Ewens, Lucas Marshall, Hunter Jacobson, Trevor Banasiak and Tim Sines — completed their career with a 31-11 record overall, which included three straight D2 district championships. The focus was on the good moments after Saturday’s title game.

“We had a great season and a great three years here,” Sarkon said. “We battled all season long. This was a tough loss, but I love this team. I love everyone on this team. We did everything together.”

“We have to take pride (in what we accomplished). We won three straight districts, three straight Flint titles and won 31 games this year. It’s an amazing accomplishment. Everyone worked so hard for it. We created a tradition and it’s going to keep going at Linden. We are going to keep doing it and keep going through it. It was tough to see the loss.”

“I think I am most proud of how we’ve come together as a team at the times when we needed to,” Ryan said. “I’m proud of how we played as a team. We have good team chemistry. We love each other, everybody on this team. It’s a lot of fun to be a part of this team.”

“It’s hard for me to collect my thoughts because this is a fantastic group of kids,” Linden coach Steve Buerkel said. “I have 10 seniors who have given me their heart and soul all year. It’s sad to see them go down. They battled. One inning, just one inning (cost us the regional title). We didn’t do a ton at the plate today. The kid kept us off balance today. The lefty, all the credit to him. He was the player of the game. You have to give them credit, give Birch Run credit.”

Mack was tough to attack all game, but the Eagles did take the early lead. The first run was scored in the bottom of the first, Austin Buerkel opened the contest with a single. Marshall bunted him over, but the ball was kicked, allowing Marshall to be safe and enabling Buerkel to go to third. Sarkon followed with a sacrifice fly, giving the Eagles a 1-0 lead.

The 1-0 lead was maintained until the Eagles added two more runs in the fifth inning. With one out, Marshall was hit by a pitch. A wild pickoff attempt by Farr enabled Marshall to advance to third. Sarkon followed with a single, making it a 2-0 lead with courtesy runner Ryker Rivera still on first with one out.

Ryan followed with a single that was booted in the outfield, enabling Ryker to score on the play, making it a 3-0 lead.

However, Ryan, who had pitched a strong game entering the fifth, started to tire. Birch Run’s Tyler Childs and Thomas Fortney hit consecutive singles and Rayden Galloway walked, loading the bases with no out. Mack walked, plated one run with the bases loaded and still no out. Marshall relieved Ryan and got the next two batters out. One came on a nice diving catch by Sarkon behind home plate and the other came on a strike out. However, Farr followed up the strike out with a three-run triple to the center-field fence. Birch Run led 4-3, and would hold on to the edge.

“It was a tough way to lose,” Sarkon said.

“We battled. They battled. They had a couple of big hits. We pitched a great game. It was just a tough way to lose.”

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OBITUARIES

**Janie Hadley**
**1946-2015**
Janie Hadley passed away on May 29, 2015. Janie was the daughter of Maurice and Jean Hadley and is preceded in death by her brother Steve. Janie was born on December 9, 1946 and was born again into the body of Jesus Christ in July of 1975. Janie leaves a sister-in-law, Gery Hadley, a nephew, Scott Hadley, and nieces, Andrea Richardson and Karen Murphy. Janie retired from the Ford Motor Company in Saline, Michigan in 2000 and moved to Kings Point, Sun City Center, Florida at that time. She was an advocate for all animals and did a lot to help with TNR (trap, neuter, vaccinate, and return) issues in Kings Point and Sun City Center. If any of you would like to remember her work please donate to Feline Folks, a Sun City Center, 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to humane Feline Management. Mail checks to Feline Folks, P.O. Box 6294, Sun City Center, FL 33573-6294. Your kindness will be appreciated.

**Joseph Richard Rembach**
**1937-2015**
Joseph Richard Rembach of Holly, age 77, died Thursday, June 4, 2015 at Genesys Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Monday, June 8, 2015 at the Plumb-Smith Funeral Home, Rev. Sarah LaRose-Nettel officiating. Burial in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Mr. Rembach will lie in state at the Plumb-Smith Funeral Home, 12-108 N. Ballenger Hwy, Flint Township, where friends may call 10AM-8PM Sunday. Joe was born in Goodrich, Michigan, September 1, 1937, the son of Joseph and Estella (Wisniewski) Rembach. He graduated from Clarkston High School. He was an avid golf, fisherman, hunter, and gardener. He was a retired toolmaker. Joe was also a devoted Michigan State fan. Surviving are: 2 sisters, Dorothy Kilmer and Irene Fagan, both of Holly; and 4 great-grandchildren.

**Dale A. Dewitt**
**1928-2015**
Dale A. Dewitt, age 87, died June 5, 2015, peacefully in Clermont, Florida. Dale was born in Flint, Michigan, on February 17, 1928. He was the son of the late Dave and Julia (Bates) Dewitt. Dale founded Dewitt Excavating Inc. and was married to Marie C. De Witt in Flint, Michigan. Dale moved to Florida in 1980 along with the business and his family. Dale resided in Clermont, Florida with his wife Marnie A. De Witt. Dale is survived by his wife, Marnie, sons, Thomas A. (Judi), Timothy A. (Ma- ne), daughters, Sherry L. Breer and Kathryn (Tony), Nancy M. Mulligan (Pat), 17 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. Dale was preceded in death by his daughter, Robin S.; son, Theodore D. (Ted); and step-daughter, Lisa. Graveshides services will be held 11 AM Saturday, June 13, 2015 at Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd, Flint. Those desiring may make contributions to Michigan Open Toses and Lions fantasy football. He especially loved his family dearly and spending time in northern Michigan. Surviving are: his parents, David E. and Dawn Dewitt of Linden, three sisters, Sara Dewitt of Swartz Creek, Tiffany (Jonathan) Denfeld of Royal Oak, and Haley Dewitt of Linden; nephew and niece, Brett and Jen Hetz, grandmothers, Judith Dewitt and Ruth (John) Snyder of Flint; aunt and uncle, Kathleen (Mark) Hunter. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Stanley and Edward, and sisters, Val Walter, Millie Blust, Alice Conniss and Phyllis Vergin.

**David W. Prout**
**1990-2015**
David W. Prout - age 24, of Linden, died Saturday, June 6, 2015. Services will be held 11 AM Friday, June 12, 2015 at the John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adrian, Fenton. Visitation will be held 2-4 and 5-9 PM Thursday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton and from 10 AM until the time of serv- ice Friday at the church. Those desiring may make contributions to the David Prout Memorial Fund. David was born August 13, 1990 in Flint, the son of David E. and Dawn (Worden) Prout. He was a 2008 graduate of Linden High School and was currently working at Majestic Golf Course. David loved golf, hockey, the Lions and fantasy football. He especially loved his family dearly and spending time in northern Michigan. Surviving are: his parents, David E. and Dawn Prout of Linden, three sisters, Sara Prout of Swartz Creek, Tiffany (Jonathan) Denfeld of Royal Oak, and Haley Prout of Linden; nephew and niece, Brett and Jen Hetz; grandmothers, Judith Prout, Ruth (John) Snyder of Flint; aunt and uncle, Kathleen (Mark) Hunter. He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Stanley and Edward, and sisters, Val Walter, Millie Blust, Alice Conniss and Phyllis Vergin.

**Bonnie Graham Fisher**
**1917-2015**
Bonnie Graham Fisher - age 97, passed away peacefully on June 5 in Elk Rapids, MI. Bonnie was born November 3, 1917 in Bourbon, Indiana to O.M. Graham, MD and Frances Wilkins Graham. As a child her family moved several times. Bonnie spent most of her childhood in Bellefons and Chippewa Hills, Ohio. She graduated from Steele High School in Dayton, OH, in 1935 and from Earlham College in Richmond, IN, in 1939. On September 9, 1939 she married John C. (Bud) Fisher in Phyllipsburg, They then moved to Toledo, Flint, MI and Pittsburgh, PA before moving back to Flint in 1942 where they lived rais- ing five children until March 1957 when the family moved to rural West Oakland County, MI. In the 1960s Bonnie went back to college to obtain her teachers cer- tificate. She then taught kinder- garten in the Lake Fenton and Fenton Schools for 11 years before retiring in 1977. After she and Bud retired they moved to Elks Rapids. Bonnie and Bud were mar- ried almost 60 years. Bud passed away in 1986. Bonnie was also predeceased by parents, her sisters Virginia and Dorothy and her brother, Gordon; and an infant son, John Edgar Fisher. Bonnie was survived by her sons, Thomas Graham Fisher (Barbara) of Indianapolis, IN, Joseph Fisher (Deb), Edward Fisher (Deb) of Elk Rapids, John Winkins Fisher (Susan) of Canton, MI, daughters, Janene Breier (Bill), Ann L. Severns (Tony), Nancy M. Mulligan (Pat), 17 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. Former daughter-in-law and dear friend, Diane Kitch- erman of Elk Rapids; and many nieces and nephews. Bonnie received excellent care during her last 3 months at Cherry Suite, Elk Rapids. The family thanks Melanie White and her staff. Bonnie was an exemplary mother to her five children and always sup- portive of their many and varied interests. She and Bud valued education and made it a priority for their children and all five graduated from college. Music was also a big part of her life. She was an accomplished pianist and loved to sing. She belonged to several music groups and sang in church and community choirs in Flint, Holly and Elk Rapids. Bonnie loved all of her family dearly and was always there for her family, including when she was surrounded by family and friends. Bonnie loved to laugh and to tell and be told and to retell stories during the last 24 years. She will be dearly missed. Bonnie was a member of AAMW, PEO, Elk Rapids Garden Club, and the PEO's Willow Club and will be held on June 27, 2015. Visitations will be held at 10 AM with a time of service at 11 AM at the First Presbyterian Church, 404 Spruce St. Elk Rapids. Those desiring may make contribu- tions to the David Prout Memorial Fund. The family thanks Covell Funeral Home.

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A plan you’ve kept on hold for a long time finally could be greenlighted. But in typical Aries form, you’ll need to be sure that everything is in place before you hit the “start” button.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Others might urge you to act more quickly on your ideas. But you’d be wise to follow your Bovine instincts and get more facts to bolster your position when you finally present it.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You might be tempted to accept the well-meaning offer of a friend to act as an intermediary in a dispute. But you know best what it’s about, and you can handle the challenge. Good luck.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Entertainment can play an important role this week. Enjoy some well-earned diversion with people you care about. Something especially wonderful might come from this well-spent time.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Catnaps and playtime are in order for Leos and Leonas who need to take some time off from their hectic schedules to restore their energies and rebuild their mental muscles. Have fun.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Virgo will need to keep an open mind this week about choices that seem improbable. A closer study might well reveal possibilities that might have been overlooked. Stay with it.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A disappointing outcome of a well-intentioned effort should be seen as a lesson in how to do it right the next time. Note all your changes and have your new plan set up by week’s end.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Travel plans might need readjusting because of changes in the costs previously agreed to. Deal with the problem as quickly as possible to minimize any delays that might result.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your honest approach to an unsettling experience draws admiration from others. Use their positive feedback to build support for your program to introduce needed changes.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Travel is strong in your aspect this week, and so is nostalgia! You might want to consider planning a trip to a place that holds some very special meaning for you. Bon voyage.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A job-related situation could provide an opportunity you hadn’t considered before. Look it over carefully and see where and how you can tailor it to fit your needs.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Showing strength as well as sympathy helps you deal with a difficult personal matter. It also helps you set an example for others when it’s their turn to get involved in the situation.

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**DVD RELEASES**

**KINGSMAN: THE SECRET SERVICE** The Secret Service tells the story of a super-secret spy organization that recruits an unruly but promising street kid into the agency’s ultra-competitive training program just as a global threat emerges from a twisted tech genius.

R, 2 hr. 8 min.

86% liked it

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