Fenton plane crash results in arrest

A ultralight plane crashed near Golden Pond on Saturday evening.

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Fenton Twp. — During the Fenton Township Board of Trustee meeting on Monday, Supervisor Bonnie Mathis commented on the ultralight plane that crashed in a wooded area just off Golden Pond Saturday, just after 7:30 p.m.

“This plane, from what the witnesses said, came right down out of the sky, parachute and everything and dropped”

New leadership at county animal shelter adopts ‘no kill’ policies

Marijuana growing facility coming to Fenton

Firefighter, cop pull naked man from train tracks

Off-duty police officer, firefighter intervene as train approaches

By Sharon Stone
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A 28-year-old Fenton man remains hospitalized following what could have been a fatal train crash on Saturday had it not been for an off-duty police officer and firefighter.

Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said the department received a call at 3:53 p.m. on Sunday advising them that a naked man was walking along Adelaide Street near Roberts. Shortly after the call, police learned that the man was spotted walking near the railroad tracks at Adelaide Street.

While on-duty officers were en route, an off-duty Fenton officer heard the call and headed to the scene. An off-duty firefighter who was nearby also heard the call and responded. The responders saw that an unclothed man was sitting on the tracks, hunched over.

Fenton man shares experience of wallet theft from his car

Unlocked vehicles tempting to thieves

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A Fenton man didn’t expect someone to steal his wallet from his car around 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 2 when he went inside a local gym for about 30 minutes. But, it was taken and within 20 minutes, the perpetrator used all three credit cards and bought $2,000 worth of merchandise at Target, Kmart, Walmart, USA Fireworks, and Sunoco gas station, plus $388 worth of fireworks on Silver Parkway. He tried to charge an additional $1,568 on the other two cards, but they were cancelled during the transaction.

The victim of larceny, who wishes to remain anonymous, didn’t know his wallet, a roll of $1 bills, and a

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Fenton school board struggles over difficult choice

By Vera Hogan
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Fenton — Members of the Fenton Board of Education said they had a tough week of internal struggles over whom they would vote to be the interim superintendent.

All agreed that Doug Busch, executive director of personnel and finance, and Mark Suchowski, principal of Fenton High School, who interviewed for the job at the July 13 meeting, were both excellent candidates.
New leadership at GCAC adopts ‘no kill’ policies

Conditions at Genesee County Animal Control have improved

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Last year, Pet Friends Magazine (petfriendsmagazine.wordpress.com) rated Genesee County Animal Control (GCAC), one of the 11 worst animal shelters in Michigan. The animals were ignored and left in dirty cages, the Times reported November 2014.

Director Paul Wallace, who was appointed Jan. 7, said the conditions are much better, thanks to more volunteers and the millage. Last fall, Genesee County voted for a millage increase of $1.7 million to the usual $1 to $1.3 million for the GCAC. With the millage, they hired more staff and changed the cleaning protocol.

“We don’t use bleach anywhere near the animals,” he said. Instead, they use Accel, a hospital-grade disinfectant that won’t hurt animals. “When we go home at night, everyone’s got a clean cage, food and water,” he said.

The shelter can now pay to spay or neuter every stray in the shelter to solve the pet population issue. If an animal isn’t adopted in seven days, it belongs to the shelter.

“We’ve adopted a lot of the practice with the ‘No Kill Movement,’” Wallace said. The shelter used to euthanize animals if they weren’t adopted within a week.

“I love animals and I cannot put down a good dog because he’s been here too long,” Wallace said. “Since I’ve been here I’ve put as much No Kill practice in place that I can.”

They only euthanize for medical necessities and if animals are too aggressive.

They’re planning to upgrade the shelter, which was built in the 1970s.

Reena Kennedy was appointed as the first volunteer coordinator March 18 and has added at least 60 volunteers. She implemented adoption programs for dogs, with socialization and training. Kettering University donated agility equipment for high-energy dogs, and the staff plays a more active role in the animals’ well-being.

“They get shipped out to Swartz Creek Veterinary Hospital for evaluation,” she said. “Staff can make comments and observations on any animal that may need attention.” The GCAC participates in a foster puppy program where puppies are sent away so they aren’t traumatized by loud noises and older dogs.

The recent changes in the Genesee County Board of Commissioners prompted the shelter’s improvements.

Pegge Adams, the Genesee County Commissioner for District 9, stepped down as Animal Control committee vice chair in August 2014. She received backlash for improper care and treatment of animals at the GCAC.

She was replaced by the District 8 Commissioner Ted Lazar. Adams was a supporter of former GCAC Director Stephanie Lazar who received criticism from the public for poor living conditions at the shelter. She was removed as director from the board in January.

Animal rights group Genesee Resi- dents for Animal Control Evolution (G.R.A.C.E.), took an active role in the Genesee County Board of Commissioner elections that brought this change.

In the elections last November, Mark Young became the commissioner for District 5, and Bryant Nolden became the commissioner for District 1. Both support change in the GCAC; the Times previously reported. “When the original set of commissioners didn’t want change, we became an advocacy group,” said GRACE member Roberta Angelo. The group went door to door, talking to people about the election.

“It became political. It wasn’t what we intended to do, but it was what we had to do in order to make change,” she said.

Once the new Genesee County commis- sioners were in place, “One of the first official acts was to fire the director (Stephanie Lazar),” she said.

NO KILL MOVEMENT

An animal shelter must have the following available:

- Rescue partnerships
- Volunteers
- Foster care
- Trap, neuter, release
- High volume, low cost spay and neuter
- Pet retention
- Comprehensive adoption program
- Public relations/community involve- ment
- Medical and behavioral care
- Proactive redemptions
- Hard-working, compassionate shelter director

Source: nokilladvocacycenter.org

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Diana Trush of Fenton droused Rocky at the Genesee County Animal Control Shelter on Monday.

Fenton Streetscape update

Adelaide Street will be closed at Mill Street today, July 22, starting at 6 a.m. The northbound Adelaide detour will be through the construction on Lefroy Street, while the southbound detour will be on Fenway Drive. Adelaide Street at Mill Street will be closed to through traffic for the duration of the work. There will be access available on either side of the construction for people who need to get to their business or homes, however, they will not be able to drive through the intersection. The closure setup will start around 6 a.m. so the contractor is ready and going by 7 a.m. The contractor will gravel the work area on Adelaide until contractors return to pave Mill Street and this will be repaved.

The Legends Drum Corps Invitational is on Aug. 1.

More than 30 young musicians from southeast Michigan schools will compete in a drum and bugle corps competition at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1 at Troy Athens High School. The Legends Drum Corps Invitational will feature eight drum corps from the U.S., The Nether- lands and Canada. Drum corps members, including the local stu- dents who perform with Legends, range in age from 14 to 22. Drum corps performances are highly refined musical marching productions made up of brass, percussion and color guard with choreography and dance on the field. Tickets at the gate are $15 for general admis- sion and $20 for premium seating; or order discounted tickets online. On the day of the show, students save $5 with valid IDs. Gates open at 5 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. Local students participating are: Chyenne Alvarado, mello- phone – Fenton, Jarrod Payne, tuba – Fenton; Brooke Bloomfield, color guard – Linden; Gibson Gillett-Behrens, electronics – Linden; Ryan Johnston, mellophone – Linden; Emily Elzing, drums – Linden, and Tyler White, euphonium – Linden. For details visit www.tinyurl.com/troymix.

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Don’t have a cow

Farm animals prohibited from running free in Fenton City

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Do you know any dog owners or cat owners in Fenton City who have an abundance of animals? They might be considered a kernel under the city’s ordinances. Fenton residents are only allowed to keep five pets without being considered a kernel. “You can have five dogs and cats in combination,” said Mike Reilly, the city’s building and zoning administrator. “If you have too many animals you get too much animal feces. It can be unpleasant, especially in the heat.” Household pets such as dogs, cats, hamsters, rabbits, fish, and birds are allowed in residential neighborhoods in the city of Fenton, according to the city of Fenton’s ordinances. If a resident has more than three dogs, they are deemed a kernel and must abide by those ordinances. Reilly said there’s a gray area with certain pets, like pot-bellied pigs, because they have to strictly be a pet.

“What is a pet?” Reilly said. “Problem is most pot-bellied pigs that get out of control, they generally end up on the dinner table. That’s not a pet. The same thing is to be said for chickens.”

Non-household animals like pigs, sheep, horses, cattle, poultry, reptiles, and wild and vicious animals are prohibited in all zoning districts, but are allowed in rural density residential (RDR) districts.

“As a whole, there isn’t very much rural density residential within the city limits,” Reilly said.

**Chickens**

Chickens are allowed in a residential neighborhood under a few conditions. Only residents who live in a detached single-family unit in a single-family residential district may keep chickens. A maximum of three chickens are allowed for personal use, but not for business or commercial use according to city ordinances. They must remain in a fully enclosed coop at a maximum of 300 square feet, or the minimum size of 4 square feet per chicken. The coop cannot be located on a side or front yard, and cannot be closer than 25 feet from a dwelling on a neighboring property or 10 feet from any property line.

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**Bill Press**

**NATIONALLY SYNDICATED**

**Stopping Iran from getting the bomb**

It’s never too late to go back to school. So when I realized I didn’t know enough about the Iranian nuclear deal reached this week in Vienna between Iran and the United States, Germany, France, England, Russia, and China, I signed up for a master class.

I took a master class from the man who knows more about this deal than anyone else: Professor Barack Obama. I attended his press conference at the White House on July 14.

It was by far the most newsworthy press conference of his presidency. In the space of an hour he raised all the same arguments made against the Iran deal — and proceeded to destroy every one of them.

By now, you’ve heard all the arguments against the deal. Here are a few of them, with the professor’s rebuttal.

‘It’s bad for Israel?’ If it’d be a lot worse, Obama pointed out, if Iran ever got the bomb. ‘Iran could delay inspections for 24 days.’ Actually, under terms of the agreement, they could only delay at any new covert sites, Obama explained.

‘Iran could still stir up trouble in the region?’ No, this doesn’t solve all problems, Obama acknowledged, but: ‘Having resolved the nuclear issue, we will be in a stronger position to work with Israel, work with the Gulf countries, work with our other partners, work with the Europeans to bring additional pressure to bear on Iran around those issues that remain of concern.’

In response to every argument, Obama asked the all-important question: OK, wise guy, what’s your alternative? So far, nobody’s come up with one. ‘And for all the objections of Prime Minister Netanyahu,’ or, for that matter, some of the Republican leadership that’s already spoken, none of them have presented to me, or the American people, a better alternative.’

Finally, Obama welcomed a robust debate in Congress, as long as it’s based on the facts, and not petty partisan rhetoric.

Case closed. President Obama has prevented another war and delivered one of the most significant diplomatic triumphs of our lifetime. That’s something Republicans and Democrats should celebrate.

**Why do you live in this area?**

"At first I moved here for work but I have now been here for 20 years and I love it. I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else."
— Marilyn Reidel, Fenton Twp

"I love Holly because of the school district. It is great."
— Shirley Stajkowski, Holly Township

"I grew up around this area on a family farm and I am staying here due to grandchildren."
— Chris Mathews, Fenton

"We moved into a smaller place for my husband in Holly. I just love the Fenton/Holly area."
— Theresa Bartig, Holly

"It is half way between where my husband and I grew up, Ann Arbor and Flint. We love Fenton and we plan to stay."
— Joanne Zeble, Tyrone Twp

"I live here because I like the lakes, people, and everything. It is cute here."
— Johanna Haedel, Fenton Township

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**Cal Thomas**

**NATIONALLY SYNDICATED**

**Defining Hillary Clinton**

When I listen to Hillary Clinton speak, outlining her ‘economic policy’ should she become president, my first reaction was not to her lack of substance and the predictability of her party line about taxing the rich more and ‘income inequality,’ but to how boring she is.

I love definitions. They help focus the mind. But not everyone defines a word the same way.

Dictionary.com defines ‘bore’ in several ways, all of which fit Hillary Clinton. As a verb used with an object, it says, ‘to weary by dullness, tedious repetition…’ As a noun it is defined as ‘a dull, tiresome, or uncongenial person; a cause of ennui or petty annoyance.’

Even the synonyms for ‘bore’ seem to describe Hillary Clinton: ‘fatigue, tire, annoy.’

She can raise her voice, as she did in her Monday speech, but that does nothing for her credibility, or sincerity. A June 2 CNN/ORC poll found that ‘A growing number of people say she is not honest and trustworthy’ (57 percent, up from 49 percent in March). Decibels can’t touch that.

In an interview last week with CNN, Clinton defended herself against the public’s perception that she is not trustworthy, though when you have to attest to your integrity it reminds one of Richard Nixon’s ‘I am not a crook’ claim during the Watergate scandal.

Washington Post fact checker Glenn Kessler gave Hillary Clinton’s claim two out of a possible four ‘Pinocchios.’

She is running primarily on her gender and the standard boleplate Democratic Party mantra of bigger government, higher taxes and more regulations, which would result in less individual liberty. If Americans want that, they can have trackloads of it by voting for Bernie Sanders, the socialist senator from Vermont.

Clinton’s economic speech included a plan to raise middle-class income. She wants to accomplish this with another hike in the minimum wage and by use of other manipulative government techniques.

To employ a tennis term, Hillary Clinton has double-faulted. She is both uninspiring and uninteresting. To mix sports metaphors, add boring and you’d have a hockey hat trick.
For a cause, Horn hocks hot dogs

State Sen. Ken Horn chats with Suzanne and Dave Lossing during Horn’s “Home-town Job” tour, noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday. Horn will visit numerous communities in his district, and perform jobs like brewing beer, flipping pancakes and shoveling sugar beets. This particular event is to raise funds and awareness for the restoration of the Linden Mill building, which houses the Linden Historical Society. Horn will match funds raised during his time at the café.

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If approved, the 9,000-square-foot building will be located at 130 Alloy Drive in the industrial park. The property is currently undeveloped and located north of the Hamilton Propane site and south of the Canela Tool building.

“As long as this facility is operated properly and in a lawful manner, I don’t anticipate any problems.”
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Fenton Police Department

The property is on 1.71 acres and will accommodate a possible 18,000-square-foot addition in the future. The plan also calls for a 13-space parking lot and possible 16-space expansion when the addition is constructed.

According to the site plan review report by Carmine Avantini, the city’s planning consultant, the request meets all but one of the criteria outlined in Ordinance 687, which was adopted by the City Council on January 26.

The medical marijuana ordinance has spacing requirements, which dictate that no medical marijuana facility be located within 1,000 feet from any school, day care facility, church, house of worship or other religious facility, or public or private park.

The proposed Fenton Greenhouse is located 965 feet from a day care center, the Rainbow Child Care Center on Owen Road by Target. That hiccup was resolved, however, when the Zoning Board of Appeals approved a variance at its June meeting.

If Fenton Greenhouse owners gain the necessary approvals, they will be permitted by the ordinance to grow up to a maximum 60 plants and 12.5 ounces of usable marijuana. They are only permitted to service five medical marijuana patients to whom the caregiver is lawfully connected. Each patient is restricted to a maximum of 12 plants with 2.5 ounces of usable marijuana.

Avantini’s review of the proposed project states that all aspects of the ordinance must be in compliance at all times. The medical marijuana growing facility will be subject to annual inspections to ensure compliance with code and state law.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said the proposed facility is something very new in this area and relatively new to the state of Michigan.

“As long as this facility is operated properly and in a lawful manner, I don’t anticipate any problems,” Aro said.

Should the Fenton Greenhouse obtain special land use and site plan approval Thursday night, it will be the green light to go forward with construction.

“If they are approved, they will not go to the City Council,” said Avantini.

Who can grow where?

According to Fenton Ordinance 687, medical marijuana patients are the only individuals allowed to grow in a residential district. Caregivers only are allowed to grow in the industrial district. When the ordinance was passed on Jan. 26, 2015, both Mayor Sue Osborn and Councilwoman Cheryl King voted against it. According to the minutes of that meeting, “Osborn stated she cannot vote for the ordinance with growing being allowed in apartment buildings. She feels the owners of the buildings do not live in the buildings and there are too many children in the vicinity.” King cited similar concerns about allowing growing in apartment buildings because of odor and ventilation issues. Council members Bradley Jacob, Les Bland, Pat Lockwood, Scott Gossmeier and David McDermott voted to approve the ordinance.
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Hairbrushes were stolen until he went to get his car washed and couldn’t find his wallet. He called his credit card companies and cancelled his cards right away. Even though the perpetrator had a two-hour head start, by cancelling his cards so quickly he hasn’t paid for any fraudulent charges and the “credit card companies were very professional and quick to respond,” he said.

His vehicle was unlocked when the perpetrator took the wallet. Fenton police are investigating the theft.

“Locking your car will prevent this type of crime in most cases,” said Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro. “Locking your car and removing or hiding valuables left in your vehicle will eliminate this problem entirely.”

Village of Holly Police Chief Mike Story also suggests parking vehicles in a lit area and not to leave items in plain sight. “I strongly encourage victims to call the police department to report the thefts and entries of their vehicles. The information is valuable to the investigation, both to the responding officer and the subsequent follow up investigation practices of this department,” Story said.

Many of Holly’s larceny from vehicle complaints are on multiple thefts that take place in the same area, when someone walks down the street and checks for unlocked cars. When a wallet is stolen from a car, a credit or debit card is often used soon after. Aro said you should call your credit card and cancel the card immediately. Once you report your debit or credit card stolen, you cannot be held liable for unauthorized transactions under federal law, according to consumer.ftc.gov.

Send a letter or email to your card issuer with the date your card was stolen, what transactions were unauthorized, and your account number to fix billing issues. Your credit card provider will send you a new card.

To replace your driver’s license, you need to go to the Secretary of State’s office and bring two forms of identification. Only original documents of a birth certificate, U.S. or Canadian passport, marriage license or photo identification card given by Michigan government will work, according to the Secretary of State.

“Our current Secretary of State, Ruth Johnson, has done a very good job of streamlining most of those processes and your license can be replaced through an online request,” Aro said. Go to online-services.michigan.gov/ExpressSOS to request a new one online.

GETTING YOUR MONEY BACK
According to the Fair Credit Billing Act (FCBA), how much money you lose depends on when you report a stolen or lost card.

If you report it before any unauthorized charges are made, you don’t lose any money.

If you report it within two business days of the theft, the most you lose is $50.

If you report it more than two business days after but less than 60 calendar days before you receive your next statement, you lose a maximum of $500.

If you report it more than 60 calendar days after you receive your statement, your maximum loss could be all the money in your account.

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ALL MY LIFE I’ve heard that expression, educated idiot. I never knew what it meant until this last administration. Now I’ve seen it firsthand. Truer words were never spoken.
This past Monday, July 20, I read about two seemingly unrelated topics. The first was about the 46th Anniversary of the United States lunar moon landing on July 20, 1969, and the astronaut Neil Armstrong’s first step on the moon when he uttered the now famous words “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.” The second was concerning the running of a 32-acre complex called “M City,” located at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. This new “City” is actually a proving grounds to help develop driverless cars.

That night on the national news, I saw a segment on distracted driving and how mobile device use while driving leads to more than 3,000 deaths per year. According to the report, at any given moment in the United States more than 600,000 drivers are using their mobile devices.

Together, these three reports made me think about just how far we’ve come from a technological standpoint since 1969 when I watched the first moon landing on television and thought to myself how amazing it all was.

Putting that to one side and fast forwarding back to today, the reality is that technology is expanding at an exponential rate in all areas. This includes driving and traffic safety. I believe the human element still will continue to play the most important role for many months and our laws need to keep pace.

I think for the most part they have, and an example of this is here in Michigan with our laws as to the use of mobile devices while driving.

These include an outright prohibition on text messaging for all drivers, prohibiting drivers of commercial motor vehicles and school buses from using handheld cell phones and a fairly new statute called Kelsey’s Law, which was signed by Governor Snyder on Jan. 8, 2013.

This law is in memory of 17-year-old Kelsey Raffaele of Sault Ste. Marie who died in a cell phone related automobile accident and bans any cell phone usage by a person driving on a Level 1 or Level 2 graduated license.

Distracted driving is a serious problem throughout the United States. Please be safe and don’t drive when you are distracted — the consequences can be fatal.

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At issue, however, was whether the board wanted someone at the helm who could provide a “fresh set of eyes,” or go with a “proven track record.”

After each board member had a chance to speak, they voted 5-2 to give Busch the job with a contract to be mutually determined at a later date.

He will work both jobs until a permanent superintendent is hired next year. The search for a permanent superintendent will begin in February 2016.

Trustee Lynn Hopper and Treasurer Tamara Valley cast the dissenting votes. President Drew Shapiro, Vice President Rick Koester, Secretary Daniel Carter, and trustees Elizabeth Geib and Dana Jones all voted in favor of Busch.

Jones was absent from the meeting, but voted by telephone.

During discussion, Geib said, “This has been a tough week of going back and forth, but I can’t think of anyone that can run the district better than these two guys.”

Geib said the district is in the process of healing, after the departure of former Superintendent Tim Jakeland, the decision to eliminate the Internaional Baccalaureate program, and the critical state of the district’s finances.

“I think Ms. Dwyer has played the role of interim superintendent pretty much for the last year,” Geib said. “No one can deny that.”

Hopper said, “I was extremely impressed last week. The presentations (Busch and Suchowski) made phenomenal. He said he does have a concern, however, with an excessive workload and late hours.

“We have to factor in burnout, excess issues could lead to health issues,” Hopper said.

Busch laughed and said, “Mrs. Busch shares those concerns.”

“New eyes are in order,” said Hopper. “New eyes can bring new ideas. If I was to vote right now, I would lean more toward Mark.”

Koester said the board is very sensitive to the financial health of the district, and asked Busch what steps he would take to handle both his current job and the interim superintendent job.

Busch said he would bring in assistance from the (Genesee) Intermediate School District (GISD), which he said has a wide variety of services he can use to help him.

“I would look to partner with them,” he said.

Shapiro said both men did an excellent job at their interviews. “Let’s just put the cards on the table,” he said.

“Neither would have applied if they didn’t know what kind of stress and workload would be involved.”

Valley agreed. “Both are adults and made a decision to come to the party. My concern, as always, comes from the financial end. We’re making the decisions and will be required to make decisions relying on the accuracy of the information being brought to us.”

Valley said if Busch gets the job, it will be essential that he work with the ISD. After the vote, Suchowski said he is absolutely good with the board’s choice and agrees that going forward the less change for the district the better.

“I look forward to working with Dr. Busch in the role he has to fill,” said Suchowski.

“The position will be different from my current role because the superintendent is ultimately responsible for all aspects of the district,” said Busch. “I have nine years experience as a central office administrator, so there would be similarities to my current position with regard to working in a district wide role.”

Will he work to become the permanent superintendent next year?

“Right now, I am focused on the interim position,” Busch said. “I will evaluate the permanent position in the future when it becomes open.”

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Mathis had met with him before the crash with the zoning administrator, and she was under the impression he docked the plane. Although, she learned that he kept it on the front lawn of his sister’s house. Mathis showed a picture of the plane on the lawn.

Neighbors were upset and complained about the noise. The code enforcement officer brought the man in and they had scheduled a meeting for July 21.

After the crash, “He was taken to the hospital. But when police did come they found he had a warrant for his arrest,” Mathis said. “I don’t think we will see this man around the township.”

“I didn’t realize he was taxiing down onto the channel that runs parallel to Grove Park. That’s dangerous,” Mathis said.

The Michigan State Police pointed out that when a plane is in the air, it’s considered a plane. When it’s on the water, it’s a boat.

The Department of Natural Resources has jurisdiction over the lakes.

DOUG BUSCH

Modern technology and traffic safety

“Both are adults and made a decision to come to the party.”

Tamaroa Valley

Fenton Board of Education treasurer

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As the officer and firefighter approached the man, they realized that a train was in sight and heading toward them. The two responders picked up the man and carried him to safety. Slate said the man would have been struck by the train had he not been removed. An ambulance was called to the scene and the man was taken to the hospital for treatment.

Slate said it was apparent that the man, who was unaware of his location, had mental issues. The responders did not smell any incendiants and there was no clear evidence of any drug use.

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Residents must submit a proposal to the city with the location of the coop and property lines in order to obtain a permit, according to the ordinance.

The city of Fenton has granted nine zoning permits for chickens this year. "The Moores’, who live in Fenton city, got three chickens earlier this spring. They’ll start laying eggs within the month.

They’re awesome. They squawk a lot because they want to be together. They are very close," said Mike Moore.

Moore raised chickens as a kid. He and his wife decided to get them as a learning experience for their two kids and to eat the eggs. “The 6-year-old, Lilah, loves the chickens,” he said. “They come to her more than they come to us.”

They feed the chickens organic chicken feed and vegetable scratch like lettuce, tomatoes and cucumbers.

Farm animals
Farm, private, public and commercial stables are allowed in the RDR district.

According to the ordinance, anyone who has a “horse, cow, goat, rabbit, poultry, or any other domesticated animal shall provide and maintain a yard, pen, shelter or building for the confinement of such animals and poultry, and shall keep such within the confines of the yard, pen, shelter or building.”

The animals must have a humane amount of space. Enclosures cannot be smaller than 1,500 square feet for a horse, cow or goat, and must be at least 25 square feet for rabbits or poultry. Any yard, pen or shelter for an animal cannot be less than 200 feet from any dwelling, according to the ordinance.

Really said most animal complaints are about dogs barking and running loose. There haven’t been any problems with farm animals within the city. Not following these ordinances results in a civil infraction.

Village of Holly
Farm animals are not allowed in districts not specified for agricultural use, except for Vietnamese Pot Bellied Pigs, according to the village of Holly Code of Ordinances. Residents are allowed to have up to six rabbits and up to three poultry or fowl.

Linden City
• Under title 6 in the city’s ordinances, Linden city residents cannot own more than three dogs without a kennel license.
• In order to keep farm animals like horses, cows, goats, rabbits and poultry, on the property, they must have a yard, pen, or shelter. The dwelling for horses, cows, and goats need at least 1,500 square feet, and the dwelling for rabbits and poultry must be 25 square feet.
• The animal dwellings must be at least 200 feet from any building used for dwelling purposes.

By Yvonne Steggall
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Part six of an eight-part series
Michigan has 3,126 miles of fresh water coastline, which is more than any other state.

One of the things that people love about this state is all of the water, from the Great Lakes to all of the little lakes from town to town.

If you want to spend some time at the water this summer, whether you’re fishing, sailing, or swimming, you really should take a drive up the coastline and check out Oscoda and Alpena.

Oscoda
If you have been anxious for a trip north, this is the perfect weekend to travel to Oscoda, as the American Veterans’ Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall will be at the Wurtsmith Air Museum from today, Wednesday July 22, through July 26.

Oscoda is an easy two-hour day trip north, only 142 miles from Fenton proper. It’s a beachfront town offering lots of fishing and swimming.

You will also see a large Paul Bunyan statue as you head north on M-23 through Oscoda. Stop for a great photo opportunity.

Alpena
Another 48 miles north of Oscoda is Alpena, another lakefront town that is never lacking fun and excitement. In fact, right now they have their Brown Trout Festival in full swing. The festival started this past Friday and runs until Sunday, July 26.

You can enjoy fishing, music and more. There is even a children’s fishing contest, so it is fun for the whole family.

While you have the family there you can also check out Schoolhouse Rock Live at The Thunder Bay Theatre.

Speaking of Thunder Bay, if you decide to stay the night make it a luxury stay at the Thunder Bay Resort. You can enjoy elk viewing, golf and more. Alpena has a ton to offer, including glass bottom boat shipwreck tours.

If you like tourist traps make sure to look for the giant stainless steel eagle head statue outside the Besser Museum and the Paul Bunyan statue made out of car parts at the Alpena Community College.

If you make it an overnight trip you will definitely have time for all that this trek along the lakeshores offers. Stop for picnics, put your toes in the sand, and enjoy the waters of Lake Huron and Saginaw Bay.

It’s amazing how much coastline Michigan has, you must take some time to enjoy it. Keep checking the Wednesday paper for more Michigan destinations that you should be checking out.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
WE WERE DUMB enough to reelect him. Why weren’t we smart enough to impeach him?

ARE THERE ANY computer stores in this area that make reliable house calls? I can’t travel very well and I all have a computer that needs work. I can’t leave the house. I’m on oxygen. If there’s anybody, I’d appreciate it if they could leave their phone number. Thank you.

IN NEW HAMPSHIRE, Hillary Clinton drew an address of less than a hundred. While at George Mason University, she drew 2,000 people in an auditorium that holds 10,000. Donald Trump is exceeding capacity every place he goes from Phoenix to Vegas.

EVERYBODY KNOWS HOW quick a mosquito can bite you. Can someone tell me how long it takes a tick to bite you once it gets on you?

ONE BAD SIDE effect after tearing down the old seminary building, is all the critters that escape that place end up tearing through everybody else’s places. What doesn’t get caught or killed while tearing it down ends up around town.

HICKORY RIDGE SPEED limit? You got to be joking. Most everyone who comes through here, not the residents, run at 60, 70 sometimes faster than that. Posting any speed limit doesn’t really matter.

I READ WITH great amusement the definition of liberal in the Saturday paper. I thought most of those described the conservative selfish, all about me, Republican a whole lot more than the liberal side.
Wright headed to Lawrence Tech

Linden grad will continue soccer career with Blue Devils

By David Troppens
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Kevin Wright was a great soccer player when he played at Linden High School. He was so good, Wright scored 33 goals during his senior season last fall for the Eagles.

But when it came to making a college choice, soccer took a bit of a back seat to academics.

Wright is headed for Lawrence Technological University due to his passion for wanting to go into the engineering field. But that didn’t mean Wright had to forego his athletic aspirations. He’ll also be playing soccer for the institution’s men’s soccer program.

“I chose Lawrence Tech for it’s electrical engineering school,” Wright said. “The engineering school was phenomenal. Their soccer program wasn’t fantastic but it is something to keep me active. Plus, it’s a really good school at a really good school.”

Chances are, Wright can do for the Blue Devils’ men’s soccer program what he expects the

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Area teens embracing lacrosse

Camp proves sport is a hit with area kids

By David Troppens
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Fenton — It’s about 5:30 p.m. on a reasonably warm Monday afternoon on at Fenton High School’s football field.

It’s about 20 minutes before a planned lacrosse camp is expected to start at 6 p.m., but there are already about five people on the field throwing a ball around and practicing their shooting. A couple others are working on landing their lacrosse stick, otherwise known as a crosse, in preparation of a practice session.

Once the camp begins, run by Fenton/Linden co-op varsity boys lacrosse coach Stan Orzel, there are about 25 boys and girls from Fenton, Linden and even Swartz Creek ready to improve their skills.

There’s no doubt the lacrosse “wave” has reached the tri-county area, and this camp is more evidence toward proving the sport has captured the imagination of today’s youth. Just last spring Fenton and Linden had co-op lacrosse teams for the first time.

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AREA ACES

SUSAN FISKE

Linden resident Susan Fiske, 68, used a three-wood on the par-3 100-yard 12th hole at Fenton Farms to record her first ace of her golfing career on July 2.

The ace was witnessed by Rita Harris, Pam Stevens and Brenda Schultz.

She shot a 55 for nine holes during the round.

DAN TRAYWICK

Dan Traywick recorded his first ace of his career on July 8 at Fenton Farms on the par-3 129-yard 10th hole.

Traywick, 57, used an eight-iron to record his first ace of his 40-year golfing career.

His son, Nick Traywick, was working at the golf course when the ace was recorded. It was witnessed by Ron Ruff, Bill Brewer and Al Donije.

THOMAS KELLER

South Lyon resident Thomas Keler, 68, carded his first ace of his career at Fenton Farms’ par-3 187-yard seventh hole on July 12.

He used a three-hybrid to record his first ace in 56 years of playing golf.

LF’s Draeger making jump to Mott Bears

By David Troppens
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Melody Draeger had two dreams when it came to her college plans.

The 2015 Lake Fenton graduate is going to get a chance to make one of those dreams come true this fall.

Draeger will be continuing her softball career at Mott Community College with the Bears. She joins fellow 2015 Lake Fenton graduate and teammate Kim Roe as future Mott players.

Mott was her second choice, but Draeger remains thrilled.

“Definitely (I’m realizing a dream to play college softball),” Draeger said. “I didn’t realize that dream until I reached high school and realized I could take the next step. Since high school I’ve tried to get into any college. … I’m glad that Mott had the right spot.”

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TRIVIA

BASEBALL

Who became the first African American to pitch a MLB no-hitter?

Sam Jones did it for the Chicago Cubs on May 12, 1955. The Cubs beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-0 in front of just 2,918 fans.
LACROSSE

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ever. And if the popularity of those squads were any indication, the schools will be splitting up to create their own varsity teams sooner than later.

“I definitely see it growing in this area,” Linden sophomore Joshua Logie said. “We are getting to really big. I know a lot of my friends are coming to do lacrosse. I think (the two schools will) branch out eventually.

“It’s been a lot of fun because it’s different. It’s a combination of soccer and hockey.”

Logie is one of the participants at the camp. It began July 13 and is running every Monday and Thursday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. through July 30. The camp is open to all students from seventh-grade through high school. On this date there are about 25 boys and girls competing. Just as was the case with both co-op varsity programs last spring, many are trying lacrosse for the first time at the camp.

“My friends played on the team last year and it was really fun,” Fenton senior Madison Dagenais said about watching the games. “I wanted to try it.”

“The camp was the first time I picked up a stick,” said Fenton senior Anna Hart, who admitted she first came out because of her step-daughter. “I like it a lot. Going to the camp has taught me a lot. At first I didn’t know how to cradle. I was always dropping the ball. But now I know how to cradle and how to shoot. I think I love it. It’s a lot of fun.”

Monday’s session began with some passing drills and eventually moved toward some two-on-one movement defensive drills. The practices allowed the boys and girls to compete against one another. With each session, the players say they learn more and become better players.

“I’ve learned a lot of things,” Swartz Creek freshman Collin Clark said. “I’ve gotten better at my passing and going to the open space.”

Clark has about one year of experience with the sport, playing with Swartz Creek’s youth club.

There are some area “veterans” at the camp as well. One of those members is Fenton senior Brian Hackney. He remembers how much the first Fenton/Linden co-op varsity boys Wolves team improved from the first practice until the end of the season last year.

“Our first practice we went to the baseball field, set up a board and a net frame and we were all at second base trying to run and hit that,” Hackney said. “None of us could hit the net. By the end of the season we were all belting it past the goalie.”

He hopes the camp provides another chance to improve.

“I want to get my skills back up,” Hackney said. “It’s been awhile since our last practices. I want to get my skills up for next spring.”

Wednesday Night

CROSS COUNTRY RACES

Here are some of the July 15 times for the races held at Linden County Park. Those running two events have their longer distance race listed. The last event is today at 6:30 p.m. and is open to anyone.

HALF-MILE RACE

BOYS 13 TO 15
Nathan Katzenberger……………….7:51
Jack Smigielski…………………14:32

MEN 30 & OLDER
Tony Mickey………………….8:00
Eric Schmidt…………………8:59
Barry Tieman…………………9:32
John Smigielski…………………11:10
Steve Melchinger…………………11:48
Adam Sepanak…………………12:21
Dusty Craine…………………13:45

TWO-MILE RACE

BOYS 7 TO 9
Ava Farenkopf…………………18:19
Shawna Schmandt………………25:37
GIRLS 10 TO 12
Anna Troppens…………………20:42

MEN 30 & OLDER
Troy Richert…………………17:13

WOMEN 30 TO 39
Jenny Tiemann…………………23:48

WOMEN 40 TO 49
Anna Troppens…………………29:38

MEN 19 TO 29
Ben Cox…………………19:31
Matt Losey…………………24:26

MEN 50 TO 59
Tony Mickey…………………26:22

MEN 60+
Gary Mundy…………………25:13

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Kevin Wright scored 33 goals and was a Division 2 First-Team All-State player for the Linden Eagles during the fall of 2014.

WRIGHT

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school’s electrical engineering program will accomplish for his professional future.

Lawrence Tech is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the school competes in the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) with many other Michigan institutions.

The program finished just 2-8 in WHAC action and 6-12 overall. However, those results were considerably better than the previous two seasons when the program combined to win four games during those two years. Scoring has been a problem for the Blue Devils, scoring just 21 goals in 18 games last year. However, Wright, who was a Division 2 First-Team All-State player for the Linden Eagles last fall, scored 33 goals during his senior year. So it’s likely Wright will help with some of the Blue Devils’ past offensive problems.

“Ever since I was a little kid I dreamed about playing college soccer,” Wright said. “It is really a big deal for me to play at the next level because it’s been a dream of mine for awhile.”

DRAEGER

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for me.”

Draeger’s first choice of schools was The United States Military Academy at West Point. However, while she was waiting to see if she was accepted to West Point, Mott was more than willing to wait for Draeger.

“(Mott coach Rod Studaker) was very understanding and I’m very excited to play for him,” Draeger said. “He was so considerate. ... He truly felt bad that I didn’t go to West Point because he knew that was my dream school.”

Draeger’s other dream involves eventually becoming a paratrooper. Her dream was inspired by the Band of Brothers Home Box Office (HBO) series about the 101st Airborne Division’s experiences in the European theater during World War II.

“I’m not exactly sure what I want to do yet, but I’m looking at becoming a paratrooper — jumping out of planes instead of flying them,” Draeger said.

One thing Draeger is very good at doing already is jumping all over softball pitches over the plate. Draeger was a four-year varsity player for the Lake Fenton Blue Devils, helping lead the team to a Genesee Area Conference (GAC) Red Division title each season. During her senior year, Draeger batted a team-high .460, collecting a squad-best 13 doubles and 52 runs scored. She also drove in 22 runs. She was a strong catcher as well, throwing out nine of the possible 28 base stealers against her. Draeger started in every single varsity game of her career.

“I think I’ll remember the team as a place where I could express myself freely and began to express myself freely,” Draeger said. “I’ll remember it as a team that I could always count on to have my back and build me back up at the same time. It was incredible to for me to play for (Lake Fenton varsity softball) coach (Amos) Rinks. It was a true honor.”

Draeger and Roe will join a program that will feel like one from their junior seasons. Lake Fenton 2014 graduates Kayla Ward, Taylor Shveyuch and Patricia Whitaker will be sophomores on the Mott softball team next spring.

“The Mott coach told me they may have to change the name to the Mott Blue Devils,” Rinks said. “They’ll have five girls from Lake Fenton on the team.

“They liked what Melody was able to bring — she’s an all-conference infielder who was being recruited as a catcher. She’ll do just fine for them.”

Lake Fenton graduate Melody Draeger catches a pitch during the 2015 Lake Fenton varsity softball season. The four-year varsity player is headed to Mott Community College to continue her career. She led the Blue Devils with a .460 batting average, 13 doubles and 52 runs scored during her senior season.

About Draeger’s other dream — she’s already working on her application at West Point for next season.

“Hopefully I’ll get one at Mott and then my next step will be West Point,” Draeger said.

But until then, she’ll be a Bear, and she’s excited.

“No step will be tougher, but that’s what I’m excited about,” Draeger said. “It will be a bit like travel (softball) but there will be more at stake.”

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ESTATE MOVING SALE. Owners are leaving pristine home after 45 years of collecting. Antiques, collectibles, furniture, endless high quality treasures and garage full! Please see our ad in Estatesales.net.

JULY 23RD-25TH, 10-4P.M.
2497 Fenton Creek, off Torrey Rd. Moving Sale. Tools, zero-turn-mower, wooden playscape, furniture, baby items, and much more!

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4342 Island View Dr. One day only! Furniture, tools, household items, kids toys, furniture.

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9545 Denton Hill Rd. Moving sale!

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6109 Pebbleshire, corner of Fenton and Hill. Desks, dressers, table and chairs, lamps, soccer stuff, mens size 42 pants/shorts.

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