

Does school start too early?

■ Early start times contribute to lack of sleep for students, but necessary for school logistics

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Teenagers are not getting enough sleep and the solution might not be going to bed earlier, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends school should start at 8:30 a.m. or later, but
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Students in the Lake Fenton school district boards their bus on Rolston Road, in this September file photo.



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Locals rally around Trump in Birch Run

■ 'He would be the best president we've had in a very long time'

By Vera Hogan

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When Republican presidential hopeful Donald Trump came to a rally in Birch Run Tuesday night, local supporters took the opportunity to hear what their candidate had to say.

Bob and Sandra Kleven of Holly were among them. The owners of French Flamingo in downtown Holly were seated about six rows back at the Trump rally, according to Bob, a member of the Holly Village Council.

See TRUMP on 11A

Motorcyclist sustains life-threatening injuries after accident on U.S. 23

■ Police on the look out for maroon-colored vehicle that caused crash

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A motorcyclist sustained life-threatening injuries after he swerved and crashed to avoid a vehicle that made an illegal U-turn in Hartland Township Wednesday afternoon.

The motorcyclist, who police identified as 48-year-old Gaines resident Delbert Arthur Loomis, was taken to the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor

See CRASH on 14A

Feathers, fur and scales at the library



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Paul McCormack displays Oblio, a box turtle who is at least 80 years old. He's not only old, he's smart; Oblio delighted the Jack R. Winegarden Library audience by chasing McCormack across the carpet when he rustled a plastic bag containing his favorite food — cantaloupe. McCormack's "Classroom Critters" presentation was part of the summer reading program and featured several animals.

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Fenton's daring young men and their flying machines

■ Post office site former location of O.E. Williams Aeroplane Co.

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During the early 1900s, more than 1,000 automakers were out to prove their version of the "horseless carriage" was the only way to travel.

Then there were those who

dreamed of flight, and Fenton had its share of those young men and their flying machines.

In 1914, a stranger named Osbert Edwin Williams, known as O.E. Williams, arrived in Fenton. He was a barnstormer, having earned the title of aviator performing stunts at state and county fairs.

According to a former Fenton historian, Williams first came to

Fenton to repair a hydroplane for a wealthy Flint sportsman who had a summer cottage on Long Lake (Lake Fenton).

See FLYING on 15A

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O. E. Williams seated in his Williams aeroplane. This photo was used to create the front cover of "MEN, WIND and COURAGE," by his great niece, Nancy Mess.



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“With the exception of corn, the quality of all other produce is able to be determined by sight, smell or feel. It is not unreasonable to ensure that the product you are purchasing is edible prior to purchasing it. Would you buy a tomato that was wrapped in a green bag? I think not.”



“Quit whining about Hillary simply because she doesn't seek publicity every day like Trump does. She is honest, open and fair minded. She is not a loud-mouthed media suck-up like so many other candidates. You go, sister!”



“Typical liberal statement regarding dead fetal tissue. You conveniently ignore that fact that the reason it is dead fetal tissue is because he or she was murdered by abortion.”



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“The rabbits getting into your green beans must be Obama's fault. We didn't have this problem until he was president.”



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Opossum Marcy Sue (named because she's a marsupial) climbs back into her carrier after being introduced to most of the library audience on Wednesday. Many of the animals were tame enough to be touched by the fascinated children.

Classroom Critters visits library

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — On Wednesday, the best library ambassadors had scales, feathers and fur.

Paul McCormack of Adrian brought his educational Classroom Critters show to the Jack R. Winegarden Library, as part of the Summer Reading Program.

McCormack brought a pair of doves, a chinchilla, opossum, box turtle, tree frog and California king snake. The theme for this visit was "Superheroes."

He highlighted the amazing abilities the animals have — like the box turtle's ability to hide inside its shell, or the chinchilla's dense fur keeping it alive in harsh, cold climates. "They're cool, they're awesome, they're amazing," he said.

McCormack mixed good-natured-uncle jokes with facts,

See **CRITTERS** on 14A

“If we can get her (nearby child) to check out a book on snakes, lizards, anything, then I've done my job.”

Paul McCormack

Classroom Critters



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Paul McCormack holds Cookies and Cream, a California King snake, who was held by several audience members.

Lost pets — frightening to pet and owner

■ What do you do when your pet goes missing

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For the tri-county area, that question is easy to answer — alert the Times.

Utilizing social media is a popular way to reunite lost pets with their owners, and the Times takes full advantage of it.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals estimates that there are 70 to 80 million dogs and 74 to 96 million cats owned in the United States. Of those millions of pets, more than 10 million will be lost or stolen every year, according to the American Humane Association.

One in three pets will be lost sometime in their lives.

If you or someone you know has lost a pet, a ring or even car keys, post it on the Tri-County Lost and Found Facebook page at www.facebook.com/tricountylostfound.

For a lost pet submission, include the name of the animal, age, a description, an updated picture,

See **LOST PETS** on 7A

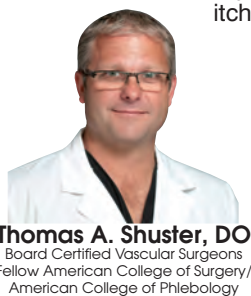
Of the 200 million pets in the US, over 10 million will be lost or stolen every year, according to the American Humane Association.



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How we've changed since the 1960s

America has changed a lot since the Baby Boom of the '60s. Some changes will surprise you, others won't. Here are a few statistical examples of the vast physical, social and moral transformations we've undergone in the last 50-plus years:

- **In 1960**, the average man weighed 166 pounds and the average woman weighed 140 pounds. Today, the average man weighs 194 pounds and the average woman weighs 164 pounds. That's a huge difference.
- **The average age** of all American citizens was 29 in 1960. The average age is 38 today.
- **Nearly half** of people ages 18 to 29 have a step-sibling, compared to just

16 percent in 1960.

- **Unmarried** women accounted for just 5 percent of all births in 1960, compared to 41 percent of all births in 2014. The negative consequences of this statistic are immeasurable.
- **72 percent** of adults were married in 1960. Only 51 percent of adults are married today.
- **Currently**, the median age of marriage is 29 for men and 27 for women, the highest in history.
- **The average American** woman today has 1.9 children, compared to 3.7 children in 1960. Current levels are below the 'replacement rate' of about 2.1 children, the number of births needed to sustain the current population.



- **Mothers** are also waiting longer to have their children. In 1960, women under the age of 24 accounted for 41 percent of mothers with infants. Today, that number has dropped to 22 percent.
- **Only 2 percent** of Americans had no religious affiliation in 1960. Sadly, today 28 percent do not identify with any religion.
- **A mere 7.7 percent** of adults had a college degree in 1960. Today 28 percent have a college degree.
- **We live longer** — life expectancy in 1960 was 66 for men, 73 for women. Today it is 78 and 82.
- **Today**, one of every six households receives food stamps — in 1960 it was 0 percent (the program didn't start until 1961)
- **Credit card debt** in 1960 averaged less than \$100. Today it is \$6,700.
- **Over 40 percent** of Americans regularly smoked cigarettes in 1969. Today, only 22 percent regularly

smoke. That's good.

• **Only 12 percent** of Americans felt that alcohol had caused trouble in their family in 1960. Today, 34 percent blame alcohol for family problems. Statistics don't lie. America, under the leadership of liberal teachers, liberal parents and liberal leaders, is in a massive and escalating downward social and moral spiral. The only solution is to vote for, and elect, individuals who will serve as leaders with honor, dignity and patriotism. We must wrest our country back from the demented leaders, dishonest media, immoral entertainment industry and liberal special interest activists that are destroying it.

Lacking a complete social and moral reversal, we and our children are doomed.

Remember this when you vote in 2016.

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OBAMA SAYS if we don't agree to the Iranian deal it puts the U.S. credibility at stake. It puts Obama's credibility at stake, not America's. Thank God for our congress, they'll do it right.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS ago I was lucky enough to come home to my pretty woman. I will love her always and happy anniversary to my little rabbit.

WHY ARE THE liberals mad? Because they can't believe the conservatives. Fellow Americans are so narrow-minded, selfish, self-centered, and just don't care about anybody but themselves.

BY LAW, FEDERAL tax dollars cannot be used to provide abortions. The anti-abortion organizations know that but they find ways to spread incorrect information.

TRADE AGREEMENTS HAVE destroyed much of the middle class. If you watched the debates, no questions were asked regarding these agreements nor will there be questions asked at future debates. Why? The establishment blobalists who control the media don't want Americans to know who they control, like Bush and Clinton.

THE EPA CAUSED a major environmental disaster in Colorado by dumping 3 million gallons of acidic mining waste into the Animas River. Will the EPA fine itself and fire the federal employees involved? I don't think so. Their new name should be — Environmental Pollution Authority.

TO ALL YOU righty tights who think Obama has done such a poor job, obviously you've forgotten the previous eight-year administration with Mr. Bush and Mr. Cheney. Sept. 11, the invasion of Iraq and Afghanistan, failure on the stock market, home industry, auto industry. You better think about that.

NO ONE IS trumping up reasons to defund Planned Parenthood. Fact number one: it is not fetal tissue, it is a human baby. Fact number two: they are selling said parts for profit. That's illegal.

I READ IN the Sunday times about several public hearings with dates, times and subjects to be discussed are scheduled. When will the people of Fenton be made aware of the series of public hearings concerning the blue containers? How will the senior citizens, veterans, and physically impaired respond? Have you ever tried to push or pull one of those monsters in the snow? Please council people, give it a lot of thought.

HOW LONG BEFORE you think Hillary collects all her millions from her campaign and slides out the back door and disappears? She's only in it for the money anyway. They're probably worth 3 or 4 hundred million from foreign governments.

EVERY COMMENTATOR WANTS to mention that Donald Trump's followers are angry and they are right. They are angry about jobs, economy, taxes, Iran, illegal immigration, Planned Parenthood, Obama's lies and his do-nothing administration. We do need change and he will make America great again.

ONLY COLUMNIST BILL Press would try to defend the wrong doings of Planned Parenthood and then try to go after those involved in the sting operation. Want to buy some baby parts? Just dial 1-800-liberal.

PEOPLE BEWARE, WHEN you're at work, your neighbor's snooping in your yard. If they had a job, they'd be tired and wouldn't have the energy to snoop in your yard and all your business.

NOW THEY'RE SAYING that the public wants someone who can run the country. They're not too worried about Trump because they're saying he has no ability to run the country. Look how wrong they were the last two elections. What they got was a debater.

HOW CAN YOU possibly refer to an aborted baby as 'dead fetal tissue?' Using the same logic you should be categorized as 'dead cranial' tissue.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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Compiled by Hannah Ball, Staff Reporter

How safe do you feel at the movies?

streettalk



"I've always felt safe at the movies. I still don't feel danger. We're in a really safe area in Fenton and Grand Blanc."

— Grant Cislo,
Fenton Township



"I only go to the movies around here. I feel very safe. If my kids want to see a different movie, I'm comfortable having them in a different movie."

— Linda Gaskell, Linden



"It's safe at the movies here. I feel pretty safe."

— Victoria Germond
Fenton Township



"I don't have any reservations going to a movie theater. All the news that's televised about the issues are concerning."

— Suzette Stephens
Grand Blanc



"I feel okay. You can't live your life in fear. If you do that, you let them win."

— Alysha Stahl
Fenton Township



"Very safe. The chance of anything happening is so slim. Not a lot of point in worrying about it."

— Jason Wisser
Fenton

Police&Fire

report

LARCENY FROM BOAT

Genesee County Sheriff's Deputy Geno Gatica said a larceny from a boat at a marina in the 14000 block of Fenton Road, was reported on Saturday, Aug. 8. Taken was a tackle box and lures, valued at \$700. Two GPS fish finders, with a total value of \$800, also were taken. The larceny is believed to have occurred between July 15 and July 31. The owner of the boat said he dropped it off for service around July 15. When he showed up on July 31, he realized those items were missing. There are currently no suspects.

LARCENY FROM STORE

On Aug. 8, police received a report of a larceny from an appliance store on the 14000 block of Fenton Road. According to Genesee County Sheriff's Deputy Geno Gatica, a DeWalt drill and driver combo set, valued at \$275, was taken at approximately 3 p.m. The store was open for business at the

time. The drill and driver combo comes with a carrying case. The carrying case was taken out of the box and walked out of the store, Gatica said. A suspect has not yet been apprehended.

STOLEN VEHICLE

A 2006 Dodge Caravan was reported stolen from the 12000 block of St. Andrews Way in Fenton Township, according to Genesee County Sheriff's Deputy Geno Gatica. The theft is believed to have occurred sometime on Saturday, Aug. 8. The vehicle was locked and the vehicle was taken without keys. The van has not yet been recovered, Gatica said.

FAILED TO YIELD IN LINDEN

Two females were struck by a 2004 Toyota Camry in Linden on Thursday at approximately 2:15 p.m., according to Linden police. The driver was turning left onto N Bridge Street from W Broad Street and did not see the pedestrians walking across the road, causing a collision. The city of Linden Fire Department and STAT ambulance responded to the incident. The pedestrians sustained minor injuries. Police ticketed the driver of the Camry for failing to yield to pedestrians.

Byram Lake not safe for swimming

■Elevated levels of E. coli bacteria detected by county health department

The Genesee County Health Department is warning against body contact with lake water at Clover Beach at Byram Lake in Fenton Township because of elevated E. coli bacteria. Kelly Lake in Burton also tested for elevated E. coli bacteria levels.

All other monitored points in Genesee County are in compliance with state guidelines for bacterial concentrations at bathing beaches.

E. coli bacteria is not to exceed the state guideline of 300 E. coli per 100 ml per sampling event. Byram Lake's water tested at 546 E. coli per 100 ml for the week of Aug. 10.



Exposure to any recreational water can be a potential health risk. Gastrointestinal and dermatological illnesses have been associated with recreational water exposure. Rain and subsequent runoff can dramatically increase E. coli bacteria levels in lakes and other surface waters.

The Genesee County Health Department is advising that all beach patrons exercise due caution with total body contact in area surface waters after rain events.

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NAMI GENESEE COUNTY HOSTS EVENT

NAMI Genesee County invites the community to attend an expert panel discussion, "Maneuvering mental health in the school." The event is of interest to parents of children with any type of disorder or disability needing accommodations or special education services. Date of the event is **Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 6:30 p.m.** It will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 711 South Saginaw St., Flint. Appetizers and refreshments will be served. There is no charge and pre-registration is not required. For details, call (810) 232-6598.

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The House and Senate are out for several weeks. Therefore, this report contains several recently introduced bills of interest.

House Bill 4512: Impose oil pipeline "impact fees"

Introduced by Rep. Jeff Irwin (D), to authorize the imposition of an annual per-mile oil or petroleum "pipeline impact fee" in an amount that would be determined by the state Public Service Commission, with half the revenue given to the county where a pipeline is located. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4515: Mandate employers create job description for each position

Introduced by Rep. Erika Geiss (D), to mandate that employers must create a job description for each position. This would have to include "a list of the essential duties and responsibilities; a description of the skills, training, and effort required to perform the job; and the working conditions and schedule." Also, to mandate that these be available to job applicants, and prohibit employers from changing a job description until the employee has a chance to review and initial the change. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4531: Impose licensure on "naturopathic physicians"

Introduced by Rep. Lisa Lyons (R), to impose licensure and regulation on "naturopathic physicians," with license fees, education requirements, and more. The bill defines "naturopathic" medicine as "a system of practice that is based on the natural healing capacity of individuals." Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4551: Authorize energy efficient new home purchase tax breaks

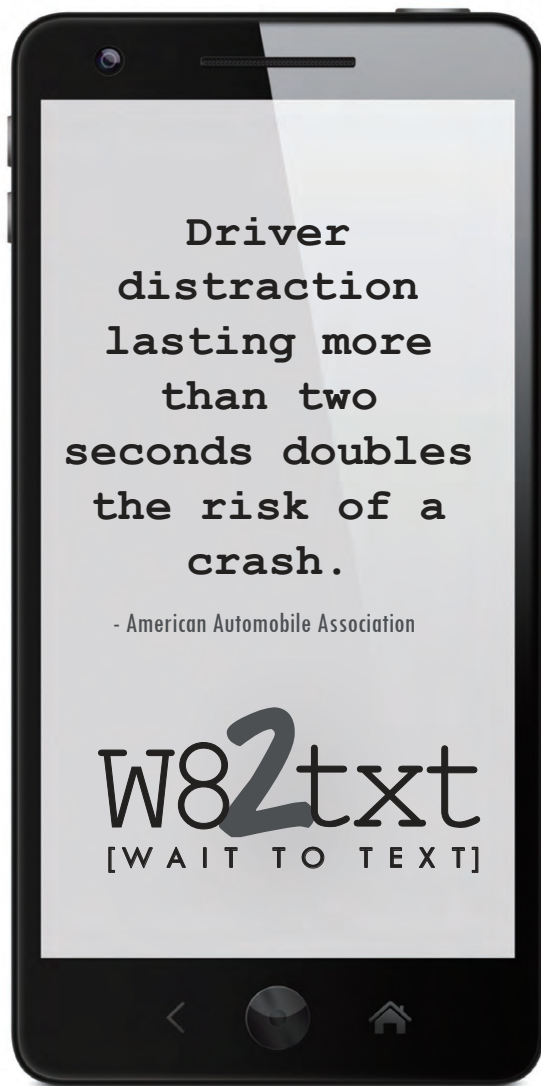
Introduced by Rep. Derek Miller (D), to authorize a \$5,000 income tax credit for a person who buys a new home that has been deemed a "green structure" by a particular private entity specified in the bill ("Green Built Michigan"), and a \$2,000 credit for an addition or renovation that meets this entity's criteria, or by a similar one if authorized by a state agency. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4559: Prohibit independent Strategic Fund revenue and spending

Introduced by Rep. Martin Howrylak (R), to cut off the Indian casino compact revenue stream that currently flows automatically to the Michigan "Strategic Fund," which is the parent entity of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. This money is used to support the agencies' corporate subsidy-granting operations. The bill would declare all Strategic Fund revenue and assets to be "public money and assets," and only disbursed through an appropriations bill passed by the legislature. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4560: Use some auto injury reserve fund money for roads

Introduced by Rep. Peter Lucido (R), to take \$1 billion from the insurance reserve fund of the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA), and use it for road repairs. The MCCA is the reinsurance provider that covers unlimited vehicle crash medical claims when they go above \$545,000, coverage that is mandated by the state no-fault auto insurance law. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.



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Source: petfinder.com

MICROCHIPS

Dr. Chris Repke at Pointe Animal Clinic implants about two microchips a week.

"I wish I did more. I think they're a terrific idea," he said. "It's the single best way to up your odds of getting your pets back if they become lost."

Pointe Animal Clinic uses Home Again microchips.

If a pet is turned into an animal shelter or veterinarian, the first thing they're going to do is scan for a microchip. All they need is scanner.

"Otherwise if they show up and if they happen to have a collar and tag, great, but often times the reason they're running free is they broke free of their collar," he said.

Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department has said previously that the department does have a scanner.

The microchips are harmless, inexpensive and last the life of your pet. They're \$35 at Pointe Animal Clinic and you don't have to change it or get a new one.

"It's basically a little bigger needle for a vaccine. There's a small sting for a second but that's it," he said. "If they move, all they have to do is contact Home Again or the company and update their information. That's important."

By microchipping your pet, the chances of being reunited with your lost pet significantly increases.

Only 22 percent of lost dogs that enter animal shelters are reunited with their owners.

About 52 percent of microchipped dogs that enter shelters are reunited with their owners.

Less than 2 percent of cats that enter a shelter are reunited with their owners.

Over 38 percent of microchipped cats that enter a shelter are reunited with their owners.

Only 58 percent of microchips in animals are registered in a database with the owner's contact information.

Sources: American Veterinary Medical Association and petfinder.com

FACEBOOK GROUPS TO FIND LOST PETS

Search for these groups on Facebook to find a lost pet or alert people of a found pet.

- Tri-County Lost and Found
- Genesee County Animals in Need of Homes and Rescue
- For the Love of Louie "Michigan Lost Pet Lookers"
- Lost and Found Pet Connections Lansing Area Michigan
- Michigan Lost, Found and Pet Exchange

LOST PETS

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where that animal was last seen, if he or she gets scared easily, and identifiers that would help someone recognize the animal. Make sure to include a phone number so if your pet is found, they can reach you.

Jennifer Ward, the administrator of the Lost and Found Facebook page, has been managing it since it started in January.

"I review it and post it to the page pretty promptly," she said. "I promote it on our Facebook and it just grows."

There's been 10 posts on the Times Lost and Found page in the past month, and Ward hopes more people will send in submissions.

Ward not only runs the page, but she's used it to find her own dog, Rooger, a

7-year-old Labrador, who went missing Aug. 1.

"My dog went missing on my birthday," she said. "We came home from dinner and immediately realized he was gone. We looked for him all night. Our hearts were broken."

She posted on the Times Facebook page first thing Saturday morning. Immediately afterward, a volunteer from Genesee County Animals in Need of Homes and Rescue posted that she found Rooger.

The sharing power of social media enables everything with a smart phone to share information instantaneously.

The use for posters and fliers with pictures of lost dogs and cats has decreased with every new group on Facebook that helps reunite lost pets with their owners.

In May, a Rose Township woman was reunited with her St. Bernard because she saw the post on the Times Facebook page.

There are many preventative methods to deter your pet from wandering off and keeping someone from stealing your pet. If you're worried about your animal getting lost, having a microchip put under their skin is an affordable and non-harmful option.

According to petfinder.com, microchips contain an identification code. When scanned, it retrieves contact information of the owners from a pet recovery database. On average they cost about \$45 and are harmless to the animals.

SUMMARY

■ If you've lost a pet, let the Tri-County Lost and Found Facebook page help you find them. Most lost animals are never reunited with their owners, but social media helps defy those odds.



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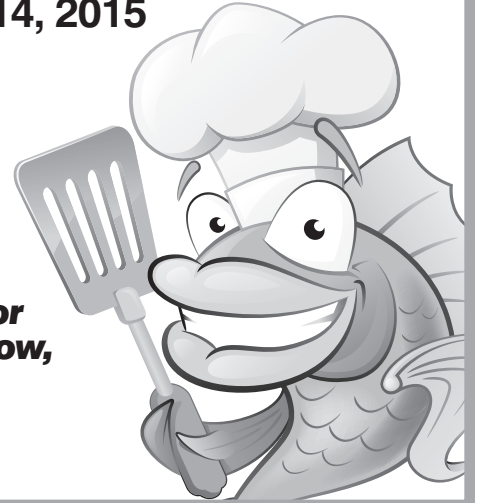
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COURTESY PHOTO — FIA

Fenton artist Denise Willing-Booher works on her watercolor painting of La Brezza during the Wet Paint Day competition last weekend.

Fenton artist wins 'People's Choice' again

■ Wet Paint Day has 34 artists painting, people judging

Denise Willing-Booher of Fenton took part in the second-annual Wet Paint Day competition presented by the Flint Institute of Arts Founders Society on Saturday. She won the People's Choice Award for the second straight year.

The setting for the competition was Applewood, the estate of Charles Stewart Mott in Flint. Artists painted in a location of their choice and then framed their piece. Afterward, people voted on their favorite painting out of 34 at a reception at the Flint Institute of Arts.

“I was very humbled by the vote for my work.”

Denise Willing-Booher
Fenton artist

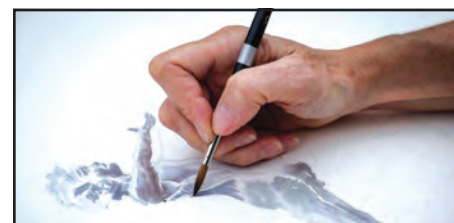
Willing-Booher painted the La Brezza again from a different view in watercolor. “I was very humbled by the vote for my work, that people are touched and uplifted by my painting,” said Willing-Booher. “Applewood is a joy to paint and the conversations with all the spectators watching me when I paint is so rewarding.”

More than half of the paintings in the competition sold at the reception. There were quite a few well-known artists in the competition as well as five Fenton artists.



COURTESY PHOTO — JOHN MCWILLIAMS

As spectators stroll through Applewood, on the grounds of the Charles Stewart Mott estate in Flint, Fenton artist Denise Willing-Booher paints La Brezza in watercolor.



About the artist

Denise Willing-Booher is the current president of the Michigan Water Color Society, board member of the Lakes Area Arts Council, member of the Brighton Artist Guild, Shiawassee Arts Council, Studio 1219, Flint Artist Market, Greater Flint Arts Council, American Watercolor Society and the National Watercolor Society.

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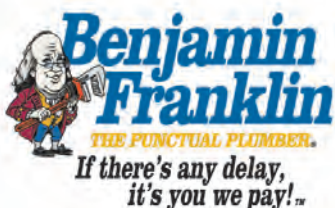
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The Rock clears space for \$3 million building

■ The recently cleared 12 acres will be used for church and community activities

By Hannah Ball

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The Rock church has cleared about 12 acres of their recently acquired 52-acre property across the street from their current building, across from Linden Road on Bennett Lake Road going north.

They plan to build a new facility on the 52 acres of land they purchased last October.

"We have plans for a large box-type building, basic utility-type use," said Pastor Wes Morris.

The estimated cost of the building is \$3 million.

Morris said they want to build it as inexpensively as they can, so it'll be more for function than finesse.

They don't have fundraising efforts planned, but they're asking members to pray about how much they should donate.

They're planning to build because the current building is too small to accommodate the large ministry.

Due to not having enough space at the current building, they moved the two most popular services, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sunday mass, to the Lake Fenton High School auditorium starting last April.

"In the new building, the space would be adequate."

Wes Morris
The Rock pastor

Morris said that the move has helped the parking issue.

"In the new building, the space would be adequate," he said.

The new building would add parking as well.

They would still use the current building along with the new one, but Morris

said they're "not positive yet about what the uses might be. We might use it for local mission outreach, like a food pantry or an outreach closet."

In the meantime, the church will use the cleared 12 acres for activities for the church and community, including hayrides on Oct. 20. Everyone is welcome,

Morris said.

Free apple cider and donuts from Mueller's orchard will be available.

SUMMARY

■ The Rock has plans to build a new facility due to not enough space at the current building at the intersection of Linden Road and Bennett Lake Road.

what's being given to their kids," Morris said.

"We'll have a church-wide service under a tent on Oct. 11," he said.

A few days before Halloween, they'll use the space for Trunk-or-Treat, where people will put candy in the trunks of their cars and kids will trick-or-treat.

"The community comes and brings their kids to some place they can trust. They trust

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TRUMP

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"I'm a Trump supporter," said Bob. "He's not part of the inner circle. He doesn't need anyone's money. He would be the best president we've had in a very long time."

Bob said with all the talk about political correctness over a variety of issues, "Trump is all about the economy."

A one-time Democrat, Bob said he switched to the Republican Party because of former President Ronald Reagan. "Reagan said, the smaller your government, the larger your economy will grow. And he was right," said Bob.

Bob said there were more than 2,000 people in attendance at the Birch Run Expo Center. Trump, he said, gave a 50-minute speech. "I was very impressed. He talked mostly about the economy," he said.

Trump also reminded Americans that the biggest danger to the world is still nuclear weapons. "He said we shouldn't take Russia lightly," Bob added.

Before Trump arrived, all of the veterans were asked to stand up and be noticed. Then those under 30 were asked to do the same. "I looked around the crowd and noticed something," he said. "There were more women there than men, more than 50 percent women."

Bob firmly believes Trump will get the nomination. "He's the new Kardashian. He's who people are talking about."

Mari-Lynn Hay and her husband, Mark, also attended the Trump rally. They own Holly's Main Street Antiques.

"I went to show my support for Trump," Hay said. He's shaken up the Republican Party and has us all talking about topics we as a nation have been avoiding.



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Holly Village Council Member and business owner Bob Kleven stands outside the Birch Run Expo Center. He and his wife, Sandra, attended the sold-out Trump rally Tuesday night.

I respect him because he doesn't sugar coat anything.

"Mr. Trump impressed me several times during his speech, but the most impressive thing to me was when he was

unafraid and unashamed to declare his favorite book is the Bible," she added. "Yes, Mr. Trump has my vote if nominated."

Hay said if Trump runs independently, the fear of the Republican Party is that he will be giving the office to the Democrats.

"I don't believe that's what Trump really wants," she added. "He is not out to hurt our country. I believe he will get the nomination and there's no need to worry."

“He would be the best president we’ve had in a very long time.”

Bob Kleven
Holly businessman
and village councilman

"There was a lot of chanting going on in that arena. People were chanting USA, USA, USA, and Trump, Trump, Trump," he said.

After his speech ended, the song "We're not gonna take it," by Twisted Sister was played. When leaving the expo center, Trump shook hands with people in the crowd.

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CROP Hunger Walk on Oct. 4

The annual Fenton, Linden, Lake Fenton and Holly CROP Hunger Walk is being held on Oct. 4 at Bush Park in Fenton at 2 p.m. Organizers are looking for community-minded organizations to participate in this walk. To find out more information, attend the Recruiter Rally on Sept. 1 at 6:30 p.m., at St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Fenton. Tons of fun will be had for all at the walk, such as activities for all walkers, a praise band, prizes and rocking chairs for those unable to walk. Go to www.cropwalk.org or contact First Presbyterian Church of Fenton at (810) 629-7801.

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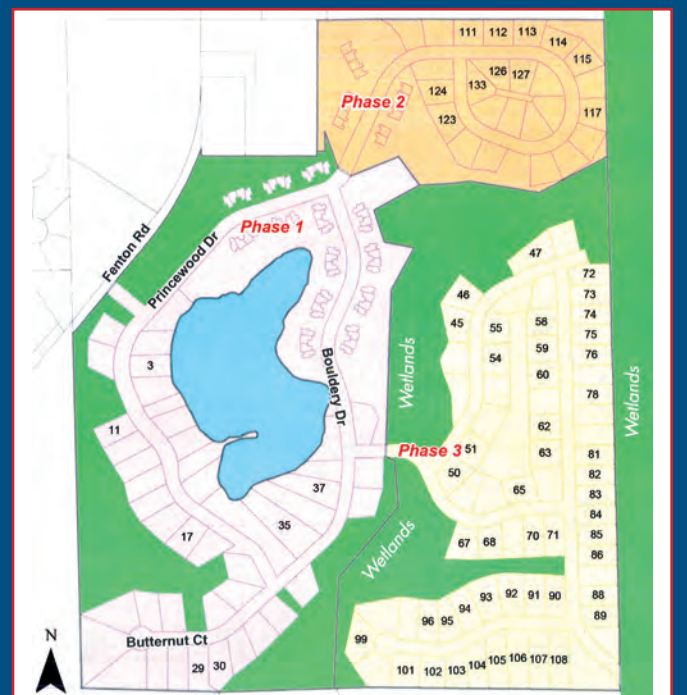


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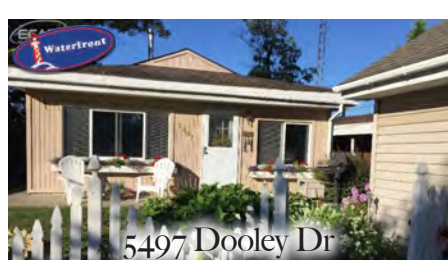
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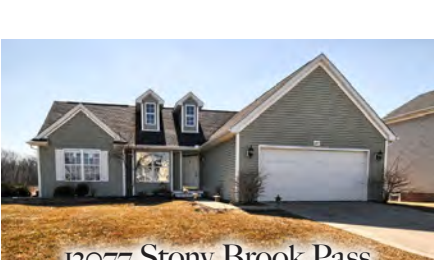
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and kept the kids and their parents laughing and amazed during the entire presentation.

He hopes his presentations help everyone gain “an enthusiasm and an interest in learning about animals, and maybe they’ll use the library,” he said. “If they can read, they can do anything.”

“If we can get her (nearby child) to check out a book on snakes, lizards, anything, then I’ve done my job,” McCormack added.

All the animals were gentle, and handled with careful enthusiasm under McCormack’s guidance. Even the California King snake draped around the shoulders of several young guests seemed content to be passed around and observed.

That, or the animals kindly tolerated the eyes and laughter of 20 children and their parents like good sports. He doesn’t want students to not be cautious around snakes, for example, but he wants them to know that “they’re not all vicious.”

CRASH

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with life-threatening injuries, according to a press release.

The Livingston County Sheriff’s Department was dispatched at 3:30 p.m. to the crash. Police reported that the man was driving a 2014 Harley-Davidson northbound on U.S. 23 south, and braked when a maroon-colored Pontiac Grand Am braked in the left hand lane to turn into the “authorized vehicle only” turnaround south, of the Clyde Road exit at mile marker 70.

Police reported that the first two vehicles behind the Grand Am were able to avoid hitting the vehicle.

Loomis, who was not wearing a helmet approved by the Department of Transportation, was not able to avoid the car. He laid down the motorcycle before impact and was thrown when the motorcycle hit a 2007 Sterling tanker truck.

The motorcycle continued moving until it hit a septic truck, police reported.

Northbound U.S. 23 and the M-59 exit were closed by police for about four hours while the investigation took place.

There have been no updates on Loomis’ condition.

Deputies from the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department were assisted by the Hartland Area Fire Department, Livingston County Ambulance, and Michigan State Police.

Police are asking people with information about the maroon-colored Pontiac Grand Am to call the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department at (517) 546-2440 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK UP.

WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Wednesday, August 12, 2015



Senior center keeps the 50-and-up crowd busy

Loose Senior Center in Linden boasts 180 programs, special events, travel and many more services to those 50 years and older from Linden and the surrounding area.

Officials slam brakes on car and bike show

Fenton City Council unanimously voted against a proposal to close a section of Shiawassee Avenue on Sept. 19 to accommodate a car and bike show because the highly attended St. John Applefest will be taking place during this same time.

More ‘larceny from auto’ complaints logged by Fenton police

Would-be thieves continue to seek out unlocked vehicles for the purpose of entering them and stealing the personal belongings of others. Police urge everyone to keep the doors of their vehicles locked at all times.

August brings the best produce

Downtown Linden is full of activity on Wednesday evenings as guests enjoy the farmers market and Music by the Mill.

Wrecking company hired to demolish seminary

Fenton City Council voted to hire Burnash Wrecking of Flint to demolish the old seminary building. Of five bidders, Burnash came in with the lowest bid of \$48,900.

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Motion picture crew filming the sensational "Battle in the Sky" performed by the Patterson Aviators O. E. Williams and Al Boshek on June 10, 1915, at Fenton, Michigan.

FLYING

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Williams liked it in Fenton and decided to stay. He soon attracted a group of young men who shared his passion for flight and believed there was a future in aviation.

He found a vacant building on LeRoy Street, just south of the current Fenton Community and Cultural Center. At this location, Williams started the O.E. Williams Aeroplane Co., where he and a group of boys began assembling what they coined "aeroplanes."

A flat piece of land at the north end of Lake Fenton was used as a landing strip.

It wasn't too long before the young men decided they would like to fly the new contraption on their own, and the Williams School of Aviation was formed.

Construction of the early aeroplanes was considered somewhat flimsy. There was no elaborate fuselage and the motor had a bad habit of conking out during flight. The fact that these contraptions made it off the ground and sometimes remained airborne, despite the techniques used to build them, was a marvel to the young would-be aviators.

Word of the Williams school and the aeroplane reached beyond the local borders, causing young boys from other cities to leave home to seek their wings in Fenton.

Nancy Mess, a retired financial analyst and author from Ithaca, New York, is Williams' great niece. She wrote a book called "MEN, WIND AND COURAGE, A Pioneer Aviation Story of O. E. Williams and His Associates," copies of which can be found at the Fenton Historical Society.

Mess describes some of her great uncle's activities that brought a great deal of attention and excitement to Fenton on June 10, 1915, just over 100 years ago.



Nancy Mess

During 1914, John T. Patterson of Detroit came up with the idea of the "Patterson Fliers" as a means to promote aviators from his own aviation school, she said.

His concept quickly gained in popularity and in 1915, he expanded his exhibitions to include a "Battle in the Sky," which had been created and perfected by Williams.

Aviators from the Williams Flying School in Fenton were contracted along with employees from the Williams

Aeroplane Co., whose technical skills were high in demand to assist with the engagements of the Patterson Aviators.

Williams quickly became their number one attraction.

On June 10, 1915, the Flint Daily Journal described how the Patterson Aviators, O. E. Williams and Al Boshek, performed their sensational 'Battle in the Sky' near Long Lake (Lake Fenton).

At their aviation field alongside Long Lake, 500 visitors from Flint watched Williams and Boshek perform their aerial demonstrations, with an estimated 250 persons watching from the opposite side of the lake.

At one time, a line of motorcars transporting visitors to the aviation field stretched for a quarter mile along the nearby road. Boshek and Williams performed their flights, three in all, with the finale being the demonstration of their "Battle in the Sky."

After the battle, W.R. Whipple, a Universal moving picture camera operator



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Guests and motion picture crew that filmed the sensation "Battle in the Sky" performed by O. E. Williams and Al Boshek of the Patterson Aviators on June 10, 1915, at Fenton, Michigan.

from New York, asked for closer front and side views of the flying machines in action. Williams obliged and ascended again.

Witnessing the aviator's marvelously thrilling performance at Fenton was G.W. Dickinson, general manager of the Michigan State Fair. Immediately

Williams' services were secured with the Patterson Aviators, to repeat their marvelously realistic battle in the clouds between war aeroplanes before crowds at the September 1915 Michigan State Fair, in Detroit.

Eventually, many of these young men left Fenton to display their flying talents elsewhere.

Over the next several years, all of them, including Williams, lost their lives doing what they loved most.

In April 1928, the last of Fenton's air school pilots, E.G. Knapp, fell to his death in Texas.

The Associated Press reported, "Last of Fenton Air School — Knapp's Death Takes Last of Fenton Fliers who Sacrificed Lives for Aviation."

Financial Q&A

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For 2015, the maximum amount you can save into these accounts is \$18,000 per year for those under age 50, and \$24,000 for those 50 and older under the catch up provision. If you are self-employed or own your own business you can defer up to \$53,000 per year. We always recommend trying to max out your 401k as fast as you can. Once you get into a max habit you'll rack up some nice bucks in no time. Remember, the contribution to your 401k is pre-tax so an \$18,000 contribution is more like \$12,735 less from your paycheck a year if we use a 25% effective tax rate and 4.25% Michigan tax rate. Today most people do not have pensions so the need for increased elective deferrals is more important than ever.

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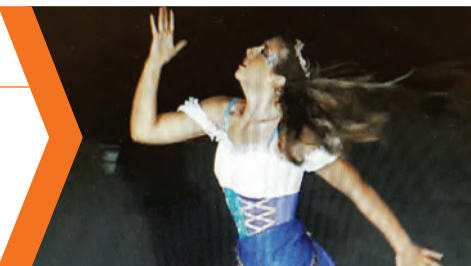
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BASEBALL

Q Who holds the record for the longest relief appearance in Major League history?

A Zip Zabel pitched 18 1/3 innings of relief for the Chicago Cubs in a 4-3 19-inning victory against the Dodgers in 1915.

SCOUTING THE METRO LEAGUE Flushing Raiders

The Raiders return a decent amount of quality players from a squad that finished in second place in the Metro at 6-1 and finished 9-3 overall. The Raiders' season ended when they lost to the same squad Fenton lost to in the playoffs, Farmington Hills Harrison.

The offense was potent a year ago, averaging 36.7 points a Metro contest, and should be again this season considering quarterback Garrett Oginsky returns. However, the offense does have one small issue. Many of the offensive linemen that enabled Flushing to have, arguably, the best offense in the Metro a year ago, have graduated. The defense was only so-so last year. It needs to improve.

Coach Robert Oginsky says: "We have a tough challenge replacing our linemen this year. I've stayed up many nights during the winter and early spring trying to see how we are going to do that."

Outlook: Pegging the Raiders to finish among the top three teams makes sense.



By David Troppens

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When it came to deciding the 2015 Tri-County Track Athletes of the Year, there was some pretty good competition.

That was certainly true when it came to the Female Track Athlete of the Year.

The sports staff had one of three very qualified candidates to select from, including Linden hurdler Alia Frederick and Holly's thrower Emily Alvarado. But when the dust settled, the selection ended up being Fenton's star long jumper and sprinter Madeline Hall.

The boys' competition was a bit easier with Holly's distance runner Nate Frasier earning the Male Track Athlete of the Year nod.

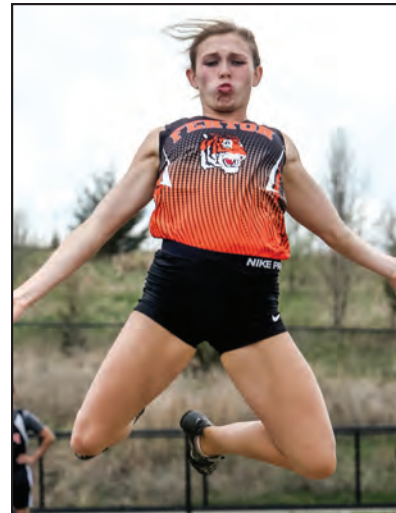
Hall captured Division I All-State honors by placing sixth in the high jump with a leap of 16-feet-9 1/2.

However, that wasn't even the sophomore's longest distance

of the season. Earlier in the year, Hall recorded a leap of 17-feet-10 at the Golden Triangle Invitational, breaking her own school record she set about two weeks earlier at the Blue Devils Relays. She qualified as our long jump performer on our All Tri-County list with her leap of 17-4 3/4 at the Metro League Meet.

Hall also earned representation on our girls track team in two more events. Her time of 27 seconds in the 200 dash at the Metro League meet earned her that position on our squad. Meanwhile, joined teammates Hannah Sage, Emily Kinser and Zeinab Torabi to record a time of 1:49.71 at regionals in the 800 relay.

In order to earn a spot on our All Tri-County Girls Track and Field Team a performer or relay team had to have the best time or distance in one of following three meets — a league meet, a regional meet or a state meet. The sports staff figures these are the three biggest meets of the season for any performer, therefore we want athletes who performed their best in the most important events. Hall has, undoubtedly, established herself as a current star. She still has two more



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Fenton's Madeline Hall (above) is our 2015 Tri-County Female Track Athlete of the Year. She was an All-State long jumper. (Left) Nate Frasier earned the 2015 Tri-County Male Track Athlete of the Year by posting a 14th-place finish at the state meet in the 3,200 run.

seasons left to accomplish the rest of her goals.

"My goal was to break the record, obviously, but I still haven't

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Eedy gets chance to umpire in historic Cooperstown

By David Troppens

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Zach Eedy loves baseball.

So when he was given a chance to umpire games at Genesee Fieldhouse, a few years back, the 24-year-old Fenton resident did it.

But now his umpiring skills has

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Fenton resident Zach Eedy, 24, recently earned a chance to umpire in a baseball tournament in one of baseball's most important cities, Cooperstown. The Baseball Hall of Fame is located in Cooperstown.

Eedy going all over the country, including a recent trip to one of baseball's most prestigious cities, Cooperstown.

Eedy recently traveled to Cooperstown, the location of The Baseball Hall of Fame, to umpire

in a 12-year-old baseball tournament involving teams from all of the country. The games were played at a facility called the Cooperstown Dreams Parks, located just five miles away from the Baseball Hall of Fame. He was invited to go by one of the teams participating in the tournament.

"It's a big complex outside of Cooperstown," Eedy said. "They

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achieved my main goal, which was to get over 18 feet,” Hall said earlier this season after her leap of 17-9 at the Blue Devils Replays on April 18.

Frederick and Alvarado gave Hall a great challenge for her position atop our women’s squad. Alvarado, a senior, had a strong season in the throwing events, qualifying for the state meet in both the shot put and the discus. She made our team by posting a third-place finish at regionals with her throw of 37-7 1/2 in the shot. Once at state, she placed 18th with a throw of 36-3 1/2. In the discus, she earned her spot on our team with her regional championship throw of 117-8. Once at state, she placed 12th with a throw of 105-4. However, her best throw of the season came at the Oakland County Championships when she recorded a second-place throw of 120-4.

Frederick qualified for the state meet in each hurdle event. She earned both hurdle spots with her regional performances, recording a time of 16.24 second in the 100 hurdles and a time of 46.80 seconds in the 300 hurdles. She had great competition all season long by teammates Madison Piet and Breyanna Turnipseed. Frederick also made our 1,600 relay team with Piet, Turnipseed and Bella Blake with a Metro League meet time of 4:12.52 in the event.

Frasier was the only male to earn the top position in two individual boys events. He placed 14th at the D1 state meet in the 3,200 run (9:25.30), but earned his spot in that event on our team



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Fenton’s Madaline Hall (above) is our 2015 Tri-County Female Track Athlete of the Year. She placed sixth at the state meet in the long jump.

with his championship time of 9:24.78 at regionals. He also was our leader in the 1,600, posting a time of 4:29.89 at the Metro League meet.

Many other performers earned spots in more than one event, but accomplished the feat with at least one relay included in the mix. Linden’s Jacob Cox and Holly’s Blake Staffne were included in three events. Cox is our 200 dash champ (23.32 seconds) and also on our 400 relay and 800 relay teams. Meanwhile, Staffne is on our team’s 1,600 and 3,200 relay squads, while earning a spot individually with his time of 2:00.46 at regionals in the 800.

Female Track Athlete of the Year

MADALINE HALL (Fenton)

We had a lot of good candidates. We had Linden’s Alia Frederick and Holly’s Emily Alvarado in the mix as well, but Hall was an All-State performer in the long jump (16-9 1/2) and also the holder of our best 200 time (27.00) in the postseason in the area, earning her the nod.

All Tri-County Girls Track and Field Team

Event	Name	School	Time
100	Hannah Sage	Fenton	12.89 seconds
200	Madaline Hall	Fenton	27.0 seconds
400	Emily Kinser	Fenton	1:00.58
800	Samantha Tschirhart	Holly	2:20.53
1,600	Taylor Ganger	Linden	5:21.59
3,200	Lauren Hackett	Holly	11:30.01
100 hurdles	Alia Frederick	Linden	16.33 seconds
300 hurdles	Alia Frederick	Linden	46.80 seconds
400 relay	Hannah Sage	Fenton	51.44 seconds
	Nina Lombardi		
	Tatyana Mitchell		
	Kayla Knitter		
800 relay	Hannah Sage	Fenton	1:49.71
	Madaline Hall		
	Emily Kinser		
	Zeinab Torabi		
1,600 relay	Bella Blank	Linden	4:12.52
	Madison Piet		
	Breyanna Turnipseed		
3,200 relay	Alia Frederick		
	Maggie Schneider	Holly	9:48.86
	Samantha Tschirhart		
	Chloe Konopitski		
	Lauren Hackett		
Shot put	Emily Alvarado	Holly	37-feet-7 1/2
Discus	Emily Alvarado	Holly	117-feet-8
High jump	Cierra Smith	Holly	4-feet-11
Pole vault	Alexis Brandt	Linden	8-feet-8
Long jump	Madaline Hall	Fenton	17-feet-4 3/4

Note: Positions on the team are based on the best times/distances posted during a league meet, a regional meet or a state meet.

Male Track Athlete of the Year

NATE FRASIER (Holly)

A tight competition, Frasier won because he was our top postseason performer (league, regional or state meet) in two individual events, and also earned the highest placing at state in an individual event, taking 14th at the D1 event in the 3,200 (9:25.30). The Saginaw Valley State-bound distance runner, also earned a spot on our 2014 Cross Country Team.

All Tri-County Boys Track and Field Team

Event	Name	School	Time
100	Javon Barr	Holly	11.22 seconds
200	Jacob Cox	Linden	23.32 seconds
400	Jason Dietrich	Fenton	51.72 seconds
800	Blake Staffne	Holly	2:00.46
1,600	Nate Frasier	Holly	4:29.89
3,200	Nate Frasier	Holly	9:24.78
110 hurdles	Zack Piet	Linden	16.95 seconds
300 hurdles	Aaron Moull	Linden	44.62 seconds
400 relay	Ryan Young	Linden	44.21 seconds
	Mike Gold		
	Cade Dickson		
	Jacob Cox		
800 relay	Devin Daul	Linden	1:35.01
	Mike Gold		
	Cade Dickson		
	Jacob Cox		
1,600 relay	Dino Vivanco	Holly	3:32.05
	Fracisco Valdovinos		
	Kurtis Cooley		
	Blake Staffne		
3,200 relay	Dino Vivanco	Holly	7:55.74
	Zac Felix		
	Kurtis Cooley		
	Blake Staffne		
Shot put	Andy Roberts	Linden	50-feet-0 3/4
Discus	Dakota Thorington	Holly	156-feet-0
High jump	Drew Miller	Fenton	5-feet-11
Pole vault	Devin Daul	Linden	11-feet-6
	Lucas Sammut	Holly	11-feet-6
Long jump	Ryan Beltz	Holly	19-feet-11 3/4

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Greenwald captures top honors at skating event

■Fenton freshman wins Junior Parade of Champions at competition

By David Troppens

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Halle Greenwald didn't have any great expectations.

All she wanted to do was represent her club, the Ice House Skating Academy, well when the club was hosting the prestigious United States National Showcase 2015 event from July 30 to Aug. 2.

The Fenton 14-year-old did just that and more.

Greenwald, who is entering her freshman year at Fenton High School, won the Junior Parade of Champions while competing at the ice skating event.

In order to win the title, Greenwald had to do her routine during a pre-

liminary round and then in a championship round. When she captured first in the championship round, she competed in the Parade of Champions against all the other first-place performers in a variety of other categories.

Once there, Greenwald captured first place with her final performance, earning her the honor title of Junior Parade of champions.

The National Showcase included skaters from all over the United States. Competitors came from as far as west as Hawaii and as far as east as New York. There were about 300 skaters at the events.

"I was kind of shocked at first, but it was so awesome," Greenwald said. "When they announced my name to go on the podium it was really cool.

"I haven't been to a nationals in awhile. First, we had our Michigan Showcase for people from Michigan. ... The National Showcase was at our rink, so I wanted to do good, but I wasn't sure how good I'd do."

Apparently Greenwald was pretty outstanding. Greenwald competed in two different categories, taking first in what is called the Teen Light category. She also placed second in another in the Teen Dramatic category.

Greenwald performed an about two-minute routine which involved a combination of skating and acting. Her routine was called Young Frankenstein. It was the story of Frankenstein's grandchild talking about how he was different from his grandpa.

There are eight to 10 judges scoring the routine with the performer earning the highest average among the judges earning the title. Typically, the more jumps a competitor does, the better chance of getting a higher score.

"You embody a character you are playing and there are elements of skating too," Greenwald said. "Teen light is upbeat and crazy."

Even when she kept advancing,



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Fenton's Halle Greenwald was the Junior Parade of Champions winner at the United States National Showcase 2015 event held at Brighton's Kensington Valley Ice House. Greenwald was one of about 300 competitors from all over the United States competing at the event.

Greenwald wasn't expecting to win the Parade of Champions.

"I didn't think I'd get this far and I didn't think I was going to win the Parade of Champions," Greenwald said. "I just wanted to do decent in the next round (after the preliminary round).

Greenwald has been skating since she was 8. She says many of her family members also compete, including her mother. In fact, her cousin, Piercyn Hunt, won the Senior Parade of Champions.

Skating is a year-long passion for Greenwald and her Ice House Skating Academy club friends. In April

the club went to France to compete in another showcase as a team. The 24-person squad had to choreograph their routine with the idea that most of the 24 skaters would be on the ice at the same time. The club left France as the champions of that competition.

The club is based out of Kensington Valley Ice House and the Hartland Sports Center during different portions of the year.

"I love everything about it," Greenwald said. "When you compete you go to so many competitions and meet so many new people. I've made so many friends who skate at the same rink."

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are really nice fields. It's a huge tournament with teams from all over."

Eedy was a part of a two-man umpiring crew at each of his contests he helped officiate. He said he umpired about 15 games with one of the semifinals being the most important game he found himself umpiring.

"It went pretty well," Eedy said. "And Cooperstown is great. I think that weekend was the Sunday they had the induction of the Baseball Hall of Fame as well. I didn't get to see it, but it was neat to be there and feel like you are a part of history."

The past four summers, Eedy umpired a lot of youth games around the tri-county area, but his umpiring days have been reduced this summer due to his working in Novi. He said he loves umpiring.

"I've just always had a love for the game," Eedy said. "The thing I love about it is it doesn't matter where you are from or what language you speak — it is still baseball. Baseball is the universal language."

"You have to have a good eye, obviously. ... Also you don't want to be the game. The best umpire is the one you don't notice."

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fewer than one in five middle and high schools in the U.S. start at that time.

Most tri-county middle and high schools start about an hour earlier.

Linden High School English teacher Bethany George said, however, there's no guarantee students would get enough sleep if school did start later.

George teaches Advanced Placement English and this past year it was during first hour, which started at 7:35 a.m. She said there wasn't a difference in student attentiveness compared to years when the class was later in the day.

"It really depends on the student," she said.

George suggested that parents should start taking away phones at night so their child develops better sleep patterns that would continue into high school and college.

Teenagers who do not get enough sleep are more likely to be overweight, depressed, smoke, use drugs and drink alcohol, according to the CDC, and less than a third of teenagers get eight hours or more of sleep a night.

The CDC found that the biological rhythms in teenagers change as they go through puberty and they often can't help staying up late.

Julie Varner, a registered polysomnographic sleep technician at Hurley Sleep Diagnostic Center, said there have been quite a few studies proving that teenagers have different sleep rhythms and often can't help staying up later.

Varner said there's a lot of stimulation in a teenager's life, from after-school activities to TVs in the bedroom.

"They stay up later. They're more

“Regardless of the school's start time, if the student is not going to bed at a reasonable time, the amount of sleep argument goes out the window.”

Russ Ciesielski
Linden schools interim superintendent

Schools start early in the day so athletes get home at reasonable times.

If school did start later, "Kids would miss more school at the end of the day," George said. "Athletes would be missing their last hours more, which I think would be a big problem."

With a later start, Linden Community Schools Interim Superintendent Russ Ciesielski said there would be transportation and possible staffing concerns.

Students being able to attend after-school activities, including athletics, and relationships with other schools not on the same schedule would be a concern.

"I know if other schools are not on similar schedules there could be a big conflict in scheduling athletic

competitions," Ciesielski said.

"Regardless of the school's start time, if the student is not going to bed at a reasonable time, the amount of sleep argument goes out the window," he said.



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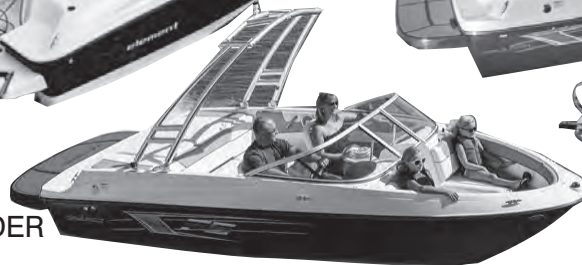
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SUMMARY

■ The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends middle and high schools start no earlier than 8:30 a.m. to help teens get more sleep. Linden, Fenton and Holly middle and high schools start about an hour before that.

listen and absorb information."

If school did start later, she said a teenager's sleep cycle would depend on what's going on at home.

"If they went to bed at 10 or 11 and didn't have cell phones and TV in the bedrooms, you probably would see an improvement. There has to be responsibility at home," she said, adding that a later start time wouldn't improve a teenager's sleep cycle if they stayed up later.

Later start times could cause scheduling conflicts with sports games, clubs and activities with other schools.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

BEING AN AVID reader of politics and news for over 65 years, I've come to one definite conclusion. The only way we can do any worse than Obama is to elect Clinton. Anyone else has got to be better. They all can't be that dumb.

REGARDING HILLARY CLINTON'S email scandal, she is guilty of gross mismanagement of classified top-

secret material and that happens to violate the law.

TO THE PERSON who criticized my wife and me for having six children, it's obvious his parents must have belonged to family planning because I would bet he's an only child. That's the one good thing about parental planning, but that's the only thing I can think of.

NOTHING THAT HILLARY Clinton says is ever true. No wonder that 60 percent of

Americans claim that she is not trustworthy. Now that we especially know her top secret emails were on her server. She has denied everything, defied everyone and lied to everyone.

I FIND IT surprising that politicians would have the brass to say that we need to balance the budget by cutting Social Security and Medicare. That money was paid by the working people over their lifetime. They just administer it. It's not the government's money.

I'M GLAD YOU needed a laugh about my comment about the constitution. It's probably a laugh of hysteria because you realize how little you understand of our constitution and history. Somebody should have been there to teach you.

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Family friendly vehicles

“The big thing is wireless connectivity.”

Matt Stevens
General sales manager
at Vic Canever
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■ Auto manufacturers add helpful amenities and safety features to attract parents

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Families are one of the most important demographics in today's car-buying experience, and auto manufacturers are responding with innovative family-friendly amenities and features to capture this market.

In addition to excellent design, the power of technology has helped manufacturers create vehicles that actually make life easier for parents.

Parents magazine has named the Chevrolet Traverse the “Best SUV” for families, and Matt Stevens of Vic

Canever Chevrolet in Fenton understands why. “The big thing is wireless connectivity,” said Stevens. “That will be available in the 2016 Traverse and other utility vehicles.”

Making the Traverse a family friendly vehicle is its eight-passenger capacity including five car seats, 12 cup holders, tilting second-row seats and lots of storage nooks. Safety is a top priority in this vehicle, too, with 10 air bags on select models, stabilitrak, back-up cameras, adaptive cruise control to help drivers keep their distance from the car in front of them, and crash avoidance features.

At Lasco Ford in Fenton, the Ford Explorer and Ford Flex are the top family friendly vehicles, according to Matt Lasco. “Both offer large options for seating configuration, allowing the fam-



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Family friendly innovations respond to an important car-buying segment: parents.

ily to fit these vehicles to their needs.”

Power liftgates are popular features of both these vehicles, allowing the back hatch to open without digging for your keys. “All-wheel drive for safety and good fuel efficiency make both these vehicles family friendly,” said Lasco.

Other innovations from manufacturers

catering to family car purchases include:

- Easy Speak Intercom — using the vehicle's built-in microphone to amplify the driver's voice through the rear speakers, so there's no need to raise one's parental voice to passengers in the back seat.

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'Are we there yet?'

HERE ARE A FEW WAYS TO KEEP KIDS
BUSY ON SUMMER ROAD TRIPS

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If you've ever heard the never-ending backseat chorus of "Are we there yet?" you'll understand the importance of planning ahead to keep kids entertained in the car during summer's final road trips.

While a few ideas include electronic gadgets and TV screens, the rest are just games to keep little ones busy. Don't forget the simple things, too — from coloring books and crayons, activity books and dollar store stickers.

One enterprising grandma buys a pouch for each of her traveling grandkids and fills them with

all sorts of activities "for the road." Planning ahead is your best ally in creating a fun, memorable road trip.

TV screens

If your vehicle has a built-in screen for the backseat or your kids use an iPad or cell phone, make sure there's a supply of kid-tested and parent-approved TV shows and movies ready to watch. To keep the peace, make sure the screen is placed where all the kids can see it from their vantage point. Don't forget audio headphones for the kids if you want complete silence up front.

Electronic games

These can range from small pocket-size digital games to handheld electronic games, dedicated gaming devices and games that can be played on cell phones. While these may not be the most creative activities for a long car ride, they are at least interactive.

License lingo

In this game, kids take turns explaining the meaning of the letters on selected cars' license plates. For instance, "OEF" might stand for "Onion-Eating Fanatic" or "Original Elephant Farm." It can become a contest where the winner is the person who comes up with the funniest, most ri-

diculous answers.

The celebrity game

One person thinks of the name of a current celebrity or famous person with a first and last name. The next person must come up with a different personality whose first name begins with the first letter of the previous character's last name, i.e., Kid One: Megan Fox, Kid Two: Freddie Prince, Jr.

Are we there yet?

Kids can answer this question themselves, armed with a map and perhaps a peek at a GPS navigational system.

You can print out a map from Google Maps or MapQuest and encourage your kids to mark off the various cities you pass, filling in the route with crayons as you continue your drive.

Would you rather?

Here's a fun list of questions to ask your kids to get them thinking and laughing as they while away the miles:

- Would you rather . . .
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 - be a great big giant or a little tiny person who can fit in my hand?
 - be hairy all over or completely bald?
 - have a beautiful house and an ugly car or an ugly house and a beautiful car?
 - get even or get over it?
 - only eat your favorite food for the rest of your life, or never eat again?
 - always lose or never play?

Toy bribes

When the going gets rough in the backseat of the car, you may be glad that you brought some "toy incentives" for good behavior. With a little luck, it will keep the recipient busy until your final destination, or at least the next stop.

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Pros and cons

TO THIRD-ROW SEATING

Third-row seating has become a priority for many people purchasing new vehicles. Many consumers actively seek out a car or SUV with a third-row seat so they'll have plenty of room for passengers during commutes or school carpools. Weighing the pros and cons before purchase will help shoppers determine if a third-row seat is really what they need.

Advantages

The primary reason for purchasing a vehicle with a third-row seat is to increase passenger capacity. Most standard cars and mid-size SUVs can seat 5 passengers comfortably. However, a third-row seat can add a spot for an additional 2 to 3 passengers.

The need for a third row of seats stems primarily from the increased prevalence of booster and other child safety seats, which tend to take up a lot of space. This enables more children to be seated safely, a boon to parents who carpool.

Third-row seats are also advantageous to commuters who carpool. Several adults can sit comfortably and ride into work together, splitting the cost of gas and tolls. Many vehicles with third-row seats offer good gas mileage, making carpooling an even greener method of getting to work.

The third-row seat can often be folded down and allow for more cargo room when not needed. In some models, a third-row seat can be removed entirely.

Disadvantages

While the third-row seat offers more passenger room, it cuts down on storage space. Many vehicles that offer the extra row of seating do so at the expense of trunk or cargo space. There may be little more than a few feet of room to store groceries or luggage.

Vehicles with a third-row seat tend to be more expensive than comparable cars and SUV's without one. Some minivans are more expensive than similarly sized SUVs. If money is a factor, a third-row seat may not be an asset. In addition, insurance companies might charge more for a larger car.

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Third-row seating is a feature that many potential car buyers look for in their vehicle.

Size might also be a disadvantage to some drivers. Larger vehicles might be difficult to park in urban areas and may require special parking spots in parking garages.

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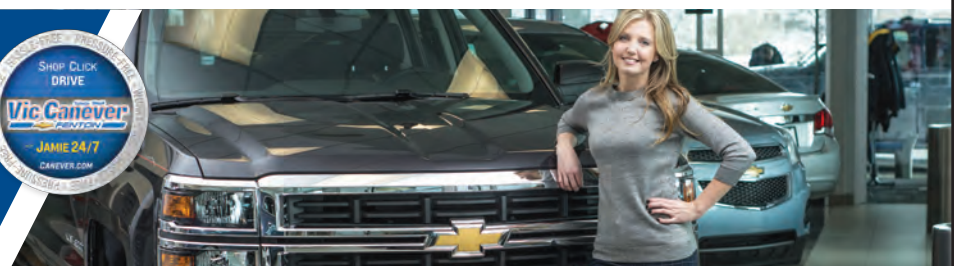
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