

Linden's Union Block sold — again

■ New owner researching plans for development

By Sally Rummel
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Dr. Nicole Wax has purchased the Union Block corner in Linden, digging her roots even deeper into the community where she grew up and now owns her own business,

“This property is definitely going to be a priority for me.”

Dr. Nicole Wax
Who recently purchased Union Block in Linden

Wax Orthodontics.
Wax announced that she made the purchase for an undisclosed price from the LaFontaine family, which has owned the property since 2008.
According to real estate records, the LaFontaine family paid \$186,000 for the seven parcels of land involved. The purchase was
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Big blockbusters premiering this summer

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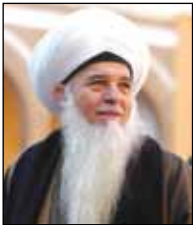
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Fenton area Muslim leader targeted for death by ISIS

■ Listed as one of five Muslim-Americans to be killed

ISIS, according to the Detroit Free Press, has threatened a prominent Muslim-American religious leader known for criticizing extremism with death.



Shaykh Hisham Kabbani

ISIS lists Hisham Kabbani, 71, who resides in the Fenton area, as one of five Muslim-American religious leaders to be killed.

Kabbani, who is Sufi Muslim, has been outspoken against Islamic extremists for decades, reports the Detroit Free Press.

ISIS alleges that Kabbani and other leaders like him in the West are not true Muslims.

He is one of five Muslim-American religious leaders and scholars

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THE CARVING ARTIST

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Joshua Russell of Byron is deep into a basement project for a client in Fenton Township, where his special brand of industrial art will be used from floor to ceiling. Behind him, is an American flag sculpture made out of concrete. The sculpture looks and feels like a real fabric flag. His philosophy for his art is “push the envelope, never be satisfied.”



Ryan Stevens at a court hearing earlier this year.

School shooting plot suspects in court, FBI agents testify

By Hannah Ball • hball@tctimes.com

Flint — The three suspects in the alleged Linden school shooting plot were in Genesee County District Court on Wednesday.

Ryan Stevens, 18, of Linden, Kody Brewer, 15, of Wolverine Lake (formerly of Linden),

See SUSPECTS on 19A

Sweet Variations leaving downtown Fenton

By Vera Hogan • vhogan@tctimes.com

It's going to be a bittersweet day this summer, when Carol Schuler closes the doors to her chocolate and candy shop in downtown Dibbleville for the last time.

After 34 years in business at the corner of South LeRoy Street and West Shiawassee
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“Why are public schools pushing the agenda of introducing our children to LGBT and our kids establishing a new gender identity (without the parents' knowledge)? If this goes through, all parents should pull their kids out of public schools in this state immediately.”



“The ‘Michigan Votes’ weekly article in the Times is a window into our government. Every week Michigan passes a dozen more laws and taxes. Vote all incumbents out. They are raping us financially on a weekly basis.”



“No one ever cared about the Dibbleville building until someone wanted to remove it. It has no physical or historical value, nor is it beautiful or charming. It actually looks modern. If it doesn't have your name on the deed, it's none of your business. Hooray for the DDA.”



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OF THE WEEK

“To Mr. Heller, any adult male who believes that he should be able to use the same bathroom as my 12-year-old daughter is a deeply disturbed individual. Would you be OK with a strange man using the bathroom in your home while your daughter was in there? Didn't think so.”

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From special education student to special education teacher

■ Linden High School graduate with dyslexia beating all the odds

By Sally Rummel

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Ten years ago, Kyle McAllister was a junior at Linden High School and had already known for years that he wanted to be a special education teacher.

Today, at age 26, he's living his dream as a student teacher in the special education classroom at AGS Middle School in Fenton, graduating next Sunday, April 24 from Eastern Michigan University.

His bachelor's degree is in special education with a cognitive impairment K-12 major and secondary mathematics minor.

What makes his story so special is the fact that as a fourth-grader, McAllister was diagnosed with dyslexia, a learning disability that alters the way the brain processes written materials. This makes word recognition, spelling and writing much more difficult.

"My life changed at that point," said McAllister, son of Gordon and Paula McAllister of Tyrone Township. "I became one of those 'special education' kids who was viewed differently by my peers and made fun of. But the experience taught me to persevere."

While other kids were outside playing, McAllister spent his weekends doing homework and working on papers. Every year from elementary school through high school he was tutored, and in the summer of his junior and senior years, he worked with the Dyslexia Institute of Michigan to help him develop compensatory skills that he would need in college.

"You don't outgrow dyslexia," said McAllister. "You learn to deal with your daily

struggles and grow as a person. I don't think of it as a disability; it's part of me, it's who I am."

When it was time to select a college, not only did McAllister have to find a quality education program, he also had to find one that offered disability programs and support.

He found that rare combination at East-

ern Michigan University. But getting accepted into EMU was only the beginning of his battle to get into EMU's College of Education, because of university and state testing requirements, which required proficient writing and language arts skills.

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Kyle McAllister assists students with a Math Skills class exercise at AGS Middle School on Wednesday. McAllister attends Eastern Michigan University, and has returned home to student-teach as part of his education. This fulfills a 10-year goal for McAllister, who has dyslexia.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

Torrey Hill Intermediate School teacher Melissa Beaudry and the school's social worker give a presentation on autism. Beaudry's son has autism and she aims to get rid of the misconception surrounding the condition.

Torrey Hill Intermediate School shows support for Autism Awareness Month

By Hannah Ball

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Lake Fenton — April is National Autism Awareness month, and one local school is turning the event into an educational experience.

On April 1, students at Torrey Hill Intermediate School learned about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as part of a month-long autism awareness program organized by the school's social worker, Michelle Karr, and teacher Melissa Beaudry.

Students, most wearing blue, the color for autism awareness, sat through a short video of a young boy narrating an animation about what it is like to live with autism. Students learned that the condition isn't anything to be ashamed of and that it isn't right to make fun of someone who lives with it.

Beaudry spoke during the event about autism and how her son, Grayson, 3, lives with the condition. "We wanted to raise awareness about autism since it is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States," she said.

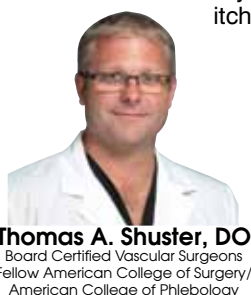
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Don't shoot!

Growing up, I loved Westerns. I was a devoted fan of U.S. Marshal Matt Dillon from "Gunsmoke" and the Cartwrights of "Ponderosa." And like them, I would often save the day with my plastic six-shooters when my backyard was under attack by bloodthirsty bad guys.

A lot of kids grew up with similar fantasies. The Wild West mythos is as American as apple pie.

I wish it wasn't. I figure our weird national obsession with guns is partly rooted in the Wild West savior-with-a-gun mentality, and is therefore part of the reason we have gun troubles in this country



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

that other nations with saner, more grown-up gun policies simply don't.

That mentality was literally all over the grounds of our state Capitol this week, where 'open carry' enthusiasts with assault rifles,

six-shooters, and other weapons of mass destruction gathered for what one wag called their annual 'Look, I Own a Gun Day.'

It was quite the affair. A newspaper account mentioned a female attendee with two, single-action revolvers strapped to her legs 'cowboy style,' as she described it, and a belt of bullets wrapped around her waist.

'We're trying to keep our rights from being trampled into the ground,' she said.

There were no trampers in sight, by the way. She also didn't mention anyone else's 'right' to not feel creeped out. As a friend of mine put it, 'It's tough to enjoy a grilled cheese when a dude stands next to you (at a downtown restaurant) with an AR-15 strapped over his jacket.'

I'm shocked — shocked, I say — that he didn't feel safe and secure. That's how gun enthusiasts say everyone should feel with them around, after all. Their motto is 'The only thing that will stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun.'

And yet almost no one else believes that. Instead, most people feel unnerved in the presence of gun-toters who aren't cops, and with good reason: They don't know the totter and whether he or she is a good guy or a guy who's about to commit a

“Mass shootings have become nearly a weekly occurrence in the U.S., which would suggest that the good guys with guns aren't doing such a bang-up job after all.”

whole lot of bad.

They also don't believe that some rinky-dink Marshal Dillon wannabe is going to save the day if shooting starts.

And why would they? Mass shootings have become nearly a weekly occurrence in the U.S., which would suggest that the good guys with guns aren't doing such a bang-up job after all.

It would also suggest that maybe — just maybe — the NRA and its minions are wrong about guns. Maybe the proliferation of guns in recent decades — especially those that can spit bullets faster than an army of grade schoolers can spit watermelon seeds — has something to do with the number and lethality of mass shootings, and if so maybe part of the solution is tighter gun control, not looser.

Sounds crazy, but there is Wild West precedence that restricting guns leads to safer streets.

After all, when gunplay got out of control in Dodge City, the first thing Marshal Dillon would do is require visitors to check-in their guns.

Readers write

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Preserving Dibbleville

Dear Editor,
The Fenton Historical Society is most concerned with the future of Dibbleville. As a National and State Historic District, we feel its integrity should be maintained. To tear down historic buildings and homes that are not in such disrepair that they cannot be saved is a shame. To plop a new Cornerstone building in the district is not aesthetically pleasing and would not fit in. Dibbleville is a charming and unique part of our town. We would like it to remain intact and honor its history. We need your help in our endeavors to save our history. Please contact us on our Fenton Historical Society Facebook page or email us at fhsmuseum@gmail.com

Sincerely,
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PLEASE CUT DOWN the tree with the hole in it before it injures someone. The tree is located on Shiawassee near the entrance to Hills of Tyrone, which is across from Fenton High School.

DO NOT TEAR down that beautiful white house in downtown Dibbleville. It adds so much to Fenton and is such a part of Fenton. Have a heart, DDA.

PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW giving millions more people health insurance is killing people. Silly statement at best.

CAN WE GET the Fenton Township people to go after people who leave their garbage bins at the street continuously as well? Think about your neighbors who have to look at that week after week. And recycling is every other week.

ANOTHER BAD MOVE by the DDA. Why not sell the property on Shiawassee instead of spending \$20,000 to tear it down?

I WOULD ASK every American voter one question. Do you really think that Hillary Clinton should be president with her history of serial lies, ties to Wall Street, the string of deaths following Bill's presidency, Benghazi, lying about her server, and literally hundreds of mistruths and 'lawyer' answers to questions? She is the devil in disguise.

GREAT ARTICLE ON VG's hiring retirees. Amazing that a couple of workers profiled retired in their 50s, something that rarely happens anymore. Workers today generally are going to have to work to 70. I keep telling my parents how lucky they are to have pensions and Social Security and how when I'm 70, I may be working at VG's not because I choose to, but because I have to.

DID YOU SEE the size of that pole barn they're building on Thompson Road? What an eyesore. Alright, so it's not a pole barn but I don't understand why you give me a hard time putting a pole barn up on my property in Fenton Township that is not as big as that building.

IF YOU OWN a home on Margaret Drive, Golfview Circle, Torrey Road or Torrey Grove Court, you may have a park dedicated for your use to Lake Fenton. Call Fenton Township and ask. Time is running out.

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What's the best pet you've had?

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

streettalk



"I would have to say my dog currently. He's a Bernese Mountain Dog poodle mix. His name is Henry Higgins from 'My Fair Lady.'"

Ryann McKinney
Fenton



"I had a dog. It was a Jack Russell named Johnny. He was just a sweet dog and he was one of the few dogs we could have that didn't make my brother sneeze like crazy."

Ericka Begley
Fenton



"Our dog. We had a cocker spaniel. She was part of the family. When you took her out on walks, she would take the leash in her mouth. She liked to walk herself."

Dawn Overmyer
Fenton



"All my animals are my favorite. The two dogs I have now are the best ever. We've had four horses, two cats. I just love my dogs."

Linda Rice
Tyrone Township



"Probably my cat. They're a lot more chill than dogs."

Scott Quinn
Holly

Carbon monoxide detectors save lives

Local fire chiefs provide valuable tips

By Vera Hogan

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A tragic event on Sunday, Feb. 21 served as a wake-up call for many local homeowners.

That's the day Len and Heather Quasano, and their four young children, died in their Fenton Township home as a result of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

It is believed carbon monoxide was the result of a generator being operated in the basement of the home, after a storm knocked out power in the area where they lived.

The Fenton Fire Department has only made five carbon monoxide runs this year so far, according to Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff.

"We ran a total of 18 last year," he said. "We are just about at the same pace as last year."

Cairnduff said there has been a large increase in phone calls to the fire station this year, from people asking about CO detectors.

"They want to know where to buy them, if we have any to give out, which we do, and where to place them," he said.

"We recommend that CO detectors be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home," Cairnduff said. "Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height."

Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory such as (UL) Underwriters Laboratory, he added.

There are ways to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning and Cairnduff provided some examples.

"If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it," he said. "Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open."

Although spring has finally made its appearance, there are tips to remember during the winter months, such as making sure snow is always removed from your vehicle, especially the exhaust pipe.

"During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up," said Cairnduff. "A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings."

If the audible trouble signal sounds,

check for low batteries, he added. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call 911.

"We have run only two carbon monoxide calls this year so far, both in March," said Linden Fire Chief Brian Will. "Both calls found a faulty battery or detector for the alarm."

"We probably run three to six calls per year," Will said.

"In today's world of experience, knowledge and affordable cost, each home should be protected by both smoke and carbon monoxide detectors," he said.

According to Will's research, smoke detectors should be located in each bedroom, outside or near a sleeping area and on every level of the home.

"Ideally, each detector should be electrically connected to each so the entire house is alerted, if needed," he said. "Also, replace them every 10 years to ensure they are working properly. Install them on or near the ceiling level of any room."

"If you have an attached garage with a living space over it, a detector should be installed there as well," Will said. "Keep them at or near eye level. Avoid installing them near a gas range, fireplace or any other heating device. Do not install them in a bathroom due to the potential moisture in the air."

Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said they run about 25 to 30 carbon monoxide alarms per year. "Our normal response is a defective detector or low battery," he said. "Since the Quasano incident we have run three calls that had CO in their home and had to evacuate."

Fenton Township Fire Station No. 1 has CO detectors that can be picked up for free. To date they have handed out 50 of them.

More information on this topic can be found through the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) at nfpa.org.

WHERE TO BUY CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

There are a variety of carbon monoxide detectors available at local department and home improvement stores.

Local hardware stores, like McKay's Do-It-Center in Holly, Village Ace Hardware in Linden, and Taylor Hardware in Fenton, carry a variety of CO detectors.

While prices vary, the average cost is between \$49.99 to \$59.99.

First Alert is the most common brand sold in local stores.

“We recommend that CO detectors be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.”

Bob Cairnduff
Fenton Fire Department chief

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made after a fire on May 18, 2007 destroyed the historical buildings, which anchored Union Block. The buildings were demolished in August 2007, to make room for future development.

That development has never happened, slowed down by the recession in those years, followed by a underground gasoline leak discovered in 2014 at the Beacon & Bridge gas station, affecting many downtown properties, including Union Block.

When asked about the impact of the gasoline leak, Wax said, "I just recently acquired the property after closing on it a few weeks ago. There are a lot of unknowns. I'm going to work around all the obstacles and jump in. It's going to take a lot of planning. Eventually, I plan to develop it. My office is here in downtown Linden and I already know I'm going to outgrow the space."

Wax opened Wax Orthodontics in June 2014, next to Coney Café at 123 North Bridge St.

"So much is going on in Fenton," she added. "We need a little of that energy. We need someone to take that risk in Linden. I'm going to be that person."

Wax plans to research what's going to be best for the area, what will bring the most people to Linden.

Linden City Manager Paul Zelenak is excited that someone has taken an active interest in downtown Linden's most valuable corner. "We'll have to wait and talk to Dr. Wax and see what

she's planning. We're really looking forward to seeing what her ideas are for that property."

Wax may not know for sure how the site will be developed, but she knows she will be around to see it to fruition. "I'm going to retire here," she said. "This property is definitely going to be a priority for me."

"We need someone to take that risk in Linden. I'm going to be that person."

Dr. Nicole Wax
Who recently purchased
Union Block in Linden

THREATENS

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who ISIS claims should be killed because, it says, they are "apostates" and "crusaders" who have deviated from Islam.

The Detroit Free Press reported that the FBI's Detroit office confirmed on Thursday the threat against Kabbani and others, but did not comment further.

In its online magazine, ISIS criticized Kabbani for promoting a peaceful idea of jihad, not the violent version that ISIS endorses.

Kabbani drew national attention in 1999 when he said that many mosques in the U.S. were led by extremists.

Born in Lebanon, Kabbani moved to the U.S. in 1991 and is a Sufi Muslim leader with a wide following. He is known worldwide for his views on religion.

An author of nearly a dozen books on Islam, Kabbani travels frequently to speak and has been a critic of extremism among some Muslim Americans in the U.S.

After the Sept. 11 attacks, he was invited by then-President George W. Bush to attend the prayer service at the National Cathedral

on Sept. 14, which he attended.

According to his Facebook page, "Kabbani advocates an understanding of Islam described by his supporters as fundamentally based on peace, tolerance, respect and love," which has been liked more than 700,000 times.

Kabbani founded and leads the Islamic Supreme Council of America, based in Fenton.

In 2001, he opened an Islamic center in Burton, the As-Siddiq Institute & Mosque.

After the mosque opened, U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee, whose district included the Flint area, praised Kabbani on the House floor, saying: "Shaykh Kabbani has worked tirelessly to build bridges of understanding between Muslims and persons of other faiths. He has endeavored to provide insight into the

beauty and peace of Islam."

The latest issue of ISIS's magazine was published online this week by groups and experts who monitor extremism, including on a website by terrorism expert Aaron Zelin, a fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations also confirmed that the magazine was released.

The threat against Kabbani came in a section of the magazine titled "Kill the Imams of Kufr in the West." The word "kufr" is often used to describe non-Muslims and used in a derogatory manner.

ISIS attacks Kabbani for, it says, being "quick to ally with any taghut who will allow them to spread their message," using a word that refers to non-Muslims.

ISIS also alleges that Kabbani wrote a legal ruling on the Islamic concept of jihad that promoted peace, claiming that U.S. troops distributed it to Iraqis to prevent attacks against them.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said they are aware of the threat and they have been in contact with their law enforcement partners at the FBI, Michigan State Police and the Livingston County Sheriff's Department.

"This information reaffirms the importance of remaining vigilant each and every day and not just when we are made aware of certain threats or crimes," said Aro.

"If you see something that appears suspicious, report it immediately to the police department. Too often we receive information days later that may have been helpful in solving a crime had it been reported immediately."

"The FBI's Detroit office confirmed on Thursday the threat against Kabbani and others."

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Since Thursday, April 7, Fenton police arrested five drivers for either operating while intoxicated (OWI) or operating under the influence of drugs (OUID) in the late night to early morning hours. Those arrested include a 26-year-old Flint man (OWI/OUID), a 22-year-old Grand Blanc man (OWI), a 20-year-old Linden man (OWI), a 22-year-old Linden woman (OWI) and a 37-year-old Fenton man (OWI). The OWI suspects will appear in court in June, while the OUID case is pending toxicology results.

LOOKING BACK

at this week

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APRIL 17

1964: Henry Ford, II at the World's Fair in Flushing Meadows, New York, officially unveils the Ford Mustang. That same day, the new car also debuted in Ford showrooms across America and almost 22,000 Mustangs were sold immediately. Named for a World War II fighter plane, the Mustang was the first of a type of vehicle that became known as a "pony car." Ford sold more than 400,000 Mustangs within its first year of production.

APRIL 18

1906: At 5:13 a.m., an earthquake estimated at close to 8.0 on the Richter scale strikes San Francisco, California, killing hundreds of people as it topples numerous buildings. The quake was caused by a slip of the San Andreas Fault over a segment about 275 miles long, and shock waves could be felt from southern Oregon down to Los Angeles.

APRIL 19

1993: At Mount Carmel in Waco, Texas, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) launches a tear-gas assault on the Branch Davidian compound, ending a tense 51-day standoff between the federal government and an armed religious cult. By the end of the day, the compound was burned to the ground, and 80 Branch Davidians, including 22 children, had perished in the inferno.

APRIL 20

1999: Two teenage gunmen kill 13 people in a shooting spree at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. At about 11:20 a.m., Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris, dressed in long trench coats, began shooting students outside the

school before moving inside to continue their rampage. By the time SWAT team officers finally entered the school at about 3 p.m., Klebold and Harris had killed 12 fellow students and a teacher, and had wounded another 23 people. Then, around noon, they turned their guns on themselves and committed suicide.

APRIL 21

1967: On April 21, 1967, General Motors (GM) celebrates the manufacture of its 100 millionth American-made car. At the time, GM was the world's largest automaker. General Motors was established in 1908 in Flint, Michigan, by horse-drawn carriage mogul William Durant.

APRIL 22

1970: Earth Day, an event to increase public awareness of the world's environmental problems, is celebrated in the United States for the first time. Millions of Americans, including students from thousands of colleges and universities, participated in rallies, marches, and educational programs. Earth Day was the brainchild of Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, a staunch environmentalist who hoped to provide unity to the grassroots environmental movement and increase ecological awareness.

APRIL 23

1969: Sirhan Sirhan is sentenced to the death penalty after being convicted in the assassination of politician Robert F. Kennedy. In 1972, Sirhan's sentence was commuted to life in prison after California abolished the death penalty. In the early morning hours of June 5, 1968, Robert Kennedy, a U.S. senator from New York who had just won California's Democratic presidential primary, gave a victory speech in the ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. After the speech, Kennedy was making his way toward the hotel kitchen to greet supporters when he was shot three times at close range by Sirhan Sirhan with a .22 caliber revolver; a fourth bullet went through Kennedy's jacket. Five other people were shot as well, none fatally.

Source: history.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■
I SAW READING the Michigan Votes that they're thinking about charging us another \$50 for our vehicle registration. We pay enough already but the people have no say in this matter. They do what they want.

■■■
LEAVE DIBBLEVILLE ALONE, those buildings are all charming and with a little help, the gas station could look cool, too. Jeez, doesn't anyone watch fixer up shows

on TV? Why build new ones and spend all the money.

■■■
WHY IS THAT our retirement and Social Security received no raises this year but everything has gone up, every single service? How can we not get any increases? There's something wrong with this picture.

■■■
MEN CONSIDER STANDING in the women's room. I hope I'm there when a woman comes in and has to use a urinal. I'll be the one rolling around on the floor, laughing.



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McAllister, who has dyslexia, reads aloud his story, just published on the EMU website, to special needs students at AGS on Wednesday. The story recounts his struggle with dyslexia, and how he is still achieving his goal to become an educator.

TEACHER

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McAllister enlisted the help of one of his professors who knew his qualities as a person, his strong work ethic and his determination. He was provisionally accepted into the college and completed every milestone and requirement needed.

McAllister has been a student teacher at AGS since January. "He began making connections on a personal level instantly," said AGS Middle School special education teacher Melissa Schummer. "The students were bonding with him and started building a very trusted rapport. His teaching style is a positive, interactive, meaningful way to engage students. They've always felt

comfortable approaching him and hearing what he has to say. He can personally relate to their struggles."

McAllister made such an impact at EMU as a student who beat all the odds with his disability, he was recently chosen as a "success story" to be on the homepage of EMU's College of Education website.

Karen Schulte, associate professor in EMU's Department of Special Education, predicts that McAllister will make an excellent teacher. "He understands what it's like to struggle with school work. He's totally dedicated to helping students who are experiencing the same difficulties he did. He truly models the dedication and passion of a great teacher. He's an inspiration."



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Kyle McAllister briefs a special needs Math Skills class on an exercise at AGS Middle School on Wednesday. McAllister attends Eastern Michigan University, and has returned home to student teach as part of his education.

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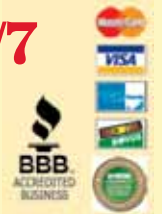
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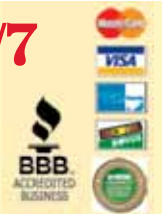
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This basement bar is one part of Joshua Russell's project for a client in Fenton Township. He likes bringing a non-residential setting to residential space. This basement will end up looking like a factory floor and the side of a ship.

THE CARVING ARTIST

■ Artist carves beauty and function out of concrete

By Sally Rummel
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Some people look at concrete and all they see is a slab of drab building material. For artist Joshua Russell, 34, of Byron, concrete is more "fab" than drab, turning this thousands-of-years-old building material into works of art.

"If you can imagine it, I can carve it," said Russell. "Give me masonry tools, a chip brush and pointed trowel and I can do just about anything."

Russell has been working with concrete since he was 13 years old, helping his cousin with a pouring walls company. He started doing stamped concrete when he was just 17, then turned his professional world upside down when he discovered the artistic possibilities of vertical concrete. That became the focus of his company, Beyond Vertical Concrete, which he founded several years ago.

Russell is actually an artist by skill and profession, having earned an art scholarship to Lansing Community College after graduating from Byron High School in 2000. It was then he learned the true meaning of the phrase, "starving artist,"

and turned his career path to medicine. "Life got in the way," admitted Russell, who at the time was studying to be a nurse at Michigan State University, while also working two jobs. He got married in those busy years, too, and says his family, which includes his wife, Shanna, daughter Isabella, 6, and son Brody, 4, are his purpose and inspiration today.

While building a high-end horse barn for a client, he was asked to pour a concrete wall and vertical stamping was a new design tool. "I didn't like the original design, so I created my own," he said. "That's how it all got started. I've learned a lot by trial and error."

Russell estimates there are about 200 concrete artists across the country and they collaborate together with ideas through social media.

His work includes several custom, hand-crafted pieces for interior design like a 10-foot portable epoxy, hand-crafted tree and a 40-foot silo he is currently carving into the living room of a five-story reclaimed barn house for a client in Webberville, and a huge job he is working on now, creating a whiskey bar in a residential basement. Most of

See ARTIST on 11A

“Concrete can mimic anything. That’s where this art becomes fun.”

Joshua Russell
Concrete artist



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Russell paints a mural on a wall in a Fenton Township basement on Thursday. The mural is one of 30 individual pieces that will comprise the project.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I WAS WONDERING why would we spend thousands of dollars and a whole summer plus on streetscape through Dibbleville only now to tear down an old building we know will cause issues with the street and/or the sidewalk? Only in Fenton does this happen.

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THE OLDEST BUILDING in Fenton/Dibbleville should be preserved period, end of story.

I'M SITTING HERE reading the Michigan Votes. They want to impose an annual mileage tax on all vehicles of \$50 for every 10,000 miles a car or truck or motorcycle is driven. Are you kidding me? We are taxed enough.

HAVE YOU SEEN the list of companies that gave Hillary Clinton millions for her speeches and then millions to the Clinton Foundation? Led by Goldman Sachs and Verizon, Hillary owes these companies big time and she is bought and paid for many times over.

IN 1975, ATTORNEY Hillary Clinton defended a pedophile for raping a 12-year-old girl. Hillary concocted a bunch of lies against the girl and got the man off with two months served and ultimately destroyed this girl's life. I think that's when she realized she could lie and get away with it.

I'M A FENTON resident and I just want to thank the Tri-County Times. You're a life-saver for delivering our paper on Monday that we didn't get on Sunday. That was awesome. You're the best, Tri-County.

THIS IS A new scam to me. I received a phone call this morning saying that this is a return call for the one you made being interested in some type of brace or something to help me. Be careful; they're calling you and letting you know you ordered this but you really didn't.

I'M EXITING TACO Bell Monday evening onto Owen Road. A woman in a black Buick turns off Owen Road at me head on, throws her arms up in the air and starts pointing at the sign that clearly says exit only. Apparently she doesn't know what exit means.

YOU BLOOD SUCKING leeches. You want to tax more money on my vehicle? We already pay the highest registration fee of any other state in the U.S. No wonder people are moving. They can't stay here anymore. Didn't Granholm already tax us enough?

THAT'S HOW WE do things in Fenton, just tear it down, just rip out every piece of history our town ever had. Make way for the new.

MY FRIEND, OBAMA, continues to make speeches every other day about how we are winning the war on terrorism, while the military disagrees. The military are fighting ISIS while Obama sits in the White House thinking he's fighting ISIL. Somebody explain it to him.

ARTIST

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his creations include a mix of concrete, metals and epoxy. "I can pretty much do whatever you want," he said.

His most unusual job was an underground "bubble house" in Eugene, Oregon, where he carved celtic swords, while other artists worked on mountain rock. Russell also built a countertop out of foam and concrete and made it look like boulders. "Concrete can mimic anything," he said. "That's where this art becomes fun."

He also has done 3D figure sculpting out of concrete. "I did an octopus coming out of a wall 9 feet, with a seal, sea turtle and two dolphins for a residential pool area," said Russell.

He says that this kind of art truly draws him in, and he can spend anywhere from 10 hours to nearly 24 hours working on a project in a single day. "It controls you," he said.

SUMMARY

Local artist Joshua Russell turns concrete into his professional craft, building and sculpting his way into a full-time career.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO
Concrete artist Joshua Russell can create unique focal points in an otherwise ordinary room. This hand-sculpted tree was designed to be portable, making the homeowner able to move it from wall to wall.

He can turn a slab of concrete into a piece of art, a kitchen countertop, a fireplace, a fire pit, "Just about anything you can imagine," he said.

To see a gallery of Russell's work, visit www.beyondverticalconcrete.com.



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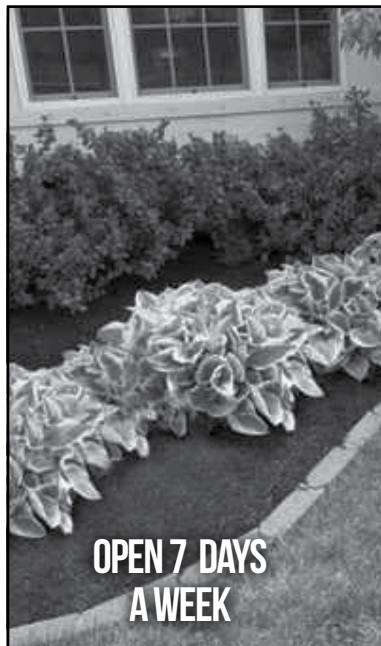
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Weekly dance events bring out dancing fun for all ages at the Great Lakes Swing Dance Club.

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By Sally Rummel
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Some of the most popular styles of dancing in the U.S. include ballroom dances like the Foxtrot, Waltz, Tango, Rumba, Cha Cha, Salsa and Night Club 2 Step. Swing dances include the East Coast Swing, West Coast Swing, Hustle and Lindy.

The Great Lakes Swing Dance Club celebrates all the fun and benefits of dancing by bringing dancers together weekly for dance lessons and an evening dance at the Flushing Rollhaven Center, located at 3464 Ann Dr., Flushing.

Now celebrating its 25th year, the Great Lakes Swing Dance Club was founded in 1991, and quickly became the largest dance club in Michigan. Boasting 300 members, the club offers weekly dance lessons and evening dances, plus regular events throughout the year and participation in community events for those who are interested.

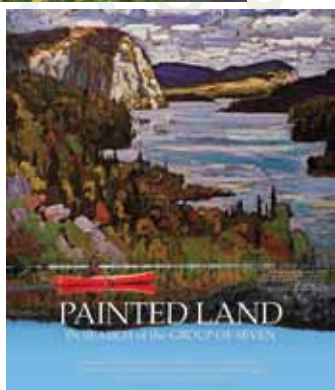
Dancers include men and women who are college students and retirees, singles and married, from a variety of backgrounds. What they all have in common is a love for dancing.

The Wednesday Evening Dance starts with a one-hour lesson from 6 to 7 p.m., professionally instructed on a specific dance style. Open dancing is from 7 to 10 p.m. for a variety of dance styles.

The cost to attend is very reasonable and first-time visitors are free. For more information, visit www.glsdc.com or contact Leo Brennan at leobrennan@yahoo.com.

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For the complete list of programs and activities, visit earthdayflintcc.org.

This cultural collaboration and free community programming is made possible through generous grant support from the C. S. Mott Foundation.

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News briefs

Aqua Sports Marine is Genesee County's newest Malibu boat dealer

Aqua Sports Marine, Inc., a 29-year-old company specializing in the watersports industry, has announced that it is Genesee County's newest Malibu boat dealer. Aqua Sports Marine wanted to complement their custom-built MB Sports brand of boats with Malibu's world-class technology. With a few of the Malibu models trickling into the dealership, Aqua Sports has seen a tremendous response. Aqua Sports President Jeff Nichols said, "Being able to offer the world's number one selling inboard at our dealership has created new excitement and will increase our sales tremendously. This will give our customers a choice between a custom, built one at a time type boat or the largest inboard boat manufacturer in the world which develops all of the latest technology."

AUTISM

Continued from Page 3A

Lake Fenton parent, Lori Smith, said Lake Fenton is doing an “outstanding” job at recognizing and promoting autism awareness. Her son, Dean, 12, who has autism, is in the Link Program where he has peer mentors who sit with him at lunch and interact with him daily.

“They work with him with social skills and play skills,” she said. Smith and the school’s social worker meet with the peer group once every month, where the kids ask questions about autism.

“I always jump at the opportunity any time we can discuss the acceptance of autism and try to explain it as best we can,” she said. While Dean loves being around other kids, he doesn’t always interact with them.

“He’s getting better and we’re working on social skills,” she said. “It’s a slow process. If he didn’t have the peer program and the support from the staff that he has I don’t think he would be as successful at school.”

Beaudry said that people often equate autism with a lack of intelligence, but many children with autism are very intelligent.

“They simply process information in a different way than their peers. Grayson, for example, may not be able to recite his shapes orally, but he identifies them using pictures,” she said.

Not all children with autism act the same. “You may see one child with Autism flapping his/her arms or rocking back and forth, as Grayson does, but there are many children with ASD that do not engage in these behaviors,” she said. “It’s

“It’s important for us to keep our minds and hearts open to ensure that we are viewing each child as a unique individual, rather than giving in to any preconceived notions we may have about Autism.”

Melissa Beaudry
Torrey Hill Intermediate teacher

Autism facts

- **Autism affects** one in 68 children and one in 42 boys.
- **People who** live with autism experience social interaction difficulties, are communication challenged, and they have a tendency to engage in repetitive behavior.
- **One of the** early signs of autism shows by 8 to 10 months of age, when infants respond to their names, the sounds of their parents’ voices, an interest in moving objects, and babbling.
- **Infants with** autism sometimes don’t respond to their mother’s voice or watch moving objects.
- **While growing** up as a toddler, they don’t respond to other people’s emotions the same way, often not responding when a parent is angry or affectionate. This doesn’t mean the child is unattached to their parent, however.

Source: autismspeaks.org



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

Students gather in Torrey Hill Intermediate School gymnasium to learn about autism on April 1. April is National Autism Awareness Month. One in 68 children have autism, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

important for us to keep our minds and hearts open to ensure that we are viewing each child as a unique individual, rather than giving in to any preconceived notions

we may have about autism.”

One misconception she has heard is that children with autism are misbehaving or being rude, which is not true. Beaudry

said her son expresses excitement by shrieking like a T-Rex because his body doesn’t know how to appropriately process the information.

Beaudry said she’s very fortunate to work with supportive people.

Torrey Hill Principal Kathleen Conover said, “I am so pleased that Mrs. Beaudry and Mrs. Karr suggested to hold this special event, Light It Up Blue, for our school.

“The information presented about autism awareness is essential for all people to know. It is through our children that we can bring about even more positive changes, for this very important cause,” she said.

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David Flowers Therapy opens in Fenton

■ Long-time counselor specializes in 'normal problems of living,' including relationships

By Sally Rummel

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David Flowers, a licensed professional counselor, has opened his practice inside Ascend Counseling Services in Fenton.

Specializing in couples' therapy and pre-marital counseling, Flowers has been a licensed counselor since 1997, while also serving as pastor of Wildwind Community Church in Flint. He has also mentored graduate students in counseling.

Now he is counseling people full-time, with colleague Sherry Daniels, also a licensed professional counselor.

"My personal gifts and interests allow me to help more people on a deeper level than I've been able to do before," said Flowers. "I love working with couples, helping them assess their strengths and weaknesses."

He also helps people with anxiety, depression and grief issues. "My goal is to help you articulate what's bothering you, and help you see that you probably have



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

David Flowers, a licensed professional counselor, sees people by appointment in his Fenton office, open since November, 2015.

more choices than it seems," said Flowers. "I will encourage you as you work to make whatever changes are needed in your life."

Flowers offers an initial free 30-minute consultation, so that a person can see if he is a good fit as a therapist. "You can call me at (810) 893-5248 or email me at dave@davidflowerstherapy.com," he said.

David Flowers Therapy is located at 2325 West Shiawassee Ave., Suite 105, east of the Berkshire Hathaway Home Services of Michigan office, across from Joe & Lewie's Penalty Box.

Massage Therapy

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The House and Senate are on a two-week spring break. Therefore, this report contains several recently introduced bills of interest.

House Bill 4763:

Authorize state poet laureate

Introduced by Rep. Sarah Roberts (D) to authorize the appointment by each governor of a state poet laureate, who would serve at the pleasure of the governor who could end the appointment at any time. The bill authorizes no compensation, but does allow government money to be used to reimburse travel expenses. The bill has 41 cosponsors from both parties. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4795: Sanction local gun ban preemption scofflaws

Introduced by Rep. Lee Chatfield (R), to authorize private lawsuits against a local government that violates a state preemption on local firearms ownership or use restrictions, which would allow plaintiffs to collect actual damages and costs if they prevail. Elected or appointed local officials who "knowingly and willfully" enact or enforce preempted restrictions would be subject to a \$5,000 civil fine. Reported from committee, pending before the full House.

Why dogs do what they do

■ There's a reason for some of those strange and sometimes gross behaviors

By Vera Hogan

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Everyone who has dogs for pets has a story to tell about their best friends — even if it's strange or not so nice.

While humans and their canine friends have learned to live together in harmony, dog owners often scratch their heads and ask, "Why is he doing that?"

According to dog expert, Professor Stanley Coren PhD, who has authored several books about dogs, there are reasons for everything your dog does.

Walking in circles

Experts say this behavior was for when dogs slept outside. The theory is that walking in circles tramples down long grass, creating a smoother, more comfortable nest. Since most dogs sleep inside it's more likely your dog is on his own — or your bed.

Kicking at the ground after doing their business

The answer to that is quite simple. They are marking their territory. They are trying to spread the scent of their leavings over as large an area as possible. This tells other dogs and animals that this is his backyard.

Ripping it up

Why do normally well-behaved dogs rip up paper products like toilet paper and tissue boxes? According to Coren, in a bottomlinepersonal.com article, soft paper feels like fur and feathers in a dog's mouth. Some dogs find that sensation irresistible. Of course, some dogs like tasty shoes, too, so it's best to keep whatever she likes to chew unreachable.

Diggin' up bones — or not

Dogs like to bury bones, but they usually don't dig them back up for one simple reason — they don't remember where they buried them. It's the same thing with squirrels that often don't remember where they buried nuts. Dogs that go without special treats for any length of time though will start nosing around and digging in the general area they may have buried something in hopes of finding it, which doesn't happen too often.

Chasing that tail

Chasing its tail is more of a puppy engaged in play, but it is rare among dogs over 4 months old. When an adult dog

chases its tail, it's likely just because he noticed it was back there. When grown dogs chase their tails they generally only do it for a few seconds. One that chases its tail for longer periods may be engaging in pathological behavior and a vet should be called to find out if your dog is in psychological distress and discuss treatment options.

Don't eat the grass

Experts say dogs eat grass for the same reason they eat anything else, they're hungry and grass is tasty to them. Many dog owners believe that eating grass is a sign that their pet is feeling sick and wants to vomit. There is no evidence to support that theory, according to Coren. The high fiber content in grass does sometimes make a dog throw up, but vomiting is not the main goal for eating grass.

Why do dogs eat their own ...

Dogs sometimes eat their own feces for the nutrients. Their intestinal tracts are relatively short, so they cannot always absorb all of the nutrients from food before it is expelled.



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Dogs like to rip paper products because they find the sensation of nosing around in the soft products irresistible.

Tail wagging is not always friendly

Just because a dog's tail is wagging doesn't mean she's friendly and won't bite. When the tail is held high and the wags are short and quick, that's a warning sign. The dog is trying to tell you to back off. Friendly wags are long and sweeping, with the tail held fairly low.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■
EVERYONE SHOULD call Robertson, Graves, Ananinch and other 'politicians' and tell them to stay home and quit passing laws and more taxation. The best way for them to serve us is to stay the hell out of Lansing. We are under siege by our elected 'representatives.'

■■■
A HOT LINE writer made an excellent point, pointing out that if government can set a minimum wage, it can set a maximum wage. To further the thought, a global governing body, like the WTO, might impose a global wage rate. This could be accomplished through trade agreements.

■■■
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■■■
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■ ReelTimes Video features company that builds inspection and sorting systems for global governments, companies

By Sally Rummel

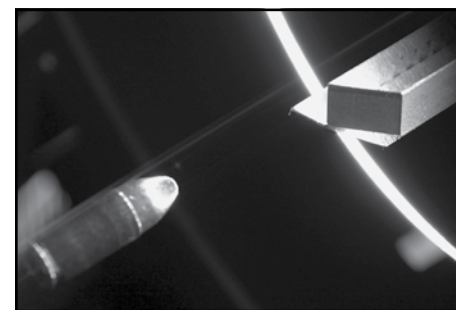
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SUSPECTS

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and Lamarr Dukes, 15, of West Bloomfield, appeared with their attorneys before Judge David Goggins.

No new information was presented.

Three FBI agents, Henrik Impola, Mike Wiggins, and Todd Reineck took the stand and testified.

The alleged incident occurred on Oct. 27, 2015. Social media posts on Instagram, direct messages and text messages suggested there might be a shooting at the school, to be carried out by the three teens.

All three have been charged with conspiracy to commit first-degree, premeditated murder, a felony punishable by up to life in prison and false report or threat of terrorism, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

Argentine Township Police handled the case and called in the FBI for assistance.

At a court hearing last month, it was revealed that the suspects were talking via text messaging about acquiring guns before they were apprehended.

On Wednesday, attorneys questioned Wiggins on whether the potential threat was simply that — potential. He said there's a difference between a potential threat and an actual threat.

"There was enough information there

to warrant people being talked to," Wiggins said.

Attorneys asked questions about the social media posts and text message exchanges between the three suspects.

"They went over the events of that day, getting all three in custody, searching of the phone and what the suspects were interviewed about," said Argentine Township Det. Doug Fulton.

Stevens remains lodged at the Genesee County Jail. Because of their ages, Brewer and Dukes remain lodged at the Genesee County Regional Detention Center.

On Monday at 1:30 p.m., the suspects are scheduled to be back in court and the judge will decide if the case will go to trial in Genesee County Circuit Court.

"We'll see if there's enough evidence to get bound

over," Fulton said. "All three defense attorneys are going to throw their spins on it, we're going to throw our spins on it and the judge will say 'yay' or 'nay,' if there's enough evidence to go to circuit or there's not enough evidence."

The judge will also decide if the suspects will remain lodged.

"Obviously we're going to push to keep them locked up until circuit," Fulton said. "Whatever happens in circuit happens whether there are plea deals or a jury trial, we'll see."

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Doug Fulton

Argentine Township detective

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A: Aurthur, This could be a few things and you might want to have a mechanic near you listen to it, the fuel pump will make a steady humming noise when the car is running and one thing you could do is listen while someone turns the key on and see if the sound is the same, (when you turn the key on the pump should run for 10 seconds or so to prime the fuel system) if this is the sound try changing the fuel filter first as it could be clogged causing the pump to work very hard to produce enough pressure and volume to keep the car running, next thing to look at is if the hissing sound is coming from the fuel cap or the vent valve under the car in the evaporative emissions canister, these valves can become inoperative at times causing the fuel tank to pressurize or have a vacuum, if this is the case you will need a professional to diagnose this as the cost can go very high if you replace the wrong part.

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Meet Erin Danhausen

- Linden graduate
- World Cup trap shooting competitor
- Industrial hygienist

By Hannah Ball

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Erin Danhausen, 23, graduated from Linden High School in 2011 and went to college at a small Christian college in Tennessee where she got a scholarship for shooting. While obtaining her degree in biology, she took her shooting hobby to the next level and competed at the World Cup in trap shooting in 2013 in Al Ain, United Arab Emirates. She now works as an industrial hygienist, testing Flint homes for lead.

How was Linden?

It was really good. I had lots of friends. There was no bullying throughout high school. I never saw it in Linden. That's one good thing, you could go up and talk to just about anybody. Teachers are great.

Did you go to college right after graduation?

Yes. In the fall, I went down to Tennessee, Bethel University, a tiny



Christian college. The town maybe has a population of 1,000. It triples when college is going. It's a really slow town. Walmart closed.

I have a biology degree with environmental studies minor. I was on their shooting team the whole time.

It's great being a northerner. We're used to driving in snow. We got a few inches of snow and then it rained and froze over at night. The roads were pretty bad but it wasn't the worst I'd seen. As soon as they heard it was coming, classes were canceled, stores were already selling out of food. Everyone buys bread and milk. They prepare for the apocalypse.

Tell us about what you do in Flint.

We go into homes and try to identify where children are getting lead poisoning. It could be from dust, soil, water, eating paint chips. We've seen children eating paint chips before.

We go around and we test every painted surface in the house. Anything that has paint, we test. I'm still new so they're still training me.

When you're not working what to do you in your free time?

I've gotten into painting.

Did you find it weird going from college to a "big girl job?"

No, because I did have jobs throughout college. If I would have gone straight from college to work, I think it would have been a lot harder.

What did you do with shooting?

We went to collegiate competitions.

"You're competing against all these Olympians. You get there and you're like 'this is not happening.' It's like going to the soccer world cup, but for shooting."

Erin Danhausen
*Linden graduate,
industrial hygienist*

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Erin Danhausen, 23, graduated from Linden in 2011. She did shot put and bowled for three years while in high school, and competed in national competitions for trap shooting while attending college in Tennessee.

Two hundred colleges take their teams down to Texas and we compete.

It was pretty neat. It helps pay for college and it's definitely nice. I placed several different individual awards.

In 2013, I placed second for American trap. There were three of us total so I knew I was going to get a medal but I didn't know which one. It's shoot until someone misses. No one missed. We shot 35 targets before I dropped one. I was like 'I'm going to get third.' Then the girl next to me dropped two in a row so I got the silver.

I won several individual awards for wobble strap with the World Cup. **What was it like shooting in the World Cup for trap shooting?**

You had to compete in competition here in the U.S. If you got on the podium, you got to go to a world cup. I got to choose between going to Mexico or United Arab Emirates. I chose to go to United Arab Emirates.

You're competing against all these Olympians. You get there and you're like 'this is not happening.' It's like going to the soccer world cup, but for shooting.

Everybody loves Americans.

I ended up getting 30th out of 67 women. For the first time I went, 30 is great.

I decided to stop because it was interfering with school. I had to stay a semester over because all the classes I dropped because of the World Cup.

Do you regret it?

Lord, no. Just to be able to say that I went to the World Cup, it's like 'heck yeah.'

What's something people don't know about you?

Aquariums are my favorite travel destinations. I can visit the same aquarium over and over and still love it.

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SWEET VARIATIONS

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Avenue, Schuler is moving "Sweet Variations" to a larger facility on Fenton Road in Fenton Township, in the same plaza where Sagebrush Cantina is located.

She inked the deal on her new lease last week.

Schuler decided to leave Dibbleville when a new landlord took away much of her space. While she still has a storefront, the back-of-the-store storage and work area had to be moved to the basement.

"I don't want my girls to have to run up and down steps all day," she said.

The new shop is all on one floor and offers double the space Schuler now has.

Although she said she will miss her downtown Fenton location and her walk-in customers, Schuler said she is hoping they will go the extra mile to patronize her new shop.

While the success of her business is not solely dependent on walk-in business, "It is very nice," Schuler said.

"The parking is definitely a lot better, and there I will have handicap parking again," she said. "I'm always complaining about my parking."

When asked if the city had anything to do with her decision to leave, she said it was not the main reason. "But they didn't help," she said.

Like many of the merchants in Dibbleville, Schuler's business did slow some during the nearly nine-month Streetscape construction project last year. Most recently, new rules regarding trash and recycling disposal have not made Schuler and other Dibbleville merchants too happy, having to now haul their weekly trash to The Laundry dumpster down the street.

Schuler anticipates her move to be completed sometime this summer. She does not yet have an exact date.

"It takes time to get everything rolling, and the kitchen moved," she said.

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At Sweet Variations in Fenton, Theodora Shelley of Flint laughs with employee Kate Lefever as owner Carol Schuler walks behind her. Schuler has decided to relocate to North Fenton Road in Fenton Township after 34 years in Dibbleville.

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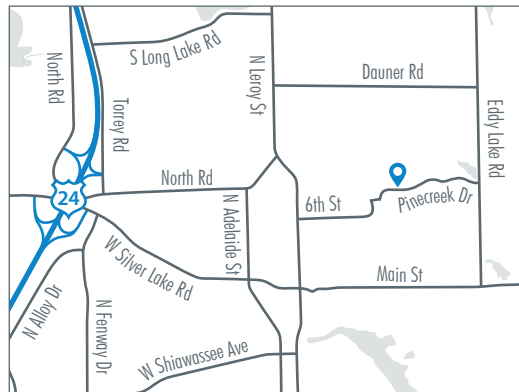
The Friends of Holly is a group of volunteers who love to camp and want to help improve the camping and outdoor activities for all who use the Holly Recreation Area State Park. We are currently planning a volunteer event in which we will be working to clean the roads, the beach, the campgrounds, and overall, helping the DNR give the park a little facelift. The event is currently planned for **Saturday, April 30 at 9 a.m.** at the shelter. Bring any gloves, rakes, shovel or tools that might help if you have them. Please consider coming out to give your time and energy to this worthwhile project. We could really use some new volunteers with willing hearts and hands. Looking forward to meeting new people and gaining new friends.

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Bronchos win first game at own stadium

■ Price's second-half goals leads Holly past Blue Devils, 2-1

By David Troppens

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Holly — The Holly varsity girls soccer team was a bit nervous.

Sure the players all attend Holly High School, and most have probably been on the varsity football field plenty of times, but on Wednesday the squad was entering the field in a way they never had before. They were about to play a varsity game on it.

The Bronchos (2-2) have made the move from their old field at the Karl Richter Campus to the actual varsity football field for the first time in school history this season, and Holly christened it the way the Bronchos wanted to — by earning a 2-1 victory against the Lake Fenton Blue Devils.

It marked the first time the Holly senior class players have ever beat Lake Fenton. The win means the girls are perfect at their new home.

"It feels pretty weird but it feels so good," Holly senior Haley Hild said about playing on the football field. "We've wanted this for so many years and it's awesome to play at our school."

"This was the first time in four years we've beaten Lake Fenton, and the first time we've ever played on this field. It was our first home game and we won. It was great."

Holly head coach Mark Diskin said he could tell his team was pretty nervous entering the contest.

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Lake Fenton's Mackenzie Kato (left) tries to shield the ball from Holly's Lexie Curtis in the Bronchos' 2-1 win on Wednesday.

Strong pitching leads Eagles past Holly in baseball sweep

By David Troppens

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Linden — It's impossible to lose if your opponent doesn't score a run.

The Eagles proved that theory on Thursday.

Linden's Lucas Marshall and Jack Shore tossed back-to-back shutouts, leading the Eagles to a doubleheader sweep against the Holly Bronchos.

Marshall tossed a four-hitter and struck out nine in a 1-0 victory in the opening game. In the nightcap, Jack Shore tossed a four-hitter and struck out eight Holly batters.

"I got ahead of the count," Marshall said. "I was able to get first-pitch strikes a lot and then I was able to command my curveball pretty well which resulted in strike outs and no tough innings."

Holly's pitchers were strong as well. D.J. Tennis tossed a four-hitter and struck out four batters in the opener. The only run he allowed came in the second inning. Shore doubled, was balked to third and scored on Aaron Sarkon's



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Linden's Chris Kitch tries to block a ball while Holly's Connor Caldwell slides back into first base.

RBI-ground out.

In the second game, Cole Sarkon hit an RBI-single and Conor Faught had a two-run double, providing Linden's runs.

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Holly, Linden softball split Metro League twinbill

By David Troppens

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Linden — Nothing much was settled on Thursday, as two area rivals battled to a doubleheader split at Linden High School.

The Holly Bronchos used a five-run fourth inning to spark a 6-3 victory in the opening contest. In the nightcap, Linden pitcher Christina Clemons tossed a one-hitter leading the Eagles to a 10-0 victory in five innings.

The only hit Clemons allowed in the second game was a second-inning infield safety by McKenna Robarge. Meanwhile, Linden's Kim Freitas had two hits and scored three runs, while Liz Rakowski had two hits, scored two runs and drove in two runs to lead the Eagles' offense. Ashley Bertschy provided two hits as well.

In the opener, Holly's five-run fourth gave the Bronchos a 6-2 lead.



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Linden's Liz Rakowski steals second base under the tag provided by Holly's Hailey Thompson. The teams split a doubleheader on Thursday.

The big hit was a two-run single by Hailey Thompson. Hannah Landwerlen and Jessica Richmond had RBI-singles during the inning as well.

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sports **briefs****HOLLY BOYS GOLF DEFEATS
CARMAN-AINSWORTH AT FENTON FARMS**

► Evan Vergith shot a 40 at Fenton Farms, leading the Bronchos to a 172-205 victory against Carman-Ainsworth. David Matthews shot a 42, while Mitch Smith and Luke Harrington carded 45s.

The Holly JV team also won with Tristan Flores, Noah Rooker and Hunter Ruff each shooting 48s.

FENTON GOLF DEFEATS LAKE FENTON

► Patrick Conroy shot a 39 at Fenton Farms, leading the Tigers by Lake Fenton 165-175. Chris Gilbert shot a 41, while Dylan Conte carded a 42. Brandon Diener had a 43. Lake Fenton was led by Jack Miller's 40, followed by Parker Mitchell's 42.

**HOLLY BOYS GOLF DEFEATS LINDEN IN
METRO LEAGUE DUAL MEET**

► Linden's Trevor Sundrla and Tony Masten tied for medalist honors with 39s, but Holly's four scorers were within two shots of each other, sparking the win. Holly's Luke Harrington shot a 40 while Kyle VanBoemel and Mitch Smith shot a 41. Evan Vergith shot a 42.

LAKE FENTON GOLF FALLS TO GOODRICH

► Andrew Allor shot a 40 at Fenton Farms, but the Blue Devils still lost to Goodrich 159-182. Jack Miller and Matt Tomczyk shot 47s for the Blue Devils as well.

LINDEN/FENTON BOYS LACROSSE WINS

► The Linden/Fenton varsity boys lacrosse team won captured a 9-2 victory against Bay City Western on Thursday.

*Fenton/Linden
girls lacrosse
crushes Oxford*■ Reuschlein, Withers
score four goals each

By David Troppens

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It was a close game at halftime, but it didn't stay that way.

The Fenton/Linden girls lacrosse team outscored Oxford 12-2 in the second half and cruised to an 18-8 victory Thursday night at Fenton High School.

The local co-op squad opened the second half by scoring the first six goals of the period.

Ellie Reuschlein and Maddy Withers scored four goals each. All four of Withers' goals came in the second half. Kelly Kemp provided three goals while Madison Maxheimer, Lauren Klein and Skylar Parks scored two goals each. Morgan White chipped in one goal.

Madeleine Albrecht made 11 saves.

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ELLIE**REUSCHLEIN**

Reuschlein (below left) scored four goals in the Fenton/Linden varsity girls lacrosse game against Oxford on Thursday.

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■ Linden varsity softball
splits with Mt. Morris

The Linden varsity softball team came one bad inning away from earning a sweep against Mt. Morris.

■ Linden baseball wins
two thrillers vs. Panthers

The Linden varsity baseball team almost had mirror image games during a doubleheader against Mt. Morris.



■ Fenton girls track performs well at invitational

The Fenton varsity girls track team competed in one of these fun early-season events on Wednesday. In the

process, the Tigers tied for second while competing at the Kearsley EarlyBird Invitational.

■ Fenton baseball splits twinbill with Swartz Creek

Fenton's scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth to win the first game of a doubleheader against Swartz Creek 4-2

on Thursday. However, Fenton managed just five hits in the nightcap, losing the contest 4-2.

■ Linden girls soccer posts 2-0 victory vs. Powers

Linden's Maddie Zayan and Alia Frederick scored goals, leading the Eagles to a strong 2-0 victory against

Powers on Wednesday. The win improved the Eagles' record to 3-0 on the young season.

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