



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Property owner Donna Hotchkiss is frustrated about the lack of parking in downtown Fenton. Several residents voiced opinions at the meeting.

Upset citizens say 'save the building'

■ Majority of people at crowded DDA meeting speak against demolition

By Vera Hogan

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Fenton — In what Chairman Craig Schmidt called a rare occurrence, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) held a special meeting Wednesday night in front of a packed house.

The issue at hand was the possible

demolition of 106 W. Shiawassee Ave. in the Dibleville area of downtown Fenton. The majority of those present were against the destruction of a 'historic' building, which they said adds to the charm of the downtown. They also expressed worry over what would be built in its stead should the building be torn down.

City Manager Lynn Markland explained some of the history of the building, saying the administration's research shows it was actually built in **See DEMOLITION on 11A**

“When you take down buildings you never get them back.”

Teresa Doan
Fenton resident

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Land swap deal will keep CRUST in city

■ Fifty new jobs are icing on the cake

By Vera Hogan

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Fenton — In order to keep CRUST from leaving the downtown Fenton area, the Fenton City Council is willing to do some “horse trading” for land to use for parking.

The promise of 50 new jobs also sweetened the pot.

See CRUST on 21A

Plans for Action Auto site revealed

■ SkyPoint requests financial support from DDA

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Fenton — The question “what’s going on that corner” has finally been answered.

At the April 20 special meeting of the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting, it was revealed that a three-story development, much like the Cornerstone building,

See PLANS on 14A



SkyPoint Ventures provided three renderings for a three-story structure at the site of former Action Auto at the northwest corner of Silver Lake Road and North LeRoy Street.



POLAR PLUNGE

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Largest penguin center in the world is less than hour drive from here

See story and more photos on Page 20A

Township sewer project — 10 years and counting

■ Treasurer explains why residents still paying \$255 a quarter

By Hannah Ball

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This is part one of a two-part series about the Fenton Township sanitary sewer system and sewer fund.

Fenton Township residents will pay \$255 a quarter for at least 10 more years for the sewer system rehabilitation project, according to a report put out by the township.

The township estimates they may be able to consider a minor rate decrease in four to five years, but the fee will remain a \$255 for at least 10 more years. The user fee was implemented in 2006.

Background

In 2002, the township entered into an Administrative Consent Order (ACO) with the Michigan Department of Environmental

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A worker for the Fenton Township DPW unclogs a sewer line on Thompson Road in 2013.

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“Morals and common sense aside, the biological differences between men and women alone are enough reason for women not to want to share a ‘seat’ with strange men in a public restroom. As a woman and a physician, I will never use any public restroom that is for both genders. It’s grossly inappropriate.”



“I hate to burst your bubble, 20/20 vision, but the King is alive and well in the Wednesday edition. As for Heller’s viewpoints, they are mostly nonsense with the liberal blinders firmly in place.”



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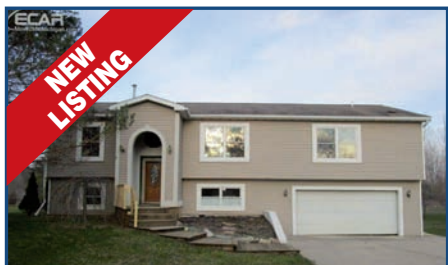
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ARE THERE MORE COYOTES IN THIS AREA?



■Area sightings a reflection of more homes encroaching on coyote territory

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Coyotes sightings are on the rise, but that may not be because there's an increase in coyote population.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Outreach Technician Holly Vaughn said, "Populations are not necessarily on the rise — we have just expanded our communities into coyote territory and so sightings are becoming more common in

urban areas."

Coyotes are common in Michigan, and are usually found in rural to urban areas.

A Linden resident reported seeing one in downtown Linden on Tickner Street about two weeks ago. They estimate it was about 20 inches long.

The coyote was visible under the street light and seemed to be looking for food in the ground. The animal didn't seem to find any and ran off toward the Mill Pond.

The resident said they had previously seen a coyote on the corner of Linden and
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“Their presence in subdivisions and urban or suburban areas, while surprising to many folks, is a result of increasing populations, both coyote and human.”

Holly Vaughn

Michigan Department of Natural Resources wildlife outreach technician

When you see a coyote...

- **Never approach** or touch a coyote.
- **Never intentionally** feed a coyote.
- **Eliminate all** outside food sources, especially pet foods and bird feeders.
- **Put garbage** out the morning of pickup day.
- **Clear out** wood and brush piles; they are good habitat for rats and mice and may attract coyotes.
- **Do not** allow pets to roam free when coyotes are present — consider keeping pets indoors or accompany them outside, especially at night.
- **If you** see a coyote, yell, clap your hands, bang pots and pans, in general make a lot of noise to scare away the coyote and let it know that this is your space and you don't want it there.

Source: Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Outreach Technician Holly Vaughn

What should you feed ducks?

■According to Michigan DNR, you shouldn't feed them at all

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The Michigan weather is making the fast transition from winter to summer with a barely a spring in between, the lakes are starting to get busy with people uncovering their boats, and wildlife is returning to the water.

Swans, geese, and ducks are common on and near the local lakes. People often feed these birds small pieces of bread when they swim by their home.

However, feeding ducks isn't the best practice.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Wildlife Outreach Technician Holly Vaughn said, "The best practice is not to feed them at all. Ducks and geese have plenty of natural food sources to eat all year long and they don't really need supplemental food."

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SUMMARY

■Waterfowl like ducks, geese, swans and gulls are becoming more common with the warmer weather, and people often feed them unhealthy bread. The DNR recommends not feeding them at all.



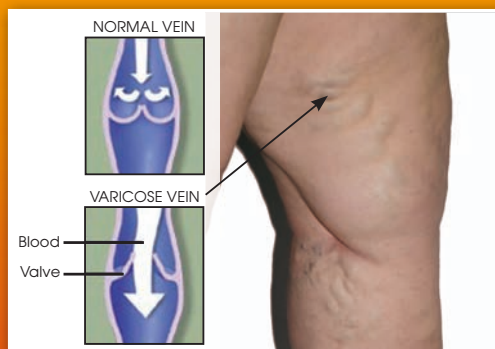
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People often want to feed ducks and geese bread, but the DNR said it's best not to feed them at all.

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Come *Heller* high water

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All dollars and no sense

You know what I'd like? I'd like to be put in charge of which commercials get on TV and which don't — a one-man review board, if you will. If I were, TV would be a lot less annoying than it is.

You wouldn't have commercials for oversized, manly man pick-ups that clamber over boulders while comedian Denis Leary babbles on in tough guy-speak about torque ratios. What the hell's a torque ratio and who hauls four tons of road rubble? Most pick-up owners I know would be horrified if their precious bedliners got scratched.



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

You wouldn't have commercials with cars driving ridiculous speeds on empty roads — or, worse, on the salt flats of Utah — just because, c'mon, who does that? If you drove like that, you'd get a ticket — you know you

would, and then your spouse would hassle you about it for miles: 'I told you, you were going too fast. But did you listen — noooo.' Please.

And, listen, if you drive on salt flats, you're seriously lost, OK? Next time try GPS.

You also would not have 12-minute commercials for prescription medicines. There's a special place in hell for whatever government yahoo let these things on TV. Who knew there are so many diseases, maladies, conditions, defects and syndromes? By sheer repetition, these things are slowly turning me into a hypochondriac. I wonder 'Hmm, maybe I have that.'

Then there's this: If the wonder drug they want me to ask my doctor about is so damned great, how come they spend the last five minutes of these commercials listing all the horrible side effects, which usually sound a lot worse than whatever the heck I've supposedly got in the first place?

Most of all, I would give the thumbs down to all commercials for products related to bodily functions and private regions.

We don't need these. We don't need commercials starring cartoon bears with

bits of toilet paper stuck to their backsides. We don't need some British woman asking us about what we use on our bums. That's just gross.

We don't need talking beds and chairs complaining about their gassy owners. We don't need commercials featuring babies running around with a load in the back. (Hey, mom and dad, how about changing the kid instead of buying him a diaper that holds more and in a more aesthetically-pleasing way?)

We don't need cutesy cartoon depictions of toenail rot, zits, hemorrhoids, bad breath, overactive bladders, phlegmy noses or grumbly intestines.

We get it. We're human beings. Life is messy, and nobody's perfect. We don't need ads constantly reminding us about the human condition when we're trying to relax. We all know where the pharmacy is — if we need something, we'll go get it.

Maybe I'm old-fashioned, but I prefer a little decorum.

As my pal Moon Dimple said once while watching a commercial in which a woman quizzes a busload of passengers about whether they have occasional constipation or not, 'Lady, if I did, I sure as heck wouldn't be blabbing about it to you.'

“There's a special place in hell for whatever government yahoo let these things on TV.”

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REGARDING ROYAL THOUGHTS today, Foster, you are cruel, but you are funny.

WHERE ARE THE recent DDA minutes on the Fenton website? They seem to stop at 2015.

WHY DOESN'T THE Tri-County Times subscribers vote whether to return Foster Childs back to Sundays or keep Andrew Heller. Wouldn't that be fair?

SO EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS, if you're a communist and have two cows, the government gets both. When you're a liberal, the government gets one. When you're a capitalist, you go buy a bull.

A HORN SAVED my life last week. I had just turned on my blinker to switch to the left lane on the expressway. Then the guy in my blind spot beeped. I switched back into my own lane. This is what car horns are for. Please don't use your horn unless it's necessary.

FROM HELLER'S LIBERAL mind: Guns cause crime, therefore if we take guns away from law-abiding citizens somehow criminals and crazies will give up their guns, too. From my conservative mind: No thank you.

PEOPLE WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA face huge hurdles in life. Shame on Foster Childs for making them the butt of his mean-spirited jokes.

MOVE LEFT WHERE it is safe? Are you saying normal Americans are dishonest and Socialist?

GREAT NEWS AMERICA, only 270 days until we get rid you know who. Come on, it's not too early, join in, sing along, 'Na na na na, na na na na, hey hey hey, goodbye.'

HERE'S AN IDEA, in November vote out every incumbent in office. After a couple of elections, most of the 535 members in Congress will have changed. Then weed out the crooks because they will be easier to expose. They can't control us unless we let them.

THAT OLD BUILDING belongs to the city. If you want it, buy it, move it, put in your backyard, whatever. But it's theirs so mind your own business.

IF HILLARY IS elected, here's what we'll see in 2020. An increase in national debt to \$30 trillion, increases in taxes, massive unemployment, increases in utility bills, increases in illegal immigration, increases in ISIS and increases in healthcare and a nuclear tax on Israel. All of this on Hillary's watch.

IN 1970, THE city of Fenton got rid of most of downtown Fenton. Seems like now the 2016 city of Fenton and DDA want to demolish all traces of what used to be a real downtown area of Fenton. They have the power to do it and they're going to use it. Stop tearing down what's left of old Fenton and keep the little of what's left.

MR. HELLER, YOU'RE on the wrong side of the bathroom and the wrong side of the gun issues. I suspect you are actually Andrea Heller. I miss The King.

BEFORE EVERYONE GETS excited about 106 Shiawassee, check your facts. We've lived in that house and it's not an historical home. Maybe there was something there in the early 1800s but the present house is from the 1900s and it is certainly not historical.

THE EPA SHOULD check the lead levels in Washington, D.C. water. It seems that when anybody goes to D.C., they develop mental problems. They forget why they went there and who sent them.

NOTHING IN LIFE is free and unfortunately not education and not health-care. Bernie and Hillary will continue to ruin our economy, eliminate jobs, and ruin businesses. Their plans will cripple the middle class with increase in taxes and paychecks that will decrease. Government should not make our choices, we should ourselves.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

If you were a flower, what would you be?



"Gerber Daisy. They come in a lot of different colors and they're very striking. They're really in style right now. They're a stand-alone flower."

Lorie Gavulic
Fenton Township



"I've always liked impatiens. They're able to go with the wind and they take a lot of abuse from the wind but they stay beautiful. They're delicate but beautiful."

Nancy Churchill
Linden



"Sunflower. They're big and bright."

Kaitlynn Koch
Linden



"Rose, because it's surrounded by thorns."

Tom Watt
Linden



"Dahlia. They're the prettiest. I'm always amazed because they're a tuber, a potato-looking thing and they grow maybe 5 feet tall and can have a dozen blooms. They bloom all summer."

Bob Oaks, Fenton

street talk



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West Shore student reports 'suspicious man'

One day after a Linden High School student reported a "stranger danger" incident in downtown Linden, a Lake Fenton elementary student reported another suspicious incident, which occurred during school on April 20.

Superintendent Wayne Wright sent home a letter to parents advising them of the report.

A student at West Shore Elementary School reported Wednesday that there was a man in the area of the walk bridge, which separates the playground from the condominium/apartment complex, just west of school property. The man was not on school property. The student reported that the man extended his hand as if to offer candy or something.

The student immediately went to the playground aide and reported the incident. The Genesee County Sheriff's Office was called to the site and deputies walked the area to investigate if the man

was still nearby. No one was located.

The man was described as being white, medium build, bald with a mustache and beard. He was wearing a gray shirt and blue jeans.

Lake Fenton Superintendent Wayne Wright said, "We are very cautious about any individual getting close to our children. We do hear of "stranger danger" alerts on a more regular basis in today's times and we are very diligent to make sure if a report is made in our area, we thoroughly investigate the situation."

Wright added that building doors are locked during the day and when children are on the playground, they have aides on-site observing while students are playing. Parents and guardians are asked to remind their children not to approach any stranger and to notify an adult who they do know if they are ever approached by someone suspicious. Then call 911.

Police&Fire report

BMW ALL OVER THE ROAD, DRIVER ARRESTED

At 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, Fenton police responded to the area of Silver Lake Road and Silver Parkway regarding a black 2006 BMW driving erratically. Lt. Jason Slater said the first caller said the car was all over the road, hitting curbs and that it had a flat tire. The car was seen pulling into an oil change business on Silver Parkway. An employee of the oil change business called police to report that a woman had driven into one of their bays and drove her black BMW partially into one of the pits. She was able to back up the car and then she drove away. Police learned that the same car was then spotted at a tire store on Owen Road and the woman was buying new tires. Police made contact with the woman, a 26-year-old Holly resident, who appeared to be under the influence of a substance. She was arrested for driving under the suspicion of drugs, prescription or illegal. Pending the results of the blood test, the case could be turned over to the prosecutor. The woman was also driving with a suspended license.

DRIVER SHOULD HAVE WORN HIS SEAT BELT

At 3:45 p.m. on April 17, a Fenton police officer saw the driver of a Chevrolet Blazer who was not wearing his seat belt. A traffic stop was initiated on Torrey Road. The driver, a 27-year-old Argentine Township man, was driving with a suspended license. He was arrested and issued a June 20 court date. The passenger in the vehicle, a 22-year-old Tyrone Township woman, was arrested for possession of marijuana after police found 16 grams of marijuana under her seat. She was arrested and issued a June 20 court date. Drug paraphernalia was also found in the vehicle. The vehicle was impounded.

LINDEN MAN STABBED, SUSPECT ARRESTED

A 34-year-old Linden man is listed in stable condition at Botsford Hospital after being stabbed on Tuesday, April 19. According to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), deputies and the Lyon Township Fire Department responded to the 100 block of Manistee Street in the Kensington Mobile Home Park at 8:35 p.m. Tuesday on a report that a person had been stabbed. While en route, deputies were informed that the victim had been stabbed several times with a knife and that the suspect had fled the scene. Deputies arrived and secured the scene. The Lyon Township Fire department rendered medical treatment to the victim. The victim and the suspect are reportedly friends and they had been drinking alcoholic beverages together during the evening. An argument ensued that led to a fist fight, which eventually escalated to the use of the knife. Deputies searched the park for the suspect with negative results. A K-9 unit responded to the scene to assist deputies with their search but with negative results. Detectives from the OCSO Fugitive Apprehension Team were able to apprehend the suspect, a 34-year-old Lyon Township resident, early Wednesday morning in Lyon Township. He is lodged at the Oakland County Jail pending charges.

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Senate Bill 818: Exempt yoga instruction schools from licensure mandate

To exempt yoga teacher training schools from a state licensure mandate imposed on private trade schools, with annual fees, government inspections, regulations and more. A Senate Fiscal Agency analysis notes that many take the classes just for the experience, and “the regulations reportedly have created a business environment that deters...offering or expanding instruction programs.”

Passed 35 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	YES

House Bill 4478: Authorize protection orders for threats against pets

To authorize courts to issue a personal protection order against a former spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend who threatens, harms or tries to take an animal in which the petitioner has an ownership interest, or who interferes with the petitioner’s efforts to remove the animal from the premises of the individual to be restrained.

Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	YES

House Bill 5283: Sell unclaimed property records to “locators”

To revise the “escheats” law that lets the state government take possession of unclaimed property, by allowing the state to sell information on this property to “locator” services that make money by finding apparent owners who pay them for having found the property. The bill would impose the equivalent of a \$300 annual license fee on these services in addition to the cost of any records they purchase.

Passed 75 to 33 in the House

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	YES

House Bill 4580: Let local governments selectively revoke selective property tax breaks

To allow local governments to revoke certain tax breaks selectively granted to particular corporations or developers if the beneficiary does not abide by the terms of the tax break agreement, or is judged to no longer meet the criteria under which the tax break was authorized. This applies to property taxes levied on business tools and equipment (“personal property tax”).

Passed 109 to 0 in the House

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	YES

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Springboard to college



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Linden Masonic Lodge recently hosted its annual Spring Awards Program where three 2015 Linden High School graduates were each awarded with \$1,000 scholarships. This is the first year that two Mary Huyck Scholarships were awarded along with the Linden Lodge Scholarship. Pictured are from left, Paul Fuller, PM, coordinator, Olivia Kirkey, Heather Wilson, Kaitlyn Pierce, and Scott Wogen, PM, coordinator.

News briefs

HARTLAND ALUMNI REUNION

The 93rd annual Hartland Alumni Reunion and Banquet will be held at Ore Creek Middle School on Hartland Road in Hartland Township on **Saturday, May 21**. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. This year’s honored graduates are from the classes of 1946 and prior, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976 and 1981. All graduates, including those from 2016 may attend. Graduates are welcome to bring a guest. Cost is \$15 person and in addition to \$4 in dues for each alumnus. All reservations must be mailed by May 9, with check made payable to Hartland Alumni Association. Mail to Cindy Voss, 5435 Norton Rd., Howell, MI 48843. Walk-ins will be charged an additional \$5 for dinner at the door, plus dues. For more information, call Joe Burgess, president – (810) 750-9294.

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Quality, which mandated that the township improve the sanitary sewer system, which was installed in the 1960s and '70s, to decrease sewage spills and overflows.

A total of \$13.6 million was issued in bonds.

Fenton Township spent approximately \$24 million on the sewer system from 2002-2010, with most of the spending taking place in 2007 after the fee increased to \$255 per quarter, according to the report. **The full report can be read online at fentontownship.org.**

The \$24 million covered the cost of doing inventory, cleaning and video inspection of the system, replacement of approximately six miles of sewer pipes, repairs to defects, refurbishing and repainting sewer pump stations, and fixing manhole covers.

The rehabilitation of the sewer system was substantially completed by the end of 2010, according to the report.

However, residents are still paying \$255 a quarter, the highest sewer fee to date, to pay off the debt from the remaining bonds.

“Between 1996 and 2004 the Township averaged 223 new connections to the sewer system. Between 2006 and 2014 the Township averaged fewer than 17 connections per year.”

John Tucker
Fenton Township treasurer

WHY IS THE RATE STILL SO HIGH AFTER 10 YEARS?

According to Fenton Township Treasurer John Tucker, since the township spent little to nothing on sewer maintenance for decades, the system had multiple failures, prompting the ACO.

Tucker said the township is assessed at a .7 mill, which only generates \$500,000 per year. Paying for sewer repairs out of operating funds was not

possible so bonds, which will continue into the late 2020s, were issued.

The township transferred money from the general fund to the sewer fund a few times the past three years to make timely payments on the bond debt.

The continuing bond payments are one reason why the rates are still high. In 2015, 75 percent of the sewer fund was spent on bond repayments and treatments.

The real estate market crash is another reason.

“At about the same time as the Township was expending the bulk of the money for the repairs to the sanitary sewer system, the real estate market crashed,” Tucker said. “That crash also caused the number of new users connecting to the system to drop dramatically.”

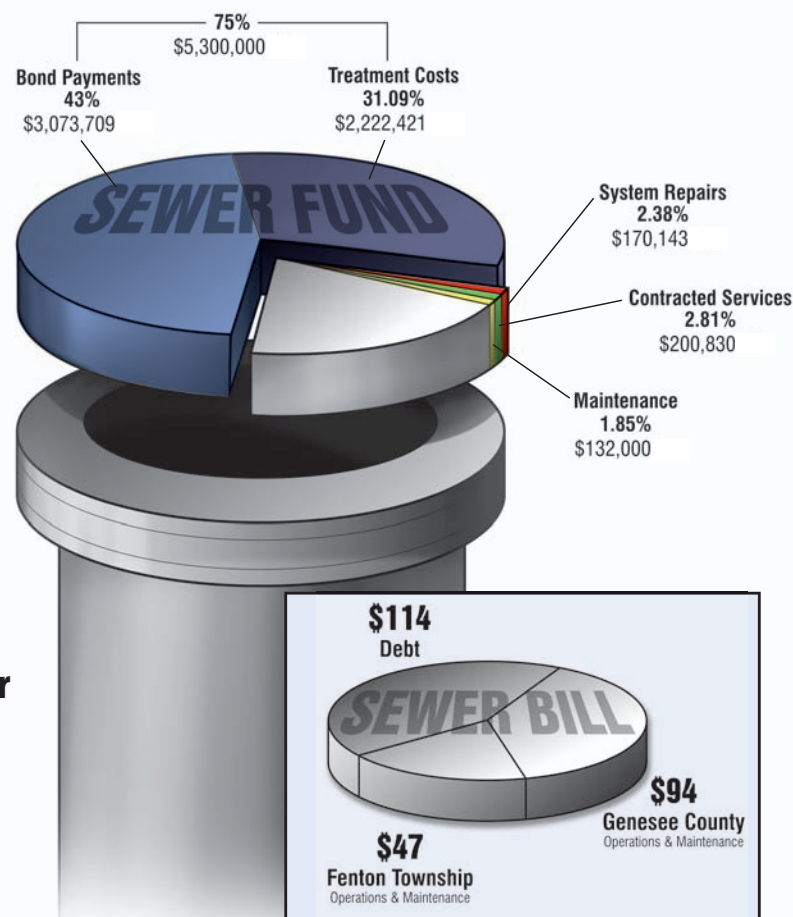
Before 2006, revenue significantly increased with each addition of a connected priced at \$4,000 to \$4,500 per connection.

“Between 1996 and 2004, the Township averaged 223 new connections to the sewer system. Between 2006 and 2014 the Township averaged fewer than 17 connections per year,” he said.

New connections in 2004 accounted for 28 percent of the sewer fund revenue, but it dropped to 1 percent in 2008.

Tucker said a third reason for the high rates is the increasing cost of processing saw sewage put into the system, which has increased a total of \$1,225,000 per year from 2006 to the present.

However, the township is looking for ways to reduce the fee, which will be explored in part two.



Sewer and fee breakdown

• **Because of** the number of lakes, Fenton Township's sanitary sewer system is extensive, with the second highest number of lift stations in Michigan, second to the city of Detroit.

• **The township has** the following: 57 lift stations, which are connected to 5,234 homes and businesses using 6,200 connected sewer units, 97 miles of sanitary sewer pipe and 2,500 manholes.

• **Money generated** from the user fee goes to operation and maintenance, and the cost of bond payments to retire the debt issued to construct, expand or improve the system, according to the report.

• **From the \$255 fee**, \$94 goes to Genesee County for operations and maintenance, \$47 goes to Fenton Township for operations and maintenance, and \$114 goes to the debt.

Who does repairs and maintenance?

Cook Excavating has been the Township's sewer maintenance contractor since 2011, when they were one of three contractors that submitted proposals in a response to a request for proposals, according to the township. Fenton Township awarded Cook Excavating and Waldorf & Sons three-year contracts in 2011 for different services. In 2014, Cook Excavating was the only contractor that lowered the rates per township request, and were awarded another three-year contract. The contract expires Aug. 31, 2017.

Department of Public Works

The DPW building, which is owned and operated by Fenton Township on Silver Lake Road, was constructed in late 2013 and became operational in 2014. Cook Excavating uses the building for all township-owned sewer related equipment, like pipes, pumps, parts, and generators, according to the township. The land it was built on and the funds used for construction came from the sale of tax-reverted property and cost the township nothing. It was built in order to save \$60,000 a year in rental fees, according to the township.



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■■■■
ON THE SIGNS that read 'Welcome to Fenton,' why don't we add 'the town that tears everything historical down.' What's next, the museum? That would make a wonderful parking lot.

■■■■
DOES ANYONE ELSE find House Bill 4762, introduced by Representative Robert Kosowski, a Democrat, to add a new tax on auto mileage totally out of line? I am totally outraged.

■■■■
MOST OFFICIAL FORMS ask you to check M or F. Now they need to have another square to mark an NS. That means 'not sure.'

■■■■
THANK YOU TRI-County Times, for reporting via Twitter and Facebook that the special Fenton City Council meeting was posted on the door of City Hall over the weekend. Since it was not on the city website, some of us might have missed it.

■■■■
WE ARE SO grateful for Vera Hogan's reporting. Her articles dig deep and let the citizens know what is going on. Thank you, Vera.

■■■■
FOR ALL YOU retirees, who can't find anything to do, go to the Loose Senior Center. You will meet new friends. Try it, it's fun.

■■■■
I WOULD LIKE to second the comment concerning Mr. Krug and the dog park plus the athletic fields off Thompson Road. There are fields nearby on North Long Lake Road. Maybe he wants the park named after him.

■■■■
I DON'T WANT my wife, daughter or granddaughter to see a grown transgender man urinating in a woman's bathroom. I think the world is getting very twisted.

■■■■
THE PEOPLE WHO live next to the park on Ruth and Margaret Drive don't want back-lot people to use their park. Is that what it's coming down to, back-lot people versus lakefront people? You knew there was a park there when you bought it. By the way, I live on the lake side and you don't represent me.

■■■■
IT'S TIME TO run for Fenton Township positions. If you're tired of the sewer fees that were supposed to be temporary but weren't, if you're tired of the highest taxes possible but not being able to get down

the side streets after a snow storm, if you're tired of everything being a civil matter and the township won't get involved, run for office. It is time for change.

■■■■
I SEE THAT Dr. Wax, who purchased the Linden vacant corner, wants to do something that will draw people to Linden. One of the best things she could do is to make a Veterans Park on part of the property. There would be no better place than downtown Linden.

■■■■
I AM VERY sad that Sweet Variations is moving from downtown. It's too bad that she couldn't move into another place downtown.

■■■■
I HEAR HOLLY Area Schools have to add eight days to their 2016/2017 calendar year. That means students won't get out until June 21. Time to check into charter schools.

■■■■
TO THE COUPLE at the grocery store on Saturday with two full baskets of groceries using the 10 item or less line. You are selfish and ignorant. I am a retired math teacher and would be glad to give you special rates for tutoring. I will even teach you to count to 100.

■■■■
OPINIONS ARE LIKE gas to most people. Everyone else's stinks but not theirs.

■■■■
CURT SCHILLING FOR president.

■■■■
DDA STANDS FOR Downtown Development Authority. Development to bring in new good services and buildings in order to promote the use of the area. Authority, of course they have the authority to do that. Out with the old and in with the new, and raise taxes because that's what your DDA was founded to do.

■■■■
HEY KING, YOU and I are about the same age and of my kids who have moved out of the house and are on their own, I do have a scientist, an engineer, a healthcare professional, and a future engineer. I don't think our kids are any stupider than we were, I just think maybe we're not paying very good attention to each other.

■■■■
DID YOU REALLY think the attorney general was going to find anything out against our governor, Snyder? It's kind of like the fox watching over the chicken coop.

TYRONE TOWNSHIP BID NOTICE

Tyrone Township is seeking bids for cutting and chipping dead trees along roads in the township. A copy of the bid specifications may be obtained at the township hall, via email, or on our web site at www.tyronetownship.us.

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Communicating via secret apps

■ **Attention parents:** this is information you need to know

By Hannah Ball

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Text messaging isn't safe. Emailing isn't safe. Snapchat isn't safe.

With the normal apps that can be downloaded to smartphones, it's nearly impossible to send a completely secret message.

Even **Snapchat**, which promised users once they sent a picture it would disappear forever, was caught in a scandal that revealed the company had saved millions of pictures users had sent. Not to mention users can simply take a quick screenshot of the picture to save it.

If you want to send a completely 100-percent secret message to someone, you have to use certain apps or just ask a teenager.

Over 70 percent of teens admitted to hiding online activity from their parents in 2012, according to Today, and that number has only grown with the popularity of smartphones over the past four years.

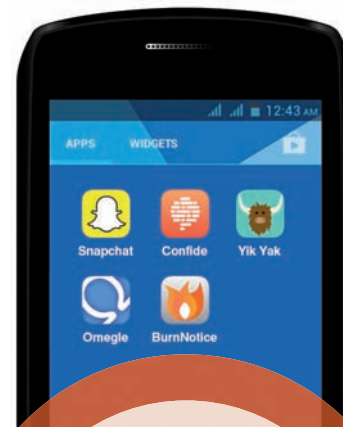
Certain apps, like **Confide**, have started using military-grade software to ensure the message stays private. According to getconfide.com, Confide lets you send and receive secure and encrypted messages.

After receiving a message with Confide, the user must place their finger on the screen to read the message. Only one line is visible at a time, making it hard to get a useful screenshot.

Once the message is viewed, it disappears forever. The sender is notified when the person reads the message and if they attempt to take a screenshot.

However, someone can always take a video of someone reading the message to record it.

While privacy is a great premise to encourage someone to use an app, the trusting nature that comes with the seclusion of these conversations often has dire consequences.



Above are common apps that teens are using to message each other.

They also use "ghost apps," which look like harmless phone function apps, to message people in private.

For example, many teens use **Yik Yak**, a geographically-based app that allows users to anonymously post messages to other people in the same area. Think anonymous Facebook, but simpler.

Many students in the same school or college are able to see each other's posts.

The app enables people to post about anything, but it's often used to say negative things about teachers and students and can promote online bullying.

There are many posts making threats to other people and institutions.

Omegle, another anonymous app, pairs users with strangers. According to commonsensemedia.org, the app is filled with people wanting to discuss sexual acts and while it's not for minors, many teens still use it.

Teens use a variety of other apps to hide to whom they're talking.

Burn Notice is an app that promises messages will disappear after they're read. According to commonsensemedia.com, one danger with this app is that even though someone may not have the app, they can still receive a message from Burn Notice.

Users are more willing to send negative, cyber bullying messages when no evidence of the message remains.

Teens are also using "ghost apps," which look like harmless phone function apps, to message people in private. Some of these apps appear to be a calculator or a calendar, but when the user opens it and enters the password, they can see secret photos and messages.

According to Today, parents should see what apps their teen has downloaded. If a phone has more than one calculator or calendar, one might be a ghost app.

Know which apps have access to the phone's camera, and have an open conversation with your teen about the dangers of sharing too much over messaging.

SUMMARY

■ Teens don't only use text messaging and Facebook to communicate anymore. To keep their parents from knowing, many use apps that look inconspicuous to secretly message others.

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the very early 1900s, and that it is not the hotel, stagecoach stop built by Judge Daniel LeRoy and William Fenton in 1837.

He also explained that the DDA was created in 1993 to rebuild the downtown, which was demolished in the mid-1970s during "Urban Renewal."

Markland also discussed the DDA's downtown Master Plan, which was approved 10 years ago in 2006. Both he and Mayor Sue Osborn said there were numerous public hearings at both DDA and City Council meetings, where citizens had many chances to express their concerns about the contents of the proposed Master Plan.

Elizabeth Dickens was the first to speak during public comment. The owner of The Iron Grate for 36 years, Dickens said she has been a Fenton resident for 46 years.

"It is my firm belief that we should be celebrating and playing up our history and using it as a tool for a viable and successful business district," said Dickens. "the historical features are what make our town unique and indeed why people want to visit Fenton."

Teresa Doan thanked the DDA for its help in renovating the library. "With the DDA's help, it was brought back to life and it is a showplace."

Doan then said of Fenton, "We grew up in a sleepy, quiet, wholesome community. I would like to ask you all to take a deep breath and save Dibbleville. When you take down buildings you never get them back."

Preston English said he is the person who started the Facebook page "Save Fenton's History," which has nearly 240 followers.

English said he feels bitter that decisions made by people a decade ago are going into effect today.

Each time a member of the public spoke, Schmidt took several minutes to comment on their statements.

Doug Tebo, chairman of the Oakwood Cemetery Board and member of the Fenton Historical Society asked why requests for



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City Manager Lynn Markland's thorough explanation of the DDA and the history behind the house didn't diffuse the anger of the crowd.

proposals were not sent out.

Many people have expressed interest in both the purchase and rental of the 106 W. Shiawassee building. Schmidt said the DDA is no longer interested in leasing properties.

Tebo said he and his wife like to visit little towns in their free time. "The old mom and pop places, that's what we love." He said he would like to keep that same atmosphere in Dibbleville.

Donna Hotchkiss, who owns two of the buildings in Dibbleville, said she wasn't there to speak for or against the demolition of the house. But if it is eventually demolished, she

wants it to be a parking lot.

"That parking lot was promised to us," she said of the city manager in place in 2006.

An upset Hotchkiss said since Elizabeth Street, behind one her buildings was "given to The Laundry," her tenants have no place to park. She said she is not permitted to put a "tenants only" parking sign in back of her building, and questions why The Laundry can have a sign indicating the last space is for carry-out customers only.

"Everything has been good for you," she said to Mark Hamel (co-owner of The Laundry/CRUST), who is a member of the DDA.

Hotchkiss said she has nothing against Hamel but said Elizabeth Street behind her building is always filled with cars parked by people eating at The Laundry.

Schmidt says studies have shown that people don't mind walking a bit further to where they can enjoy multiple activities, such as shopping and dining. He said her tenants could park in the municipal parking lot behind the police station.

"Not when they are trying to carry bags of groceries," she said.

Rochelle Molyneaux and her husband own multiple buildings in and around downtown Fenton. She said they have restored four houses near the downtown area and believes the 106 W. Shiawassee home can be restored. "It could be something very nice," she said. "The beams are good,

the roof is good, the house is pretty solid."

Molyneaux, like several others who followed her during public comment, questioned why requests for proposals (RFPs) were not sent out. They questioned the DDA spending \$20,000 to tear down the building when someone who buys it could do that.

According to the November 2015 minutes of the DDA meeting, Markland said RFPs would go out after the first of the year — which they did not.

Megan Putnam, who with her husband restored a home built in 1860 near the downtown, said she believes the house should be restored as well. "I don't think it's good to be tearing down a building to build a new one that looks old."

Carol Schuler, owner of Sweet Variations, who recently announced that after 34 years she is moving from her corner shop at W. Shiawassee and S. LeRoy to Fenton Township, said she is trying not to be bitter.

"When I heard that Rex (Rogers, previous occupant) was leaving, I contacted Mike Burns and said 'I want that building.' He said he would take it to the DDA meeting, but I never heard anything.

"Don't tear it down because you don't think anyone wants it," Schuler said. "There are people who would kill to be in that building."

Markland said there is no question there is interest in the building, referring to six to 12 people who have contacted him.

"I didn't want to leave town," Schuler said.

Schmidt said the DDA would not be making a decision Wednesday night, but would take it up again at its next meeting in May.

Dickens and Donna Seger, president of the Fenton Historical Society presented to the DDA a total of 10 pages of signatures on a petition to save the building.

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PLANS

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will be constructed on the old Action Auto site, at Silver Lake Road and North LeRoy Street.

Peter Hughes, director of real estate for SkyPoint Ventures, which is owned by Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman, displayed conceptual drawings showing what the mixed-use building might look like.

Hughes was there to request a \$350,000 contribution from the DDA so that they may proceed with an application to the state for Brownfield Tax Increment Financing. He said the state requires a financial commitment from the local community showing its support for the project as part of the application.

Because the site was in the past used as a gas station and auto repair facility, environmental cleanup was required, and has been completed.

Hughes said the original project was projected to cost \$7.2 million. It has been scaled back to just under \$5 million.

The \$350,000 contribution represents 7 percent of the total project cost.

DDA Director Mike Burns, who is also the assistant city manager, said he has budgeted \$500,000 for Master Plan implementation and recommended the board restrict the \$350,000 from those funds. Money would not actually change hands, the funds would just be restricted to serve as the financial contribution.

DUCKS

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When ducks and geese are fed, they become used to the behavior and they expect it from humans.

"This is how nuisance situations begin in parks/neighborhoods, etc," she said. "Some birds can become aggressive in situations where they are routinely fed. I've seen gulls grab food right out of people's hands."

One of the most common items to feed ducks and geese is bread. It's easy to crumble into small pieces and throw to the animals, but experts say it's harming the environment and the animals.

According to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), you should never feed bread to waterfowl.

"Bread is unhealthy for ducks, geese, swans and gulls. It has very little nutritional

value," Vaughn said. Visibly surprised by the number of people in the audience present for another agenda item, Hughes offered to pass around the conceptual drawings for all to see.

"We want to be completely transparent, there is no reason not to discuss it," he said.

Hughes cautioned that the plans are only conceptual. SkyPoint has not yet sought Planning Commission or other approvals.

Hughes described the uses in the proposed building. He said retail shops would be at the first floor level, with offices on the second and third floor. He said he envisions companies providing services such as legal, engineering, architectural, for example, to occupy those offices.

Once all required approvals have been met, Hughes said there could be shovels in the ground in six months, but more likely it would take a year to a year and a half to complete.

Since the site has been cleaned up, SkyPoint has five years to complete the development, or they could lose the tax increment financing to cover the cost of the cleanup.

According to City Manager Lynn Markland, "They can only capture the amount spent on remediation of the site."

The DDA unanimously approved earmarking the \$350,000 as requested. The revised plan is expected to go before the Fenton City Council at its April 25 meeting.

value," Vaughn said.

When ducks and geese eat scattered bread somewhere on land, they defecate where they eat, which spreads disease and causes outbreaks.

Occasionally, humans can pick up the diseases waterfowl pick up.

When waterfowl eat bread, their waste becomes unnatural and can result in water quality problems like algae blooms and higher than normal E. coli levels.

According to the DEC, feeding them promotes overcrowding because they will flock to where they can get food. This can cause over-glazed and badly-eroded lawns often at school playing fields and golf courses.

Feeding them also attracts them to human habitats, according to the DEC, like parking lots, gas stations and fast-food restaurants, which can cause harmful human-animal interactions.

**“The best
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Purses for Protection



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More than 100 women attended the first Purses for Protection event last Thursday at Sawyer Jewelers in Fenton. The event, hosted by Zonta, a women's advocacy group, and Sawyer Jewelers, raised more than \$8,000, with \$5,000 of that amount going to the YWCA. Mary Ann Beltinck, owner of the jewelry store said they are considering giving the rest to Zonta. More than 270 purses were donated and purses that were not auctioned off at the event will be auctioned off online with expectations of meeting their goal of raising \$9,000. Money given to the YWCA will help build a laundry room, nursing room, two bedrooms and a lounge in the new YWCA location.

COYOTES

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Lahring roads. They had heard about a coyote sighting at Price's Airport a few weeks ago and they were nervous about the coyotes being a threat to little dogs.

Vaughn said that while coyotes live close to humans, they're usually good at staying out of sight.

Coyotes are found where there's an adequate amount of food, cover, and water, and their adaptability allows them to survive in virtually all habitat types in the Great Lakes State, according to Vaughn.

"Their presence in subdivisions and urban or suburban areas, while surprising to many folks, is a result of increasing populations, both coyote and human, and encroachment of human environments into their natural habitat, from

development of rural areas," she said.

Coyotes rarely attack or threaten humans. Vaughn said there's a far greater possibility of being bitten by a snake, rodent, or domestic dog than being bitten by a coyote.

"However, coyotes that are fed become accustomed to people and present a human safety risk," she said.

SUMMARY

■ The DNR says with the human population on the rise, it is causing more encroachment into coyote territory.

Vaughn said people should never feed coyotes or attempt to tame them so that they remain afraid of people.

She said if you see a coyote, try to scare it away.

"By making yourself seem scary and threatening, the coyote should retain its fear of people and easily scare away," she said. "This may not work if the coyote is being fed or if there are food sources like pet food or bird feeders in the area."



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- To receive public comments regarding proposed amendments to Zoning Ordinance #36:
 - Amendments to Section 21.52 SUPPLEMENTARY SHORELAND REGULATIONS, to clarify and consolidate regulations applicable to lots with water or wetland frontage;
 - Proposed new Section 21.58 KEEPING AND DISPLAY OF EXOTIC ANIMALS AND WILD ANIMALS, and supporting amendments to Section 2.01 DEFINITIONS, Section 4.03 SPECIAL LAND USES IN THE FR DISTRICT, and Section 21.49, KEEPING OF PETS;
- To receive public comments regarding the request of Zach and Stephanie Nutt for a Home Occupation permit for a Federal Firearms Licensed dealership located at 11498 Farmhill Drive.

Additional information is available at the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Tyrone Township Clerk, at (810) 629-8631, at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Mark Meisel, Chairman
Tyrone Township Planning Commission

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SPRING INTO SUMMER ART & CRAFT SHOW

The Holly Historical Society's new annual Spring into Summer Art & Craft Show is from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 30**, at the Karl Richter Community Center, 300 East St. in Holly. More than 45 exhibitors will showcase Michigan-made products by local artists and crafters for unique Mother and Father's Day gifts. Admission is \$1 and there is plenty of free parking and handicapped accessibility. A light lunch will be served from 12 to 2 p.m. Holly High School Senior Project Graduation will be selling baked goods. The fundraiser is for the Hadley House Museum, an 1873 Italianate wood structure in need of a fresh coat of paint and new porch boards. Organizers expect to host this show every year on Saturday, the week before Mother's Day weekend. It will be a chance to think spring after a long Michigan winter. For more information, call (248) 634-5338.

WHAT YOU MISSED *in the* MIDWEEK TIMES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016 edition

Compiled By Vera Hogan
The following are just a few stories published in the Wednesday, April 20 Midweek Edition of the Tri-County Times. To subscribe and get all of the week's news, please call (810) 629-8282.



TEN MILLION TONS OF TRASH

In recognition of Earth Day on Friday, April 22, the Times learned what goes on at Citizens Disposal, Inc., operators of the landfill at U.S. 23 and Grand Blanc Road.

SCHOOL SHOOTING PLOT SUSPECTS HEADED TO TRIAL

After hearing from the lawyers, who asked for charges to be dismissed, the judge said no and all three Linden school shooting plot suspects are going to trial in Genesee County Circuit Court.

DDA TO HEAR CITIZENS' CONCERNS ABOUT DEMOLITION OF 'HISTORIC' HOUSE

A significant number of people are expected to attend the April 20 DDA meeting to express their views on the DDA's plans to demolish 106 W. Shiawassee Ave.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE PERSON who picked up my gas cap at the gas station on Shiawassee by the light, I really feel bad that I didn't put the cap back on. It's a hardship. All you have to do is bring the gas cap back to the gas station and they'll save it for me. I really would appreciate you bringing it back down. God bless you.

IT'S A SHAME Sweet Variations has to leave downtown but at least they'll be on my side of the town and maybe I can get there a little more often. They're just doing terrible things to downtown. They're tearing everything down and we have nothing left from the old world.

I'M VERY SORRY about the misguided Hot line caller. If you're old enough to go to war and you're old enough to fight and die for our country then you're old enough to have a say in who's going to be president.

OH BOY, JUST read the DDA's downtown Master Plan online and it's a pretty funny document. One of their plans is to acquire the Fenton Post Office property and relocate the post office. Really? This ought to be good.

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Meet Maureen Ottney

- Retired Outreach coordinator
- Proud grandmother
- Avid community member

By Hannah Ball

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Maureen Ottney retired on Thursday, April 21 from more than 40 years of service at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. After volunteering, she was hired in 1981 as the outreach coordinator. She is known around the community for helping thousands of families in need, and wants to thank the church and the community for their help.

When did you start working at St. John's?

In 1975, at the time of the fall of Vietnam, Bishop (Kenneth) Povish of the diocese of Lansing formed a commission of people from the parishes who (wanted) to respond to the need of resettling the Vietnamese in our country.

I chose to be a volunteer from our St. John's church. I was able to get many parishioners here to help make this effort a success.

In 1980, Bishop Povish called us together to see if we would start an outreach for the people in our country. Everything worked so well with the ones from Vietnam so hopefully we would experience good luck.

How has the community changed since you started working here?

It really changed a lot. My kids are all grown up now, for one thing. My husband could work any place, he was an engineer. People could call and say who do you think could do this job? They would say you should get Bob Ottney because if anything went wrong, he's the one who would go back and make it right. It's a nice thing to have a reputation like that.

How has the church changed?

When we came here to town, we had Father Hays and then he moved onto Charlotte, I think. Father (David) Harvey was here a long time, everyone likes him a lot.

How many families have you helped?

A few thousand families. Every day we get at least five or six families that call. Someone was asking me 'do you only help people in our church?' There can be no prejudice. People in all churches are important. Sometimes I think 'what if that was me? What would be the best way to treat me if that were me?'

Helping those families has to have a great effect on the community.

Yes. Working with the families has been so nice because so many of them have lost jobs. They've all been very good to help with their bills and rent. Sometimes the food pantry helps with



"In the job, I could create opportunities for people and help people create opportunities for themselves."

Maureen Ottney
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church retired outreach coordinator

the people who are struggling, too. So many of them turn out to be success stories. I certainly didn't do it alone. All these churches and the community made it possible.

How does it feel to help those families?

It's a very wonderful thing to know that the work we do here is very meaningful to so many people. There's a lot of satisfaction in knowing that you helped people and that their lives can be better.

What do you do in your free time?

I do so much of this, sometimes I'll make a home visit to somebody.

Tell me about your family.

My husband died in 2007. He received bad blood during a heart operation. I have a daughter in Henderson, Nevada. Her young daughter plays the violin like you can't imagine. She could be in the Philharmonic. She goes to a place where kids are especially talented with music.

Why are you retiring?

I think it's time. The program is going to continue and is going to have three volunteers. I know the three people who are going to work it and they are certainly good people.

What are you going to do when you retire?

There's plenty to do. I've been working on a few things but I haven't decided on anything yet.

Are you sad you're retiring?

In some ways, I feel a little bit sad but in other ways no, it's been a great life. In the job, I could create opportunities for people and help people create opportunities for themselves. Some of the people needed more schooling. It isn't easy today for someone to get a job whether they are educated or not.

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HANNAH BALL

Maureen Ottney has retired after 40 years of serving the community through St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. She's helped thousands of families as the Outreach Coordinator and said that good people are taking over to continue the program.

Is there anything else you want to add?

A big thank you to the community because it never would have worked without them. This phase of the job couldn't have been so good if it hadn't been for the people of Fenton and the people of St. John's and all the churches here. I give big thanks to them.



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From book to stage

Fenton Village Players perform 'To Kill a Mockingbird' for high school students

By Hannah Ball

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Local high school students saw one of the most widely read books brought to life on stage on Wednesday.

The Fenton Village Players performed "To Kill a Mockingbird," based on the original book by Harper Lee. They did this as a community service for high school students in addition to performing the show during regular show times.

Mary Powers, director of the play, said they chose the story because "it's one of those stories that's timeless and teaches you such important lessons about respect and speaking up for what you believe in, and doing what you want to do, not what a crowd wants you to do."

Approximately 450 students from Beecher, Fenton, Lake Fenton, Linden, Holly schools and Job Corps saw the play and read the book.

After the play, the students were able to ask the actors questions about the perform-

ance and the book.

"To Kill a Mockingbird," a Pulitzer prize-winning book, was written by Harper Lee in 1960. Lee died in February after publishing the sequel to Mockingbird, "Go Set a Watchman" in July of 2015.

According to a press release from Fenton Village Players about the play, "The date is 1935 and racial tensions are high in Maycomb, Alabama."

The play tells the story of a young girl, Scout, who watches her attorney father defend a black man, Tom Robinson, who's on trial for raping a white woman.

Throughout the trial, her father, Atticus Finch, argues that Robinson couldn't have possibly committed the crime because one of his arms is permanently disabled, and the allegations are false.

That doesn't stop the jury from finding him guilty.

"Through the deep seated racial prejudice Scout begins to realize that just because society portrays something as being true doesn't mean that it is actually fact," according to the FVP press release. "Scout learns that 'growing up' often means doing what is right even when it comes with great cost."

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Fenton Village Players director



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Following the performance, students were able to ask questions of the cast and director. These students are with Holly and Lake Fenton high schools.

LOOKING BACK

at this week

IN LOCAL HISTORY

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APRIL 24
1916: On Easter Monday in Dublin, the Irish Republican Brotherhood, a secret organization of Irish nationalists led by Patrick Pearse, launched the so-called Easter Rebellion, an armed uprising against British rule. Later that day, however, British authorities launched a counter-offensive, and by April 29, the uprising had been crushed. The Easter Rebellion is considered significant toward establishing an independent Irish republic.

APRIL 25
1989: James Richardson walks out of a Florida prison 21 years after being wrongfully convicted of killing his seven children. Evidence showed that the conviction resulted from misconduct by the prosecutor. In addition, neighbor Betsy Reese had confessed to the crime to a nursing home employee. On Oct. 25, 1967, Richardson and his wife were working when Reese came over to heat up a meal for the couple's seven kids. After they finished eating, the children began foaming at the mouth. They were dead moments later from poisoning. Police found that the rice and beans had been laced with the pesticide parathion. Reese then reported that she saw a bag of the poison in a shed behind the Richardsons' home.

APRIL 26
1954: The Salk polio vaccine field trials, involving 1.8 million children, begin at the Franklin Sherman Elementary School in McLean, Virginia. Children in the United States, Canada and Finland participated in the trials. On April 12, 1955, researchers announced the vaccine was safe and effective and it quickly became a standard part of childhood immunizations in America.

APRIL 27
1963: Margaret Annemarie Battavio's very first single, "I Will Follow Him," reached No. 1 on the U.S. pop charts. With her 15th birthday only six weeks behind her, and three more years of high school ahead of her, the singer better known as Little Peggy March became the youngest female performer ever to top the Billboard Hot 100.

APRIL 28
1945: "Il Duce," Benito Mussolini, and his mistress, Clara Petacci, were shot by Italian partisans who had captured the couple as they attempted to flee to Switzerland. The 61-year-old deposed former dictator, not wanting to fall into the hands of either the British or the Americans, who he knew would try him as a war criminal, settled on escape to a neutral country.


APRIL 29
2004: The last Oldsmobile comes off the assembly line at the Lansing Car Assembly plant in Michigan, signaling the end of the 106-year-old automotive brand, America's oldest.

APRIL 30
1945: Holed up in a bunker under his headquarters in Berlin, Adolf Hitler commits suicide by swallowing a cyanide capsule and shooting himself in the head. Soon after, Germany unconditionally surrendered to the Allied forces, ending Hitler's dreams of a "1,000-year" Reich.

Social News

BIRTH

MANUEL IGNACIO BEAMER
Consuelo (Flores) and Dan Beamer of Grand Blanc are proud to announce the birth of their son, Manuel Ignacio Beamer. He was born on April 5, 2016, at Genesys Regional Medical Center at 7:55 a.m. His weight was 6 lbs. 10 oz. and 19 ¾ inches long. Manuel's paternal grandparents are Cal and Cindy Beamer of Davison, and great-grandparents are Joel and Corky Stimson and David and Lucretia Beamer. Maternal grandparents are Joe Flores and Connie Robertson of Fenton. Great-grandparents are Carolyn DeVoe of Flint and the late Frank and Evelyn Robertson, and Jose and Agapita Flores. Manuel is welcomed by an older brother, Benicio Joseph, age 2.



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Many experts say the book is about the loss of innocence because it explores racism in America through a young girl's eyes, and her first-hand experience seeing both sides of that system.

The book is widely read in many classrooms throughout the U.S. as staple of American literature, meant to challenge prejudices and encourage tolerance.

Powers said they followed an adaptation written years ago that omitted a few things from the book in order to condense it into a two-hour play.

The play focuses on Robinson's trial.

Powers said they initially struggled with the use of the "N" word, which is used 20 times in the play and 40 times in the book. They ultimately decided to use it.

"You can't tell the story without using the 'N' word," she said. "If you're going to portray that evil, you have to show how evil it really was."

Powers was very impressed with her cast, who took time out of their days to perform the matinees for the students for free.

"I couldn't have had better people," she said. "I was so impressed with my cast. They were very willing to do it."

Fenton Village Players will perform "To Kill a Mockingbird" two more times on April 23 and 24.

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DETROIT ZOO

■ Largest penguin center in the world is less than hour drive from Fenton

By Sally Rummel

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You don't have to go all the way to Antarctica to view penguins in as close to their natural habitat as possible.

The largest penguin habitat in the world, the Polk Penguin Conservation Center at the Detroit Zoo, opened its doors to the public on Monday, April 18, changing the way zoo visitors can interact with some of nature's most comedic, resilient creatures.

The excitement begins as visitors approach the stark icy-white structure of the habitat's exterior, which climbs skyward. But that's only the tip of the iceberg.

The real thrill is inside the 33,000-square-foot penguin habitat. This state-of-the-art center features an underwater gallery and two acrylic tunnels where visitors can view four species of penguins as they "polar plunge" above, around and underneath them in a chilled, 326,000-gallon, 25-foot deep aquatic area.

Sixty-nine tuxedo-clad penguins now leap, dive and jump through the watery, icy caverns of their new home. They don't have the stresses they'd have if they were actually at home in Antarctica, where predators, including sharks, seals and whales, are a grim reality of life, according to animalfactguide.com.

It's a wild environment for visitors, too,

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(Right) Scott Carter with The Detroit Zoo discusses the new Polk Penguin Conservation Center on Monday, the first day it's open to the public. This new facility replaces the Penguinarium, adding 10 times the water, and five times the land for the penguins, making it the biggest penguin habitat in the world. (Below) Visitors are able to watch the penguins be fed from two different viewing areas.



with generated gale-force winds that whirl with simulated salt spray, while an ocean of water tumble over, under and through the exhibit.

Watch out, you'll get sprayed, too, as you walk down the walkways to view the penguins in their frigid ocean-like environment.

You might feel as if you're aboard the ship of legendary Antarctic explorer Ernest Shackleton during his ill-fated 1914 expedition.

In fact, the harsh climate realities of this southern continent are part of the educational thrill of this exhibit, recreating in 360-degree 4-D experience that includes arctic blasts, waves and snow.

Admission for this attraction is free as part of your Detroit Zoo admission. However, guests will be given timed-entry passes which reserve a specific time slot for visiting the penguin center, according to detroitzoo.org. These passes are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and there may be days when the building reaches capacity and not all guests can be accommodated.

Because of the anticipated increase in attendance, the zoo will be open for extended hours until 7 p.m. during the first three weekends after the penguin center opening: April 23-24, April 30-May 1 and May 7-8.

The former Penguinarium, built in 1985, will become the new home of the Bat Conservatory.

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Anne Schram of Berkley holds her 1-year-old son, Elliot, in one of the acrylic tunnels of the Polk Penguin Conservation Center at The Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak on Monday.

MEET THE PENGUINS

Out of 17 penguin species in the world, four are making their home at the new Polk Penguin Conservation Center at the Detroit Zoo:

- King
- Rockhopper
- Macaroni
- Gentoo



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The Polk Penguin Conservation Center sits on two acres, and is one of the first sights upon entering the zoo. It cost \$30 million, according to the Detroit Zoological Society.

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CRUST
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At a special meeting held Monday, Assistant City Manager Mike Burns said the owners of CRUST would like to purchase property adjacent to their downtown business, property that is owned by the city and currently being leased by The State Bank for bank customer parking.

Instead of money, however, CRUST owners want to swap property they own on Mill Street, land across from the Fenton Post Office and adjacent to where the old F.A.R.R. building once stood, in exchange.

Burns said administration is working on a purchase agreement.

City Manager Lynn Markland said CRUST has outgrown its current location. He further stated that Ron Justice, president and CEO of The State Bank, agreed to release the city from the lease agreement.

“He has indicated they are receptive to allowing the swap of property for CRUST’s purposes,” Markland said.

Mayor Sue Osborn asked to have that in writing from The State Bank.

Mark Hamel, co-owner of CRUST and The Laundry, said they have been working for a year and a half to try to find a solution to CRUST’s expansion. He said they want to remain in Fenton.

“This seems to be our last ditch effort to stay downtown,” Hamel said.

Councilwoman Pat Lockwood asked Hamel to talk about the expansion and number of new jobs that would be created.

Hamel said plans are to expand CRUST by another 8,500 square feet, bringing total square footage to 12,500. Once the building expansion is completed, another 50 employees will be hired over a two-year period. They currently

employ 70 people.

On the Mill Street property, Markland said the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) will be looking at building a parking lot there in the near future.

Councilwoman Cherie Smith referenced the barbershop Hamel is currently building on Mill Street where the old F.A.R.R. building once stood.

“If we take Mill Street and build a parking lot, it will benefit your business,” she said. “I don’t think that’s fair.”

Although it has not come before the Planning Commission yet, Hamel and his partners are also planning the construction of another business on Mill Street.

“To me, it doesn’t seem fiscally equitable to build you a parking lot,” Smith said.

At one time, they considered taking a portion of the backyard at 106 West Shiawassee Ave., the house being slated for demolition by the DDA, for parking. Hamel said doing so would be cost prohibitive.

“It’s cost prohibitive for you, but not for us,” Smith asked.

“I think the biggest thing is keeping CRUST downtown,” said Osborn.

Councilman Brad Jacob said he thinks it’s a great plan. “Whenever we can put property back on the tax roll, and employ 50 more people, it’s a win-win for the city. I will throw my support behind it,” he said.

Councilmen Scott Grossmeyer and Dave McDermott also spoke in favor of the land swap.

The City Council will vote on the matter at its Monday, April 25 meeting, however, Osborn asked for an advance straw poll vote.

Everyone on the council said they will vote in favor of the land swap. Smith said she will vote yes, “with reservations.”

“I think the biggest thing is keeping CRUST downtown.”
Mayor Sue Osborn
City of Fenton

HOT LINE CONTINUED

A NEW POLL shows that 90 percent of Americans disagree with Hillary Clinton’s position on abortion, which includes abortion at any time up to conception and also includes partial birth abortions. Her middle name should be ‘Evil.’

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USATF CERTIFIED COURSE	Flat route beginning at Fenton High School, running through the city of Fenton and finishing on the Fenton High School Track	
REGISTRATION	MAIL ENTRIES TO: Fenton High School Athletic Office, Attn: 5K Run/Walk 3200 W. Shiawassee Avenue, Fenton, MI 48430 Mailed entries must be postmarked by Friday April 29, 2016 ONLINE REGISTRATION: www.runsignup.com/Race/MI/Fenton/FentonTigerRun	
PACKET PICK UP	Packet Pick Up and Registration will be held on Friday, May 20, 2016 from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Fenton High School Cafeteria. Packet pick up/registration on race day will be from 7:00-8:00 am at the FHS Track	
ENTRY FEES:	BEFORE APRIL 29, 2016 <u>5K Run/Walk Entry Fee:</u> WITHOUT T-Shirt : \$20.00 WITH T-Shirt : \$25.00 <u>Tiger Trot (ages 3 to 10 Entry Fee):</u> WITH T-Shirt : \$15.00 AFTER APRIL 30, 2016 (no T-Shirts included with entry fee): 5K Entry Fee: \$30.00 Tiger Trot Entry Fee: \$15.00	
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Times Sports

Fenton, Holly battle in tight track meet

■ Tigers edge Bronchos by one point, tie Kearsley

By David Troppens

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Fenton — Talk about your close track meets. The Fenton varsity boys track team had one that may be the closest in school history. In the process, the Tigers made an impressive statement.

Fenton's squad defeated the Holly Bronchos by a 69-68 margin and tied Kearsley 68.5-68.5 in what was the team's first Metro double-dual of the season. Holly also defeated Kearsley 79-58.

"First off I want to give a lot of respect to both Holly and Kearsley," Fenton varsity boys track coach Anthony McMillan said. "They have been at the top of the league since I took over in 2013, both sharing the last two league titles. To open with both them and have the success we had yesterday I think shows that our program is moving in the right direction."

"Wow, is all that comes to my mind. In over 20 years of track both as an athlete and

as a coach, I've never been involved in a meet that close before. I'm very proud of our team. We battled until the very end and never gave up. I'm looking forward to competing with the rest of the Metro League."

Fenton had six overall event firsts while Holly had six as well. The only area individual double-winner was Jacob Lee. Lee won the distance events, taking first in the 1,600 (4:35.47) and first in the 3,200 (10:09.75). He also teamed with Luke Chabot, Mitchell Chabot and Dominic Dimambro to win the 3,200 relay (8:33.76).

The other Fenton winners were Zach West in the 200 (23.68), Peter Kennings in the 300 hurdles (43.89) and Drew Miller in the high jump (5-8).

Holly took three field event firsts. They were earned by Quincy Curtis in the discus (97-9), Lucas Sammut in the pole vault (11-0) and Ryan Beltz in the long jump (20-5 3/4). The other individual firsts were earned by D'Anthony Austin in the 100 (11.77) and Blake Staffne in the 800 (2:02.12). Jake Ortiz, Randy Douthitt, Jacob Honstetter and Austin also teamed to win the 400 relay (45.30).



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Fenton's Luke Chabot and Jose Vivanco compete in the 3,200 meter relay during Wednesday's dual meet. Fenton defeated Holly and Kearsley in the meet.



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Fenton's Sophia Crews (left) and Holly's Madison Brack battle for a ball.

Tigers edge Bronchos, 2-1

By David Troppens

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Fenton — The Tigers and the Holly Bronchos had a chance to build upon their girls soccer seasons on Tuesday, battling to a 2-1 Fenton victory.

Fenton (2-2) controlled the game for the most part in the opening half, but weren't able to translate that edge into a goal, meaning the game went into the half scoreless. However, just 10 seconds into the second half, Foor took a thru pass from Eryn Isaacson, scoring the game's first goal.

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David Troppens

Blue Devils sweep past Linden Eagles

By David Troppens
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Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton varsity softball team's season has just begun.

The Blue Devils are a bit behind most squads in that they've only played four games. But, still, it seems nothing has changed much. All they keep on doing is winning.

And winning is what the Blue Devils (4-0)

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did against area rivals Linden, recording a 5-4 and 11-3 sweep of the Eagles (6-4) on Wednesday at Lake Fenton High School.

The two rivals exchanged punches in the opening game. Lake Fenton took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the

second when Alexis McMichael drove in a run on a ball that was booted and on a Sidney Conn RBI-single. Linden slowly responded by tying the game with

single runs in the top of the third and fourth innings.

Megan Klavitter opened the third with a triple and scored on Kim Freitas' RBI-single.



Lake Fenton's Sidney Conn slides safely under Linden's Sterling DeGayner's tag during the Blue Devils' doubleheader sweep of the Eagles on Wednesday.

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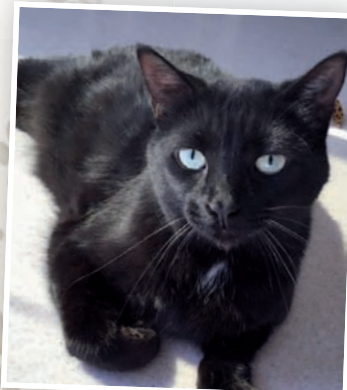
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Fenton sweeps Holly, Kearsley

By David Troppens

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Fenton — The Fenton varsity girls track team made a pretty impressive opening impression when the Metro League season began on Wednesday.

The Tigers defeated Holly 96-43 and Kearsley 96-36, earning an easy double-dual sweep at Fenton High School. Holly lost a tight 63-57 verdict to Kearsley.

"The girls ran very well yesterday," Fenton girls track coach Todd Mills said. "Early in the meet we were not sure how strong our opponents were going to be so we were pushing very hard. Things took a turn for the worst when one of our top sprinters was unable to run, so we had to scramble and make some changes. The team was ready and willing to adapt. I think this shows the strength of our team."

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Fenton's Nina Lombardi took first in the 100 hurdles in the Tigers' sweep against Holly and Kearsley on Wednesday.



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Fenton's Taylor King attempts a shot against Swartz Creek.

Fenton/Linden Heat crush Swartz Creek, 19-6

By David Troppens

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The Fenton/Linden co-op varsity girls lacrosse team had no troubles disposing of Swartz Creek, recording a 19-6 victory.

In fact, Maddy Withers scored more goals than the Dragons themselves, finishing with seven. Ellie Reuschlein netted six goals while Skylar Parks had two goals. Ally Bilodeau, Morgan White and Lauren Klein had a goal each.

The Heat dominated the draws, converting 19 of 25.

Goalie Madeleine Albrecht made 10 saves.

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Blue Devils advance in Greater Flint Tournament

The Lake Fenton varsity baseball team scored five runs in the bottom of the fifth and Trevor Wright tossed a two-hitter, leading the squad to a 5-0 victory against Lakeville in the opening round of the Greater Flint Tournament on Tuesday.



Linden baseball sweeps Blue Devils in twinbill

Lake Fenton — It doesn't matter if it is by a 1-0 score or a 10-8 slugfest, it seems no matter what, the Linden varsity baseball team finds a way to get itself on the winning end of any type of game so far this spring.



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The Fenton varsity baseball team will be moving on in the Greater Flint Baseball Tournament.

The Tigers took care of Carman-Ainsworth in the opening round pretty easily, capturing a 13-0 victory against the Cavaliers.

The Tigers blew the game open with a seven-run fourth.

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LINK CARDS ACE

▶ Fenton resident Jerry Link, 71, carded a hole-in-one on the 142-yard seventh hole at Tyrone Hills Golf Course on Sunday (April 17). Link used an 9-hybrid and shot a 42 for nine holes. It was his fourth ace of his career. It was witnessed by Gary Brendel, Candice Gillespie and Linda Link.

LINDEN GOLFERS DEFEAT SWARTZ CREEK, 180-188

▶ Linden had four golfers shoot under 50 at Spring Meadows Country Club, leading the squad to the win against the Dragons.

Tony Martin shot a 43 while Ryan Montini carded a 44. Trevor Sundra had a 45 and Gabe Peisko shot a 48.

HOLLY GOLF EDGES KEARSLEY DUE TO THE TIEBREAKER

▶ Holly's Evan Vergith shot a 45 as Holly's fifth man, earning the Bronchos a tiebreaker win against Kearsley High School.

Both teams shot a 169. Kyle Vanbommel and David Mathews led the Bronchos with 41s, while Mitch Smith shot a 43. Noah Rooker carded a 44.

FENTON GOLFERS DEFEAT SWARTZ CREEK

▶ Chris Gilbert shot a 39 at Genesee Valley Meadows Golf Club, leading the Tigers to a 164-172 victory against Swartz Creek. Nick Campbell and Braden Lapa each had 41s while Patrick Conroy carded a 43. The Fenton JV team also won with a 189 team score. Jackson Foguth shot a 40.

LF BOYS TRACK SPLITS WITH CORUNNA, MT. MORRIS

▶ Lake Fenton beat Mt. Morris 96-40, but lost to Corunna 88-49. Thomas Mueller led the Blue Devils, winning two events. He won the 800 (2:09.35) and the 3,200 (10:21.94). Other individual winners were Elijah Bourdeau in the 400 (54.13) and Isaac Golson in the high jump (5-8). The 800 relay team of Jason Baird, Cameron Parker, Nolan Mitchell and Austin Pratt also earned a first (1:37.56).

LF GIRLS TRACK SWEPT BY CORUNNA, MT. MORRIS

▶ Lake Fenton had one individual record an overall first. She was Monrae Prentice in the 400 (1:10.35).

HOLLY BASEBALL LOSES TO MT. MORRIS

▶ The Bronchos had just three hits in the loss. D. J. Tennis recorded two of them.

HOLLY SWEPT BY LADY PANTHERS

▶ The Bronchos lost to Mt. Morris 7-2 and 7-4.

In the opener Katie Dewey hit a two-run home run, driving in both Holly runs. In the nightcap, Dewey went 3-for-4 with another two-run home run and three RBI. Lilly Raymer also chipped in a two-run home run and a triple.

FENTON GOLFERS RECORD ANOTEHR METRO LEAGUE DUAL WIN

▶ Fenton had five golfers shoot 45 or better en route to a 170-185 win against Brandon. Nick Campbell shot a 41 followed by Dylan Conte with a 42, Chris Gilbert with a 43 and Patrick Conroy and Brandon Diener with 45s. Fenton won the JV match. Jackson Foguth shot a 44 while Ed Farrell carded a 45.

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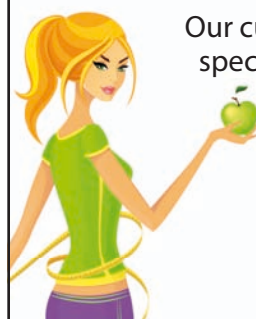


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