

Fenton's connection to Kentucky Derby

■ John Wentworth's 'Chocolate Ride' will race Saturday at Churchill Downs

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When most Kentucky Derby watchers are sitting on the edge of their seats Saturday for "The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports,"

John Wentworth of Fenton Township will already know the outcome of the race starring his racehorse, "Chocolate Ride."

This 6-year-old gelding has earned his way into his second

Woodford Reserve Turf Classic, the race that immediately precedes the 142nd Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs. The race will be televised on Saturday May 7 at 5 p.m. ET. **See DERBY on 20A**

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John Wentworth's horse, Chocolate Ride, will compete in the race prior to the Kentucky Derby.



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Michigan is in the top three for number of registered boats.

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THE CHURCH MOUSE

Pastor Dean Dumbille joined others in a bucket truck, carrying the cross to its final destination on top of the spire.

In-spired

■ New church in Fenton raises spire to the sky last Wednesday

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Workers raised a new spire atop the brand new building of Trinity Lutheran Church in Fenton on Wednesday, April 27, in a ceremony that was both symbolic and functional.

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MEET SUPER MOM

Three biological children, three adopted children and 27 foster children



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Tami Kromer laughs at a joke by her son, Ray, 19, during dinner on Tuesday. Her family includes husband Dave, two adopted children Josh, 10, Lydia, 7, two foster children and three biological children, Ray, Lillie, 13, and Dean, 18. **See story on Page 8A**



Wife killer shows no remorse

Erich Wilfinger, who pleaded no contest to second-degree murder for killing his wife, Marsha (Sargent) Wilfinger, has been sentenced to 25 to 60 years in prison.

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Linden voters say 'yes' to millage renewal

Voters in the Linden Community Schools district have voted 1,298 to 448 to approve a 10-year sinking fund millage renewal.

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Fate of LaJoice properties still unresolved

Winter 2015 taxes and utility bills remain unpaid for the six properties Michael LaJoice owns near downtown Fenton.

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“The comment about students being brainwashed by liberal college professors is right on. I'm an MSU grad who quickly learned my first week as a freshman not to voice my conservative opinions or I would be punished verbally and with a lower grade. Friends attending U of M said the same.”

“I would like to thank the members of the DDA who unselfishly donate their time and expertise to help guide Fenton through the incredibly complex mission of making our downtown vibrant and beautiful again.”

“The city and the DDA welcome input and scrutiny by any and all citizens. As a former member I recall many decisions that were made solely due to the will of the people. That was, and I assume still is, their job.”



COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“If Trump wins in November, dozens of liberal celebrities have promised to leave America. Now that's what I call a good start at 'Making America Great Again.'”

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On May 9th, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed the first National Mother's Day Proclamation.

The second Sunday in May was to be observed as a "public expression of... love and reverence for the mothers of our country"

In 1986, President Reagan said
"A Jewish saying sums it up:
'God could not be everywhere—
so He created mothers.'"

To all the mothers out there who sacrifice each and every day to make our world a better place...

Have a wonderful Mother's Day!



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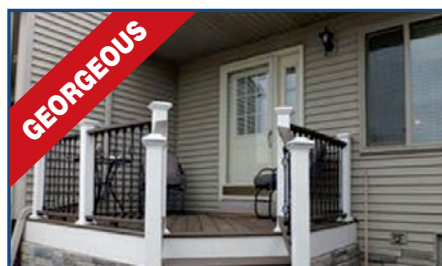
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Terrific 2 bedroom, 2 full bath ground floor unit in sought after Glen Devon. This ranch home boasts a large master bedroom and master bath complete with garden tub and walk-in shower. Enjoy the beautiful views from the 3 season sun room. All appliances stay including washer and dryer.

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GLAMPING

IS NEW TREND IN 'GLAMOROUS CAMPING'

■ You can 'glam up' your own camping experience or visit a new 'glampground' opening in Michigan

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If your idea of camping is spend-

ing the night at the nearest Holiday Inn, then this newest trend in outdoor living might be just for you.

"Glamping" is glamour plus camping. It's the new way to "take some of the bugs" out of camping, combining the fun of camping with the comfort and luxury of a five-star hotel.

Michigan's first "Glampground," Bella Solviva, located 45 miles

northeast of Traverse City, is planning a soft opening this July, featuring the ultimate camping experience.

Calling itself "a comfy camping eco-resort," Bella Solviva is created for outdoor adventure enthusiasts and campers who want a destination where they can experience the positive aspects of outdoor living

See **GLAMPING** on 14A

“We stay far away from the word 'campground.' We call it a resort.”

Brad Carlson

Bella Solviva Resort co-owner

ATTENTION TEENS:

Now's the time to land that summer job

■ Experts say most summer jobs filled by end of May

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How *not* to get a summer job: Walk into any establishment, when you have time or are in the area, wearing jeans, a T-shirt and tennis shoes — or better yet, flip flops — and say to the first employee you see, “You guys ain’t hirin’ are ya?”

It sounds extreme, but some local retail-

ers have had this experience with not just teens, but people of all ages supposedly looking for jobs.

Some of the typical teen job-hunting mistakes, according to livecareer.com, are eliminating whole classes of jobs and employers.

While flipping burgers at a fast-food restaurant or stocking shelves at a big box retail store may be tedious work, any work experience will provide ample learning opportunities.

Giving up too quickly also is a big mistake.

Some teens give up once they have turned in their job applications and have heard nothing back from the potential employer, believing they have hired someone else.

Polite follow-up is key for any job seeker. After submitting your applications, follow-up with a phone call or in person at each establishment and ask for an interview.

Timing is everything. Some teens start looking for summer jobs too late. Job hunting takes time and with more competition

See **SUMMER JOB** on 21A



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We are the people

President Obama made an overdue point in Flint this week. He said, ‘I’m not here to go through the full history of what happened. Government officials at every level weren’t attentive to potential problems the way they should have been.’

The larger problem, he said, is the ‘corrosive attitude that exists in our politics. It’s a mind-set that believes that less government is the highest good, no matter what.’

I know his words riled some, especially those who believe all



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

government and all taxes are bad and terrible things. But can those people — can any of us — ignore what’s all around us? Of course not. We see it every day here in Michigan. At

least I do.

I drive to work every day on awful, awful roads. So do you. A recent report said they’re worse than ever, by the way, with just 16 percent in ‘good’ condition and 39 percent of them ‘poor.’ (I’d like to know where those 16 percent are because I’ve never driven on them.)

After decades of putting up with it, the Legislature last year finally passed a bill to fix some roads but even so, it’s going to take years and still won’t be nearly enough, some say.

Why do we do that? What good are half measures? We can have the state we want — it’s our state, our government. We treat government these days like it’s some monster out to get us. It’s not. This is the U.S. The government is us: We the people, remember? We can choose to have whatever collective benefits we want, as long as we’re willing to pay the cost.

Is the Michigan I see really what we want? Do we really want crumbling, struggling schools? The schools in cities like Detroit are a complete mess. But schools everywhere else — unless they happen to be in wealthy areas — aren’t doing so well either.

Remember when schools could afford to pay for the marching band, the sports programs, classroom supplies and such? Neither do I. It’s been that long since the days when we spent enough on schools that there wasn’t a kid at your door every night selling fundraiser chocolate.

Is that how it should be? Is that the state we want?

How about college? I have two kids in college. They won’t graduate with massive debt because they have generous grandparents. But most kids will graduate owing what amounts to a small to medium home mortgage.

That’s inconceivably wrong, and it’s probably going to cost us all more in the long run when student loan defaults create the next big economic crisis.

So why don’t we subsidize college like we used to by paying a bit more, especially when we preach to kids that college is the path to wealth?

To me it makes no sense. We’ve become a penny-wise, pound foolish state and nation that looks only at short-term cost but doesn’t take into account the real and clear benefits we receive in return or the need to invest long-term. That’s no way to run a household much less a state or a nation.

Someone needed to say it.

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I HOPE WE don’t have to go through another summer looking at the boulevard on Donaldson Drive and seeing all the weeds and plastic.

AMERICA IS IN a lose-lose situation. We have two primary candidates for president. One is a pathological liar and the other is America’s biggest bully. What more can I say.

TO THE HOT-LINER claiming college professors are ultra-liberal; I am a current student at U of M-Flint and can confirm an institutional bias. Professors actively work to indoctrinate the students to adopt liberal ideology. Opposing views are openly mocked and receive punitive grades.

ANYONE ASKING ‘WHAT’S wrong with free healthcare and free college education’ has a fundamental misunderstanding of the term ‘free.’

THOSE PROPOSING THAT females register for the draft would be wise to study the treatment of Yazidi women by ISIS.

HEY TRI-COUNTY Times, how about swapping Heller to Wednesday and Childs to Sundays.

THE DDA IS a welfare program. Businesses spending our tax dollars to benefit itself is welfare. Disband the DDA and reduce our taxes. The current name for our state is ‘Taxigan.’

ALL BEHAVIOR IS an example to others.

Bad behavior inspires bad behavior. President Obama has repeatedly violated the Constitution. His example inspires more lawlessness. Congress is silent, which enables more lawlessness. Everyone is an example; your behavior will inspire others, whether good or bad.

DID YOU HAPPEN to notice all the Mexican flags carried by California Trump protestors?

THE FENTON LIONS Club would like to thank the generous people of our town who made a contribution to our White Cane drive this past weekend. It was cold and wet, but once again residents of Fenton were warm and generous. Thank you one and all.

WE NEED SOME police officers to patrol West Street on a regular basis. I see a lot of cars go through the four-way stop. Kids ride their scooters right down the middle of the street. Get that ticket book ready or call an ambulance for the kids.

THE PC CROWD, including Heller and his article Sunday, are afraid of stating facts, such as, the majority of women enjoy shopping, are more emotional than men, and put much time, money, and value on their appearance. Just saying.

CAN’T WAIT FOR my summer taxes here in Fenton Township. I’m sure they will go up. Maybe they’ll be enough to fix Torrey Beach Drive.

SOMEONE NEEDS TO organize a rally where all who disagree with tearing down the Dibbleville home attend the meeting where it is decided upon. It’s our town, not the people who work for us and don’t even live here. TCTimes, please be there to cover it.

A POPULACE THAT does not recognize the ramifications of the liberals gender-free mind-warping of our children is a country gone mad. Those of you who say ‘what’s wrong with that’ are exactly what’s wrong with that.

WELL, IT’S SUMMER so watch for the annual rite of the oil companies raising their prices under the feeble, worn out excuse of having to produce a ‘more expensive summer blend.’ What a crock of BS.

YOUR NEW TRINITY Lutheran church is looking great.

SO-CALLED GENDER neutral bathrooms are being changed back all over the country due to chronic peeping incidents. Especially at colleges and schools. This is ridiculous considering that only three out of every 10,000 individuals are affected. More PC BS.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

If you could pay your mom for everything she does in a week, how much would you pay her?

Question asked at
West Shore Elementary School
Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

street talk



“\$1, because I don’t have that much money. She cleans and works.”

Claire Yeaster
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“\$12, because I would have less than her. She cleans and makes dinner.”

Ryker Colson
Kindergarten



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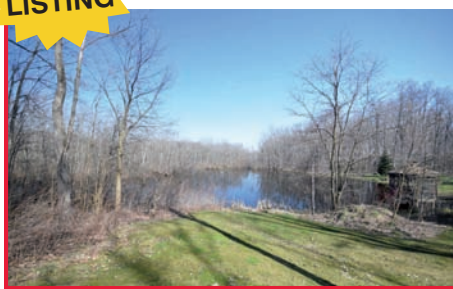
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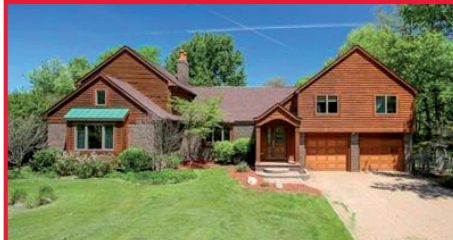
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Linden voters say 'yes' to millage renewal

School district to keep receiving \$761,353 annually

By Vera Hogan

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Linden voters have given the green light to facility needs, voting 1,298 to 448 Tuesday to renew a 10-year sinking fund millage.

The funds will help pay for maintenance and repairs at Linden school buildings and facilities.

Interim Superintendent Russ Ciesielski said, "A big thank you to our community for their support of our students and their trust in our teachers."

"This is just another example of the commitment our community has for our school system," he added.

"The passage of our sinking fund renewal will allow us to continue investing in our facilities which helps to support our students."

"Our staff has dedicated their effort to providing a top-notch educational experience, and with the continued support from our community this really sends a strong message about the importance of our future."

"As we have done in the past, we will continue to identify the investments that we need to make to keep our facilities as sound and productive as possible."

The millage rate of 1.3107 will be assessed against all property in the Linden Community Schools district properties for 10 years, through 2026.

The approval of the millage renewal will maintain current tax levels, not increase them.

Sinking fund dollars may only be used to pay for maintenance and repairs on facilities, grounds, and athletic complexes.

Now that the proposal has passed, Linden schools will receive approximately \$761,353 annually.

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Russ Ciesielski
Interim Superintendent, Linden Community Schools

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Police & Fire

report

THIEF STEALS TIRES AND RIMS

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office is investigating a larceny complaint from a resident in the 16000 block of Charles Town Drive, near Owen and Linden roads in Fenton Township. Dep. Geno Gatica said when the homeowner attempted to leave for work at 7:30 a.m. on May 4, he saw that the tires and rims of his newer Ford SUV were gone and the vehicle was up on blocks. The rims were described as black aluminum alloy and the tires were 20-inch. The resident said the theft occurred sometime overnight while the vehicle was parked in his driveway.

MYSTERY SHOPPER SCAM

A Holly Village resident filed a Mystery Shopper scam complaint with the Holly Police Department. According to police, the resident received a letter that he had to sign for from the postal carrier. Upon opening the letter, he saw a form letter and check made out to him for \$1,745. Instructions on the letter told the resident to deposit the check into his own bank account and then to contact the sender. The letter said the resident would receive \$300 from that check for being a mystery shopper and the rest of the money was to be sent back to the sender using a MoneyGram. A copy of the transaction was to be sent to a person named John Moore. The letter identified a Brian Lawson Head of HR Office and a number to text only 205-928-3575. Holly Police Chief Michael Story warns residents of this scam and to report such letters to police.

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Fate of LaJoice properties still unresolved

■ Winter 2015 taxes, utility bills remain unpaid

By Vera Hogan

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While the defense and prosecution attorneys continue "negotiations" regarding the \$20 million, criminal embezzlement charges, the disposition of Michael LaJoice's properties and the method with which they will be disposed of, remains unknown.

In addition to his multi-million Tyrone Township home, at 12072 MacIntosh Drive in Applewood Estates, LaJoice, 37, owns six other properties in the city of Fenton.

LaJoice, the owner of the now-closed Chassé Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio in Fenton, is facing 14 felony counts of embezzlement.

He turned himself into the Oakland County Sheriff's Office on Jan. 6, allegedly admitted to embezzling \$20 million from the credit union where he was chief financial officer for the past 12 years.

That credit union, the Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union has since been taken over by the Michigan State University Federal Credit Union.

LaJoice's surrender came just over two months after holding a press conference in Fenton to reveal his plans for a massive, multi-million dollar, multi-use development at Adelaide and Caroline streets dubbed "Riverview."

Since June 18, 2015, LaJoice Properties spent nearly \$2.5 million on six properties in the city of Fenton, some near his Riverview project. LaJoice had paid cash, well over the fair market price, for the properties.

After he turned himself in to authorities, his assets were frozen.

Cash offers have been made to purchase LaJoice's properties, as well as the land for the once-proposed Riverview project and LaJoice's home in Tyrone Township.

LaJoice's defense attorney, Michael Manley, said the offers are confidential and he is not at liberty to divulge the details.

Last week, a woman named Lisa Kost, representing CBRE Martin in Lansing, visited one of LaJoice's downtown buildings. When told by the renter of the building that Ken Brant of Brant & Associates Real Estate, a long-time, well-respected Realtor in Fenton, was handling the LaJoice's properties, Kost reportedly asked, "Why would you deal with him? We're



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Michael LaJoice's multi-million dollar home in Tyrone Township sits unoccupied.

the ones hired by the owner."

That was news to Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland who said, "My understanding from Mike Manley and Ken Brant is that Ken is the one marketing the property. Our records indicate the properties are still owned by LaJoice Properties."

Kost did not respond to requests for information.

Potential buyers would still have to go through due process in court, Manley said. "That could take years. Technically, he (LaJoice) still holds the deeds although he could never sell and provide a clear title.

"Our objective was to be part of the solution. To bring offers, for the victim and government's approval. If they agree, we could expedite the process by providing the necessary signatures for the sale and they could withdraw the notice lis pendens and the affidavit of intent to forfeit," Manley said last month.

Lis pendens is a written notice that a law suit has been filed concerning real estate, involving either the title to the property or a claimed ownership interest in it.

"It could save years of litigation and thousands in costs," said Manley.

"We also are working to maintain the properties in order that they don't become an eyesore or nuisance in the city of Fenton, which is experiencing exciting growth and change."

Manley said previously that he does not anticipate a jury trial and he does not think anyone else in LaJoice's family will be charged.

YOUR SMILE MATTERS!

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

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Parents of young children often ask me at what age they should bring their son or daughter into the dental office for the first time. When I was in dental school at the University of Michigan we were taught the best time to see kids for the first time was age 3. By age 3 the child was usually mature enough to "cooperate" with the dental team and he or she could have regular preventative dental cleaning. The problem has always been that sometimes by age 3 major dental problems have already developed necessitating major dental treatment. With this in mind, The American Pediatric Dental Association recently came out with new recommendations. The new recommended age for a child's first dental visit is **age 1**. An age 1 dental visit, what we like to call in our office "well-baby check-ups", are very important. Realistically, we are not going to be able to do a full dental cleaning with x-rays on a 1 year old but I am able to determine that all the teeth are developing normally and catch problems very early well before any major trouble. Just as importantly, this gives me and my team an opportunity to educate mom and dad about proper dental care for their child. Dental office fears and phobias in adults are very common and can be so extreme that a person will avoid going to the dentist all together. This can lead to major dental problems and poor oral and overall health. When I question these people about their dental fears they almost always relate some traumatic childhood experience that has scarred them for life. I am committed to ensure that the children I see will not suffer this same fate. By seeing kids early in their life before major dental problems; I'm helping them maintain good dental health and avoid dental fears. Age 1 dental visits are key to a long and healthy life with good teeth.

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Mom's love and compassion has influenced more than three dozen kids over past 10 years

By Sally Rummel

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Tami Kromer doesn't look at motherhood as a blessing she heaps only on she and her husband Dave's six children.

Instead, she has opened her heart and her home to 27 foster children in the last 10 years, and has dedicated her efforts to educating people about the 157 million orphans worldwide through her orphan care ministry, Clara's Hope (see sidebar).

This Tyrone Township couple has always had a heart for helping children and teens, and they applied for a foster care license to help teen moms before they even had their own kids.

The premature birth of the couple's first-born son, Ray now 19, put that idea on hold, but they did open their home to four teen girls who needed a place to live for various reasons, from just one summer to more than two years.

Meanwhile, the Kromers had a second son, Dean, 18, and a daughter Lillie, 13, each born five weeks early. "We started with special needs and trauma care in our own home, and didn't even know it," said Tami.

But every time the couple gave more of their heart, their family's heart opened even bigger.

"It developed a hospitality in our home, that our home doesn't have to be just us," said Tami. "We're believers, and take our call to care for those who are vulnerable and fatherless very seriously."

SUMMARY

■ Tami Kromer has three biological children, three adopted kids and 27 foster kids she has cared for in the past 10 years.



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Meal times are always a group effort. Tami Kromer's family of nine helps get the table ready for dinner on Tuesday.

In December 2006, a teen mom and her baby needed placement, and something inside Tami said it was the right thing to do, even though she was told at the time there would be no chance for adoption.

After four months of the Kromers working with this young mom toward her GED and parenting classes, she decided to leave.

"She left, and her baby, Josh, stayed with us," said Tami. "He was 2½ when the adoption was final. When his little sister,

"To be a mother is 'enough.' It's the greatest job and the most important job in the world."

Tami Kromer
Biological, adoptive
and foster mother

Lydia, was born in March 2009, she was placed with us, and her adoption was final just before she turned 2. Now, Josh is almost 10, and Lydia is 7."

The Kromers are currently fostering two little girls, ages 4 and 5. As emergency care foster parents, they take in many children in the middle of the night through Children's Protective Services. These children have nowhere else to go, and come in their pajamas, often with nothing else.

See **MOM'S LOVE** on 20A

About Clara's Hope Orphan Care Ministry

Clara's Hope Orphan Care Ministry came about after the passing of Tami and Dave Kromer's special needs daughter, Clara Bea Kromer on April 16, 2013.

"We adopted Clara when she was 3 months old," said Tami. "She lived eight months and eight days, all in palliative/hospice care in our home."

Clara was born with hydranencephaly, two fluid-filled sacs instead of a brain. "She was blind, and had a feeding tube, but her spirit was fully alive," said Tami. "She taught us whether she was going to be with us for 10 days or 10 years, that we're going to live 100 percent. Live every day; don't spend your life waiting."

After Clara died, Tami helped form a group to support other people in the foster care and adoption process, focusing on the family unit as a whole.

Operating through the Kromer's church, The Freedom Center in Fenton, Clara's Hope Orphan Care's main goal is to create awareness of the global orphan crisis, and to support those who are actively fostering and adopting children, and giving other opportunities to individuals interested in supporting the ministry.



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'Monster' wife killer shows no remorse; gets 25 to 60 years

■ 'At your age you're never getting out of prison,' judge tells Wilfonger

By Vera Hogan

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The man family and friends have repeatedly called a "monster" won't be getting out of prison any time soon.

Erich Wilfonger, 67, the Montmorency County man, who pleaded no contest to second-degree murder after his wife was found dead in the back seat of a burning car will likely spend the rest of his life in jail.

Wilfonger's wife, Marsha (Sargent) Wilfonger, formerly of Argentine Township, was 54 at the time of her death.

On Wednesday, Montmorency County Court Judge Michael Mack sentenced Wilfonger to 25 to 60 years in prison, with credit for 318 days already served.

Veronica Pheasant of Argentine Township was a long-time friend of Marsha's.

"I'm glad to see the judge was not lenient with sentencing. It gives us some sense of relief," Pheasant said.

"It will never bring our beautiful Marsha back but it's good to know the judge gave him the minimum of 25 to 60 years.

"He looked at Erich Wilfonger and said 'at your age you're never getting out of prison.' We are all so glad the judge was on our side. He did not allow any of the requests he (Wilfonger) was asking for either.

"At sentencing, the prosecutor only allowed family to get up and give statements," Pheasant said. "He also allowed Erich to speak his mind. Who gets up at a murder trial and talks about the 'reasons why' he did it? He was not remorseful and

did nothing but belittle Marsha and bad mouth her and her friends and family. He could have said 'I'm sorry for what I did,' 'sorry for your loss' or something, but no, he was not remorseful at all.

"He spewed lie after lie as to justify his actions," said Pheasant. "What kind of a person does that? As the family members got up and spoke, the courtroom was silent.

Pheasant added that when Marsha's daughter, Kelly, got up and spoke to him, the whole courtroom broke out in tears as she tearfully read a letter of the many ways Marsha was going to be missed and the heartfelt damage he did.

"We will forever miss Marsha's big smile but will never forget how sweet and beautiful she was," said Pheasant.

Wilfonger was originally charged with open murder homicide, possession of weapons and firearms by a felon and trying to escape from jail.

His wife was found in the back seat of a burning car at the intersection of Sheridan Valley Road and Scenic Rte. 3 in Montmorency County's Briley Township, east of Gaylord on June 20, 2015.

When Michigan State Police troopers arrived, they found the

car burning in a ditch. When the fire was put out, investigators discovered the woman's burned remains in the back seat.

SUMMARY

■ Erich Wilfonger, the man who pleaded no contest to second-degree murder for killing his wife, Marsha (Sargent) Wilfonger, formerly of Argentine Township, has been sentenced to 25 to 60 years in prison.

Troopers followed the trail of evidence several miles to a house on McCormick Lake in Briley Township. There they made contact with Erich Wilfonger and determined the burned body in the vehicle was his spouse. Troopers reported there were signs that a domestic assault had recently taken place in the home.

This article first appeared at tctimes.com on Thursday, May 5.



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Erich Wilfonger enters the courtroom Wednesday to learn his fate.

"He was not remorseful and did nothing but belittle Marsha and bad mouth her and her friends and family."

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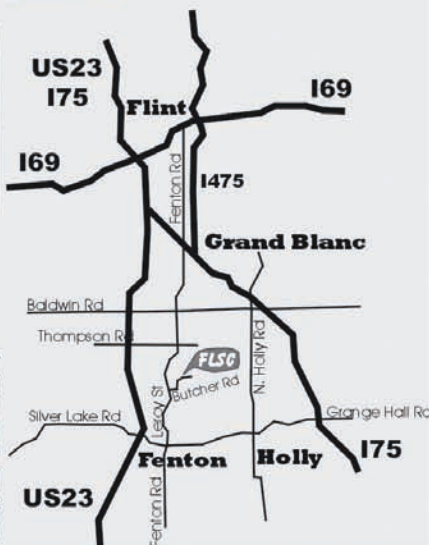
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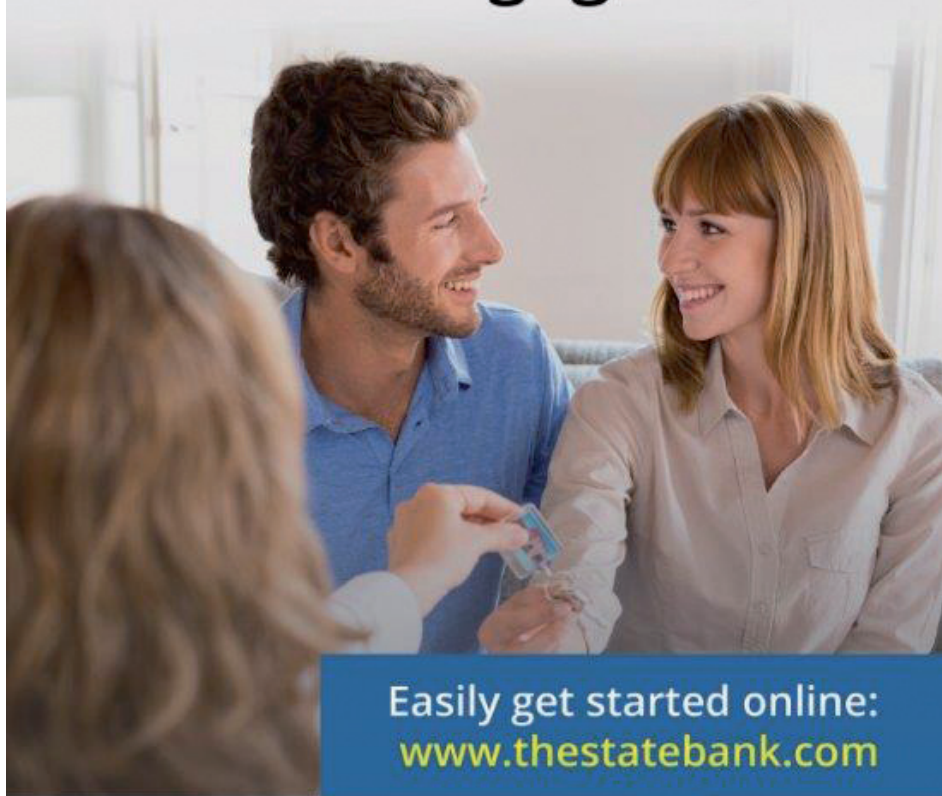
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Man suspected of spraying mice poison on fresh produce charged

■ Tip from public leads to suspect's identity

Kyle Andrew Bessemer, 29, of Ann Arbor was arraigned Thursday on four felony counts of poisoning food or water. He faces up to 20 years in prison on each count and penalties of up to \$15,000 on each count.

Bessemer is suspected of spraying fresh food with a rodent poison mixture at Ann Arbor-area grocery stores. These specific charges stem from visits he allegedly made on April 24 to grocery stores, including Whole Foods on Eisenhower Parkway and Meijer on Ann Arbor Road in Ann Arbor.

On Tuesday, David P. Gellios, special agent in charge, FBI-Detroit Division, said the individual who was suspected of contaminating food at open food bars in several Ann Arbor grocery stores had been identified and taken into custody through a joint investigation by the Ann Arbor Police Department and the FBI. Tips from the public directly led to Bes-

semer being identified.

According to the FBI, Bessemer admitted to using a potentially hazardous material to contaminate food in several Ann Arbor-area grocery stores. The joint investigation led them to believe he sprayed a liquid mixture of hand cleaner, water, and Tomcat mouse poison on produce at three grocery stores.

Bessemer told investigators that he sprayed produce in those stores within the last two weeks. He reportedly visited several other grocery stores in the Ann Arbor area in the last few months and the investigation is ongoing in order to determine if any other stores are involved.

An Ann Arbor detective reported that Bessemer claimed he suffered from mental illness and that he thought someone was trying to poison him, according to the Detroit News.

With no defense attorney present, the judge entered a not-guilty plea on Bessemer's behalf in 15th District Court in Ann Arbor on Thursday. Judge Elizabeth Hines set a cash bond of \$250,000. A probable cause hearing has been set for May 12.



Kyle Andrew Bessemer

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I WOULD LIKE to thank the lovely couple who bought our lunch on April 26 at Bob Evans around 11:30. It was very much appreciated and thank you very much.

IF YOU'RE NOT turning right onto Silver Parkway from Silver Lake Road east-bound, please stay in the left lane. You can make your future right hand turn after you get through the light. Thanks.

I'M SO PROUD of the citizens of Fenton letting their voices be heard in opposing the building demolition in Dibbleville. Keep up the good work.

HOW TYPICAL of the liberals to try to brand Foster Childs as being cruel. Newsflash, sometimes the truth is what's cruel and you simply don't want to hear it. Long live the King!

I JUST GOT a call from the IRS lawsuit thing and they gave me a number to call back. It's a scam. I want to let everyone know it's still going around.

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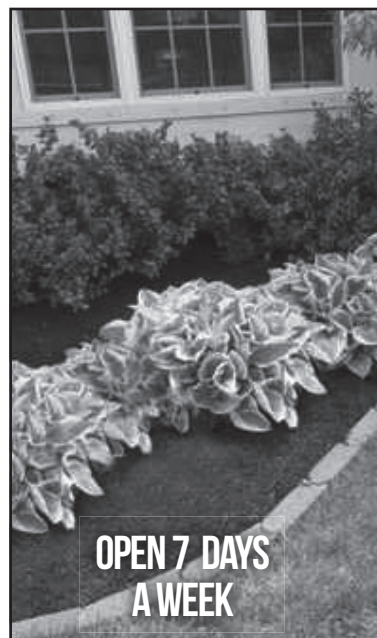
your daughters? Those pedophiles have been in the bathrooms with your sons this entire time and you haven't said a word until now. Does the safety of little boys not concern you?

HERE'S NEWS FOR the Fenton DDA. Sweet Variations is also a destination place for Fenton, just like CRUST, The Laundry and Iron Grate among others. There are many businesses worth preserving. The owner is a delight, as is her store. You should have kept her there.

DOES ANYONE ELSE on Charter cable miss Channel 5 on their lineup? I wonder what happened.

THAT IS WHY I like the old-fashioned land-line phones. Just imagine a person would have to put a scam artist on hold, and then go to the store to get the so-called iTunes card. It would take a while, and by the time the person came back, the scammer would have hung up. Money saved.

IT SEEMS TO me that if our government would have required the money, spent on all of the previous and current political campaigns, to instead go to fixing the air bag issues; we could have used it more wisely, and possibly saved some lives. Instead, we get so much fluff and bother.



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Northbound Fenton Road was backed up to Ray Road near Camp Copneconic Wednesday night following a three-car collision in Mundy Township. Mundy Township Assistant Fire Chief Gary McNally said one person sustained minor injuries, and was transported to Genesys Regional Medical Center.

News briefs

NORTHERN OAK BREWERY IN HOLLY WINS GOLD MEDAL AT WORLD EXPO OF BEERS

The award to Northern Oak Brewery will be presented on Friday, May 20 at the World Expo of Beers Festival in Frankenmuth. The beer that won is their father's Doppel Bock, brewed by their brewmaster, Jeff Coon. The Holly brewery defeated Samuel Adams and eight other breweries in this category. Northern Oak Brewery opened in September 2015 and is on track to brew approximately 400 barrels (12,400 gallons) of beer in their first full year of operation. They have started distribution in Genesee, Midland, Sanilac, and other counties to the north. They will soon be distributing in Oakland County as well.

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On Saturday, May 14, local Post Offices are taking part in the 24th annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, a food drive to help families in need. Residents in surrounding areas are encouraged to collect and fill bags with nonperishable food items and place the bags by their mailbox for a letter carrier to pick up and deliver to a local food bank or pantry. Foods, such as canned meats, fish, soup, juice, vegetables, pasta, cereal, peanut butter and rice will be accepted.

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Glubzinski-Chipka

Stanley and Cheryl Glubzinski of Fenton are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Audrey Renee Glubzinski to Ryan Joseph Chipka. Audrey is a 2015 graduate of the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy and is currently completing a PGY1 pharmacy residency at Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center in Saginaw. She has accepted a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist position at the Hampton VA Medical Center in Virginia. Ryan is a graduate of Rochester College in Rochester Hills, Michigan and has earned his Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education with a focus in social studies. He is currently an assistant baseball coach at the University of Toledo. His parents are Jim and Sandy Chipka of Waterville, Ohio. The celebration is planned for August 5, 2016 at Maumee Bay Resort in Oregon, Ohio. The couple will reside in Chesapeake, Virginia.

GLAMPING

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without the negatives, such as bugs, not showering, etc.

"We grew up camping, but you get to the point when you feel like you're in a volunteer refugee camp," said Bella Solviva co-owner Brad Carlson, with his wife, Sandy. "We thought, what if you got to your campground and everything was set up for you; the tent was up, the firewood was stacked. The concept for Bella Solviva just grew from there."

A variety of accommodations totaling 230 campsites will be available, from safari tents with hot water and Wi-Fi, to teepees with full bedding, tree houses, vintage RVs, yachts and cabins and more.

You can even rent an airliner suite, complete with a flight simulator, for \$749 per night in the

peak summer season. Traditional camp sites, with many amenities, start at \$89 per night.

However, you can do a bit of "glamping" on your own, simply by adding a bit of luxury, comfort and glamor into your family's own camping experience.

Here are a few ideas to "glam up" your own camping experience:

Accommodations

Where you sleep at night truly makes the difference between a camping and "glamping" experience.

If you like to tent camp, kick it up a notch and buy a large tent, even if it's just for two people. For maximum comfort, it should be large enough to stand up in, and wide enough to accommodate bed-size comfortable air mattresses.

Another option would be to buy a themed tent, like a teepee, or build your

SUMMARY

■ Glamping is the new camping trend that combines camping with a more luxurious experience, keeping in the outdoors while taking away some of the inconvenience and discomfort.



This tree house structure is an example of what Bella Solviva would like to build as part of their resort camping experience.

own A-frame wooden structure.

Consider glamping in a campervan or vintage caravan.

To get yourself "off the ground," buy faux wood, vinyl roll-up flooring that you can lay down and cover with plush sheepskin rugs.

Bedding

Nothing but a quality air mattress that looks and feels like a regular bed will do, topped with a mattress topper, either goose down or memory foam for warmth and comfort. Top with an all-season duvet or goose down blankets. Make sure you have an airbed that inflates with an electric pump.

Use the best linens you can afford and plump up with pillows. For the ultimate in glamping luxury, drape and swirl muslin around your bed. Don't forget eye masks and ear plugs for the best night's sleep.

Bathroom

Bring thick, luxurious towels in bath sheet size, to make comfort out of what-

ever your camping amenities are.

Indulge yourself with the best in personal toiletries, so you feel like you're on a spa vacation.

Food and drink

Think beyond hot dogs and canned foods when pre-planning your glamping meals. Whip up campsite cocktails

and plan simple, yet memorable meals for your campsite (see sidebar for glamping meal ideas).

For the ultimate in your glamping space, you can use a Bass Pro deluxe

camp kitchen with counter space for meal prep, plus shelving, hooks and hangers to keep everything organized, easily transportable with its own carrying case.

Rather than eating on paper plates, why not dine on pretty enamel dishes or unbreakable dishes from Corelle, and use silverware instead of plastic. Use cake stands with tops (to keep out the bugs) for serving dessert, looking at local thrift stores for affordable choices.





Accessorize your glamping space

Use lighting outside to mark the boundary of your campsite with candles in glass containers for safety.

To set a festive mood, use battery or solar-powered themed decorative lights.

Bunting has become the ultimate glamping accessory, easy to make yourself or easily be purchased on crafty sites like etsy.com.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

AS LONG-TIME FENTON residents, we like having Vek's auto repair downtown as well as the city office and museum. Vek's was a gas station before urban renewal so it's great that it remains. It's really nice to have traditional offices and businesses downtown as well as the trendy stores and restaurants.

HOORAY FOR GERMANY. They're right sending the Muslims home. Let them build their mosques in their own country. Let them destroy each other in their own country. I agree with Germany, and so should every other country.

AT LEAST THE Fenton City offices and businesses like Vek's serve a real purpose beside eating and shopping. That old gas station is from old Fenton before urban renewal so let it be. Let's keep them all downtown.

PLEASE GIVE JUST even one example of Foster Childs being cruel, insensitive or full of hate. Yeah, I didn't think so.

IT'S NOT SO much the transgender

people being in the bathrooms as it is all the perverts and pedophiles that are going to use that excuse to get in there. Are you really that naïve?

HOLLY IS CUTTING traffic in half for a bike lane. Two traffic lanes are opposed by 90 percent of the surveyed citizens.

THE DEQ IS now involved with replacing the culvert beneath Rolston Road. Is this the same DEQ that failed so miserably with the Flint water crisis?

BEING A LONG-TIME resident of Fenton, I wonder how our city council members feel. The turnout of the citizens concerning the 106 W. Shiawassee home gave me a smile. Will their comments be heard or will the DDA have their way? I'll be at the voting meeting.

THE INVASION OF America now totals 13 million illegals. They could be seen last weekend in protests shouting, 'Brown Pride' and waving Mexican flags. Illegals have killed Americans, committed crimes and live off our tax dollars with free food stamps and free healthcare. I think it's time we Trump them.

SPIRE

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With a backdrop of a bright blue sunny sky, a crane lifted the metal spire high into the sky, then lowered it into waiting brackets which were then fastened down by workers.

"It was a day made in heaven," said Linda Hathaway, who chaired the building committee 10 years ago and is on the building committee today.

In another symbolic gesture, guests sang the traditional Lutheran hymn, "Lift High the Cross" while Trinity Lutheran Senior Pastor Dean Dumbille rode a bucket truck into the air, carrying a huge cross to be perched atop the spire.

The church invited the community to watch the event, drawing about 150 members and friends from the congregation. General contractors Frank Rewold & Son of Rochester treated guests to a luncheon in recognition of the event.

Trinity Lutheran Church is now in the completion stages of Phase One of its \$8 million building project, a full 10 years after buying the 13.5-acre parcel of land on Grange Hall Road in 2006 for \$800,000.

This new 15,000-square-foot building includes a sanctuary with seating for more than 400, church offices, a gathering space (narthex), nursery and social room.

Phase Two of the project will include a wing for Sunday School classrooms



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The spire was lifted heavenward by equipment and workers from Frank Rewold & Son, Inc. of Rochester, general contractors.

and Phase Three will include the Trinity Center, an activities building with soccer and softball field potential. The entire project will take five to seven years.

Interior work is now being completed in anticipation of the church's first service in its new building on Sunday, June 5.


“It was a day made in heaven.”

Linda Hathaway
Trinity Lutheran
Church in Fenton

What's the difference between a steeple and a spire?

- A **steeple** is a tower rising above the roof of a building, usually a church or temple.
- A **spire** is the tall structure rising from a tower, terminating in a point.

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Discovering buried treasure

■All you need is a metal detector and a little bit of luck

By Hannah Ball
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Captain Jack Sparrow didn't need a metal detector to locate the heart of Davy Jones, but it could help you find some buried treasure of your own.

People have hunted for treasure long before pirates existed. The practice continues today, albeit with different methods.

Over the past 100 years, a handful of people have found heaps of coins valued at millions of dollars, and they didn't have to take to sea with a pirate crew in order to do so.

Metal detectors can find lost coins, jewelry, and anything containing metal. In 1990, a couple found a rare 1652 New England sixpence in a Long Island potato field with metal detectors.

The coin sold for \$431,250 at an auction, according to [bottomlineinc.com](#). Many people armed with metal detectors find buried treasure. All you need is a detector, determination, and luck.

Here are six good places from [bottomlineinc.com](#) to scan with a metal detector:

In the past 100 years, many people have found heaps of coins valued at millions of dollars, and they didn't have to take to sea with a pirate crew in order to do so.

The part of land between roads and sidewalks

People often drop coins, jewelry and other valuables while walking in a city or town.

Old public parks

Old parks are in almost every community, and

they may contain buried treasure. Parents could drop coins or jewelry when pushing their kids on the swing set, or kids could have buried a chest full of fun items.

Old picnic spots

Like teenagers today, young people

decades ago had favorite spots around town to hang out. Ask an older long-time resident where people used to get together and take a metal detector to scan the area.

Stone walls

People will often hide things, like antiques and guns, inside stone walls. It's possible some items were forgotten. Move a metal detector around old stone walls and see if anyone hid any treasure.

Vacant lots

Land where buildings used to stand are great places to find buried treasure. You can research at your local library to find areas where buildings were torn down and cross reference current maps.

Dried-up bodies of water

Many boaters and swimmers lose their sunglasses, wallets, jewelry, and other items in the lake every year. Land that used to be a lake is a great place to take a metal detector. You can also try riverbanks and shorelines.



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Lucky people have found buried treasure valued at millions of dollars while roaming land with a metal detector. Common finds include coins and jewelry.

Significant metal detector discoveries

1946 — With a mine detector, postal inspectors uncovered \$153,150 buried in the backyard of a deceased postal employee who had stolen the money.

1952 — Edward Rowe Snow, a Massachusetts treasure hunter, used a metal detector in Nova Scotia to find eight 18th century Spanish doubloons and parts of a skeleton, clutching a Spanish galleon in his hand.

1966 — A group of Texan treasure hunters found the lost San Saba gold mine with metal detectors. The mine has been abandoned by the Spaniards in 1758.

1966 — A man with a metal detector in Detroit found a buried Model T Ford that a man buried in his backyard in 1926.

1974/1975 — An amateur treasure hunter, Richard Lester, found a bullet on railroad property in Dallas, near the area where President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. The FBI determined the bullet was different from the one that killed Kennedy.

1976 — Using a metal detector, James Garigues, found a live .75-millimeter tank shell in Alabama, which may have been a World War II souvenir.

1984 — An archaeologist found a finger bone wearing a ring at Little Bighorn, where Lt. Col. George Custer's troops were wiped out by the Sioux in 1876.

1997 — Two young boys in Virginia found a live Confederate Army artillery shell in their grandfather's backyard.

2008 — While diving in Key West with a metal detector, Mike DeMar, found a gold chalice from a Spanish treasure ship that sank in 1622.

2012 — A boy in New Mexico unearthed a two-pound meteorite with a metal detector.

2014 — A couple in California found a collection of rare gold coins when their metal detector discovered them hidden in a rusty can. The coins are valued at \$10 million.

Source: *National Geographic*, [bottomlineinc.com](#)



CITY OF FENTON



THE CHAMBER'S EYE ON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

Dear Community Members,

It has been a phenomenal several years in downtown Fenton. Our local economy, through extremely hard work, continues to be healthy. The DDA has done a great job following the City of Fenton Master Plan of Design Guidelines that was created in 2006. We have now hit an area of interest with the community in regards to Dibbleville. Relating to the Master Plan, growth brings opinions and controversy, which ultimately lends to healthy communication and conversation. As a Chamber, we feel that as long as the DDA continues to follow the Master Plan, it is in the best interest of both business and community. To be able to get the true intent of what the Master Plan is all about, visit our website [www.fentonchamber.com](#) for links. The DDA has monthly open meetings and we encourage business owners and community members to attend. The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce will keep an eye on this and continue to be an advocate for business and community. We support, as we have in the past, the City of Fenton Master Plan.

Over the past 10 years we have seen great strides in our community based on the Master plan and we foresee that this will continue to create a healthy environment for Fenton and our surrounding communities. If you have questions or would like more clarity, please feel free to contact the Chamber and we will help as much as we can.

Respectfully submitted,

The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Quotes from DDA Chairman and Fenton City Councilman:

"As the DDA Chairman, it is important for us to convey how much we appreciate the support of the Chamber of Commerce and the entire community when it comes to the revitalization of our Downtown. We also appreciate the Chamber running the community events supported by the DDA which is encouraging for people in and outside the Fenton area who invest their time and dollars. On behalf of the Board, we want people to know this isn't just about the DDA, the City Administration or the City Council, it's everyone's district and we are doing the best job that we can to adhere to the Master Plan. Input is always welcome and appreciated from our citizens."

Craig Schmidt, DDA Chairman

"I believe that having a Downtown Master Plan is a major reason we are able to attract outside developers to invest in Fenton knowing that we have a plan in place that we are following. As we continue to follow the plan, it is key to bringing more retail uses to the downtown area that will create a more walkable community and in turn benefit all businesses in the downtown area."

Scott Grossmeyer, Fenton City Councilman

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Meet Myrtle DeMand

- 102 years old
- Mother, grandmother
- Breast cancer survivor

By Vera Hogan

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Myrtle Bertha DeMand will celebrate her 103rd birthday on July 19 of this year. Known as "Max," she survived three husbands and, according to her daughter-in-law, Sheryl Jennings, is one of the oldest living breast cancer survivors.

DeMand is the mother of two sons and grandmother to two granddaughters.

She spends her days at Argentine Care Center, where she can continue to overlook Lobdell Lake, along which her home was located for many years.

"As a newborn baby, Myrtle was left on the steps of an orphanage in Detroit," said Jennings. "She was adopted by a family, being raised as the keeper of the home with love and respect for her parents."

As a child, DeMand said she liked "playing with dolls."

When asked if she ever got into any mischief as a child, DeMand shook her head "no."

When she was a teenager, DeMand got a job at a Detroit amusement park where she met her first husband, Howard Jennings. They had two boys, who were born in Royal Oak.

The couple bought vacant land on the millpond (Lobdell Lake) in Argentine in 1935. "They built a



"Watching the lake (Lobdell) has kept her alive."
Sheryl Jennings
Daughter-in-law

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TIM JAGIELO

Myrtle 'Max' DeMand has lived a well-rounded life for 102 years.

cottage on the water in Argentine, across the street from Argentine Care Center," said Jennings.

After her first husband died, DeMand married Frank Garrison. "They turned the cottage into a house and moved to Argentine permanently," said Jennings.

Widowed a second time, DeMand remained in Argentine, living and serving in the local community. She was at one time a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministry congregations empower lay caregivers to provide high quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

DeMand also helped the children at the Argentine school with their banking needs as a State Bank "Moola Moola" representative. She also obtained an education in real estate.

She was a member of the Moose lodge and at one time bred two champion show dogs.

In the early 1990s, when in her 70s, she married for a third time, to Lloyd DeMand, a veteran of the Korean War. She became widowed for a third time and remained on her property with her son, William Jennings, until she was 102 years old.

DeMand enjoys watching television but has no particular favorite show. In her younger years, she enjoyed listening to radio shows like "Amos and Andy," she said.

"At Argentine Care Center, she is just a half mile from her family home on the lake," said Sheryl Jennings, who with her husband and daughters provide a loving family and care for DeMand.

DeMand said she never smoked or drank alcohol, although one of her favorite sayings, according to the Argentine Care Center staff, is "Oh dear, bread and beer." Another favorite saying when she wants someone to listen to her is, "Hey you with the tin ear."

About 1913

When Myrtle "Max" DeMand was born in July of 1913:

- Woodrow Wilson was the President of the United States.
- Celebrities born in 1913 include: Civil rights activist Rosa Parks, Olympian athletes Jesse Owens, former presidents Gerald Ford and Richard Nixon, actresses Loretta Young, Hedy Lamarr and Vivien Leigh, actors Lloyd Bridges, Jim Backus and Red Skelton, activist Jimmy Hoffa, and coach Vince Lombardi
- A gallon of milk cost 32 cents
- A pound of bread cost 6 cents
- A dozen eggs cost 30 cents
- The average wage was \$1,296
- Federal tax was 1 percent (\$12.96)
- A house cost \$3,395
- A car cost \$490
- A gallon of gas cost 12 cents

Source: 911omissionreport.com



ASK THE MECHANIC

Chris Wilkinson,
Certified Mechanic

Q: When driving forward the right front wheel makes kind of a scraping, growling, grinding noise, but at higher speeds (40+) the noise stops. I also hear the noise when slowing down while I'm pressing the brakes. When I turn right I can still hear the noise, but when I turn left I can't.

- Rabi

A: Rabi, This is most likely a wheel bearing going bad. If you jack up the front wheels and try to move the top and bottom of the tire in and out it should give you an indication as to which one it is. Sometimes we have to run them on a hoist and listen with a stethoscope to determine the exact one causing the noise. You should fix this as soon as possible so that it does not cause any further damage to other parts or become serious enough to be dangerous.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

A NICE THING happened to us last Monday when we had lunch at Wendy's. My husband is 90 years old and a WWII vet. A young man stepped forward and treated us to lunch, telling us from one vet to another he had spent two tours in Afghanistan as a marine. I thought that was very nice. Thank you.

FLINT'S REALLY IN trouble now. My paper shows a picture of Obama holding water in his mouth, not swallowing it and telling them he's got their back. By god, they better run if they can. Whenever he says he's got your back, you're in trouble. You have enough problems; you don't need him.

THIS IS FOR the caller who said the DDA meetings were not open to the public. They are open to the public and posted on the city's website and both entrances to city hall. All you have to do is attend the meetings. They would love to have more people down there. Pay attention to what goes on in your town.

THE PARK ON Margaret Drive has come down to who wants to spend the most on lawyers.

HURRAY, ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP is

getting a new Verizon cell tower. Finally, we will get some good cell service. The zoning board of appeals made the right decision.

REPUBLICANS CAN BLAME the rise of Trump due to people's frustration with the Republican Congress getting nothing done because they want to frustrate Obama. That's why the Republicans will lose the election — not because of Obama — but a stalemate Congress.

LIBERALS MOCK THE Republican primary as cartoonish and divisive. At least it was a fair competition, not rigged like the Democratic primary. Hey Sanders supporters, how's it feel to know your vote doesn't matter?

THANK YOU TO the five people who showed up last Saturday to clean up trash along Linden Road south of Bennett Lake Road. We also appreciated the couple of people who stopped and said, 'thank you.' To the many people who did not slow down as we worked, you are a sad reflection of our community values and help explain why the trash is there in the first place.

WHO ARE THE DDA people? Who elected them? Who are they accountable to? Who's running this town?

Bike trail project grows to 16 miles

■ Connects eight school buildings in two counties

By Sally Rummel

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The kids in Sonja Brooks' first-grade class at State Road Elementary in Fenton came up with a unique idea to support the Linden, Argentine, Fenton, Fenton Township (LAFF) T railways project, a system of non-motorized pathways planned to connect communities in the tri-county area.

The students wrote letters to the principal and superintendent about their idea to hold a bike-a-thon to raise money and create awareness about this recreational project that will impact their future.

Brooks' daughter, AnaLeigh, 6, designed a T-shirt, and businesses jumped on board.

The bike-a-thon is set for Saturday May 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fenton High School, with kids from all elementary schools collecting pledges from friends and family for completing laps on the course. A bike rodeo, helmet check, safety tips, face painting and food tent will all be part of the day's events.

"People are coming to us now with fun fundraising ideas and support," said Victor Lukasavitz, chairman of the LAFF Steering Committee. "Businesses are particularly interested. It shows a keen interest in the project."

This trail will not only serve the people who want to use it recreationally to run, walk, cycle and stroll, but also eight different school buildings along its path, as well as many parks, according to Lukasavitz.

LAFF Trailways is working with the municipalities of Fenton, Fenton Township, Linden, Argentine Township, Holly Village, Holly Township and Seven Lakes State Park to expand the scope of the original 1.8-mile proposed trail connecting Fenton and Linden, to 16 miles, covering two cities, four townships, two counties and Seven Lakes State Park.

This 16-mile proposed routing will run from Lobdell Lake Road at Glen Hatt Road through Fenton Township, Linden City, Fenton City, Seven Lakes State Park, Holly Township and Holly Village to Water Works Park.

"The scope is so much larger now," said Lukasavitz. "When you speak regionally, the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) tends to get more excited about connecting



AnaLeigh Brooks, 6, daughter of teacher Sonja Brooks, drew the bicycle on this T-shirt design and came up with the slogan with her mother. Shirts will be sold at the event for \$12 each, with proceeds going to LAFF Trailways. You can also pre-order the shirts at masonjarcoffeeco.com and click the "FriendLEIGH Designs" link in the main menu.

ing communities and providing statewide recreational opportunities, rather than just a two-mile trail by itself."

Monies raised now through LAFF's partnership with the Community Foundation of Greater Flint, as well as through fundraising events, will pay for the professional engineering preliminary design fee for the Silver Lake Road corridor between Linden and Fenton — the first planned trailway. A grant through the Community Foundation of Fenton provided funds for marketing this year.

Work on the LAFF trailway project has been underway for 14 months, and the earliest date to see any trail complete would be 2018, but everything would have to be aligned, grants, matching funds, right-of-ways and a little bit of luck," said

Lukasavitz. "It takes time," said Lukasavitz. "We have to be out in front of MDT (Michigan Department of Transportation) in all their planning, because we have to cross the expressway at Owen Road, Silver Lake Road, North Road, Lahring and Thompson roads. Let's get facility improvements beyond what cars need."

"In the future, we're also going north, taking us out of Fenton/Linden to Grand Blank Township and Mundy Township, to serve the densest populations north of Fenton and east of Linden."

LAFF Trailways is working with Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation, in finalizing an agreement that would provide a collaborative effort for the trail. "SLPR is the premiere choice, because they have the overlay of all our communities," said Lukasavitz.

People interested in supporting the trailways project can make donations toward the bike-a-thon through www.laffpathways, or give a tax-deductible gift online at www.cfgf.org.

“We are excited to have a trail to play on and exercise and get energy in our community.”
Campbell Dean
First-grader

“We want to help raise money to build the LAFF Pathway.”
Morgan Kilpatrick
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WHAT YOU MISSED

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MIDWEEK TIMES

Wednesday, May 4, 2016 edition

The following were published in the Wednesday, May 4 Midweek edition. If you would like to subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend Editions, please call 810-629-8282.

New superintendent interviews set for next week

The Fenton Board of Education will interview six candidates for the permanent superintendent position on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Byron man charged with bank robbery

Jeffrey Wayne Robinson, 42, of Byron has been charged with bank robbery. He allegedly robbed the Chase bank in Byron and fled the scene on a bicycle.

Fenton man scammed out of \$500

A 50-year-old Fenton man is out \$500 after falling victim to a phone scam by someone claiming to be with the IRS.

MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON RECENTLY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. With one click, you can approve or disapprove of key votes by your legislators using the VoteSpotter smart phone app. This report was released Friday, April 29.

House Bill 5024: Study vehicle driver marijuana intoxication threshold standards

To create a new government commission to review and analyze research and state laws relating to THC (marijuana) bodily content levels for purposes of establishing levels that indicate impaired driving, and then make policy recommendations.

Passed 107 to 1 in the House

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

House Bill 4965: Create juvenile justice family advisory board

To create a family advisory board in the Department of Corrections to give advice on ways to support family reunification when a minor is incarcerated for committing a serious crime, and other steps intended to assist re-entry into the community and reduce recidivism.

Passed 96 to 13 in the House

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ NO
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES

House Bill 4966: Require out-of-cell exercise for young prisoners

To require the Department of Corrections to provide "age-appropriate out-of-cell programming and outdoor exercise" at least five days a week for prisoners who are under 21 years old.

Passed 93 to 16 in the House

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ NO
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES

House Bill 4962: End "tried as an adult" for some serious juvenile offenses

To no longer automatically prosecute and sentence 17 year olds charged with serious crimes as if they were an adult.

Passed 90 to 19 in the House

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ NO
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES

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HOLLY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI BANQUET

The 116th annual Holly High School Banquet and Meeting will be held at Holly High School, 6161 East Holly Road, on **Saturday, June 4**. Social hour begins at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., with entertainment and a business meeting following. Honored this year will be the classes of 2016 and 1966. All HHS Alumni are invited and welcome to bring a guest. Cost is \$20. per person. Reservations are due by May 18. Send checks to Holly High School Alumni, c/o Betty Tinsman Messel, 1292 Thistleridge Drive, Holly, MI, 48442.

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HELP THE HISTORICAL society save Dibbleville by coming out to picket on Tuesday, May 10 at 3:30 p.m. We will be at 106 Shiawassee.

THE DDA SAYS they do not want to be landlords. What do you call renting the fire hall for a dollar a year?

I SURE HOPE someone is overseeing what the DEQ does with replacing the culvert linking Loon and Squaw lakes. Indefinitely is a long time. Someone should be held accountable to ensure the new culvert is done correctly.

IN DEFENSE OF those so-called liberal teachers, kids need reasons to develop compassion and tolerance. Some of them don't get that training at home.

ALTHOUGH I UNDERSTAND space limitations, what's with all the articles, especially in the sports section, that say continued online? There are many people like me who save the articles for scrapbooks and for putting on bulletin boards at school.

CONSERVATIVES NEED TO learn a lesson from the left and start boycotting anything they don't like. If you don't like the policies of the giant home improvement store, don't shop there. Corporations simply follow the money, they have no moral standards, just following the money.

TO THE MORON who is more interested in his tax base than the betterment of the country. Free education would make sure that we have a more educated society, (which would probably leave you out), and therefore probably making more money and not having to pay quite so many taxes. Think about the long term.

TO THE PERSON who doesn't understand the Constitution, it says all people are created equal with certain inalienable rights. That means everybody is to be treated equal.

I ASKED MY husband what a 99-percenter is. He says that must mean the husband has 99 percent of the money and the wife has 1 percent. Is that really what a 99-percenter is?

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John and Jennifer Wentworth attended last year's Kentucky Derby with their family, including children Christian, Rocco and Dahlia.

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5:20 p.m. on NBC, followed by the Kentucky Derby at 6:30 p.m.

While Wentworth is excited to see the Derby, he's looking forward to the expectation of cheering Chocolate Ride down the stretch. Jockey Javier Castellano will be the rider.

This was an anticipation denied to him at last year's Woodford Reserve, when Chocolate Ride "stutter stepped" out of the gate and lost his energy and momentum making up for that slow start, coming in eighth.

"We gave him a lot of time of f after last year's Woodford Reserve," said Wentworth, who will be attending the race with his wife, Jennifer and friends/partners, Stephan and Vick Brochu and Tony Strozier.

Chocolate Ride raced last November, winning a non-stake race, then won two stake races in a row. He came in fourth at Muniz Memorial Handicap on March

"This is the third toughest race of the year, and part of it is because it's Derby Day."

John Wentworth
Realtor and horse owner

26, after overcoming foot issues.

"This is the third toughest race of the year, and part of it is because it's Derby Day," said Wentworth, who raced horses professionally for many years before becoming a Realtor.

Now he races horses as a hobby, having acquired Chocolate Ride in a claiming race in November 2014.

A claiming race is one in which all the horses are for sale at a stipulated price.

"Since we bought him, he's had six wins out of 10 starts," said Wentworth.

The Woodford Turf Classic is a pre-determined \$500,000 purse.

The winner receives 60 percent of that amount. Second place earns 20 percent, third place 10 percent, fourth place 5 percent and fifth place 3 percent.

"If Chocolate Ride wins at Woodford, then he'll race at Arlington in Chicago for a \$1 million purse," said Wentworth. "This is his third race so far this year. He's in his prime right now."

MOM'S LOVE

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"Kids enter the foster care system through abuse and neglect that has happened to them," said Tami. "It's not their fault. They are children who are precious and need to be nurtured."

But Tami is clear to say that she's not there to take the place of the mom. "I'm an advocate for families to reunify," she said. "My goal is for that child to have as successful a launch into life as possible."

She believes that fostering and adopting

children has made her more compassionate as a mother. "Every day, I have to look at myself and decide what matters. It's doesn't come easy. I have to put aside my own desires and focus on the current need and the 'big picture.'"

Her days start early and end late, and in between, there are tears, laughter, homework, sports and appointments — enough to fill an entire calendar.

"To be a mother is 'enough,'" she said. "It's the greatest job and the most important job in the world."

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SUMMER JOB

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from adults and returning college students, teens need to start looking early, in the spring before school is out.

Job hunting with friends may not be a good idea. While it can be helpful to collaborate with friends, who are also looking for jobs, don't think it's a good idea for everyone to go out job hunting together, or worse, find jobs at the same place so you can work together.

There are certainly employers who hire many teens, but unless you know your best friend is a hard-worker you may find yourself doing more than just your job to keep it.

Ask for help. Talk to family members, neighbors and teachers for help in job hunting. Some of these people might even know someone who is hiring teenagers, giving you the inside track.

The key is learning from the mistakes of others and avoid making them yourself.

Your application:

Do not underestimate your skills. If you've been a babysitter — you're a childcare provider.

List your exact duties, like feeding, bathing, and helping with homework (aka "tutoring").

Shoveled snow or fed a cat for a vacationing neighbor? That shows you are someone who can be counted on.

List any clubs and activities you participate in, awards you've won and special skills, like speaking Spanish or cooking.

Solicit the aid of two or three people who can serve as references in case a potential employer asks.

You can use a former boss or, if you have never had a job, a teacher in a class you aced, a Scout leader or soccer coach, or a neighbor you've done yard work for. Be sure to ask your references ahead of time if it's OK to use them.

Where to look:

Do your parents' friends, or your friends' parents, own businesses that might be hiring? Could your employed friends recommend you to their bosses?

Hit the pavement, asking local stores, restaurants, summer camps, and neighborhood organizations if they are hiring.

Think seasonal — camps, ice cream stands, parks — and make a personal appearance to stand out from the crowd of anonymous online searchers.

Speaking of appearance — dress nicely for success. You don't have to wear a suit, but keep the midriff under wraps and the sweatpants in the drawer — and unless you're looking for a summer job at the beach — lose the flip flops.

Sources: livecareer.com; huffingtonpost.com; bankrate.com

LOCAL EMPLOYERS OFFER VALUABLE TIPS

Uncle Ray's Dairyland, both the VG's stores in Fenton, and Mancino's Fenton are among the many local employers that hire teens for not only summer jobs, but year-round.

VG's appears to hire the greatest number of student employees. They are also known for their efforts to hire seniors and military personnel.

For information on how to apply for a job at VG's, either visit their store on Silver Parkway or North LeRoy Street, or look for the careers page at www.spartanstores.com.

Uncle Ray's Dairyland is a big hot (or cold) spot for student employees.

Owner Dave Durant said the first most important thing a potential young employee can do is to know something about the employer before looking for a job there.

Before they come in for an application, they should get on the internet and check out TripAdvisor and Yelp. "See what customers are saying about us," he said. "Google '5 Minutes of Fame with Dave Durant.' It's a 10-minute clip on Uncle Ray's way of doing everything.

When asked why they want to work at Uncle Ray's, potential employees should say, "Because it's the only job I've ever wanted for 10 years since my parents brought me in for ice cream," said Durant.

"We teach this thing called Uncle Ray's way, which is made up of many many ways," said Durant.

Uncle Ray was a teacher and developed his own ABC's — Always Be Committed ... and it goes on from there.

Durant said Uncle Ray's is best with the details. "These kids go through an eight-week training program," he said. "When they ask 'when is training over' they learn that training is never over. All teens train every day. It's relentless.

"We want customers to leave our store and say 'Wow, we love that place.' When our employees go home and their mother asks how is the job, we want them to tell her, 'Wow, I love that place.'"

Students working at Uncle Ray's not only get Uncle Ray's way of training, they learn Uncle Ray's way of life — his way of doing business, and living, said Durant.

According to Mark Rummel of Mancino's of Fenton, "We don't hire 'summer only' workers at Mancino's of Fenton because it takes about two months to fully train a food preparer and that's about how long some young people can work.

"For nearly all restaurants, this is the busiest time of year, and student staff members are usually able to work more hours, as they are needed, since they aren't taking classes," he said.

"We do keep in touch with 2015 and previous graduates who have gone on to college, and invite them to come back to work for the summer," Rummel added. "We've had as many as three of our former staffers come back in a summer. This year, we have one, plus we've had a few stay over from recent graduations."

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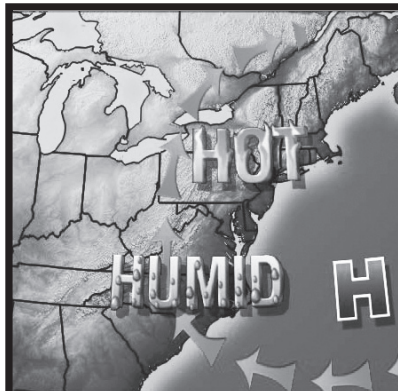
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Times Sports



Shore's shutout streak remains alive, helps lead Eagles to sweep vs. Brandon

By David Troppens

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The season-long winning streak is over, but two other streaks do continue for the Linden varsity baseball team.

One involves pitcher Jack Shore. The other involves the team's Metro League season.

The fifth-ranked Linden Eagles (14-1 overall) improved to a perfect 8-0 in Metro League action after defeating the Brandon

Blackhawks 4-3 and 2-0 in a doubleheader Tuesday at Linden High School.

Shore's run is more impressive than the league win streak. He tossed his fourth straight complete-game shutout in the 2-0 victory against Brandon. Shaw has been perfect this season. What does perfect mean? He's tossed 33 innings and has yet to allow

a run — earned or unearned — all season long. On Tuesday, he tossed a one-hitter, al-

lowing an infield hit to the opening batter of the contest. After that, he got the 20 of the next 21 batters out, yielding just a walk among those batters.

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JACK SHORE

The Linden righty has tossed 33 innings of shutout ball so far this season. The Eagles are a perfect 8-0 in the Flint Metro League standings.



Lady Tigers defeat Blue Devils, 5-2

By David Troppens

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Fenton — Every year it's a different team. Due to that factor, Alexis Brissette knows that means there will be different challenges with each Fenton varsity girls soccer season.

But it seems with each season the girls thrive around those challenges.

Fenton teammates find themselves in first place in the Metro League and at 8-3 overall

after defeating area rivals Lake Fenton 5-2 at Fenton High School on Thursday.

"Things are going really well," Brissette said. "I think we are meshing well together. I think we are learning how to play together better. It's different than being on the team last year because you get used to playing a certain way with certain players. Coming out this year you are starting to realize everyone has different roles so learning how to put those pieces together is challenging but really fun."

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Lake Fenton softball's bats spark sweep vs. Montrose

There was no stopping Lake Fenton's bats against Montrose on Thursday.

The Blue Devils scored 39 runs on 39 hits, resulting in a 16-4, 23-1 doubleheader sweep of the Lady Rams.

In the opener, Alexis McMichael had three hits including a three-run home run. She finished with three runs scored and five RBI. Sydney Sheyachich also had three hits and three RBI.

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Taylor Mowery (below) slides safely into third base. Mowery had eight hits in Fenton's sweep of Clio. photo by David Troppens

Mowery's big bat leads Tigers' sweep vs. Clio

By David Troppens

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Fenton — Every now and then sports fans talk about athletes having "career days."

Defining what one is, can be tough to say the least.

But if a career day can be defined, Fenton var-

sity softball player Taylor Mowery may have provided an example of one on Tuesday.

Mowery went a perfect 8-for-8 with two home runs, a double, four RBI and four runs scored in the Tigers' 9-7 and 12-7 doubleheader sweep of previously first-place Clio at Fenton High School.

Mowery's offensive performance didn't go to waste.

As proven by the final scores, the Tigers needed every single one of those hits, runs scored and RBI to get by the Lady Mustangs and put Fenton in a three-way tie for first

place in the Metro League. Her home runs were the highlight of the day. Both came in the second game. The first one was a two-out, two-run shot that became the first home run blast to hit Fenton's relatively new scoreboard just beyond the left-field fence.

Teammate Logan Carter followed the blast with a solo shot of her own, putting the Tigers up 3-0 after two innings. The second Mowery home run came to lead off the fifth inning.

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sports briefs

LINDEN SOCCER SPLITS A PAIR OF 1-0 METRO LEAGUE CONTESTS

► The Eagles were shutout for the first time this season, resulting in the fourth-ranked squad's first loss of the 2016 spring in a 1-0 defeat at home against Flushing.

The Eagles (14-1-1) bounced back scoring a goal early in the second half, defeating Brandon 1-0. Alia Frederick scored off an Erica Brietling assist.

LAKE FENTON SOFTBALL SWEEP BY CLASS A CLARKSTON

► The Blue Devils were swept by Clarkston 10-6 and 13-3.

In the opening game, the Blue Devils had 10 hits with Olivia Tanner and Erin Ezell getting two hits each. One of Tanner's hits was a two-run home run in the top of the first inning.

In the nightcap, Sidney Conn led the offense with two hits, with one of her hits being a double.

FENTON GOLF DEFEATS HOLLY

► The Fenton Tigers remained undefeated in Metro dual play by posting a 168-172 victory against the Holly Bronchos at the Coyote Preserve.

Nick Campbell led Fenton with a 40 while Chris Gilbert shot a 41. Brandon Diener carded a 43 and Patrick Conroy shot a 44. Holly's David Mathews also shot a 40.

HOLLY GOLF DEFEATS SWARTZ CREEK

► Mitch Smith shot a 41, leading the Bronchos to a 175-196 victory against Swartz Creek. David Mathews shot a 43, followed by Kyle VanBoemel's 44 and Evan Ver-gith's 47. In JV action Holly won 190-226. Noah Rooker shot a 41.

HOLLY BASEBALL CRUSHES FLINT SOUTHWESTERN ACADEMY

► The Bronchos won the first game 15-0 in a three-inning mercy contest, and won the second 14-5.

In the opener, Holly had 13 hits with seven of the safeties being doubles. Wyatt Scribner led the offense with two hits and four RBI while D.J. Tennis and Clay DeVries had two hits and two RBI each. J.D. Lannon had two hits. On the mound, Brandon Bourdeaux tossed the three-inning complete game, striking out five and allowing four walks.

In the nightcap, DeVries had three hits and three RBI while Connor Caldwell chipped in two hits. Bourdeau pitched the final four innings of the nightcap as well, allowing no hits while striking out seven.

LF BASEBALL SPLITS WITH MONTROSE

► The Blue Devils lost the opener 4-1 but won the nightcap 5-3.

A three-run sixth sparked Lake Fenton's win in the second game. Christopher Stephens hit an RBI-double, followed by a two-run single by Luke Willoughby. Lake Fenton led 5-3 at that point. Brendan Mineau and Jack Babbitt had two hits each. Joey Reitano was the winning pitcher, tossing three innings of shutout relief.

In the opener, Fournier led the Blue Devils with two hits.

HOLLY TENNIS DEFEATS FENTON, 6-2

► For the fourth straight year, Holly defeated Fenton in dual action.

Holly won all four doubles matches. The winners were Sydney Renehan and Megan McReynolds (No. 1), Haley Crimmins and Paige Reid (No. 2), Megan Lesperance and Jenna Pepper (No. 3), and Michelle Major and Sami Hild (No. 4).

Taylor Barnett (No. 1) and Nichole Johnson (No. 2) won singles flights.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Linden's Sterling DeGayner swings at a pitch in a recent contest. Lake Fenton swept Brandon on Tuesday.

Linden baseball moves to Greater Flint title game

By David Troppens

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The Linden varsity baseball team is headed to the Greater Flint Baseball championship game for the fourth straight season.

The Eagles earned the spot to the Memorial Day championship contest by defeating Clio 3-1 in Thursday's semifinal contest at Broome Park.

Linden (15-1) trailed 1-0 until a two-

Lady Eagles' sweep puts Linden in three-way tie for first place

By David Troppens

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It's been a long time since the Linden varsity softball team has won a Metro League championship.

It's been since 1998 to be exact.

But just beyond the halfway point of the Metro League regular season, the Linden Eagles are poised to make a run at the 2016 championship.

The Eagles remained in a three-way tie for first place in the Metro League by earning a sweep of Brandon High School on Tuesday. Linden defeated Brandon 10-6 and 4-2, assuring the Eagles remained in the three-way deadlock with a 7-1 Metro record.

"I think at the beginning of the season I was hoping we were capable of (contending for the title). I thought we could if we could put all three facets of the

game together," Linden coach Gordon Jamison said. "I thought last year we were in the middle and toward the end we split with Fenton and Brandon. We have a little bit of experience and expected us to be in the mix for the league. ... Now we have ourselves in a situation where we can control what happens now. I feel good about our situation."

The Eagles led in the second game pretty much the entire contest, scoring two runs in the bottom of the first inning. The inning started with a Kim Freitas and a Cayla Wierenga single. Liz Rakowski followed with an RBI-ground out and Wierenga eventually scored on a wild pitch.

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run third inning. Chris Kitch provided one of his three hits with a lead-off single. An out later, Cole Sarkon singled. Brendan Buerkel followed with an RBI-single and Aaron Sarkon hit an RBI-ground out. Linden led 2-1.

The Eagles added one more run in the top of the seventh. Kevin Bates singled and stole second. He scored on Trey Link's RBI-single.

On the mound, Sarkon pitched a

strong game. He allowed just five hits and no walks while striking out nine to earn the victory.

It took Sarkon just 84 pitches to toss the complete-game victory. Sixty-two of his pitches were strikes. He also threw first-pitch strikes to 22 of the 27 batters he faced.

Linden plays in the Greater Flint Championship game Memorial day at 7:15 p.m. at Flint's Broome Park.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Fenton/Linden's Madison Maxheimer (middle) battles with Holly/Brandon's Sarah Williams and Karsyn McClellan in a recent game.

Fenton/Linden Heat defeat Swartz Creek, 20-10

By David Troppens

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The Fenton/Linden co-op varsity girls lacrosse team's offense put together a pretty impressive offensive performance, defeating Swartz Creek 20-10.

Ellie Reuschlein and Maddy Withers led the squad with six goals each. Skylar Parks had five goals, while Kelly Kemp, Taylor King and Madison Maxheimer had one goal each.

Madeleine Albrecht had 11 saves and Kyle Bliss had one. Cailey Brant and Parks each won four ground balls.

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