

Balancing police work and family life

■ Despite son's illness, this Fenton dad manages to do just that

By Vera Hogan

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Some of the simple joys of fatherhood may include spending time with your little boy, playing putt-putt golf, video games and reading books.

A father may also share his son's joy when he gets presents, cake and ice cream for his birthday, and sees the pride in his

“Even though my husband is a police officer — he is our true hero without the uniform.”

Michelle Townsend

Wife of Fenton Det. Scott Townsend

son's eyes when Daddy puts on a police officer's uniform.

Det. Scott Townsend of the Fenton Police Department has such a boy, only his son is a 5-foot, 10-inch-tall 15-year-old weighing 180 pounds. Cognitively, the

teen has the mind of a 4-year-old.

Townsend's son, Nick, suffers from Dravet Syndrome, a severe, debilitating form of epilepsy. In order to be diagnosed with Dravet's, a child's seizures had to have begun during the first year of life.

“Nick's first seizure began the day after Thanksgiving when he was 5 months old,” Townsend said. “It lasted for 45 minutes.”

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The Townsend family poses for a photo at home. In the back (from left) are Michelle, Sophia, Nick and Gabe. In the front (from left) are Brody and Scott.




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Lahring Road closed until further notice

■ Contractor hauling excavator hits, damages bridge over U.S. 23

By Sharon Stone

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Motorists traveling through Fenton Township need to be aware of some road closures and detours due to a crash at 6:50 a.m. Friday June 17.

According to Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz, a contractor hauling an excavator struck the bottom of the Lahring Road overpass in Fenton Township as he traveled on southbound U.S. 23. The bridge was damaged from the impact.

Because of the damage to the overpass, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has closed both directions of Lahring Road to all traffic between North Road and St. Andrews Way until further notice.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

On Thursday morning, North Road Elementary promoted 76 fifth-graders to middle school in an award ceremony. This was followed by a clap-out by the other grades and saying good-bye to teachers outdoors. Fenton Area Public Schools were the last to end the 2015-16 school year in the tri-county area, with a June 16 finish.



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Crestmont Nursing Care Center on Trealout Drive is under investigation for abuse and neglect by the federal government.

Feds order Crestmont to turn over records

■ Complaint against second Fenton nursing home dismissed

By Sharon Stone

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The Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, Inc. (MPAS) filed federal complaints on June 2 against Crestmont Nursing Care Center and

Fenton Healthcare, both in Fenton.

On June 14, the advocacy group voluntarily dismissed the charges against Fenton Healthcare.

Chris E. Davis, attorney for MPAS said Thursday that the case was to enforce their right to access records so MPAS could conduct an investigation into allegations of abuse and neglect.

“Once the records were provided,

the case was dismissed,” Davis said, referring to Fenton Healthcare. “Sometimes, MPAS has to seek an order from the court. At other times, the facility provides the records immediately once they are sued.”

Davis added that it is unknown at this time if any future charges will be filed against Fenton Healthcare. He will

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“I refuse to fly my flag at half staff each time we experience a terrorist attack. It shows weakness and submission, not strength. Flags should only be flown at half staff when a president or former president dies.”



COMMENT
OF THE WEEK

“I am part of the 2016 graduating class. I could have gone to college on a scholarship but instead signed up for military service by my own choosing. I am the only male I am aware of in my class who has chosen to serve. Most of my teachers discouraged me from joining. Semper Fi.”



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'One of the family'

■ Dogs and cats of today are valued and loved members of our families

By Sally Rummel

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Daisy turned 8 years old on June 9, and was the happy guest of honor at a family birthday party — complete with birthday hats, plenty of gifts and special treats.

Daisy is a beloved four-legged member of the Rick and Leslie Toldo family of Fenton Township, and like many other pets today is treated like one of the family. Daisy's not the only baby in this family. She's also got her brother, Bear, both chocolate labs, and Gus, a yellow lab.

While dogs and cats have always occupied a special place in the hearts of their

owners, there's been a shift in attitude toward pets today, more as "pet parents" than pet owners.

"They're our children," said Leslie. "We take them on vacations planned just for them. They sleep with us. Santa leaves gifts for them."

Jody Maddock of Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton has noticed this change among adoptive "parents" and she says this attitude is a good thing.

"A lot of people are really dedicated to the pets in their home," said Maddock. "People are making a

commitment to their pets. They're asking themselves, 'What can I do to make this pet more comfortable in our family?'"

While many people get a pet for companionship and often choose a rescue animal from a shelter, they soon realize

See DOGS AND CATS on 18A

“We are so busy in our fast-paced lives that animals bring a sense of calm and relaxation.”

Jody Maddock

Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton



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Shown here is Daisy on her 8th birthday, which was celebrated by Rick and Leslie Toldo's family.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Vicky and Jay Peterson recently adopted Finn from Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton. They were looking for a new addition to their family and found him online.

SUMMARY

■ Your family's dog or cat often becomes more than just a pet; they are actually viewed by many to be a true member of the family.

Top 10 most popular dog breeds

Labrador Retrievers
German Shepherds
Golden Retrievers
Bulldogs
Beagles
French Bulldogs
Yorkshire Terriers
Poodles
Rottweilers
Boxers

Source: American Kennel Club

Famous dogs from TV and movies:

- Lassie from "Lassie"
- Toto from "Wizard of Oz"
- Snoopy from "Peanuts"
- Rin Tin Tin from "The Adventures of Rin Tin Tin"
- Petey from "Little Rascals"
- Scooby Doo
- Brian from "The Family Guy"
- Beethoven from "Beethoven's 2nd"
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Teach your children well

Today is Father's Day. I've never claimed to be the 'World's Best Dad,' but I have learned a few things over the past 22 years, many of them, oddly enough, from watching the lovely yet formidable Marcia, who is a great dad and mom all rolled into one.

Being silly and playing with your kids is one of the best things you can do as a dad. Fortunately, this has never been hard for me since, near as I can tell, I've never grown up.

Hug them early and often — every day — or they'll never let you hug them later on when you really want to or when they really need it.

It's OK to play the gruff, protective dad with your teenage daughter when it comes to boys. She'll probably like it in a weird sort of way — like someone is watching out for her. I've teased Annie for years that no boy will ever be good enough for her. Somehow I think that's encouraged her to be choosy. Which is good.

Hold the door for women and your boys will grow up to hold doors for women and come to view women as special, which they are. Besides, it's just nice. We need all the manners and courtesy we can get in this day and age.

Letting your kids catch you in mistakes and laughing along with them as they laugh at you is important. I don't know why, it just is.

Don't use baby talk with babies and infants. Talk to them like people from day one and they'll grow up with amazing language skills. Kids who can express themselves, I think, have fewer problems.

If you're sarcastic, your kids will be sarcastic. This is a good thing in my mind. I like sarcastic people.

Girls should learn to jack a car and fix stuff and boys should learn to cook and clean. Accomplishing the former is much easier than the latter. (Right, boys?)

The more you read to your kids early on — and the more they see you read —

the smarter they'll be. This might be the truest thing I've ever said. Have stacks of books everywhere.

If you want to get information out of your teenage son about his life and feelings, do it while shooting baskets with him. I don't know why that works, but it seems to.

Most problems kids have can be solved by going for ice cream. (It works with adults, too.)

Annoy your kids by telling them how much you love them. It's not fatal. No kid ever died from being told they matter.

Tell them this: 'No one is good at anything the first time they do something. And no one was born to do anything. People get good at stuff they care about by working hard at it. Beethoven wasn't born knowing how to compose.' Because it's true.

Cherish every second. Yeah, yeah, everyone says that. But it's true. Two of my wonderful kids — Sam and Annie — are grown and off to college. The last wonderful kid — Henry — is halfway through high school.

When they're all gone for good I don't know what I'll do with myself.

“Most problems kids have can be solved by going for ice cream. (It works with adults, too.)”



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

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WENT TO THE first concert in the park Thursday. It was really great. Only one suggestion for parents with small children — while we're watching a concert, please don't treat the entire side of the hill as a playground for your kids. It is very difficult to focus on the music with so many little children running wild with little to no supervision. Thank you.

GUN FANATICS ARE in every state of our nation. They whine and cry anytime gun control through stricter background check laws is mentioned. They seem to ignore the growing problem of guns getting in criminals and terrorists hands.

I DON'T KNOW those boys from Linden, but I feel bad for them. Someone or something failed for them in their lives.

YOU CAN DO all the magic math you want. At the end of the day the money spent by the DDA comes out of our pockets and goes into their pockets. It is our money, and it's being given away cavalierly.

PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS opened relations with Iran, Cuba, Syria and other nations, which never had trade or treaties with the United States. I would say these are milestone accomplishments and will go down in history as just that — epic successes.

I THINK I heard Trump say that Iraq should be using their oil to pay back the U.S. for liberating them and taking care of our deceased and killed in action soldiers, taking care of families, giving them money from oil. What happened to that?

I CANNOT BELIEVE that somebody called in and complained about our servicemen getting free stuff.

LAST WEEKEND Chicago had eight killed and 36 injured in shootings. Chicago and Illinois have the strictest gun laws in the country. Don't listen to rhetoric, look at the evidence.

FORTY-NINE AMERICANS are murdered by a terrorist and President Obama thinks that disarming the citizens is the key to stopping terrorism? Our own leadership is far more dangerous to us and our families than any terrorist.

AS THE MOTHER of a 2-year-old, my heart aches for the family at Disney World who lost their son. I doubt they will ever awaken another morning without that being the first thought on their mind. Our prayers are with you.

IF WE OUTLAW guns then we should also outlaw cars, knives, alcohol, tobacco and dozens of other products that kill millions more Americans each year than guns do.

FLOWERS DOWNTOWN ON the light posts are absolutely beautiful. For all the complainers about our city and the officials which run it, come see the eye-pleasing sight for yourself. Makes our city appear friendly, warm and inviting to all residents and visitors alike. Great job city of Fenton.

CLINTON WOULD BE a much better president than loud mouthed, ego maniac Donald Trump. At least her Democrat followers do not riot every time she speaks.

CAN SOMEONE EXPLAIN to me the difference between what the Alabama House Speaker in Alabama was just convicted of and what Hillary Clinton did while she was Secretary of State. She used her position to fill her pockets and her husband's foundation pockets. I see no difference.

THE REPUBLICANS RUN from the responsibility of gun control every time there is a shooting or terrorist act which goes back to easily obtained weapons. They need to wake up and smell the gun powder.

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What's the best summer concert you have been to?



"Chicago," because I have grown up with those guys and they are incredible. I saw them at DTE. The Eagles were a good one as well. I saw them in Chicago."

Jan Shanahan
Fenton



"Probably the 'Rolling Stones.' They are just good entertainment."

Jim Willson
Fenton



"It was at Atwood Stadium. The headliner was 'Journey.' Pat Benatar and Eddie Money were there. My brother-in-law had a concession stand there for selling T-shirts."

Dixie Dembek
Linden



"Shania Twain was the last one I really liked. I took my granddaughters to it."

Kathy Streng
Fenton



"I would say Kid Rock. It is definitely an awesome show. He knows how to entertain."

Christine Dragomer
Fenton

street talk



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

Holly teachers ask the school board members if they knew about all the extra work teachers do. Approximately 50 people wore red union T-shirts to the Holly Board of Education meeting Monday.

Holly teachers facing another pay cut — plead their case

■ Staff shares stories of their volunteer work

By Hannah Ball

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Holly — The theme of the Monday Holly school board meeting was “did you know” as teachers from all the Holly schools told school board members about the extra work they do for students hopefully to stop the board from cutting their pay.

Teachers have wanted to negotiate their new contracts, said John Creasey, the teachers’ union president. Their current contract expires June 30.

Teachers took a pay cut a few years ago due to four furlough days, according to Superintendent Dave Nuss. “They have been frozen for steps for five years — like many districts. However salary did increase year over year for an approximate increase of 1/2 percent for 2016.”

During the meeting, teachers wore

their red Holly Education Association shirts to show solidarity and asked the school board “did you know?”

Melanie Martin, a teacher at Davisburg Elementary said, “Did you know that our fifth-grade teacher spent five days and four nights at camp this year? She spent countless hours planning every detail, preparing students with team building activities, was actively involved at camp, and on call 24 hours for those days. Camp experience provides hands-on life experience that can’t be achieved anywhere else.”

She said it also reinforces the science, math and physical education skills they learn at school.

Aimee Schwartz, who works at Davisburg Elementary, said, “I’m not sure if you were aware

that at Davisburg we held months of after-school enrichment for our young fives through fifth-grade students and the majority of these classes are taught by our own Davisburg teachers. One of our own

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“Did you know that the art and music teachers at Davisburg Elementary and Rose Pioneer took our fifth grade students to the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra to further connect their learning of art and music outside the school building?”

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Holly Elementary and Davisburg Elementary art educator

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A: Hope, The reason you can not weld a coil or any other spring, is the way it is tempered and heat treated when made can not be duplicated easily. What leads you to believe that the coil spring was welded? If there is evidence of this being done right before the sale of the car; you may be able to go to small claims court to get some kind of reimbursement for damages and repairs. If you bought it from a car dealer try to contact the manager of the store. If you do not get help from them, call the Michigan Department of State at 1-888-767-6424. If this was a private party, you should contact the seller and give them a chance to make it right before going any further.

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He spent four days at Hurley Medical Center that first time.

A couple of months later on Jan. 2, Nick suffered another seizure. He was placed on a number of different medications to combat the problem. He wasn't getting better.

"It took until he was 3½ years old before he was diagnosed with Dravet Syndrome," said Townsend. "One in 30,000 children will have it."

Prior to being diagnosed, Nick had been treated by three different neurologists at Hurley and at the University of Michigan Hospital. It was at Children's Hospital in Detroit that they got the diagnosis.

"It's a genetic disease," Townsend said. "My wife and I are carriers."

Townsend said his wife, Michelle, was pregnant with their daughter Sophia, now 11, when they learned they were carriers of a genetic disease.

"It was pretty scary," he said.

Sophia, however, does not have the disease. She is a straight-A student in the Lake Fenton school district, and is very involved in competitive dance and cheerleading.

Her brother Brody, 6, is also free of the disease. Also a student in the Lake Fenton school district, Brody is involved in soccer baseball and other after-school activities.

Both parents are actively involved in Sophia and Brody's activities.

Townsend, who is a Lake Fenton graduate and former football coach, also has a 19-year-old stepson, Gabe, who helps with Nick when Mom and Dad are at work. Michelle works for Community Mental Health in Shiawassee County.

Life in the Townsend household is a daily struggle.

"Nick still has seizures three nights a week," he said. "Where they used to last

40 to 45 minutes, they now last about one to two minutes."

Nick has had thousands of seizures in his lifetime, said Townsend.

In addition to being cognitively delayed with the mental capacity of a 4-year-old, Nick speaks in short sentences and is not very coordinated. He likes to play Wii (Nintendo) video games and watch TV. He also likes to be read to, and likes bubbles and balls.

Nick likes to eat and will eat anything that's put in front of him — and he still likes sitting on Dad's lap.

Nick also is very social and will say hi to everyone and give high fives. "But he has no boundaries," said Townsend. "Personal space means nothing to him."

As far as the other kids, Townsend said, "A lot of what we do depends on him. We try to make life as normal as possible. The other children make a lot of sacrifices. It's not easy to take Nick on family outings."

Because body temperature can result in a seizure, they keep him home and out of the hot sun for the most part.

"He doesn't understand fully why he can't go outside," Townsend said.

"He used to try and walk away from home, but not so much recently. He's miserable when he gets hot and has a seizure."

Nick attends the Elmer Knopf Learning Center in Flint every day during the school year.

"He doesn't like school and sometimes refuses to get out of the car," said Townsend. "He is physically very strong and doesn't know his own strength. There's no half-speed for him."

For this reason, it is necessary for Scott or Michelle to drive him to school every day. Leaving in the afternoon is not a problem and Gabe picks him up from school, takes him home and cares for him until Scott and Michelle get home from work.

At Elmer Knopf, Nick is basically taught life skills. "He knows his letters and numbers, and he knows colors," said Townsend. "The staff there is great. They handle him well at school."

Fewer problems than this can be a major strain on many families and marriages.

"My wife and I work well together," he said. "We're solid."

Scott and Michelle have been married for 16 years.

"Scott works extremely hard to provide for our family. He hardly complains and always wishes he could do more," said Michelle. "Since the day I became his wife he always placed our family first. Our kids are his world."

"He will come home extremely tired and just want to rest and our children want his attention right away and he will go outside and play baseball, soccer or even



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn presents the Departmental Meritorious Service Award to Det. Scott Townsend, for his work investigating a case involving a \$356,000 scam in 2011.

play Wii with Nick," she added. "He never gets a break, and I couldn't tell you the last time he went golfing with friends, or to a Tigers baseball game or hang out on a lake with his old high school friends. He is always thinking of us and rarely takes time for himself."

"Scott is a selfless man and wears his heart on his sleeve, and any friend or family member can call him and he will be there to help them in any way possible," added Michelle.

"When it comes to me, he is always making sure I am OK. I feel very honored and blessed that God placed not only a great husband in my life, but also the best father for our children. Our children adore him and can't wait until he walks through the door to get his big bear hugs and some quality time," she said.

"Our family is definitely different than others and our children do sacrifice more than their peers. We try our best to provide what we can with our daily limitations, especially with Nick's needs."

"Even though my husband is a police officer — he is our true hero without the uniform," Michelle said.

The couple gets help when they can from Scott's mother and Michelle's parents.

This summer, Scott said he would like to take the family up to his mother's property up north.

"Nick loves his grandma."

Scott and Michelle also receive support through the Dravet Syndrome Foundation (www.dravetfoundation.org) and its Facebook page.

The couple has been to conferences in Minneapolis and Chicago in past years.

"It's nice to be able to help parents who are new to this, to help teach them and give helpful advice," said Scott.

As far as time alone, Scott said he and Michelle were able to go to Las Vegas about five years ago. But now, out of necessity, vacations are taken separately.

"I would have loved to golf this weekend in a charity golf outing," he said. "But my daughter has a dance recital and I wouldn't think of missing that."

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Davisburg teachers spent 30 hours after the school day teaching these enrichment classes."

Alison Marchbanks, art educator at Holly Elementary and Davisburg, said, "Did you know that the art and music teachers at Davisburg Elementary and Rose Pioneer took our fifth-grade students to the DIA (Detroit Institute of Arts) and DSO (Detroit Symphony Orchestra) to further connect their learning of art and music outside the school building?"

Anthony Coggins, a history teacher at the high school who has kids in Holly schools, said, "I could not be prouder of the fact that my kids have had a chance to work with the outstanding staff at Davisburg. A building is only as successful as the teachers who are on the front line every day and the teachers at Davisburg have shown they are the best in the business."

Approximately 20 teachers told the board about different programs they have for students, and how successful students are within them. They said they often pay out of their own pocket for extra school supplies and regularly volunteer their free time for field trips and to help students learn.

Parents expressed their gratitude to the teachers.

One parent became emotional at the podium when she talked about how her triplets graduated in 2014 and that she still has kids in the schools. "I'm so proud of these teachers. They all deserve a whole lot more than I can give them accolades for," she said. "I truly believe the teachers

need to be considered first."

Another Holly parent said, "The teachers are the ones who make the district and are ultimately the ones who make this district grow."

After the meeting, Creasey said the school board is waiting until July, when the board attorney is available, to meet with teachers and representatives from the union.

Holly School Board President Michael Newcomb was absent from the meeting due to a previously scheduled vacation.

Superintendent Dave Nuss said they've been meeting with the HEA for almost three years to communicate the district's financial distress. He said there have been 15 meetings for teacher negotiations this year so far.

SUMMARY

Holly teachers and parents told the Holly Board of Education about all the extras teachers do for the students, hoping to sway the board members' opinions over possible pay cuts.

He said it is challenging for a district funded at the lowest level to be financially responsible and to appropriately compensate hard-working employees.

Due to employee concessions and belt-tightening, Nuss said they raised the fund balance from .086 percent in 2014 to approximately .4 percent for June 30.

"We will continue to meet with the HEA as much as possible and currently have two meetings scheduled in July with a mediator assigned by the state of Michigan. We hope to conclude contract talks as soon as possible," he said.

The amount of pay cuts is yet to be determined.

"We're all looking for a fair contract that meets the needs of providing a quality educational experience for our students," he said. An attorney will be brought in for the July meeting for mediation.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

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City sells undeveloped 53-parcel subdivision

The undeveloped 17-acre Lexington Oaks subdivision is being sold by the city of Fenton to Mitchell Building Company of Brighton. The city acquired the 53-parcel property, located on Lemen Street near the end of Sixth Street, through the tax forfeiture process.

Trinity Lutheran has a new home

Nearly 500 Trinity Lutheran Church members walked to their new location on Main Street in Fenton last Sunday. Construction of the new \$8 million church started more than a year ago.



Lake Fenton High School has new principal

Former Grand Blanc High School Assistant Principal Chris Belcher will step into his new role at Lake Fenton High School principal on July 1.

(These and other Midweek edition stories also can be found at tctimes.com.)



YOUR SMILE MATTERS!

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

GOLD OR PORCELAIN

When restoring badly decayed and broken teeth, often a crown is placed. Time was that gold was the "gold standard" and most crowns, especially those for back teeth were made of gold. Gold has been used for restoring teeth for centuries even Egyptian mummies have been found with gold restoring their teeth. Gold has many useful properties that make it good for dentistry. Gold is biocompatible and non-allergenic. It's strong and easy to work, cast and shape. Also, the reason gold is considered a precious metal is because it does not tarnish which enables gold to withstand the hostile oral environment for years. But gold also has some non-ideal properties. Gold, because it's a relatively scarce element, is very expensive. And gold is metallic and not a natural looking restorative material.

Porcelain crowns, on the other hand, are much more life-like in appearance. Historically there has been a problem with porcelain crowns being able to withstand and hold up well over time in the mouth especially in the back teeth. With time the porcelain would sometimes break and the crown would need to be replaced. Porcelain crowns have always worked relatively well for front teeth but because the bite pressures are so much greater, porcelain crowns were not considered a good treatment option for back teeth. Now, with advances in porcelain material science and technology; crowns made of advanced E-max or Zirconium porcelain are just as strong and last as long as gold crowns on back teeth. In fact, just a few years ago it was reported that for the first time that more teeth are now restored with life-like, all-porcelain crowns than with gold. In my practice I very rarely place a gold crown these days. The vast majority of the time I am recommending a life-like all-porcelain crown which my patients appreciate much more than the metallic look of a gold metal crown in their mouth. I see this trend continuing to rise.

I welcome your questions and comments.
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LOOKING BACK at this week in NATIONAL HISTORY

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JUNE 19

1953: Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who were convicted of conspiring to pass U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviets, are executed at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, New York. Both refused to admit any wrongdoing and proclaimed their innocence right up to the time of their deaths, by the electric chair. The Rosenbergs were the first U.S. citizens to be convicted and executed for espionage during peacetime and their case remains controversial to this day.

JUNE 20

1975: Jaws, a film directed by Steven Spielberg that made countless viewers afraid to go into the water, opens in theaters. The story of a great white shark that terrorizes a New England resort town became an instant blockbuster and the highest-grossing film in movie history until it was bested by 1977's Star Wars. The film, a breakthrough for director Spielberg, then 27 years old, spawned three sequels.

JUNE 21

1982: John W. Hinckley, Jr., who on March 30, 1981, shot President Ronald Reagan and three others outside a Washington, D.C., hotel, was found not guilty of attempted murder by reason of insanity. In the trial, Hinckley's defense attorneys argued that their client was ill with narcissistic personality disorder, citing medical evidence, and had a pathological obsession with the 1976 film Taxi Driver, in which the main character attempts to assassinate a fictional senator.

JUNE 22

1944: U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the G.I. Bill, an unprecedented act of legislation designed to compensate returning members of the armed services — known as G.I.s — for their efforts in World War II.

JUNE 23

2013: Aerialist Nik Wallenda, 34, becomes the first person to walk a high wire across the Little Colorado River Gorge near Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona. Wallenda wasn't wearing a safety harness as he made the quarter-mile traverse on a 2-inch-thick steel cable some 1,500 feet above the gorge.

JUNE 24

1997: U.S. Air Force officials release a 231-page report dismissing long-standing claims of an alien spacecraft crash in Roswell, New Mexico, almost exactly 50 years earlier.

JUNE 25

1950: Armed forces from communist North Korea smash into South Korea, setting off the Korean War. The United States, acting under the auspices of the United Nations, quickly sprang to the defense of South Korea and fought a bloody and frustrating war for the next three years.

Source: history.com



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

At approximately 8 a.m. on Friday June 17, crews were still cleaning up the crash on southbound U.S. 23, which damaged the Lahring Road overpass in Fenton Township.

BRIDGE

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The length of the closure cannot be determined until the crash is cleaned up and MDOT can assess the damage to the bridge. Inspections are taking place Friday, June 17. Motorists are advised to seek an alternate route.

Volz said motorists traveling on south

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bound U.S. 23 were forced to exit at Thompson Road. At noon, the southbound lanes and entrance ramp reopened.

The fire chief warns motorists and area residents that heavy traffic is expected on Torrey and North roads until the Lahring Road bridge is repaired.

Northbound lanes on U.S. 23 were not affected by this situation.

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HOME INVASION IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office is investigating a home invasion in Fenton Township. Dep. Geno Gaticka said a homeowner in the 6000 block of Acorn Way reported that his teenage son was home alone at 4 p.m. on June 10. The son heard the doorbell and someone knocking at the front door. He looked out and saw an unknown white male, between 40 and 50 years of age, with a scruffy beard at the door. The man was wearing a white T-shirt, blue jeans and a baseball cap. The son retreated to another room of the house. He heard the man enter and roam through the house. Deputies arrived and learned that nothing was reported stolen and the son was not injured. The case remains under investigation.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

MORE KILLING, MORE guns. More guns, more killings.. Can't you see the problem? When are people going to wake up and when is it going to stop?

MANY DEMOCRATS WALKED out of Congress yesterday because they wanted more bills for gun control. However, these are the same Democrats who allow the killing of over a million babies a year, the invasion of illegals who rob, rape and murder, and who do not recognize Islamic terrorism.

CHICAGO BARELY GOT mentioned this weekend in the news because only 33 people were shot and only seven killed by gunfire. They have the strictest gun laws in the country yet the gangs and criminals still get guns. The answer lies in going after the bad people.

IT'S REALLY IRONIC that Republicans are saying it's illegal to burn an American flag, even though the Supreme Court cases, Texas V. Johnson and United States v. Eichman, ruled flag burning a freedom of speech.

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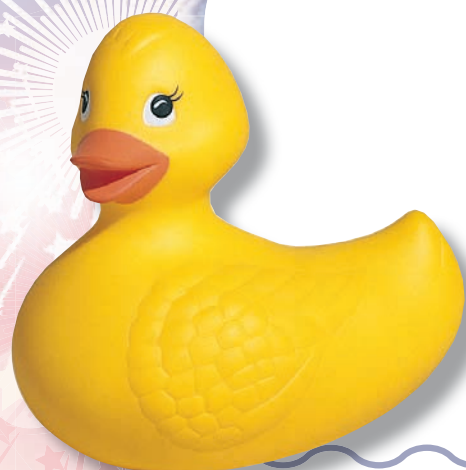
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Holly achieves national recognition

■ Village among 10 Michigan communities to earn National Main Street Accreditation

By Vera Hogan

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Holly — The village of Holly hosted the National Main Street Accreditation ceremony for all Main Street communities in Oakland County Tuesday morning.

Dozens of Holly citizens and officials, and representatives from Clawson, Farmington, Ferndale, Franklin, Highland, Lake Orion, Ortonville, Oxford, Pontiac and Rochester, who along with Holly were awarded National Main Street Accreditation, were on hand for the ceremony.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson spoke of the benefits and successes of the National Main Street movement, which has been sweeping across the United States and helping thousands of communities. He also presented the awards to each of the 10 communities.

Displaying a good sense of humor, Patterson apologized for being seated at the start of the ceremony.

"I was in an accident four years ago," he said. "Something funny happens when I stand too long, I fall down."

Patterson, 77, added, "Bones don't heal the same as when you're 38."

Being awarded National Main Street Accreditation is not an easy task, Patterson told the audience. He acknowledged that two communities — Lake Orion and Ortonville — have been accredited for 10 years.

The Main Street program was launched in Oakland County in 2000, Patterson said. Today, Oakland County is the only full-service county-level Main Street program in the United States.

"Since its inception in 2000, the 22 Main Street Oakland County communities have generated more than \$706 million of public and private investment, created more than 7,000 jobs and established 971 new businesses.

"This shows what we can do when we dig in," he said.

At one time, unemployment was 13 percent in Oakland County because of GM and Chrysler closures, he said.

"At last check, that figure is down to 4.7 percent," Patterson said. "Some of those new jobs came right out of the Main Street program."

To achieve National Main Street Accreditation, a community is evaluated on 10 criteria and it must receive a perfect score.

Village President Ryan Bladzick said, "Our downtowns are the history and heritage of our communities, and the Main Street program gives us the resources and direction to help preserve and develop them.

"We're thankful to L. Brooks Patterson and his team for being such great partners to all of Oakland County's Main Street communities with the help and resources they provide, as well as to all of the downtown directors and volunteers who make our downtowns vibrant, exciting places."

In a press release issued after Tuesday's ceremony, Patterson said, "Main Street Oakland County succeeds be-



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Posing for a photo with Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson are (from left) Lisa Clark, DDA board member; Bob Hoffman, county commissioner; Dick Rossell (obscured) DDA chairman; Ryan Bladzick, village president; Patterson; Pam Krantz, DDA board member; Andy Potter (obscured), DDA director; Brian Feldman, DDA board member; and Jerry Walker, village manager.

Ten criteria to achieve National Main Street Accreditation

In order to earn National Main Street Accreditation, communities must be reviewed on the following 10 criteria and receive a perfect score.

1. Has broad-based community support for the commercial district revitalization process, with strong support from both the public and private sectors.

2. Has developed vision and mission statements relevant to community conditions and to the local Main Street program's organizational stage.

3. Has a comprehensive Main Street work plan.

4. Possesses an historic preservation ethic. Historic preservation is central to the Main Street program's purpose and is what makes historic and traditional commercial districts authentic places.

5. Has an active board of directors and committees.

6. Has an adequate operating budget. A sustainable Main Street program has financial resources to carry out its annual and evolving program of work.

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Police&Fire report

CLONED CREDIT CARDS AT CENTER OF INVESTIGATION

At 1:45 p.m. on June 6, Fenton police were dispatched to Walmart to follow up on a complaint of suspicious activity. Police were told that two 18-year-old black males from Oak Park were in the store simultaneously purchasing numerous Walmart gift cards using a cloned credit card with a fake account number. Register receipts showed the same account number on the card, which police say is not possible. The men were taken into custody and questioned. Police learned the men had other stolen credit cards and information to make purchases. While talking to the two men, police observed their friend seated in a nearby vehicle throwing garbage out of the car window. Police recovered that garbage, including receipts and arrested the third male for littering and possession of marijuana. All three males were arrested and the case remains an open investigation. Police are attempting to identify the rightful owner of the account number, which was on multiple credit cards in the males' possession.

A tribute to FATHERS

A short memoir

Born in the 1930s and early '40s, we exist as a very special age cohort. We are the 'last ones.' We are the last, climbing out of the Depression, who can remember the winds of war and the war itself with fathers and uncles going off. We are the last to remember ration books for everything from sugar to shoes to stoves. We saved tin foil, newspaper, and poured fat into tin cans. We saw cars up on blocks because tires weren't available. Nor plentiful gasoline. Our mothers delivered milk, some by horse drawn cart. But when we came home after school, mother was there; sometimes with the wafting aroma



of hot baked cookies.

We are the last to know the term 'Fire-side Chat,' hear Franklin Delano Roosevelt's radio assurances and to see gold stars in the front windows of our grieving neighbors. We can also remember the parades, cheering and tears, on Aug. 14, 1945 — VJ Day.

We saw the 'boys' home from the war build their Cape Cod style houses, pouring the cellar, tar papering it over and living there until they could afford the time and money to build it out.

We are the last who spent childhood without television; instead envisioning what we heard on the radio. As we all like to brag, with no TV, we spent our childhood 'playing outside until the street lights came on.' We did play outside and we did play on our own. We got enough kids to play work ups on sandlot baseball. There was no such thing as 'little league.'

The lack of television in our early years meant, for most of us, that we had little real understanding of what the world was like. Our Saturday afternoons, if at the movies, gave us newsreels of the war and the holocaust sandwiched in between westerns and cartoons. Newspapers and magazines were written for adults. We adored Norman

Rockwell. We are the last who had to find out anything for ourselves.

As we grew up, the country was exploding with growth. The G.I. Bill gave returning veterans the means to get an education and spurred colleges to grow. VA loans fanned a housing boom. Pent-up demand coupled with new installment payment plans put factories to work. New highways would bring jobs and mobility.

The veterans joined civic clubs and became active in politics. In the late '40s and early '50s, the country seemed to lie in the embrace of brisk but quiet order as it gave birth to its new middle class. Our parents understandably became absorbed with their own new lives. They were free from the confines of the Great Depression and the War. They threw themselves into exploring opportunities they had never imagined.

We weren't neglected; we weren't today's all-consuming self-focus. They were glad we played by ourselves 'until the street lights came on.' They were busy discovering the post war world.

Most of us had no life plan, but with the unexpected virtue of ignorance and an economic rising tide we simply stepped into the world and went to find out. We entered a world of overflowing opportunity; a world where we were welcomed. Based on our naive belief that there was more where this came from, we shaped life as we went.

We enjoyed a luxury; we felt secure in our future. Of course, just as today, not all Americans shared in this experience. Depression poverty was deep rooted. Polio was still a crippler. The Korean War was a dark presage in the early '50s and by mid-decade schoolchildren were ducking under desks. China became Red China. Eisenhower sent the first 'advisers' to Vietnam. Stalin died, Khrushchev came to power, and Castro set up camp in Cuba.

We are the last to experience an interlude when there were no existential threats to our homeland. We came of age in the late '40s and early '50s. The war was over and the cold war, terrorism, climate change, technological upheaval and perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life with insistent unease.

Only we can remember both a time of apocalyptic war and a time when our world was secure and full of bright promise and plenty. We experienced both.

We grew up at the best possible time, a time when the world was getting better.

We are the 'last ones.'

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CRESTMONT

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not know until their investigation is complete.
In the three-count complaint, now just with Crestmont, MPAS challenges the local nursing care facility’s failures to disclose documents relating to allegations of abuse and neglect of its clients. MPAS has the responsibility, both under federal and state law to investigate allegations of abuse and neglect against persons with disabilities.

Federal charges filed against Crestmont

Count 1 – Violation of the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) Act’s access to records provision
Count 2 – Violation of the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Assistance and Bill of Rights Act’s access to records provision
Count 3 – Violation of the Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights (PAIR) Program of the Rehabilitation Act’s access to records provision

According to the complaint, MPAS reviewed licensing surveys from May and November of 2015, which indicated that individuals with disabilities may have been subject to abuse and neglect.

The survey identified approximately 10 residents who may have been subject to abuse and neglect relating to a failure to develop care plans, failure to properly treat pressure sores, the administration of psychotropic medications and failure to provide appropriate social services.

The complaint states that Crestmont Nursing Care Center failed to turn over all of the requested records relating to the investigation. MPAS has asked the court to require Crestmont Nursing Care Center to provide all of the requested records and to have plaintiff’s costs and reasonable attorney fees covered, related to this investigation.

As reported in a December 2015 article in the Times, Transfiguration Lutheran Church (TLC) in Fenton has a group of volunteers who have made regular visits to people in area nursing homes as their mission, with the hope that the care will be better than if they were not visited.

TLC volunteers want nursing home staff to be aware that there are “visiting eyes and ears” there to provide companionship to residents and observe the care they are receiving.

“We also want to uplift the caregivers,” said Dr. Mark Fisher, minister for TLC. “We need to show them how important we know they are and how hard they work.”

Some of these nursing homes are understaffed, resulting in aides and other employees working longer than normal hours, often for low wages.

“We need to pray for them and treat them as heroes,” said Fisher.

TLC wants the community to know they are doing this, and hope other churches and organizations will follow suit. And other nursing home visitors who see abuse or neglect should not be afraid to get involved.

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Fenton Fire Department looking for firefighters

The city of Fenton Fire Department is looking for paid-on-call volunteer firefighters.

A paid-on-call volunteer is a firefighter that gets paid for any emergency he or she responds to, according to Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff. They receive an hourly wage for whenever they answer an emergency call.

Currently the fire department is staffed with 29 on-call firefighters.

“We are approved to be staffed up to 35 and we would like to hire a few interested and dedicated people who would like to serve their community,” Cairnduff said.

“Those who join the fire service can expect a challenging, stressful, emotional, and a very rewarding experience,” he added.

Each firefighter applicant will have to attend a fire academy to become a state-certified firefighter, and take and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) class to become a licensed Medical First Responder (MFR) or Emergency



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Paid, on-call firefighters from the Fenton Fire Department battle a recent car fire on Tipsico Lake Road. Anyone interested in becoming a firefighter should call (810) 629-8595 for more information.

Medical Technician (EMT).

To be eligible to work for the city of Fenton Fire Department, applicants must be 18 years old, have a high school diploma or GED, have their own dependable transportation, pass a medical exam and drug screen, agree to a criminal background and driving record search, and live within (or close to) our response

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Fenton

It must be summer...

■ Fenton Farmers Market begins Thursday, June 23

By Vera Hogan

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While the corn on the cob may not yet be available, there will be plenty of other produce, arts and crafts and special activities available at the Fenton Farmers Market, which begin this year on Thursday June 23, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Markets will be held on Thursdays each week through Sept. 22 in the parking lot adjacent to the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, 150 S. Leroy St., Fenton.

There is still time for vendors to sign up. Cost is \$100 for one space, or \$150 for two spaces. Vendor packets can be downloaded at slpr.net. Vendor packets are also available at the SLPR office, located inside the community center.

According to Sheri Peruski, market manager for Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation, "The produce vendors have told me they will be having tomatoes, zucchini, summer squash, onions, strawberries, rhubarb, kale, garlic scapes and herb plants."

The artisans will be featuring jewelry, "super cute" dog outfits, body butters, clothing, garden boxes, aprons, towels, dryer balls metal sculptures, woodworking, and much more, Peruski added.

"This year we also have an egg vendor and a couple meat vendors who are going to try this market for a week or two to see if it is worth it for them to stay for the whole



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Fenton's first Farmers Market of the season will begin Thursday, June 23. Markets will run through Sept. 22 on Thursdays, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the parking lot adjacent to the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

year," she said.

"The food goodies will include cookies, pound cakes, muffins, candy, caramel corn, salsa and more," Peruski added. "Great Harvest Bread will be returning this year; they were a huge crowd pleaser in the past."

For the kids there will be face painting and a "find the vegetable" game and more. Fenton Winery will be offering samples again.

"We will have music from local artists, and Adopt A Pet and Courtney from the DNR will be on hand with local critter and plant information," she said.

The Linden Farmers Markets will begin on July 18 and run through Aug. 31. The markets take place on Wednesdays, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Union Block.

Dr. Nicole Wax has recently purchased the Union Block property. But there are no worries.

"Dr. Wax has graciously allowed us to use her property for the market this year in Linden so it will still be in the Union Block area," said Peruski. "We are super happy and relieved about that."

Cost for one space at the Linden markets is \$50, or two spaces for \$75.

News briefs

Local man first in Michigan Crossroads Council to earn Venturing Summit Award

Jon-Claude Howd, 20, of Linden earned the Venturer Scout Summit Award on March 12. The Venturing Summit award is equivalent to an Eagle Scout rank. Howd is the first Venturer Scout in the Michigan Crossroads Council, Water & Woods Field Service Council to earn the award. He completed two projects at Linden Fairview Cemetery



Jon-Claude Howd

including a trash pickup with Troop 212-Fenton, 111-Linden and Crew 212, plus members of the community. He also completed a study of the non-native invasive destructive plants that are causing problems with the tombstones and graves. He identified Tree of Heaven, Autumn Olive, Japanese Knotweed, Vinca-Periwinkle and others, and then wrote a report that discussed the methods to control or eradicate the invading plants. Many of the non-native plant species will need professional treatment. He presented his report and other to Scott Fairbanks, Linden Department of Public Works director and the city of Linden recognized him for his projects at a recent Linden City Council meeting.

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A fishing boat with two occupants cruises out of Crane's Cove in Fenton Township last May. A fishing boat like this is equipped with a trolling motor for moving slowly through the water without disturbing the fish.

Fishing — family time on the water

■ There's a boat or pontoon to fit any fisherman's needs, finances

With approximately 44 million freshwater anglers in the U.S., freshwater fishing consistently tops the list of favorite outdoor sports.

If you're hooked on fishing in the tri-county area, you have endless varieties of fishing opportunities in more than 55 area inland lakes, as well as the Shiawassee River. Bass, walleye, pike, crappies, steelhead and bluegills abound, with eager fishermen trolling area waters for just the right catch.

The vessel you choose for fishing can be as simple as a canoe with paddles, a small aluminum rowboat, a much bigger boat with a more powerful motor or a comfortable pontoon.

Consider how many people will be taking part in your fishing trips and that will determine how many seats and rigs you

might need to accommodate your friends and family.

Freshwater fishing can be as much about spending time with other people as it is about reeling in a huge fish. Taking the children or grandkids is a welcome treat for many experienced anglers.

Technology has come to the sport of freshwater fishing with the widespread use of electronic fish-finding sonar and GPS navigation.

Fishing boats range in size from 12 feet all the way up to 22 feet and typically carry from two to five passengers. They tend to allow more maneuverability in tight and shallow water, making them ideal for conditions in the tri-county area.

Average prices for these aluminum boats are between \$15,000 and \$30,000, depending on size and custom features.

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DOGS AND CATS

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that their new pet is bringing more to their lives than they had ever thought possible. "We think we are helping them, but actually they are helping us even more," said Maddock.

Some of the benefits that a pet brings to a family include stress reduction, a reason to exercise, a feeling of being needed, and even laughter.

"We are so busy in our fast-paced lives that animals bring a sense of calm and relaxation," said Maddock. "They also help us take care of ourselves. When you take a dog out for a walk, you often don't think about the fact that you're out there getting exercise, too."

A need to nurture is another reason many people enjoy their pets. With so

many people having fewer children or not having a child, a pet can fill that void and become "one of the family."

"Sometimes it happens when the kids are older or have left home," said Maddock. "A pet can give you something to care for and help you feel needed again."

Psychology Today also says that dogs are becoming more and more like "kids" for many people. Eighty-one percent of pet owners consider them to be true family members, using nicknames for themselves and their pets, and talking to them like they would talk to children. They also know their pet's birthday and celebrate with gifts.

Sixty-two percent of pets have their own chair, sofa or bed.

Pets satisfy our need to nurture, according to Psychology Today.

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■ The public is encouraged to attend Fenton Township's Public Hearing to show support

By Sally Rummel
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Fenton Township is a key spoke in the wheel to bring a regional non-motored pathway to the tri-county and southern Genesee County area.

That's why organizers of the Linden-Argentine-Fenton-Lake Fenton (LAFF) Pathway are encouraging all people interested in pathway development to attend a public hearing of the Fenton Township Board of Trustees on Monday, June 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the township hall, 12060 Mantawauka.

The board will be considering the development of non-motorized pathways within their township area, which will link the cities of Linden and Fenton to Grand Blanc, Mundy Township, Swartz Creek, Argentine Township and other outlying areas.

"We need to consider the township as a key spoke in this regional non-motorized planning effort, for both the development of recreational pathways and the acquiring of grant funds for development," said Victor Lukasavitz, steering committee chairman for LAFF Pathway. "Without a plan in Fenton Township, all

other local communities could suffer losses in available grant funds."

Michigan and Genesee County have a growing network of non-motorized pathways including the State of Michigan non-motorized trail, the Iron Belle, which will run through Atlas, Goodrich, Grand Blanc, Burton and Flint. "Sections of this network are already in place," said Lukasavitz.

Monday's meeting is just for plan development; no monies are requested of the township or taxpayers, according to Lukasavitz. "In fact, the township is completing this study at no cost to them or taxpayers. They received a grant from the Community Foundation of Fenton to cover the professional services required to develop a plan."

Input from the local public as to where they would like to run, walk, rollerblade, bicycle, etc. on non-motorized pathways is critical to the plan and is required by state law. This is why Lukasavitz is so passionate about having people attend Monday's meeting.

"Just having the public attend a meeting to say they are tired of driving to other communities miles away to enjoy the attributes provided by non-motorized pathways is important," said Lukasavitz. "This opportunity won't come back for another five years."

“We need to consider the (Fenton) township as a key spoke in this regional non-motorized planning effort, for both the development of recreational pathways and the acquiring of grant funds for development.”

Victor Lukasavitz
Linden-Argentine-Fenton-Lake Fenton Pathway group

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THIS IS TO all of you Clinton lovers. You need to get a subscription to the Wall Street Journal, Weekly Standard, National Review and the Conservative Chronicle. Read a couple issues of those and I guarantee you will not be a Clinton lover again.

IT SEEMS LIKE the Hot lines from the DDA imply they don't know why citizens want to keep Dibbleville historic and quaint. We have made the argument over and over. If the DDA does not get it, then they were not listening and need to be replaced.

WE FULLY UNDERSTAND that the DDA captures tax money. But if it's between sculptures we don't need and tearing down an old building, then I think it's better for our money to go to our local community college to help kids get an education, or to our libraries that are grossly underfunded.

YOU DON'T HAVE to, but it would be nice if you would pray for those who pray for Israel and His chosen nation and people.

LOW-INCOME PEOPLE already get free college through Pell grants and that is fair. The rest need to save and pay.

IF YOU LOVE your pets, please don't take

them in the car with this hot weather unless you want them to die

WE'RE ALL GOING to die someday so quit sweating the small stuff. Read what God wants you to do. Your Bible is your treasure.

HAS ANYONE'S MIND ever been changed by reading a Hot line?

IT'S TIME FOR random acts of kindness. It seems like the world is spinning out of control. In a blink of any eye, it all could be over. Have you told your loved ones that you in fact love them? Have you hugged your kids or your parents today?

EVERYONE KEEPS SAYING we need to welcome all people into our country. What are we going to do with all of them. Jobs are a limited commodity and how many people can we afford to continue to put on assistance?

I WAS THINKING about who I'm going to vote for this year. I guess I'm not going to vote at all because no matter who you vote for, you're making the wrong choice.

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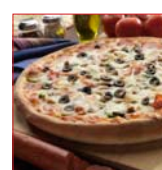
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Eagles continue state championship run

■ JV call-up Koan, Marshall lead Linden to 5-2 victory in state semis vs. Divine Child

By David Troppens

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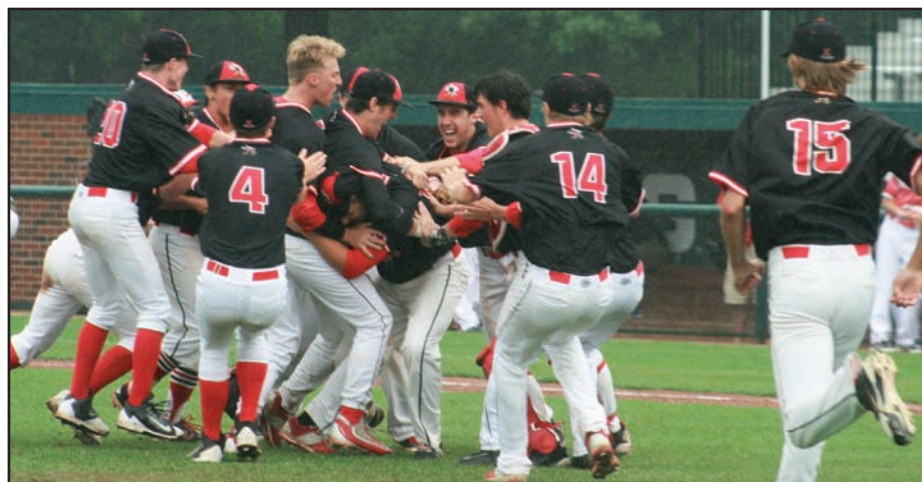
East Lansing — Nick Koan played JV baseball all spring.

He wasn't included on Linden's varsity roster until the start of the districts, and even then, he wasn't playing.

But when Linden's usual clean-up hitter Trey Link had a ball hit his eye during batting practice, Linden varsity baseball coach Steve Buerkel had a revelation — it was time to fill the clean-up void due to injury with the sophomore from the JV squad.

Koan made his Buerkel's hunch come true. With the bases loaded in the third inning and two out, Koan hit a single to centerfield, driving in two runs. Before the inning was over, the Eagles led 3-0 and never trailed again, defeating the Dearborn Divine Child Falcons 5-2 in Thursday's Division 2 state semifinal contest at Michigan State University's McLane Stadium.

The Eagles now play in their first state championship game since 2004, competing against DeWitt in the D2 title contest



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

The Eagles charge to the mound to celebrate with Linden starting pitcher Lucas Marshall after the Eagles won a 5-2 Division 2 state semifinal contest Thursday at Michigan State University.

Saturday at 9 a.m. at McLane Stadium once again.

"He threw me a first-pitch ball, and I knew the bases were loaded so he wasn't going to walk a run in," Koan said about the at bat. "I knew he was going to give me something good to hit and I just took it up the middle.

"It was awesome. Yeah, I was nervous a little bit (playing in my first varsity game).

It's a great experience."

"It was his first varsity hit," Buerkel said. "I've been watching him on the JV all year and the last two weeks up on varsity, seeing how he's hitting the ball. I said to day's your day and I had a feeling. I told (the local sports editor) he's going to have a big hit for us today and he did."

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David's Dabblings

A few thoughts about the area's sports scene and others not dealing with sports at all.



LINDEN'S RUN HAS HAD MANY MEMORABLE STORIES

Anyone who has watched the Linden varsity baseball team this postseason has witnessed some incredibly entertaining games this June.

It started with Lucas Marshall's no-hitter versus Goodrich in the district final. Of course, five of the runs in the 6-0 victory were provided by Ryker Rivera, a player who had to get stitches in one of his hands in between games.

A week later, it was the pitching staff — led by Shore — doing it again. Shore extended his postseason scoreless inning streak to 17 innings by posting a relief win and an eight-inning complete game victory in the regional tourney.

The thrills continued on Tuesday in the state quarterfinals. Stuck in their second scoreless extra-inning game of the postseason, a great defensive play by catcher Jamon Link saved the game until Chris Kitch's two-run double won it in the eighth against Gaylord 2-0.

Comparatively, Thursday's D2 5-2 state semifinal victory against Divine Child seemed rather routine. That's at least until you realize the biggest hit of the game was provided by Nick Koan, a batter making his first varsity start of the season IN THE STATE SEMIFINALS!

What does Linden have up its sleeves for Saturday's D2 state title game against Holland Christian? Who knows. But what we do know is it's going to be mighty exciting.

Linden wins thriller in eight innings vs. Gaylord, advances to state semis

By David Troppens

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Saginaw — It was just another state tournament series contest for the Linden varsity baseball team on Tuesday at Saginaw Valley State University.

And in typical fashion, it included another great pitching performance by Jack Shore, more great team defense, extra innings and a clutch hit in extra innings setting up a thrilling Linden victory.

This time Shore tossed a three-hitter over eight innings, the Eagles made a defensive play at the plate in the bottom of the seventh inning that if it wasn't made would've ended their season and Chris Kitch came up with the clutch

two-run double in the top of the eighth, earning Linden (29-9-1) a thrill-ride 2-0 Division 2 state quarterfinal victory against Gaylord on Tuesday.

"We battle with our at bats," Linden senior Kitch said. "Our pitching usually shuts them out. We have the best pitcher. We just seem to pull out the 'W' every time somehow."

"It's crazy. I have the chills," said Shore who has now pitched 18 consecutive innings of shutout ball and won three games since Saturday's regional round. "I'll probably keep feeling this way until we play in the semifinals on Thursday. Then it's right back to the grindstone. It's a lot of fun."

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Linden catcher Jamon Link (right) makes a stretch to catch a ball at the plate, creating a force out at home, and forcing the state quarterfinal contest with Gaylord into extra innings. Linden won the game in extra innings, 2-0.

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Kitch had the only run-producing hit of the contest, driving in two runs in the eighth with a double.

Sarkon threw the ball to the plate in the bottom of the seventh inning when Gaylord had the bases loaded. His throw resulted in a game-saving out at the plate.



Rivera started the top of the eighth inning with a bunt single and scored on Kitch's two-run double.



Shore has tossed 25 innings of shutout ball since the state tourney series began. He holds a 4-0 record in those five games.

Photos by
David Troppens

State Quarterfinal Game Box

LINDEN vs. GAYLORD

Linden	AB	R	H	BI	Gaylord	AB	R	H	BI
Kevin Bates, ss	3	0	0	0	Jacob Freeman, lf	2	0	0	0
Brendan Buerkel, rf	3	1	0	0	Jack Ryan, ss	2	0	0	0
Chris Kitch, 1b/S. Rivera pr	4	0	2	2	Jack Gorno, 2b	4	0	0	0
Trey Link, dh/C. Sines pr	3	0	1	0	Robbie Hansen, p/Wilson cr	3	0	1	0
Aaron Sarkon, 3b	4	0	1	0	Joseph Miller, c	4	0	1	0
Cole Sarkon, 2b	2	0	0	0	Jordan Gapinski, 1b	3	0	0	0
Jamon Link, c	3	0	0	0	James Wojcik, dh/J. Miller ph	2	0	0	0
Sawyer Bengie, lf	2	0	0	0	Levi Irish, rf	3	0	1	0
Ryker Rivera, cf	3	1	1	0	Jack Kurte, 3b	3	0	0	0
Totals	27	2	5	2	Totals	26	0	3	0

Score by Inning	R	H	E	Record
Linden	000	000	02	- 2 5 0 28-9-1
Gaylord	000	000	00	- 0 3 0 29-14

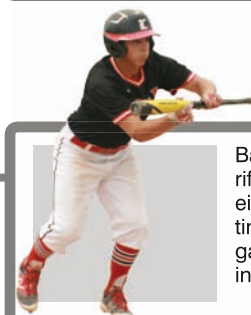
Errors: None. **Double plays:** None. **Left on base:** Linden 6, Gaylord 8. **2B:** Kitch, two RBI in eighth. **Triples:** None. **Home runs:** None. **Walked:** Linden - Buerkel, Trey Link, Bengie. Gaylord - Ryan 2, Freeman, Hanson, Miller. **Hit batter:** None. **Sacrifices:** Linden - Bates, Cole Sarkon. Gaylord - Freeman. **Stolen Bases:** Ryan.

LINDEN	Pitcher	IP	R	ER	H	K	W	HB	GAYLORD	Pitcher	IP	R	ER	H	K	W	HB
	Jack Shore, W8	0	0	3	8	5	0			Hansen, L	7 1/3	2	5	3	3	0	
										Charlie May	2/3	0	0	0	0	0	

Robbie Hansen pitched a strong game, allowing just three hits and two walks prior to allowing two runs in the eighth inning. He was the hard-luck losing pitcher.



Ryan was on base more than any other Gaylord batter in the contest, walking twice.



Bates had a sacrifice bunt in the eighth inning, putting the eventual game-winning run in scoring position.



Irish had one of only two Gaylord hits that reached the outfield. Wojcik started the third inning with a single to left.

If both teams combine for five or less runs, the Eagles are 20-2-1 in those contests this season.



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Blade had an infield single and scored the game's first run just three batters into the contest. He scored on a sacrifice fly.



Krause followed Blade's first-inning hit with his own hit. He also walked in the third and drove in a run in the fifth inning for Dearborn Divine Child.



Lucska drove in the game's first run in the first inning with a sacrifice fly. He also grounded into a double play in the third inning.



Gurney pitched a decent game despite earning the loss. He tossed a six-hitter but only struck out one batter. He also had a lead-off single in the fifth inning at the plate.

State Semifinal Game Box

DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD vs. LINDEN

Divine Child	AB	R	H	BI	Linden	AB	R	H	BI
Danny Blade, lf	3	1	1	0	Kevin Bates, ss	2	1	1	0
Zac Krauss, ss	2	0	1	0	Brendan Buerkel, rf	2	0	0	1
Frankie Lucska, 2b	2	0	0	1	Chris Kitch, 1b/S. Rivera pr	2	1	1	0
Torey DeMare, 1b	3	0	0	0	Nick Koan, dh	3	0	1	2
Dillon Champagne, 3b	3	0	0	0	Aaron Sarkon, 3b	3	0	1	0
Scott Combs, c/l. Jones cr	3	0	1	0	Cole Sarkon, 2b	3	0	0	0
Connor Breen, rf	3	0	1	0	Jamon Link, c/J. Gagne, cr	3	1	1	0
Nick Gurney, p	3	0	1	0	Sawyer Bengel, lf/C. Sines cr	1	1	0	0
Shane Fugate, cf	3	1	0	0	Ryker Rivera, cf	1	1	1	1
Totals	24	2	5	2	Totals	20	5	6	4

Score by Inning	R	H	E	Record
Dearborn Divine Child	100	010	0	- 2 5 2 27-16
Linden	003	200	0	- 5 6 1 29-9-1

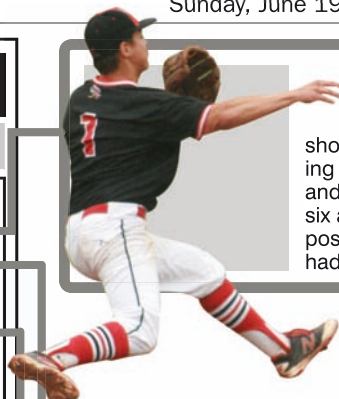
Errors: Krause 2, C. Sarkon. **Double plays:** DDC 1, Linden 1. **Left on base:** DDC 5, Linden 4. **2B:** None. **Triples:** None. **Home runs:** None. **Walked:** DDC - Krauss, Lucska. Linden - Bengel. **Hit batter:** Bates, Kitch. **Sacrifices:** DCC - Lucska (SF). Linden - Bengel, Rivera, Buerkel (SF). **Stolen Bases:** None.

D. CHILD	LINDEN
Pitcher	Pitcher
Gurney, LP	Lucas
IP R ER H K W HB	Marshall, WP
7 5 4 6 1 1 2	7 2 1 5 4 2 0

Photos by David Troppens



Marshall allowed the first two batters to single, but then allowed just three hits over the final 22 batters, earning the complete-game victory for the Eagles. He walked two and struck out four.



Bates was busy at shortstop, making one putout and recording six assists at the position. He also had a single.



Buerkel had a sacrifice fly in Linden's two-run fourth inning, making it a 5-1 Linden lead at the time.



The JV call-up made his first varsity start season, getting a two-run single in the Eagles' third inning.



The last time the Eagles were in the state championship game was in 2004, losing to Divine Child 7-0. Call Thursday sweet revenge.

Linden's pitching duo of Shore, Marshall is tough to beat

By David Troppens

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Yes, the Linden Eagles have had outstanding defense.

And when they've absolutely needed them, the offense has come through with some timely hits.

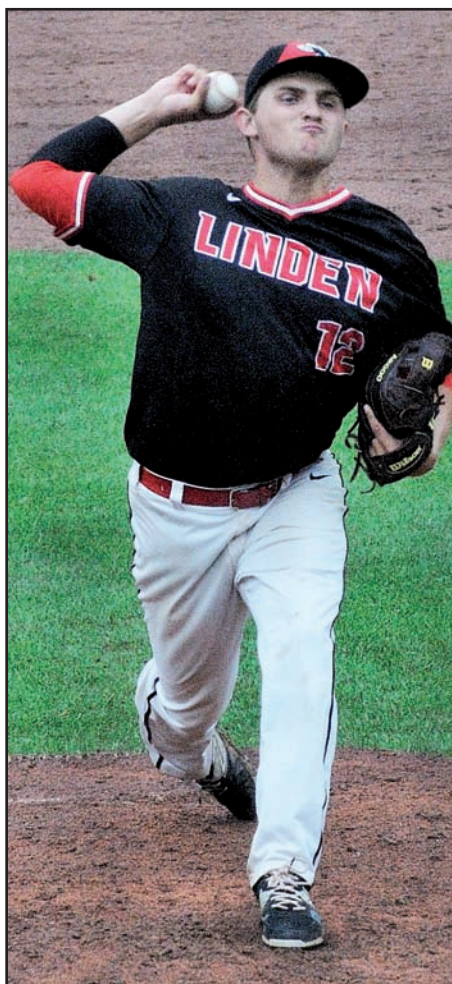
But let's not fool anyone here, the reason the Linden varsity baseball team is playing in Saturday's Division 2 state championship game at Michigan State has to do with two pitchers — aces Jack Shore and Lucas Marshall.

In six postseason games the pair have combined to allow three runs, and one of those was unearned.

Shore has gotten more publicity out of the two this postseason, and anyone who looks at what he's done it's understandable. Shore has started three games and relieved one other, posting a 4-0 mark in those contests. He's tossed 25 innings of shutout ball, allowing just 13 hits and nine walks in those performances. He has struck out 31 batters as well. Shore's crowning point of the state tourney had to do with regionals where he recorded both wins in the event.

But Marshall has been pretty stellar himself. He has started three games, and has posted a 2-0 record in those contests. The one game he received a no-decision had to do with leaving a 1-1 contest after six innings. Overall, he's tossed 20 innings of six-hit ball while walking eight. He has struck out 18 batters.

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Linden's Lucas Marshall has pitched 20 innings of three-run ball since the postseason began for the Eagles.

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