

Northbound Fenton Road was backed up to Ray Road near Camp Copneconic following a three-car collision in Mundy Township in early May.



## It's official — women are better drivers than men

■ Statistics show more men die in crashes each year than women

By Vera Hogan

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Men are always complaining

that women don't know how to drive. But is that really true?

We asked some Facebook friends locally and from around the country to share their thoughts on men versus women drivers.

"That's kind of a hard question

to answer," said Donna Zeman of Niles, Illinois. "With everyone having cell phones today, there are just as many men on their phones as there are women while driving, and it doesn't matter that

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Approximately 15 kayakers and one paddle-boarder put their paddles in the water Thursday at the Linden Mill Pond and traveled upstream to Lake Ponemah. This event is one of the Moonlight Kayaking events offered by the Keepers of the Shiawassee.

## Shiawassee River closer to being national water trail

■ Organizations involved with the popular waterway receive over \$20,000 in grants

By Hannah Ball

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The Shiawassee River, a staple of the tri-county area running in part from Holly to Chesaning, could become a national water trail.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Nearly 200 competitors tested their skill and endurance Saturday morning in the sixth-annual FirstTry and FastTry triathlons at Clover Beach and Linden County Park in Fenton Township. As other competitors finish their triathlon, others check the newly posted results. See story on page 2.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

On Friday, June 17, a contractor hauling an excavator struck the bottom of the Lahring Road bridge, damaging the concrete and bending approximately six beams on the bottom of the bridge.

## Lahring Road bridge remains closed

■ Tall backhoe hits bottom of U.S. 23 overpass, causes extensive damage

By Hannah Ball

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The Lahring Road bridge, and both directions of Lahring Road between North Road and St. Andrews Way, remains closed after an accident that

occurred at approximately 6:40 a.m. Friday, June 17. Local traffic from Torrey Road has access to West Shore Elementary/Torrey Hill and St. Andrews Way off Lahring Road.

Keith Brown, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) operations engineer, said the bridge is still being inspected.

A contractor hauling an excavator too tall to fit beneath the overpass struck the bottom of the Lahring Road bridge in Fenton Township when he was traveling southbound on U.S. 23.

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OF THE WEEK

“How could Hollywood survive if it were not allowed to promote ‘gun violence?’ They do not make a movie or a TV show that doesn’t feature a gun-wielding hero or heroine.”





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Brittany Hedger, 26, of St. Johns crosses the finish line with the assistance of her friend, Angel Irvin. Hedger has cerebral palsy, and competed under the Challenged Athletes Foundation.

## Nearly 200 give it a try

■ Athletes from ages 10 to 60 test their skills and endurance at annual FirstTry Triathlon

By Grant Cislo

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**Fenton Twp.** — The sixth-annual FirstTry Triathlon was held at Byram Lake's Clover Beach (Linden County Park) in Fenton Township on Saturday. This year's event saw 193 participants come out and compete.

This race featured a wide variety of people, from ages 10-68, but a challenged athlete competed as well. Angel Irvin of Lansing came out to compete in this year's race. Irvin, 26, is a victim of cerebral palsy and is unable to use her legs.

Irvin competed in the race in a wheelchair with the help of her side kick and good

friend Brittany Hedger. Hedger did not compete in the race herself, but was there to help Irvin compete and finish the race.

"She is the one that makes sure I do not drown or crash my bike. She is my cheerleader. She did the whole thing with me as nuts as that is," said Irvin. "I like competing in triathlons because it proves that I can be physical even though I have to do it from a wheelchair."

This was Irvin's first triathlon. She plans to compete in this triathlon next year as well as at Hawk Island — a triathlon that takes place at the Hawk Island County Park in Lansing.

The triathlon consists of three different courses — swimming, biking, and running. The race starts with a 300-yard swim in Byram Lake, transitioning into a 9.1-mile bike loop and then finishes with a 2-mile run. The event started with the participants swimming out and back in Byram Lake and ended across the street from the beach parking lot where the participants ran to cross the finish line.

People from all over the state came to compete with many local citizens competing as well. This year's first place overall winner in both the FirstTry and FastTry event was Randall Wood of West Olive with a time of 37:16.1.

Wood, 35, has competed in many triathlons in the past and drove to Linden from the west side of the state. Wood was a fan of this year's triathlon and plans to participate in next year's event as well.

"This was cool, it is a great venue," said Wood.

Fenton native Lisa Veneziano competed in this year's triathlon and was successful for yet another year. Veneziano, 51, was a FastTry participant and was the first-place female overall winner and placed 11th overall with a time of 46:53.9.

"I'm more a runner than anything, so I've started to do more triathlons just to challenge myself to do something out of my comfort zone because like I said, I am not a swimmer," said Veneziano.

Veneziano said she absolutely plans to participate next year. She believes it is a good cause, it's a hometown race, and it gets people out there to try something they are not used to.

Fenton also had a couple of residents compete for their first time. Ann Henley, 51 and Suzie Cherney, 42 both were FirstTry participants in this year's race.

Cherney finished with a time of 102:57.2 and Henley finished at 103:43.9.

Cherney and Henley both set goals of finishing the race under an hour and a half and they did just that.

"I have always wanted to do a triathlon and I like the idea of doing three things instead of just running," said Cherney.

Other participants also shared their FirstTry Triathlon experiences.

Lake Orion resident Judith Finneren participated and it was her first time competing in a triathlon. Her motivation to compete was her daughter, who has participated in many triathlons and hopes to one day compete in the IRONMAN World Championship in Kona, Hawaii.

Finneren's husband was also part of her motivation. Finneren's husband was killed in a biking accident in 2011. "He was the real inspiration. Tomorrow is Father's Day and this was for him," she said.

In addition, a father-daughter duo competed in the event as well. Caydence and Doug Watkins of Highland finished the race together.

For more information on the race, including participants' times and results, visit FirstTryTriathlon.com.

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# ARE YOU READY?



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(Top) This local prepper, 65, guesses she has enough food to keep several people fed for a couple years. Her hobby of storing food in her basement is borne of her religious beliefs. She believes the end is coming, and that Jesus will come back. She feels her food will be used by those left on earth and not her. "Everyone should be prepping," she said. (Bottom right) There are approximately 400 jars saved, of various sauces and salsas. (Bottom center) This woman has approximately 1,000 pounds of different seeds to grind into her own flour.

## Local couple prepares for 'doomsday' with bomb shelter and huge food supply

By Sally Rummel

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A tri-county area couple was preparing for the worst on Dec. 31, 1999 because of the potential threat of global chaos.

Months and years ahead of the year 2000's arrival, people were warned of the potentially devastating effects of Y2K's possible computer glitches.

This couple, who asked to remain anonymous, built a 15- by 30-foot bomb shelter addition to their home, with 1-foot thick walls and ceilings, to prepare for Y2K. They began to store huge amounts of food, water and other necessities in the shelter, in case they would have to live in survival mode for several months.

While Y2K came and went without

### SUMMARY

A local couple is stockpiling food, water and other emergency supplies for a future apocalypse.

global disaster, the experience created for this couple a mindset for "doomsday prep," planning for a future apocalypse.

"We were never really scared," said the woman. "We were more excited. I was actually hoping something would happen. It was pretty disappointing."

Sixteen years later, this couple has become more involved than ever in storing food, cooking/storage equipment and medical supplies in preparation for a future apocalypse. For them it's a religious experience, believing that Jesus will return to earth and non-believers will be left behind and in need of survival supplies.

"It's the end times," said the woman. "I think Jesus is coming. I don't think I'll be here to need the food, but many others will be."

That means she spends many hours a week preparing and storing vast amounts of food and supplies.

In addition to hundreds of canned goods, she has also canned her own chicken, beef, ham and butter. Commercial-size garbage cans store more than 1,000 pounds of wheat berries and steel oats so people will be able to grind their own flour. She bought a hand grinder specifically for that purpose.

A vacuum packer/sealer has made food preservation much faster and longer-lasting and she recently got a freeze dryer to dehydrate and freeze-dry foods.

Equipment in preparation for "doomsday" includes a solar oven as well as a stove that doesn't need electricity. A water filter allows anyone to pump their own clean water, using water from any source. "We also raise goats and chickens," she said.

A huge stockpile of bandages, surgical and medical supplies, along with tons

**"Everyone should be prepping. I don't care if people think it's crazy."**

Local 'doomsday prepper'  
From the tri-county area

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## My aching back!

■ Some surprising things that cause back pain

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Men may think it's no big deal to sport a **big fat, fully stuffed wallet** in their back pocket. What they may not know, however, is that wad could be what's causing their backache.

When they sit on that wallet, one buttock is slightly higher than the other. Over time, this can cause pelvic misalignment and spinal twisting that can lead to chronic back pain.

**Flip-flops** may be comfy footwear in the summertime (and covers you for that "no shirt, no shoes, no serve" policy), but when it comes to the strain on your back — you'd be better off walking barefoot.

These casual slip-ons give almost no support. The thin soles are a common cause of heel and arch problems. The lack of heel support forces people to take shorter steps and to scrunch up their toes to keep the flip-flops on, both of which can lead to pain in the knees, hips and lower back.

Doing so might "double your pleasure, double your fun," but **chewing gum** can cause back pain. Too much jaw action stresses the temporomandibular (jaw) joint, which stresses the muscles throughout your back, leading to tension and pain.

When "things aren't moving," neither are you. **Constipation** is a common cause of back pain. A lack of regular bowel movements causes buildups of inflammatory wastes that irritate the large intestine, which in

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## If I Were King...

### Random Royal Thoughts

**H**ave you ever noticed how much people are like trees? Read on and see if you agree with me that trees and humans have a lot more in common than most people realize.

Let's start with a small town — any small town. Most likely it began a couple of hundred years ago when one or more people chose to settle in a particular location. Soon, a structure of some sort appeared on the landscape. As time passed, this building attracted travelers and other settlers who stopped and visited and, in some cases, stayed. Over time the original building expanded, others were added and eventually that single structure evolved into a village, a town or a city.

Now think about the forest or woods near your home. One day, thousands of years ago, a single tiny tree burst out of the ground. As time passed, the tree grew and its fruit fell to the ground, which reproduced more trees. This small grove of trees then attracted birds and other wildlife who carried the seeds of other trees and bushes. Eventually this single tree evolved into a forest.

As these towns and forests grow larger, the uncanny similarities between the individual residents of each becomes more obvious. For example:

**Oak trees** — Don't we all know a person that, like an oak, is immovable and iron-willed, the personification of strength and character — a model for all to emulate.

**Fruit trees** — Those subdivisions you see popping up everywhere — they are the human equivalent of orchards. Much like young fruit trees, the homes are basically identical in size and appearance, symmetrically positioned in a logical, but predictable, pattern.

**Weeping Willows** — That whiny, weak person that breaks down under any kind of strain? The human equivalent of Weeping Willows.

**Maples** — An attractive, colorful species found in all but the harshest climates. It's sturdy appearance belies a weak interior that tends to snap under undue pressure. Sadly, the most common species of both man and tree.

**Evergreens** — The human equivalent

of African-Americans. While strikingly different at first glance, a closer inspection reveals that beneath their outward appearance they are basically identical to all the other species.

**Ornamental trees** — Like so many of the celebrities we venerate in today's world (models, film stars) they really contribute nothing of value — no wood, no fruit, no shade, no shelter for birds, insects or animals — their only value lies in their appearance.

Trees and humans also share some personality traits. Some trees dominate through sheer size, robbing smaller trees of life-giving sunlight. Others use their wits, such as the Black Walnut, whose fallen fruit kills the vegetation (competition) below it. Don't we all know people with similar characteristics?

My point is that we can learn much about coexistence from nature and the ecosystem — for instance nesting birds that keep their host tree healthy by eating disease-causing insects. Or the regenerating seeds of fruit-bearing trees and bushes that are spread through the fur, feathers and excrement of the birds and animals they feed — nature's entire ecosystem is designed to work together for the betterment of all.

Seems to me there's a lesson to be learned in there somewhere.

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“We get to experience the beauty of four distinct seasons — sometimes all in one day.”

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**A SANDERS-STYLE** political revolution and a vote for Clinton are incompatible. Hillary is a corporate, big-money politician — the antithesis of political change. Citizens who want change cannot justify a vote for Clinton. Honor the political revolution; vote Bernie Sanders by write-in next November.

**A NEW YORK** Post article (May 22, 2016), said that in just two years Hillary Clinton collected over \$21 million in speaking fees. These fees were paid by Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, Deutsche Bank, Fidelity Investments, UBS, Bank of America and several hedge fund companies. Look it up.

**WHY IS IT** we Americans think we owe all these illegal aliens Social Security, welfare, jobs, free food and anything and our incompetent leadership bends over and gives it to them?

**THERE EXISTS A** four-point plan for Hillary Clinton to increase gun control if elected. She is going to increase gun prices, background checks on good, law-abiding citizens, overturn gun ownership laws. Lastly, she is going to increase the liability for sellers and manufactures of guns.

**TYPICAL RESPONSE FROM** Obama. In the aftermath of another terrorist attack, his advice is that 'Americans need to examine themselves.'

**I WAS IN** Jet's Pizza and someone noted I was a Vietnam veteran. Everyone applauded. I was deeply moved. Times have changed. Thank you so much.

**A HOT-LINER** wrote that the paper should be ashamed of printing the hate-filled lies and pure ignorance. Where else would liberals express their ideas? I like to read their factless name-calling. It shows the world how intelligent they really are.

**FENTON CITY SHOULD** wake up and install parking meters in downtown areas. The typical meter in an average downtown generates \$3,400 per year. That means 200 of them would generate \$680,000 per year.

**ANY TRUTH TO** the rumor that the city of Fenton was selling the LaJoice properties to Bernie Madoff?

**AMAZINGLY AND IRONICALLY**, Hillary wore a \$12,500 designer jacket at a speech about inequality.

**BLOOD DONORS, THANK** you for the terrific blood drive on June 14 at Holly Calvary UMC in Holly. Twenty-four units were successfully harvested, which will save up to 72 Michigan lives. Our next blood drive will be Aug. 16.

**IRAQ WAS A** strong and stable country? Clearly, you've lost touch with reality. How/why the war started does not matter. Fact remains, Obama inherited a secure Iraq in the midst of developing an inclusive democracy. His decision to abandon Iraq inflamed Middle East instability.

**ISLAMIST TERRORIST ATTACKS** Americans in Orlando. Obama's responds in kind by also attacking Americans: the NRA and Republicans.

**WHY IS IT** liberal media is so intent on exonerating Islam? Orlando killer clearly professed allegiance to ISIS. Islamic terror doesn't fit progressive worldview of 'Islam good, America bad.' So media bends over backwards to protect Islam. Pathetic.

**CONGRESS PASSING NEW** 'gun control' laws provides the illusion of action. Any solution to violence must address the cause of violence — the evil that lurks in the hearts of men. The FBI investigated the Orlando shooter and failed to take action. The FBI failed to see the evil.

**THIS PAST WEEK** on Torrey Road, people were stopped to help a snapping turtle that had been hit. The driver who hit the snapper, texting on her phone, never stopped, and left the creature alive, suffering terribly. It could've been a child. Stop texting and driving.

**SO YOU OPPOSE** gun ownership? Put your money where your mouth is; post a 'Gun Free Home' sign in your yard.

**JUST WONDERING, ARE** AK 47 assault type weapons going to be allowed at the Republican National Convention?

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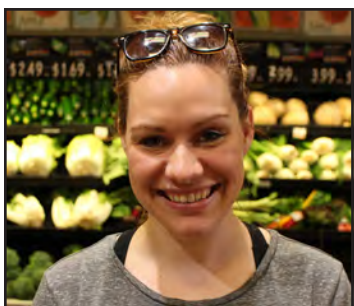
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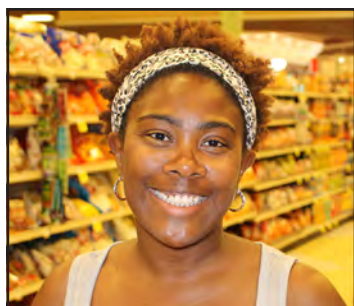
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## street talk



"I drive exactly the speed limit all the time. Men are better with traffic. Women get a little more nervous with traffic."

— **Melainie Schultz**  
Linden



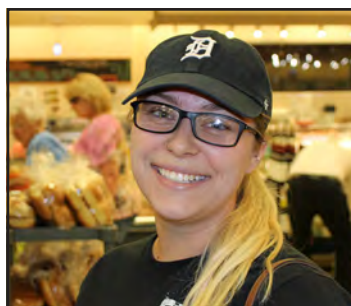
"Men, they are aggressive drivers, always in a hurry and want to get right to their point."

— **Ta Wana Bingham**  
Fenton



"I really can't say one over the other. I drive for a living and see a lot of people do a lot of stupid stuff."

— **Dave Tornow**  
Fenton



"I feel like it's a case-by-case basis because women are perceived as being 'bad' drivers and that is sexist."

— **Halle Fisher**  
Fenton



"Female because I am a male. We have to get to work on time. You put a 3,000-pound weapon in a woman's hand, look out!"

— **Richard Sharkey**  
Linden



# All about the Shiawassee

■ One of our biggest treasures flows through our backyard

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One of the most prominent staples of our neighboring communities stretches for 110 miles, starting in Holly and ending in Chesaning, according to michigan.org.

The Shiawassee River has an Indian name that's said to mean "river that twists about," according to shiawassee.net. It's also said to mean "the river straight ahead," according to migenweb.org.

The Shiawassee River Heritage Water Trail is shallow in some parts and deep in others, and open for everyone. It goes through dozens of lakes, connecting Holly, Linden, Fenton, and Argentine.

People use the river for many things — kayaking, canoeing, fishing, paddle-boarding, and community events.

## Access points

In Holly, people can access the Shiawassee River at the Water Works Park and at Fish Lake Road.

Approximately seven miles downstream in Fenton, residents have multiple options

to access the river at Strom Park, the Fenton Mill Dam Portage, behind the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, Bush Park, and the Department of Natural Resources' Lake Ponemah boat launch.

Heading another seven miles on the river west to Linden, the public has access at the Linden Mill Pond and at Bridge Street.

For eight miles more downstream to Argentine, kayakers, canoers, and paddle-boarders have a scenic view of nature and wetlands.

In Argentine, there's public access at Hogan, Rolston and McCaslin Lake roads.

At certain areas like the Fenton Mill Pond dam and Linden Mill Pond dam, people must take their kayak or paddleboard out, walk around the dam, and put it back in the river. This may be required at the Hogan Road because the bridge is low.

The access points in cities like Linden and Fenton offer a rest stop and a place to eat for kayakers.

There are two dams in the surrounding areas — one in Fenton and one in Linden.

## Community events

Many organizations and communities incorporate the Shiawassee River into their

yearly events, like those organized by Keepers of the Shiawassee, Friends of the Shiawassee, and Headwater Trails. All of these organizations work to keep the river clean.

The Keepers, which is part of Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation (SLPR), put a full schedule of events on the SLPR website (slpr.net) and invite residents to get involved.

On June 25, the Keepers are hosting a Fenton river cleanup day at 9 a.m. Volunteers will clear the river path of fallen trees and other debris from Bush Park to Torrey Road.

June 26 is the Keepers' biggest fundraising of the year — River Fest.

From 12 to 7 p.m., the Keepers invite the public for a fun day in the park to support the Shiawassee River.

"The Keepers of the Shiawassee annual River Fest fundraiser supports river cleanup, infrastructure improvements, water quality monitoring and a calendar of free paddling events," according to slpr.net.



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The Cardboard Box Regatta was part of the inaugural Shiawassee River Fest, held last June at Bush Park. The regatta wasn't about winning, it was clearly about fun, and also about raising awareness for the river.

The festival will include live music and kayaking and paddle-boarding demonstrations by Rocky's Great Outdoors and Silver Lake Sports, according to Brad Jacob, Fenton City councilman and chairperson of the Keepers.

They will also have prizes, food, and craft and art vendors, and host their cardboard canoe race.

Source: The Water Trail Committee for the Shiawassee River

## WATER TRAIL

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The river connects Argentine, Linden, Fenton, Holly, and so many other communities.

It's a popular attraction for many water and nature activities, and it's about to become more popular.

"Last fall, the city of Linden applied for and received a grant from the U.S. National Park Service for technical assistance in planning to designate the Shiawassee River as a national water trail," said Linden Mayor David Lossing. "We have a number of partners from local governments, non-profits, and individuals throughout the river system."

A coalition comprised of Friends of the Shiawassee River, Headwaters Trail, Keepers of the Shiawassee, Michigan State University State Extension, Shiawassee Conservation District, and local government leaders from Linden, Fenton, Owosso, Byron, Argentine, Chesaning and St. Charles has been formed under the umbrella of the Friends of the Shiawassee in an effort to have the Shiawassee River Trail deemed a national water trail.

They've been having monthly meetings in various places in Michigan.

"Our goal is to submit the application for recognition this fall," Lossing said.

Barbara Nelson-Jameson, Michigan Program Coordinator of the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program with the National Park Service, said a lot of work has already been accomplished from Holly to Byron, which resulted in the Shiawassee River being number seven on a list of the top 11 places to paddle in Michigan.

Lauri Elbing, executive director of the Friends of the Shiawassee River, said they have been approved for two grants from the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network (WIN).

The first grant, which is \$1,000, will help the organizations update and expand the water trail map.

The map illustrates the river's path from Holly to Chesaning, and shows where people can put in a kayak or canoe, get food, and other points of public access.

"It's also something that can bring the

community together because you have people socializing and enjoying and learning about the river," Elbing said. "With more people waiting to get out on the river and take part in this sport, you have many more opportunities for outfitters to establish businesses."

The second grant, which is \$21,400, will help all involved entities build a coalition, develop a management plan, identify funding, and build a public website among other things.

"This is an economic development issue. For every one of these little towns, if we can advertise from the river, and let them know what's in the area, what they can walk to, then they're going to see a benefit," said Brad Jacob, Fenton City councilman and chairperson of the Keepers of the Shiawassee.

In compliance with these grants, communities also must incorporate management practices that deal with recreation opportunities, education, conservation, com-

**In order to become a National Water Trail Designation, the water trail must meet four requirements:**

1. The trail and access points must be open to public use and made according to the best management practices.
2. The trail must comply with applicable land use plans and environmental laws.
3. The trail must be open for public use for at least 10 years after the designation.
4. The trail designation must be supported by landowners, public or private, where access points exist.

As a National Water Trail Designation, the river will receive national promotion and visibility, use of National Water Trails logo, being part of a national network and more opportunities to obtain technical assistance and funding to implementation of trail projects.

Source: National Park Service

munity support, public information, trail maintenance, and planning for the future.

The National Park Service is assessing the level of public support for the project and if communities are committed to developing and implementing strategies to restore waterways and surrounding lands.

"The Shiawassee River has been supported through past grants from Saginaw

Bay WIN for signage in Oakland County, five river launches (including the latest in Byron) and the dam removal in Corunna," said Elbing. "We couldn't be more thrilled by the support we have received from Saginaw Bay WIN and will begin working on this pivotal project to link, enhance and promote our region's greatest asset and economic engine — the Shiawassee River."

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### The latest news on the Exclusionary Rule

We live in a country that has laws that everyone must follow. This fact is not new and the most prominent of these laws is our United States Constitution.

Indeed whenever a new law is passed by Congress or the states, the first question to be asked must always be is it constitutional?

Among the numerous laws that exist is a very old one which is contained in the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution, which states in pertinent part that the right of the people to be secure in their person, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated. This Amendment then provides for search warrants, if there is adequate reason and along with nine others, is part of the Bill of Rights, which went into effect on Dec. 15, 1791.

In real world terms, the amendment prohibits the government from searching one's person or house without a search warrant or unless there is a legal exception.

Case law has interpreted both the amendment and the exceptions and the general rule has come to be that if the police conduct an illegal search, absent an exception, the resulting evidence is inadmissible in court as being the 'fruit of the poisonous tree.' This is language from the often-cited 1963 Supreme Court case of *Wong Sun v. United States*.

This past Monday the Supreme Court announced its decision in *Utah v. Striiff*, which involved whether drug evidence seized from a defendant after a police officer unlawfully stopped him should be excluded.

The facts in *Striiff* are simple. The police in South Salt Lake City, Utah, received an anonymous tip of drug activity at a house. They observed people coming and going from the house and when Mr. Striiff exited, a police officer stopped him without a valid reason. Subsequently it was discovered Mr. Striiff had a valid warrant for his arrest. He was then arrested, searched incident to the arrest, and drugs were found on his person.

The Supreme Court held that this evidence was admissible as the arrest warrant justified the search and the police conduct was at most negligent.

This case breaks new ground and arguably weakens the exclusionary rule. Only time will tell of its full effect.

## DOOMSDAY

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of toilet paper, candles, batteries and matches, rounds out her doomsday preparation. "I even make my own detergent and cleaning supplies," she said. "I've also got lots of essential oils."

"The Doomsday Preppers" a TV show aired by National Geographic from 2012 to 2014, got this local woman even more interested in learning about her unusual hobby.

The series explored America's "prepping" subculture and showcased ordinary citizens who are stockpiling food, water, weapons or any other supplies they believe is necessary if basic services falter and society turns chaotic and violent.

For many 'doomsday preppers,' the need for services and supplies may come from a natural disaster, financial collapse or a nuclear winter.

"We don't do guns or ammunition," she said. "Our goal is to help others who will need food and other basic necessities."

When asked about her husband's involvement in 'doomsday prepping,' she said that he mostly carries everything downstairs. "I really wasn't on board at first, but then it got kind of fun," he added.

"Everyone should be prepping," she added. "I don't care if people think it's crazy."

### Are you prepared at home for a disaster?

**A basic emergency supply kit should include the following:**

- ▶ Water — one gallon of water per person per day, for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- ▶ Food — at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- ▶ Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries
- ▶ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ▶ First-aid kit
- ▶ Whistle to signal for help
- ▶ Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ▶ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ▶ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ▶ Manual can opener for food
- ▶ Local maps
- ▶ Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger

**Extra supplies you may need:**

- ▶ Prescription medications and glasses
- ▶ Infant formula and diapers
- ▶ Pet food and extra water for your pet
- ▶ Cash and change
- ▶ Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, ID and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- ▶ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person, more in a colder climate
- ▶ Complete change of clothing for each person
- ▶ Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper — when diluted, nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant
- ▶ Fire extinguisher
- ▶ Matches in waterproof container
- ▶ Personal hygiene items
- ▶ Mess kits with paper cups, plates, towels and plastic utensils.
- ▶ Paper and pencil
- ▶ Books, games, puzzles for kids

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Water by boats and marinas may contain electric currents that could potentially electrocute people when they jump in. Using a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter can avoid an extremely dangerous situation.

## Could electrical currents injure swimmers near your dock?

■ More likely an issue on Great Lakes, but potential is there says fire chief

By Hannah Ball

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You may think you're safe from electrocution when you're swimming in a body of water when there is no threat of a thunderstorm, but you'd be mistaken.

People have died from jumping off a dock and into a body of water where there was an electrical current. This is called death by Electric Shock Drowning, or ESD, according to [boatus.com](http://boatus.com).

In 2012, a brother and sister, both under the age of 14, jumped into the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri. They started screaming, but by the time they were pulled from the lake, they were unresponsive. They were pronounced dead later at a hospital.

On the same day, the same thing

happened to two boys in Tennessee. Seven other swimmers were injured near where those boys were hurt during the same day.

Authorities discovered that there was a 120-volt alternating current leak from nearby boats and docks, which electrocuted the swimmers.

Anything above 3 milliamps of electrical current running through someone's body can be painful, according to [boatus.com](http://boatus.com), and anything more than 100 milliamps is usually fatal.

According to Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz, this is not a big problem in surrounding lakes because people don't run a lot of electricity down by their docks and boats.

"If they have power out there it's just run by an extension cord," he said, adding that they use circuit breakers to avoid accidents. "That stuff happens a lot more in the Great Lakes where they

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The Board may not adopt its proposed 2016-2017 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2016-2017 budget including the proposed property tax millage rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Linden Community Schools Administration Building, 7205 W. Silver Lake Road, Linden, Michigan.

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## Eagles fall a game short of state title

### ■ Three-run sixth clinches Holland Christian D2 crown vs. Linden, 8-5

By David Troppens

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**East Lansing** — The Linden varsity baseball team's magical season came to an end, one game short of its ultimate goal Saturday while playing in the Division 2 state championship game against Holland Christian at Michigan State University's McLane Stadium.

The Eagles overcame a 4-0 deficit to take a 5-4 lead in the top of the third, but suffered from atypical defensive miscues throughout the contest, resulting in an 8-5 loss against the Maroons.

"It just was the big stage," Linden senior first baseman Chris Kitch said. "The big crowds and not knowing what to do with the ball at times hurt us. But we battled back at times.

We just didn't get the 'W.'"

"It wasn't a surprise," Linden starting pitcher Jack Shore said. "There are probably 400 people (the crowd was listed at 1,043 people actually) here and that can get to me on the mound. It got to everybody on the team at one point. But people made mistakes and I thought we moved on. I thought we did a good job of that. I have to give it up to Holland Christian."

The Eagles committed four errors, resulting in five unearned runs off of Shore. That said, Shore wasn't as strong as he's been all season long as well, allowing nine hits and walking two batters. Those issues resulted in a three-run second and a one-run third for Holland Christian, giving the Maroons a 4-0 lead.

However the Eagles bounced back with their crowning moment of the contest — the top of the fourth — scoring five runs. The inning started with a Brendan Buerkel walk and a Kitch single. Two outs later, the potential rally looked like might get snuffed out, but Cole Sarkon

walked, loading the bases. Jamon Link followed with an RBI-single and then a wild pitch plated another run. Linden trailed 4-2. Sawyer Bengé followed by reaching base on an infield throwing error, plating two runs. Linden was tied 4-4. Ryker Rivera singled and then Bates reached base on a throwing error, allowing pinch runner Spencer Rivera to score. Linden led 5-4.

"It showed we were never going to quit," Bates said about the comeback. "Their pitcher was good, but we just had to keep battling. We had great plate approaches and scored five runs. I just wish we were able to hold them."

Holland Christian tied the game in the bottom of the fourth with one run. Chris Mokma walked and eventually scored on Brandon Riemersma's RBI-single.

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(Above) Linden's Aaron Sarkon (front) and Spencer Rivera celebrate after Rivera scored the go-ahead run in the top of the fourth inning. Below, the Eagles walk to the dugout after losing to Holland Christian 8-5.



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Linden's Corbin Sines (right) prepares to give a high-five to teammate Sawyer Bengé after scoring the game-tying run at the time in the fourth inning of the Eagles' 8-5 Division 2 State Championship Game loss to Holland Christian on Saturday.

## A look back at Linden's state tourney run

By David Troppens

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For those wanting a nice trip through memory lane over the last three weeks, here's a look back at all of Linden's tournament victories starting with the district semifinal contest at Lake Fenton High School right through Thursday's state semifinal victory.

### District at Lake Fenton Semifinal

#### Linden 4, Powers Catholic 0

Jack Shore tossed a four-hit shutout, starting a trend during his postseason performances. He struck out 12 batters and walked just two. Offensively, Trey Link, Sawyer Bengé and Ryker Rivera had RBI-singles, sparking the victory.

Another big reason for the win was

another postseason trend the Eagles enjoyed — they had no errors.

### Final

#### Linden 6, Goodrich 0

As strong as Linden's pitching was all season long, something happened in the district title game that never occurred any other time during the season against Goodrich — the Martians were no-hit.

Lucas Marshall accomplished the feat. He needed only 99 pitches, 64 being strikes, to lead the Eagles to the team's fourth straight district championship. Marshall walked just three and hit one batter. He also struck out nine batters.

Linden's offense was provided by Ryker Rivera. After leaving the team

in between contests to get four stitches on one of his hands, he came back in time to go 3-for-3 with five RBI. Rivera hit a two-run single in the second inning and a three-run double in the fourth inning.

### Regional at Essexville-Garber Semifinal

#### Linden 2, Frankenmuth 1

With the contest tied at 1-all after seven innings, the Eagles collected the game-winning run in one of the strangest ways possible. With one out, Sawyer Bengé, Ryker Rivera and Kevin bats hit consecutive singles, loading the bases. That brought up Brendan Buerkel with a chance to be the hero. He was when he was hit by a pitch,

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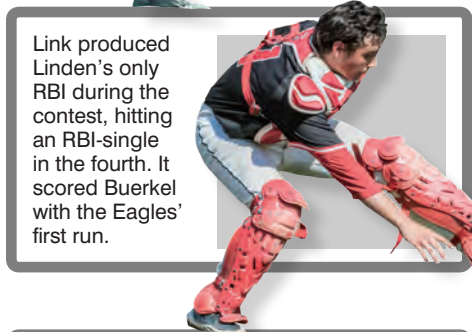
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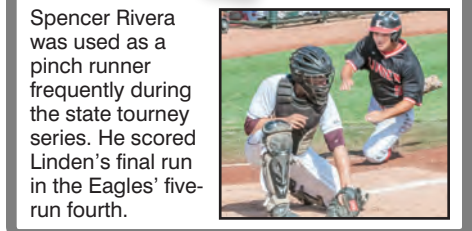




Buerkel reached base twice in the fourth inning. He led off with a walk and scored Linden's first run. He also was hit by a pitch with two out later on.



Link produced Linden's only RBI during the contest, hitting an RBI-single in the fourth. It scored Buerkel with the Eagles' first run.



Spencer Rivera was used as a pinch runner frequently during the state tourney series. He scored Linden's final run in the Eagles' five-run fourth.



Shore had his toughest game of the postseason, but still tossed a complete game, and was recently named First-Team All-State.


**LOOK BACK**  
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plating the winning run.

Once again it was Linden's pitching duo of Lucas Marshall and Jack Shore who were the real stars. Marshall tossed six innings of one-run ball, striking out five. The game was tied at 1-all when he left the contest. Shore got the last six outs of the contest, earning the victory. He allowed no hits and one walk while striking out one in his two innings of work.

**Final**  
**Linden 4, Clio 0**

Incredibly, the Eagles had to go extra-innings again in a pitchers' duel just a few hours later. Linden's Aaron Sarkon broke a scoreless tie in the top of the eighth inning with a three-run triple. Then, in the bottom of the eighth inning, Jack Shore collected the second win of the day by completing his eight-inning complete-game shutout. Shore needed 109 pitches, 73 for strikes, to finish his 10-strike out performance. He allowed just five hits and one walk.

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The Linden players celebrate moments after winning the D2 state semifinal contest on Thursday.

### State Championship Game Box


#### LINDEN vs. HOLLAND CHRISTIAN

Linden	AB	R	H	BI	Hol. Christian	AB	R	H	BI
Kevin Bates, ss	4	0	0	0	Brandon Riemersma, cf	3	1	1	2
Brendan Buerkel, rf	2	1	0	0	Josh Sterenberg, 3b	4	2	1	0
Chris Kitch, 1b/Cor. Sines pr	4	1	1	0	Mike Mokma, p/C. Shutt, cr	4	0	1	2
Nick Koan, dh	3	0	1	0	David Williams, c	4	0	0	0
Aaron Sarkon, 3b	2	0	0	0	Coby Curtiss, ss	3	1	3	0
Cole Sarkon, 2b	2	1	0	0	Brady Brower, 2b	3	1	1	1
Jamon Link, c/Jak. Gagne pr	3	1	1	1	Jack Huisman, lf	3	1	1	0
Sawyer Bengel, lf/S. Rivera pr	3	1	0	0	Chris Mokma, 1b	2	1	0	0
Ryker Rivera, cf	3	0	1	0	Chase Dreyer, dh/C Keele pr	2	1	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>


Score by Inning	R	H	E	Record
Linden	000	500	0	- 5 4 4 29-10-1
Holland Christian	031	103	X	- 8 9 3 36-6

**Errors:** Kitch, A. Sarkon 2, C. Sarkon, Curtiss 3. **Double plays:** None. **Left on base:** Linden 4, HC 7. **2B:** M. Mokma, Curtiss, Dreyer. **Walked:** Linden - Buerkel, C. Sarkon. LC - Curtiss, C. Mokma. **Hit batter:** Buerkel. **Sacrifices:** Linden - A. Sarkon. HC - Riemersma, Brower, Dreyer. **Stolen Bases:** Riemersma.

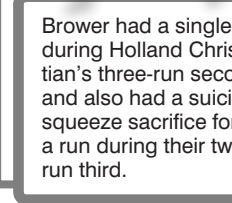
LINDEN	GAYLORD
Pitcher	Pitcher
Jack Shore(L) 6 8 3 9 4 2 0	M. Mokma (W) 7 5 2 4 14 2 1
109 pitches, 71 strikes.	104 pitches, 69 strikes.



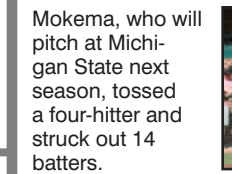
Reimersma had an RBI-single in the fourth inning and an RBI on a suicide squeeze play in the sixth inning.



Koan had one of Linden's four hits, a lead-off single in the second inning. Not bad for a sophomore playing in his second varsity game.



Brower had a single during Holland Christian's three-run second and also had a suicide squeeze sacrifice for a run during their two-run third.



Mokma, who will pitch at Michigan State next season, tossed a four-hitter and struck out 14 batters.



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## No more training wheels



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Clifford Menard of Fenton takes son Max, 4, on his first bike ride without training wheels on North Road on Saturday.

## REMAINS CLOSED

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The incident damaged the bridge. Brown said it damaged some of the concrete and bent approximately six beams on the bottom of the bridge.

MDOT closed parts of the road after the crash. Brown said Lahring Road will be closed until MDOT can finish assessing the damage and do repairs.

"Hopefully by the end of this week we'll have a better idea of what we need to do with it," he said, adding that they will bill the contractor's insurance company for repair costs.

He said this happens "Every now and again. It seems like we get one a year."

Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz warns motorists to expect extra traffic on Torrey and North Roads until the Lahring Road bridge is repaired.

## BACK PAIN

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turn irritates muscles in the back.

A **poor diet** can result in back pain. The most important thing you can do for back pain is to reach and maintain a healthy weight. A diet that is high in fat and overloaded with calories will lead to weight gain, which can lead to back pain as well as painful joints.

**Being sedentary** can lead to weight gain and back pain symptoms. Exercise gives you the muscle tone needed to support your back and keep it pain-free.

**Poor posture** is another cause of back pain. Your ears should be over your shoulders, your shoulders over your hip joints, and your hips over your ankles. Leaning your head forward or slumping your shoulders can pull on your back and cause pain.

**Lack of movement** is not good for your back either. Back pain can result any time you stay in one position for an extended period of time, whether it's sitting in an office chair, a driver's seat, or standing in one place for your job. Pain can set in even when you sit down for a three-hour movie or sleep in for several hours. The more pressure you have on the discs in your spine, the more the discs will wear away. The human body was meant to move, so to relieve or avoid pain, get up from the computer at least every hour to take a short walk, and choose an aisle seat at the movie theater to stretch your legs.

Stilettos are not the best shoes for your back, but even a sensible pair of **shoes** can change your gait and lead to back pain if the soles are worn. Keep in mind that fit is most important to keep your footwear from causing back pain as well as foot pain.

A **mattress** should give you uniform support. There shouldn't be air between your body and the mattress when you lie down. Experts recommend going with a mattress that has medium firmness to avoid back pain symptoms. But the most important factor is the age of your mattress. If you're sinking in when you lie down, it's probably time to get a new one to help keep back pain away.

Wearing a **bra** that gives you the right support can help keep the weight closer to your body and help you avoid back pain.

Any time you have to balance the weight of a **purse** or **shoulder bag**, you change the curve of your spine and that can lead to back pain. If you must carry one or the other, at least clean it out and leave most of your cards in a drawer at home so you have less to carry and won't aggravate back pain symptoms.

There are many reasons to **quit smoking**. Cigarettes hurt more than just your heart and lungs. In fact, smoking deprives cells all over your body of oxygen, including those that control the motion of your back. Studies show that smokers are more than twice as likely to develop lower back pain than those who have never smoked.

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## ELECTRIC SHOCK

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have the bigger boats.”

These three things must happen for electric currents to run in the water, according to boatus.com:

- Electrical fault

An electrical current is escaping from somewhere and it's trying to find another path back to shore.

- AC safety ground fault

The alternating current grounding system must be compromised.

- No ground fault protection

Ground Fault Protectors, or GFP devices, detect differences in milliamps in electric currents in the water. They shut down electricity in a fraction of a second.

If you want to run power out to your dock or boat, boatus.com recommends hiring an electrician to make sure the wiring meets the requirements for the Fire Protection Standard for Marinas and Boatyards of the National Electrical Code.

If you run power cords from your house or garage to charge your boat's

### If you're swimming and feel tingling and shocks...

- Don't swim to the dock.
- Yell so everyone else knows about the danger.
- Try to stay upright and back out of the water the way you came.
- Head for shore at least 100 yards away from the dock.
- Tell the marina or boat owner to cut the power running to the boat or dock.
- Go to the hospital if you feel the effects of being electrocuted.

Source: boatus.com

battery, investing in a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter would protect you and your family against unwanted dangerous electrical currents.

If you have a private dock, boatus.com recommends the following:

Never swim within 100 yards of docks using electrical power.

Never swim off your dock without shutting down all the power.

Work with your neighbors to make sure the water is safe from electric shocks.

## DRIVERS

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it is hands free. I think it's pretty equal. It also depends on the age group.”

“I think women are better at multi-tasking. They can drive with screaming kids and not blink an eye,” said Mary Rendon of Clarkston.

“Women are definitely better drivers,” said Carol Verhelle of Fenton. “God made us to be able to handle a back seat driver, children drawing imaginary lines, change lanes, merge and park with the greatest of ease.”

Linda Russell of Swartz Creek said, “My son's parking skills were much better than both of my daughters when taking driver's ed. He seemed to instinctively be able to know how to back around things. The girls struggled to learn. He passed his road test on the first try. Neither of the girls did.”

Vickie Brinkman of Bonfield, Illinois said, “I seem to enjoy giving men the credit on this one. I hate to drive, but I love to ride.”

Mike Howard of Gilbert, Arizona said, “I would have gone with women until cell phones came into being. Now women seem to ignore kids, music and the road as they talk and text on their cell phones while driving. Men are just a little better about just driving for the pure enjoyment of the car.”

“Since I totaled my car six weeks ago, I would say men are better drivers,” said Sharon Howard of Bourbonnais, Illinois.

Janet Leslie of Okemos, formerly of Holly said, “I think men are more confident drivers, probably because they've

been assured their whole lives that they are 'better' drivers.

Veronica Pheasant of Argentine Township said, “I would say men are better but also take more risks. A guy will tailgate much closer knowing full well what he's doing. Others are just clueless how dangerous it is. Guys also like to pass on the expressway like they are driving for NASCAR. Women try to be safer drivers.”

All four local police chiefs were asked to share their thoughts on women versus men drivers.

One said he wouldn't touch this story with a comment with a 10-foot pole. Another asked if the question was a set up. Two chiefs didn't respond at all.

Perhaps they feel the same way as Rob Harris of Fenton, who said, “I'm not touching this question, but I am looking forward to your next article, ‘Does this dress make me look fat?’”

### Experts and statistics show

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, in a report released in February of this year, “Many more men than women die each year in motor vehicle crashes.”

Men typically drive more miles than women and more often engage in risky driving practices including not using safety belts, driving while impaired by alcohol, and speeding.

The report continues that crashes involving male drivers often are more severe than those involving female drivers.

Females are, however, more likely than males to be killed or injured in crashes of equal severity, although gender differences in fatality risk diminish with age.

The following facts are based on analysis of data from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

#### Trends

Each year, from 1975 to 2014, the number of male crash deaths was more than twice the number of female crash deaths, but the gap has narrowed.

From 1975 to 2014, male crash deaths declined by 29 percent and female crash deaths declined by 20 percent.

#### Age differences

The number of driver fatal crash involvements per 100 million miles driven in 2008 was 50 percent higher for males (2.1 per 100 million miles traveled) than for females (1.4 per 100 million miles traveled).

Rates were substantially higher for males than for females ages 16 to 29, but were only slightly higher for ages 30 and older. The gender difference was largest among drivers ages 20 to 29.

#### Alcohol involvement and speeding

Each year from 1982 to 2014, the proportion of fatally injured passenger vehicle drivers with blood alcohol concentrations (BACs) at or above 0.08 percent has been substantially higher for males than for females.

Each year from 1982 to 2014, speeding was identified as a contributing factor for a greater proportion of male drivers killed in motor vehicle crashes than for female drivers killed in a crash.

#### Total deaths by state

Michigan ranked 11th in the number of traffic deaths in 2014 at 901.

The worst states were Texas (3,538), California (3,074), Florida (2,494), North Carolina (1,284), Pennsylvania (1,195), Georgia (1,164), New York (1,039), Ohio (1,006), Tennessee (962) and Illinois (924).

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**HOLLY TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF  
 2016 – 2017 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS  
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According to the Open Meetings Act enacted by the State of Michigan:

 The **Holly Township Board of Trustees** will hold its regular meetings at **102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan** at **6:30 PM** on the following dates:

July 20, 2016	November 16, 2016	March 15, 2017
August 17, 2016	December 21, 2016	April 19, 2017
September 21, 2016	January 18, 2017	May 17, 2017
October 19, 2016	February 15, 2017	June 21, 2017

 The **Holly Township Planning Commission** will hold its regular meetings at **102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan** at **6:30 PM** on the following dates:

July 5, 2016	November 1, 2016	March 7, 2017
August 2, 2016	December 6, 2016	April 4, 2017
September 6, 2016	January 3, 2017	May 2, 2017
October 4, 2016	February 7, 2017	June 6, 2017

 The **Holly Township Zoning Board of Appeals** will hold its regular meetings on scheduled Planning Commission dates when there is business. The meetings will be held at **102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan** at **5:30 PM**, unless otherwise posted.

 The **Holly Township Library Board** will hold its regular meetings at the **Holly Township Library, 1116 N. Saginaw St., Holly, Michigan** at **7:30 PM** on the following dates:

July 12, 2016	November 8, 2016	March 14, 2017
August 9, 2016	December 13, 2016	April 11, 2017
September 13, 2016	January 10, 2017	May 9, 2017
October 11, 2016	February 14, 2017	June 13, 2017

 The **Holly Township Parks Commission** will hold its regular meetings at the **Sorensen Park Nature Center, 5142 E. Holly Rd., Holly, Michigan** at **7:00 PM** on the following dates:

July 13, 2016	November – NO MEETING	March 8, 2017
August – NO MEETING	December – NO MEETING	April 12, 2017
September 14, 2016	January 11, 2017	May 10, 2017
October 12, 2016	February – NO MEETING	June 14, 2017

 Karin S. Winchester, MMC  
 Holly Township Clerk

**HOLLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
 JUNE 15, 2016  
 REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS**

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Supervisor Smith, Clerk Winchester, Treasurer Freeman Trustee Cornwell and Trustee Ruth.

Approved: Consent Agenda as Amended.  
 Public Hearing: 2016- 2017 Holly Township Proposed Budget and for the Annual Rede termination Confirming Special Assessment District for the Purpose of Fire and Emergency Service and Supporting Millages.

Postponed: Proposed Amendments to Outdoor Gatherings Ordinance.  
 Approved: 2016-2017 Holly Township Budget and Appropriations – Proposed Ordinance 2016-08.

Approved: 2016-2017 Holly Disposal Mining Permit Application.  
 Approved: 2016-2017 South Flint Gravel Mining Permit Application.  
 Approved: 2016-2017 Tri-City Mining Permit Application.  
 Approved: 2016-2017 Green Thumb Mining Permit Application.  
 Approved: Planning Commission Appointment.  
 Approved: 2016-2017 Holly Township Parks Budget– Proposed Resolution 2016-07.  
 Approved: West Nile Virus Fund Reimbursement Request – Proposed Resolution 2016-09.  
 Approved: Confirm Special Assessment Roll for the Purpose of Fire Protection and Emergency Services – Proposed Resolution 2016-10.

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and Dean Rds.  
SEVERAL HOMES.

## Fenton



**JUNE 24TH-25TH  
9-4PM**

13507 Haddon.  
Treasures on  
Lake Fenton.  
18th Century design  
breakfront, server,  
dining table, chairs,  
chintz loveseat,  
Williamsburg  
reproduction oil  
portraits, fine and  
everyday china  
(both never used).  
Two 9x12  
oriental rugs,  
vintage Fisher  
Price toys,  
plus household items,  
and miscellaneous.  
All must go!  
Silver treasures too.

## Fenton



**JUNE 23RD-25TH  
9-5PM**

Fenton Orchards  
Condos and Homes.  
Off Fenton Rd.,  
between Thompson  
and Long Lake Rds.  
COMMUNITY  
WIDE SALE.

## Fenton



**JUNE 23RD-26TH  
8:30-4PM**

Northshore Subdivision  
1.5 miles West of  
US-23 off Owen.  
Baby items, kids items,  
furniture, couch, piano,  
pool table, dining room  
set, tools, clothing.

## Fenton Twp.



**JUNE 23RD-25TH  
9-5PM**

12415 Jennings Rd.  
between Thompson  
and Lahring.  
Fishing tackle, poles,  
tools, garden tools,  
vintage and costume  
jewelry, collector  
pins, music and video  
tapes, miscellaneous  
household items.

## Linden



**JUNE 23RD-25TH  
THURSDAY THRU  
SATURDAY  
9-5PM**

522 Aldrich St.

## Fenton



**JUNE 23RD-25TH  
9-6PM**

3180 Rolston Rd.  
Big 5 family sale.  
Good quality  
men's, women's  
children's  
clothing and  
much more!

## Fenton



**JUNE 24-25TH  
9-6PM**

12179 Rohn Rd.  
Tools, picnic table,  
snowblower, grill, paint  
sprayer, grandfather  
clock, wheelbarrow,  
household,  
much more.

## Linden



**JUNE 23RD-25TH  
9-4PM**

7310 Jeffrey Ct.  
Furniture, household  
items, girls junior size  
clothes and bathing  
suits, Halloween  
decorations,  
and much more.

## Linden



**JUNE 23RD-26TH  
9-5PM**

9250 White Rd.  
Guns, sporting  
goods, knives, tools,  
coins, household,  
collectibles.

# Obituaries

Times

## Frances Louise Clark

1922-2016

Frances Louise Clark -  
age 93, died June 17, 2016.  
Funeral services will be



held  
11 AM  
Friday,  
June 24,  
2016 at  
Sharp  
Funeral  
Homes,  
Linden  
Chapel,  
209 E. Broad St., Linden.  
Burial will follow in Byron  
Cemetery. Visitation will be  
held from 10 AM until the  
time of service. Frances  
was the former owner of  
Willowbrook Golf Club in  
Byron. Online condolences  
may be posted on the  
obituaries page of www.  
sharpfuneralhomes.com.



## FUNERAL ETIQUETTE

### 7 THINGS NOT TO WRITE IN A SYMPATHY MESSAGE

#### Shorthand text messages

If you text someone a  
quick note on your cell  
phone you don't come  
across as someone  
who cares enough to  
use paper and pen.

#### Explanation of the death

Don't try to explain the  
person's death. It is  
not comforting.

#### Any mention of replacing the person

Parents who lost a  
child don't want the  
advice that they can  
try again.

#### Personal sad stories

This isn't about you.

#### Humor

Save the funny quotes  
and quips for later,  
after the person has  
enough time to grieve.

#### Negative comments about the deceased

Never write anything  
negative about the  
person who has  
passed, or you'll  
appear cold and  
unfeeling.

#### Inheritance

This is not the time  
to discuss what the  
deceased left to his or  
her heirs.

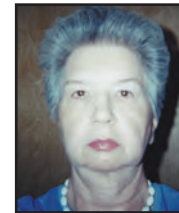
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## Eleanor "Lorene" Cottrill

1934-2016

Eleanor "Lorene" Cottrill -  
age 81, of Fenton formerly  
of Highland, died Monday,  
June 20,  
2016.  
Funeral  
Services  
will be  
held  
11 AM  
Saturday,  
June 25,  
2016 at



Sharp Funeral Homes,  
Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver  
Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor  
Martin Shouse officiating.  
Burial in Highland Cem-  
etery. Visitation will be held  
at the funeral home Friday,  
June 24, 2016 from 4-8 PM.  
Those desiring may make  
contributions to Alzheimer's  
Association or ASPCA.  
Lorene was born October  
14, 1934 in Highland, the  
daughter of Harry Os-  
car and Lenora Blanche  
(Crabtree) Hardiman. She  
was a graduate of Milford  
High School. She had been  
employed by JC Penny and  
SVS Vision. Lorene had  
resided in the Highland  
area most of her life. Surviv-  
ing are: two children, Diane  
(David) Calzada of Mexico  
and David (Roxanne)  
Patrum of Missouri; three  
grandchildren, Jason (Ol-  
ivia) Patrum, Dustin Patrum,  
and Paul Otlewski; sister-in-  
law, Tricia Hardiman of Ten-  
nessee; and several nieces  
and nephews. Preceded in  
death by her parents; hus-  
bands, Wayne Patrum and  
Thomas Cottrill; brothers,  
Earl and Robert Hardiman;  
and sister, Nathalie Gon-  
wicha. Online tributes may  
be posted on the obituaries  
page at www.sharpfuneral-  
homes.com.



*Obituaries  
updated  
daily online!*

## Donald Evans McLaughlin

1932-2016

Donald Evans McLaughlin  
- age 84, of Fenton, died  
Monday, June 20, 2016.  
A celebration of his life will  
be held 2 PM Thursday,  
June 23, 2016 at Sharp  
Funeral Homes, 1000  
Silver Lake Road, Fenton.  
Interment at Great Lakes  
National Cemetery, Holly  
at a later date. Visitation  
will be held at the funeral  
home Thursday from 1 PM  
until the time of the service.  
Those desiring may make  
contribution to the Wound-  
ed Warriors Project. Donald  
was born March 15, 1932 in  
Unicoi, TN, the son of Wil-  
liam P. and Pearl L. (Smith)  
McLaughlin. A veteran of  
the Korean War, the United  
States Army awarded him  
the Purple Heart. He mar-  
ried Martha Louise New-  
comb November 13, 1959  
in Baltimore, MD and she  
preceded him in death on  
April 1, 2006. Donald was  
a self-employed carpenter  
for many years. He had  
resided in Fenton since  
1972 coming from Flint. He  
was a volunteer for Habitat  
for Humanity. The family  
wishes to extend a special  
thanks to Claudia, Alicia  
and Erica from the Medical  
Team Hospice. Surviving  
are: five children, Katherine  
Kearns of Fenton, Cynthia  
(Brian) Palmer of Virginia,  
Donald (Liz) McLaughlin, Jr.  
of Kentucky, Marynell Atu-  
atasi of Fenton, and William  
(Christina) McLaughlin of  
Fenton; several grandchil-  
dren, great-grandchildren,  
and great-great-grandchil-  
dren. He was also preced-  
ed in death by his parents;  
son-in-law, Minute Atu-  
atasi; and 11 brothers and  
sisters. In his final hours,  
Donald was surrounded by  
his loving family and faithful  
companions, Jack and  
Bootsy. Online tributes may  
be posted on the obituaries  
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### WEDNESDAY SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★  
★ Moderate   ★★ Challenging   ★★★ HOO BOY!

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# HOROSCOPES

#### ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Family and friends rally around as you confront an unexpected challenge. Some plans will have to be changed until all the fuss and fluster settle down.

#### TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Your creative gifts find new outlets for expression this week. Someone (a Libra, perhaps) has ideas that you might find surprisingly appealing. Pay attention.

#### GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

You'll soon be able to restart those delayed travel plans. A financial matter you thought was closed could suddenly reopen. Be prepared to take swift, decisive action.

#### CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

A romantic relationship takes an unexpected turn. You might be confused about how to react. It's best not to be rushed into a decision that you're not ready to make.

#### LEO (July 23 to August 22)

Don't let your pride stand in the way of resolving an emotionally painful situation. This is a good time to deal with it and let the healing finally begin.

#### VIRGO (August 23 to Sept. 22)

A workplace problem that you've been handling so well suddenly spins out of control. Don't panic. You can rely on your good sense to help you restore order.

#### LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Wearing rose-colored glasses won't solve a thorny personal situation. You need to take a hard look at what's happening and then act according to the facts.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Weigh all your options carefully before making any decisions you've been putting off. Then go ahead and plan a weekend of family fun.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

While personal and financial situations continue to improve, some setbacks might occur. But they're only temporary, so hang in there.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Family matters dominate the week. Health problems raise concern, but soon prove to be less serious than you had feared. Things start easing up by the weekend.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Most situations are calmer now, both at home and on the job. But there's still a chance that a co-worker will set off another round of unpleasantness.

#### PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

There's no need to fish for compliments from an admirer who can't say enough nice things about you. The upcoming holiday bodes well for family gatherings.

### WEDNESDAY JUMBLE

#### JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ENWIC

LURTY

ZARLID

YAWALY

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NEW JUMBLE Jumble Books Go To: <http://www.lyndale.com/jumble/>

We have so much to learn about them

THEY WERE MOTIVATED TO HUNT FOR SNAKES BY THE ---

8  
21

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans: "  " OF THE

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### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

#### ACROSS

1 Circle portions

5 Owned

8 Open slightly

12 Milne bear

13 Eggs

14 Rage

15 Rewrite, maybe

16 What "old soldiers" do

18 Take out of context?

20 Inbox fillers

21 Santa's bagful

23 -- -tac-toe

24 All-American dessert

28 Use an old phone

31 Allow

32 "No man is an island" writer John

34 Brewery product

35 Item on stage

37 What George Washington couldn't do

39 Central

41 Sagacious

42 Ranking

45 In truth

49 Ultra-formal

51 Neighborhood

52 Top-rated

53 Coffee vessel

54 Shade of blue

55 Raised

56 -- -relief

57 Slave to crosswords?

#### DOWN

1 Mimicked

2 Took the bus

3 Slinky's shape

4 Jewish village

5 Treat container for 12-Across

6 "Hail, Caesar!"

7 Host Letterman

8 Scared

9 Re our legal system

10 Seed covering

11 Deli loaves

17 911 responder (Abbr.)

19 Three- -- sloth

22 Tendon

24 Matterhorn, for one

25 Apiece

26 Type of food poisoning

27 Peps up

29 Boxing legend

30 CSA VIP

33 Otherwise

36 -- against (opposing)

38 Infuse with CO2

40 Payable

42 Mop the deck

43 Hammer wielder of myth

44 Theatergoer's souvenir

46 Enrages

47 Tilt

48 Connecticut campus

50 A Gershwin

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## DVD RELEASES

#### MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING 2

In this sequel to the 2002 sleeper hit My Big Fat Greek Wedding, Toula (Nia Vardalos) finds her extended family rocked by the revelation that her mother and father were never really married — which, of course, requires an even bigger Greek wedding so they can officially tie the knot. Meanwhile, Toula struggles to spice up her marriage to Ian (John Corbett), and is heartbroken when her daughter Paris (Elena Kampouris) says she wants to go to a distant college in order to get away from her overbearing clan.

**PG-13, 1 hr. 34 min.**

60%

liked it

(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)

#### MIDNIGHT SPECIAL

In the sci-fi thriller "Midnight Special," writer/directory Jeff Nicols proves again that he is one of the most compelling storytellers of our time, as a father (Michael Shannon), goes on the run to protect his young son, Alton (Jaeden Lieberher), and uncover the truth behind the boy's special powers. What starts as a race from religious extremists and local law enforcement quickly escalates to a nationwide manhunt involving the highest levels of the Federal Government. Ultimately his father risks everything to protect Alton and help fulfill a destiny that could change the world forever.

**PG-13, 1 hr. 51 min.**

73%

liked it

(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)



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with yes



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Lesser or Greater  
Quantities \$4.49

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Cocoa Puffs (11.8 oz.),  
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(12 oz.) or Cheerios (8.9 oz.)  
Nature Valley Granola Bars  
or Breakfast Biscuits (5 - 6 ct.),  
Fiber One Bars (5 - 6 ct.),  
Cascadian Farm Organic  
Chocolate Chip (6 ct.) or Betty  
Crockers Oat Crisps (8 ct.)



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with yes  
When you buy 6  
Lesser or Greater  
Quantities \$2.49

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(56 oz.) or Nutty Buddy  
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(12 ct.) or Ice Cream  
Sandwiches (4 - 6 ct.) or  
Baskin Robbins  
Ice Cream  
(14 oz.)



**2/\$6**  
with yes

Prices effective through Saturday, June 25, 2016