

Silver Lake Road is open — ahead of schedule

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■ Ribbon-cutting ceremony held Friday afternoon to mark the successful completion

By Sharon Stone

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Since Feb. 16, motorists have found alternative ways to get to their favorite downtown Fenton destination or just pass through the city. This was neces-

sary due to the Silver Lake Road bridge replacement over the Shiawassee River.

Throughout the project, Dan Czarnecki, director of Fenton's Department of Public Works (DPW) said the bridge

See OPEN on 10A

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO
On Friday, PK Contracting applied 1,395 feet of yellow striping and 369 feet of white striping, finishing the Silver Lake Road bridge project. The road reopened at 4 p.m.



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DDA says no more exceptions...maybe

■ Will review and change Façade Improvement Program rules

By Vera Hogan

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When too many exceptions to the rules are being approved — it may be time to change the rules.

At the end of their meeting Tuesday, several members of the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) expressed this sentiment after considering two requests for façade grants.

According to Mike Burns, assistant city manager and DDA director, both of the applicants, downtown business owners, violated the Façade Improvement Program guidelines.

The first, Kim Lenoir, owner of the new Northern Country Chic boutique at 409 South LeRoy St., requested reimbursement for façade work already completed.

“This is not allowed in the façade improvement guidelines,” said Mike Burns.

“Then why are we even discussing this?”

Doran Kasper
Fenton DDA member

See DDA on 20A

Ripe for the pickin’



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

These families gathered nine flats of strawberries at Spicer Orchards on Tuesday afternoon. From left is Emma Lietzau, 12, and her sister, Eliana, 9, of Wixom. Behind Eliana is their mother, Julie Lietzau. In the back is Lindsay Hanselman of Highland with her daughter, Celia, 10 and Jude, 7. **See story and more photos on Page 9A.**

Pathway receives enormous public support

■ Audience members speak in favor of running and biking trail

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton Twp. — Helpers added extra chairs to accommodate the 100-plus people who attended the Fenton Township Board of Trustees meet-

ing Monday in support of the Linden, Argentine, Fenton and Fenton Township (LAFF) non-motorized pathway.

The township received funds from the Fenton Community Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint to make an amendment to the existing Fenton Township Parks and

See PATHWAY on 6A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

More than 100 supporters of the LAFF pathway packed the Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting Monday.

Michigan considering 80 mph speed limit

■ State police do not anticipate more crashes with higher speeds

By Hannah Ball

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Speed limits on certain Michigan freeways could be increased to 75 or possibly 80 miles per hour if a few House bills become law.

House Bills 4423 through 4426 would modify certain speed limits on freeways and school zones,

See 80 MPH on 19A

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“To the lady complaining about the little children running around the park. Are you for real? Move your chair and leave the children alone. A lot of us love seeing those little ones being outside, enjoying the hill. It’s a great place to see all walks of life, old and young. Thanks Fenton for a great place to take our families.”

“The flowers on the light poles in downtown Fenton are absolutely gorgeous. Everyone who travels through downtown Fenton enjoys their beauty and comments on them. The automatic watering system built into the light poles is brilliant. Nicely done Fenton.”

“Of course the Hillary Clinton and Bernie supporters aren’t rioting at their own rallies. They’re too busy rioting at the Trump rallies.”

COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“Here’s a tip from a waitress. If you have a coupon that gives you a discount on your dinner, you are still supposed to tip on the full amount that it would have been. I don’t discount a percentage of the service I provide you. Thank you.”

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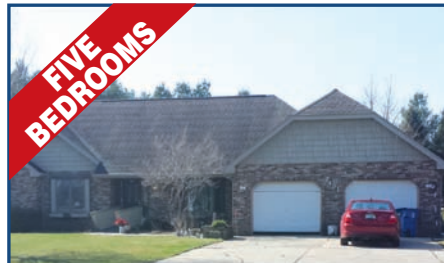
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Your response to hair loss will likely depend on whether you're a man or woman

By Sally Rummel

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Men often say that as they grow older they can grow hair anywhere but on top of their heads.

That statement is truer than you might think. Eighty-five percent of men will have major hair thinning issues by the time they're 50, and some young men start to lose theirs before they're old enough to drink at age 21.

It's not just a man's problem, either. Although hair loss may seem more predominant in men than women, women are nearly as likely to lose, or have thinning hair as men

do, according to WebMD.com. About 40 percent of women experience some degree of hair loss. Most women notice it in their 50s or 60s, but it can happen at any age and for a variety of reasons.

Chris Warfield, formerly of Fenton, now of Hartland, is 34 years old and started noticing his hair was thinning in his early 20s. "The thinner it got, the shorter I'd go. It was a gradual thing."

By the time he

was 25, he started shaving his head completely. He now shaves it two or three times a week.

"I didn't have much of a choice," he said.

"My dad lost his hair at a young age and I grew up watching him do a 'comb over' with nine or 10 inches of hair on one side combed over then 50 to 60 sprays of hairspray. We used to make fun of him all the time.

See BALD on 18A

“Look at your parents and grandparents to see your predisposition for hair loss. It also can skip a generation.”

Dr. Eric Seiger
Skin & Vein Center
in Fenton



Brook Smith and wife Kathleen



Chris and Ashley Warfield and daughter Ellie



Andrew Wolfgram of Fenton



Tim Jagielo, Times MultiMedia Director

Rules for fireworks

■ Most fireworks are prohibited between 1 a.m. and 8 a.m. — violators face fines, jail time

By Hannah Ball

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As the Fourth of July approaches, people will begin setting off fireworks in celebration and preparation. Here's when the fiery explosions of color are allowed in your area:

FENTON:

According to Fenton's fireworks ordinance, igniting fireworks within the city is

prohibited except on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday.

Residents are not allowed to set off fireworks between 1 a.m. and 8 a.m.

Violators will receive a civil fine of up to \$500 for each offense. Violators will be responsible for reimbursing the city for the costs of storing, disposing, or destroying the fireworks.

LINDEN, ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP,

FENTON TOWNSHIP:

Residents can ignite fireworks only on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday. Igniting fireworks between 1

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It's what you do

My dad died of a heart attack at age 60. My brother died of a heart attack at age 40. Hearts are the family curse, so the condition of mine is never far from my mind.

I've always wondered, "If I ever have surgery, how would I handle it?"

I honestly don't know the answer but I hope I handle it like Riley McLincha of Clio.

If the name sounds familiar it's because he's The Drubbler, meaning the guy who dribbles three basketballs at once — drubbling is his name for it — while running the 10-mile Crim road race each



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

August, to the astonishment of his fellow runners and the delight of spectators.

Riley has been a runner — and therefore slim and fit — his whole life. But in April, an old problem finally caught up with him.

"My problem is a congenital defect," he told me. "Like 2 percent of the population, I was born with a bicuspid aortic valve instead of a tricuspid. By about age 65 that 2 percent needs a valve replacement."

Riley is 65 but he knew he had a problem four years ago.

"At the start of a run I had some sort of discomfort in my chest. It got progressively worse every year. I had many tests and it wasn't until 18 months ago I was told I had aortic stenosis and a thoracic aortic aneurysm. The aneurysm was caused by the increased pressure of the blood through a smaller valve opening."

Fifty years ago, such a diagnosis would have amounted to a death sentence. But these days, owing to the miracles of modern medicine, doctors told him they could fix him up with a pig valve and some flexible Dacron tubing.

He had the surgery in April. Five days later he was out and issuing pig jokes on his Facebook page.

"Since I'm now one-part pig, I decided to make a new (slop) bucket list," he wrote. It included:

Renew my ham radio license.

Become a member of Kevin Bacon Fan Club.

Rewatch the movie 'Babe.' (It's about a pig in case you hadn't guessed.)

Make the Mythbusters prove you can make silk purse from a pig's ear.

He later wrote, "My cardiologist said, 'you are my model patient.' I'll say it again (oink) for those who did not get the word, my problem was congenital, my heart has been thoroughly examined and is clean as a whistle because of staying fit. If you are able to get fit, get your Nikes on and just do it. (oink)"

At one point, I asked him how he stayed so upbeat and positive throughout such an ordeal.

"Well, mostly, I just wanted to have the surgery so I could return to the lifestyle I've always known."

And joking about it just seemed to help. Or as he wrote the day before the surgery, 'I've been eagerly waiting to have this surgery now for 17 months. It's Hammertime! Get this over with so I can go have a Michigan beer.'

Cheers to that, Riley.

By the way, The Drubbler, he says, will be back.

'If you're a man with big basketballs, it's what you do.'

“Since I’m now one-part pig, I decided to make a new (slop) bucket list.”

Riley McLincha of Clio

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THE MASSIVE IMPROVEMENTS in Fenton over the last four years are all due to the efforts of the city managers and the DDA. Quit criticizing and start thanking.

WAS JUST WONDERING if the remainder of the pole barn buildings on the Caroline Street extension are going to be torn down or are staying there.

THE OBAMA YEARS will go down in history as the eight-year period America changed dramatically, and permanently, into a liberal-ruled nation. To all you right wingers, na na na na na.

BEFORE VOTING ASK yourself, is America a better or worse country after eight years of Obama.

FRIENDS VISITED AND we took them downtown; they were WOWED.

WE'VE LOST OUR small town charm. It takes 15 minutes to drive to VG's from downtown now. It won't change anything, but I liked our sleepy little town a hell of a lot more than I do now. Thanks for nothing.

HEY TOWNSHIP BOARD, saw you on cable. About time you spoke up.

TO THE MORON who hit my old cat in front of his yard on Beers Road. Karma will get you. You clearly went to the side of the road he was sitting on to hit him. He was old and car smart. He was

waiting for you to pass and instead you drove right at him and killed him. Hope you're happy.

THE TRI-COUNTY Times probably won't print this, but any true Christians should look up Leviticus 20:13 in the Bible and tell me if this country is headed on the right path.

BASEBALL ANALOGY FOR Iraq War. After being down by four runs, starting pitcher (Bush) battles back and closes eighth inning with three-run lead. In the ninth inning, closing pitcher (Obama) declares his opposition to baseball, refuses to pitch, sacrifices victory, takes ball and goes home.

IF A COMMUNITY wants to know how not to put in a bike lane visit the village of Holly. After spending thousands of dollars, they have created a bike lane that has no beginning, no ending, and is dangerous. Must be a political reason.

THE DDA AND city council sure like to sell or lease things out for a \$1. How are other businesses supposed to stay competitive with these companies?

YES, IF IT were true that the proposed LAFF path from Fenton to Linden was being paid for by state or local funds, I'd agree with needing road repairs instead. Before you 'speak up' though, you may want to inquire more about the hard work this group has been doing to apply for special grants and raise their own funds to build it.

A BIG THANK you to the 2016 graduate who has decided to serve. Thank you for defending our freedom.

MY TAKE ON gun control. If you're off target use two hands. I will protect and defend those that I love and care about.

CAN ANYONE EXPLAIN why the July 4 parade route has been changed, cutting out a major portion of viewing area? And why the pancake breakfast has been moved from the hub of activity, larger facility and better parking of the Community Center to the VFW?

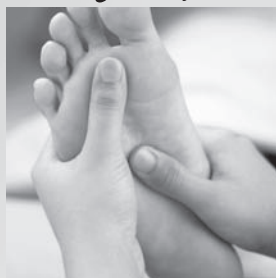
TO THE PERSON who commented that 'there is simply no logical reason why an American should own a gun.' You, sir or ma'am are an idiot. Our government's failure to take care of the criminals is the exact reason that we law-abiding citizens should protect our second amendment rights.

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What is your opinion on gun control?



"They need to do something. The people on the terrorist watch list or no fly list should not be able to buy guns."

— **Greg Snider**
Gaines



"I believe in the right to bear arms, however I am against the assault rifles. Nobody on the streets needs those."

— **Judy Wyniemko**
Fenton



"I think everyone should have a gun. Many people do not have guns and criminals do have them. It is nice to have a gun in the house nowadays."

— **Douglas Pomaville**
Fenton



"I have a son in Detroit, a daughter in Kenya and a daughter in Chicago. So yes, I do believe we should have the right to bear arms. However there should be more regulations."

— **Cynthia Taylor**
Fenton



"We need gun control. Start checking who is buying the guns. If we need an ID to vote, then we should check ID when buying guns so we know who is buying the gun."

— **JoAnn Sloan**
Linden



"I think it is fine the way it is. We should be allowed to buy guns."

— **Dave Lonsbury**
Fenton

| street talk

Fertilizer leak from Starrs Lakeview Farm

■ No health risk, but spill could contribute to growth of aquatic plants

By Hannah Ball

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A fertilizer tank exploded at Starrs Lakeview Farm in early Mayspilling approximately 2,000 gallons of liquid fertilizer down Lakeview Park Drive and into Byram Lake.

"The inspection and discussions with Mr. (Pat) Starrs indicated that a 2,000-gallon polypropylene tank had ruptured, spilling the liquid fertilizer, which eventually flowed into a catch basin that outlets directly into Byram Lake," said Megan McMahon, environmental quality analyst for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

On May 12, the DEQ, Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) and the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) conducted a joint inspection of a leak in Byram

Lake and at the Starrs Farm in Fenton Township, according to McMahon.

The DEQ sent a violation notice to Starrs and is reviewing the possibility of more enforcement.

"However, we are not able to discuss the details of that enforcement while in process," McMahon said.

This caused runoff along the curb of Lakeview Park Drive, which looks like white discharge, according to Sheryl Dodds, environmental sanitarian for the Genesee County Health Department.

The dilution shouldn't pose a health risk, but it will contribute to growth of aquatic plants, she said.

Jim Henry, environmental health director of the GCHD, said the farm will no longer store fertilizer on that location.

Remediation efforts aren't likely in this situation because the fertilizer is water soluble, he said.

"Hopefully we can build a partnership with the farm," he said. "When something like this occurs, we try to make sure it doesn't happen again. That's the goal here."

“When something like this occurs, we try to make sure it doesn't happen again. That's the goal here.”

Jim Henry
Genesee County Health
Department environmental
health director

News briefs

FRIENDS WITH NEEDS

Barbara Callahan, director of Community Affairs for Sen. Debbie Stabenow will be conducting a round table discussion on Tuesday, July 19, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., at the Friends with Needs meeting at Holly Presbyterian Church, 207 East Maple St. in Holly. Guests are asked to enter at the back of the church and down the stairs. Friends with Needs is a social support group for adults in the Holly area who have a mental illness and other challenges. The group meets most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Holly Presbyterian Church.

FENTON DDA GIVES SPONSORSHIP DOLLARS TO FREEDOM FESTIVAL

The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) agreed unanimously to provide a \$5,000 sponsorship to the Fenton Freedom Festival. This is

something the DDA has done for the past several years. The funding will be used for the general management of the event, and assists with promotion of the event and fireworks. City Councilwoman Pat Lockwood, chair of the Fenton Freedom Festival Committee, was present at the Tuesday, June 21 DDA meeting. She thanked the DDA for their continued support of the event.

STUDENT ARTISTS RAISE \$1,536 FOR FOOD PANTRY

Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) student artists set a new record for raising funds for St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. A record-breaking \$1,536 was collected to feed the needy in the Fenton area. The funds were raised during the FAPS Art Show on May 12 at the AGS Middle School. Noted as the 15th annual Empty Bowl event, students designed and sold ceramic bowls with the option to fill them with ice cream. Through the generous donations made by visitors to the art fair, it was possible to reach their total. Thanks to everyone who supported the art show and St. Vincent's pantry.



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Recreation Plan for 2014-2018. The amendment will include a regional non-motorized pathway system, as well as a dog park plan and a revised Fenton Township park layout.

The amendment will put the township in a more favorable position when applying for recreational grants.

Included in the process is the public input session, which took place Monday. Presenters from the LAFF organization spoke in front of the board.

Ron Stack, a chairman of the LAFF pathway group, said, "Essentially this group exists to advocate, collaborate and coordinate an effort to connect communities with pathways. That's primary. We're also essentially a group of concerned citizens who are seeking a multi-use pathway."

The pathway would be deemed a universal multi-use, non-motorized paved pathway.

"Universal" makes the pathway compliant with the American Disabilities Act, and makes it all-encompassing for disabled people.

"Multi-use" means it's available for bikers, joggers, walkers, etc, Stack said. "Non-motorized" deems this facility as a safe place those activities.

"Pathways also have a laundry list of economic benefits when they're in an area," Stack said.

The pathway would connect the cities of Linden and Fenton to Grand Blanc, Mundy Township, Swartz Creek, Argentine Township and other outlying areas.

Victor Lukasavitz, steering committee chairman for LAFF Pathway, said with developing a non-motorized trail or park, it's important to have documented information and citizen participation.

"We're trying to bring both to you today in support of your efforts to bring non-motorized trails," he said.

He presented maps to the board and the

attendees, showing where the proposed path would be built. Lukasavitz said the Michigan Department of Transportation is more likely to pay for things when everything is planned out and documented.

He said other communities received funds for pathways because they had a plan.

"If you don't have a plan and you don't ask, you're not going to get it," he said.

The public backed his statements.

One Fenton Township resident said when she was training for the Crim, she had to run up and down her road 20 times because she didn't feel safe running on Owen Road.

Patti Smith, owner of Silver Spray Sports, said she was 100 percent in favor of the pathway because biking, running, or walking isn't safe on Silver Lake Road where her business

is located.

She said a safe path would be beneficial for the safety of the citizens.

Another resident, who's part of the Loose Senior Center biking group, said she was in favor of a pathway because they struggle to find places where they can bike safely.

A local physical therapist told the board that many health problems come from obesity, and that she favors the pathway to encourage people to get active.

One resident asked if wetland studies would have to be conducted for places where the pathway would be near wetlands. Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said yes, a study would be required.

Another resident, Maggie Yrman, told the board that the Keepers of the Shiawassee are working to get the Shiawassee River declared a National Water Trail. She asked the board to consider including the Shiawassee River in its five-year plan.

The next step

Mathis said the information obtained from this session would be provided to Rowe Professional Services Company, which will draft the new Fenton Township Parks and Recreation Plan to include the updates. Once drafted, the amendment will be posted for the public to review for a minimum of two weeks.

A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for July 25, when the board will vote.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I AM TRAINED, qualified, experienced, and licensed. I carry and I could be standing right next to you and you would never know it. Try it.

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OUR LOCAL POLICE force doesn't prevent crime, they reduce the opportunity for crime to occur through patrolling, making sure people follow the rules. Our military is a reactive force. Only two times in history has the U.S. gone on the offensive. The invasion of Iraq and the American Revolution.

IT'S OK IF the Times prints people's calls for the Hot lines. It doesn't mean they agree. It's fun to hear what people have on their minds.

I SEE THE liberals are running the line again. In reality, if you study the statistics, as gun ownership has gone up, crime has gone down. More guns, less crime, less murders.

YOU WANT TO know what the problem is with Dibbleville? Sidewalks are big enough to drive a truck down, traffic jams, trees replaced with bushes, mostly because you wanted to become a satellite of Ann Arbor. You bulldozed our town for the few and to heck with the rest of us.

Etiquette and rules keep water fun safe

■PWCs must stay 150 feet away from boats

By Hannah Ball
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Zippering around on the lake on a Jet Ski, or personal watercraft (PWC), going twice as fast as pontoons and speed boats, is fun for the driver, but often illegal.

Genesee County Undersheriff Chris Swanson said the rule most personal watercraft operators violate is keeping the appropriate distance from fixed objects and other boats.

PWCs, like Jet Skis, only sit up to three people and are mainly for recreational use.

PWC operators must stay 100 feet away from fixed objects, like docks, and 150 feet away from boats and people tubing.

“Operators love to jump the wake of the boat. They’ll come way too close. They’re very fast and they have explosive speed,” he said.

People under the age of 14 may operate a PWC but they have to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. People younger than 16 but older than 14 may operate a PWC only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate, according to boat-ed.com.

He or she must be accompanied on board by a parent or guardian who is at least 21 years old, or he or she must be riding the PWC not more than 100 feet from a parent or guardian.

People who are 16 years of age and born after Dec. 31, 1978 may operate a PWC legally if they have obtained a boating safety certificate.

People born on or before Dec. 31, 1978 may operate a PWC without a certificate.

Drivers must have their certificate on board with them at all times, according to boat-ed.com.

Every person on the PWC, including people being towed on a tube, must wear a Michigan-approved life jacket. “You can’t just store it,” Swanson said.

“If they’re pulling a skier they still have to have a mirror and a spotter,” he said. There

SUMMARY

■ Jet ski and other personal watercraft operators commonly violate the rules about keeping the appropriate distance from boats.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Jet Skiers must stay 100 feet away from fixed objects, like docks, and 150 feet away from boats and people tubing.

must be a spot on the jet ski for everyone, including the tuber or skier.

It’s very dangerous to go near wildlife, like swans and geese, while operating a PWC. “It’s virtually unethical to harass wildlife on a Jet Ski,” Swanson said.

People operating PWCs must not create a wake in a no-wake zone, and they must go counterclockwise around the lake.

Boats on the right still have the right of way.

“Operators love to jump the wake of the boat. They’ll come way too close.”

Chris Swanson
Genesee County undersheriff

One difference from boats is that Jet Skis and other PWCs have no lights. “They have no lights so they have to be off the water an hour before sunset,” he said.

If the PWC has a lanyard-type engine cutoff switch, the driver must have the lanyard attached to his or her person, according to boat-ed.com.

Operators cannot drive their PWCs in waters less than two feet deep unless the PWC is being operated at a no-wake

speed, or it’s being docked or launched.

Any violations are a misdemeanor.

“Our focus is always to maintain safe boating and the same alcohol rules apply to PWCs,” he said.

“You can still have fun and jump wakes, just follow the rules.”

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WELL, IT’S TUESDAY and the weather is beautiful but no one is working on the Silver Lake Road bridge. What is going on?

PARKING METERS IN downtown? Why don’t we have them? It would bring in money for street repairs and improvement.

THE FENTON MILL Pond could be an asset to the city, that is if it wasn’t covered

in weeds and didn’t smell so bad. Why won’t the city do something about it along with all of the other improvements they are making downtown?

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Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff announced Thursday, June 23 that there is a ban on all burning in Tyrone Township, regardless if someone has a burning permit. This ban went into effect Thursday and it will be in effect until further notice. The ban is in effect due to the extremely dry weather conditions. Fenton Fire Department has a contract to respond to fire calls in Tyrone Township. For updates, go to www.tyronetownship.us.

RULES

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a.m. and 8 a.m. is prohibited.

It's also illegal to set off fireworks on public property, school property, church property or the property of another without that person or organization's permission.

Residents cannot set off fireworks in a way that the remnants land on public property or property of another without permission.

It's illegal to set off fireworks while under the influence of alcohol, and people under the age of 18 are not allowed to possess or use fireworks.

Violation of this ordinance is a misdemeanor. Offenders will receive a fine up to \$500 or 90 days in the county jail.

TYRONE TOWNSHIP:

Residents in Tyrone Township must abide by township ordinances when it comes to setting off fireworks. These rules come from the township's noise ordinance.

Consumer or personal use of fireworks, as defined and permitted by the Fireworks Safety Act, are allowed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 a.m. the day before, the day of and the day after a national holiday.

Consumer fireworks are also allowed seven days before and days after the Fourth of July — between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 a.m. to accommodate reasonable use associated with this holiday and permitted display fireworks events.

Consumer fireworks outside of these times must comply with the noise limits specified in Ordinance 21.16. This means exploding fireworks outside of the times above are largely not permitted in residential areas.

HOLLY:

Village of Holly residents can set fireworks off the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday. Setting fireworks off between midnight and 8 a.m. is prohibited, with the exception of New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, when the hours are extended to 12:30 a.m.

Violation of this ordinance is a misdemeanor. Offenders will receive a fine up to \$500 or 90 days in the county jail.

A violation is also deemed a public nuisance subject to abatement by the circuit court, according to the village of Holly's ordinances.

Residents cannot ignite fireworks within 100 feet of any residential or commercial structure, or on public property, school property, church property or the property of another without that person or organization's written permission.

HOLIDAYS WHEN FIREWORKS ARE LEGAL

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Presidents Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas

LOOKING BACK

at this week in

NATIONAL HISTORY

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JUNE 26

1956: The U.S. Congress approves the Federal Highway Act, which allocates more than \$30 billion for the construction of some 41,000 miles of interstate highways; it will be the largest public construction project in U.S. history to that date.

JUNE 27

1985: After 59 years, the iconic Route 66 enters the realm of history, when the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials decertifies the road and votes to remove all its highway signs. Measuring some 2,200 miles in its heyday, Route 66 stretched from Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica, California, passing through eight states.

JUNE 28

1953: Workers at a Chevrolet plant in Flint, Michigan, assemble the first Corvette, a two-seater sports car that would become an American icon. The first completed production car rolled off the assembly line two days later, one of just 300 Corvettes made that year.

JUNE 29

1967: Blonde bombshell actress Jayne Mansfield is killed instantly on this day in 1967 when the car in which she is riding strikes the rear of a trailer truck on Interstate-90 east of New Orleans, Louisiana. Three of Mansfield's children with her ex-husband Mickey Hargitay were injured but survived. They are 8-year-old Mickey, 6-year-old Zoltan and 3-year-old Mariska. Today, Mariska Hargitay plays Olivia in Law and Order – Special Victims.

JUNE 30

2013: Nineteen firefighters perish while battling a wildfire near Yarnell, Arizona. All were members of the Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew, an elite group of wildland firefighters that was part of the Prescott (Arizona) Fire Department. It was the deadliest day for U.S. firefighters since the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

JULY 1

1997: At midnight, Hong Kong reverts to Chinese rule in a ceremony attended by British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Prince Charles of Wales, Chinese President Jiang Zemin, and U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. A few thousand Hong Kongers protested the turnover, which was otherwise celebratory and peaceful.

JULY 2

1964: U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson signs into law the historic Civil Rights Act in a nationally televised ceremony at the White House.

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Emma Lietzau, 12, of Wixom collects strawberries on Tuesday.

Ripe for the pickin’

■ Strawberry crop is excellent, with large weekend crowds enjoying the season

By Sally Rummel
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Nothing tastes better than a freshly picked strawberry right off the vine in the middle of a strawberry patch.

That experience can be yours if you choose to pick-your-own at Spicer Orchards in Hartland Township, now in the midst of peak strawberry-picking season. If you prefer to buy your Michigan strawberries fresh-picked in the market or at a roadside stand, you can still enjoy this fresh burst of flavor that’s unique to Michigan’s summer fruit season.

Michigan joins the top 10 strawberry growing states of California, Florida, Oregon, North Carolina, Washington, Pennsylvania, New York, Wisconsin and Ohio in making the U.S. the largest strawberry growing country in the world, followed by China and Spain.

Locally, you can enjoy this sweet strawberry season for about three to four weeks, according to Will Cartwright, crop manager at Spicer Orchards. Spicer Orchards opened the fields for picking on June 13. They expect the season to run through the first week of July.

See **STRAWBERRY** on 17A

RECIPE

Easy Strawberry Freezer Jam

(courtesy of bettycrocker.com)

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 quart strawberries, halved
- 4 cups sugar
- ¾ cup water
- 1 pkg. (1 ¾ oz.) powdered fruit pectin

PREPARATION:

- Mash strawberries with potato masher or in food processor until slightly chunky (not pureed) to make 2 cups crushed strawberries. Mix strawberries and sugar in large bowl. Let stand at room temperature 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- Mix water and pectin in 1-quart saucepan. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly for 1 minute. Pour hot pectin mixture over strawberry mixture; stir constantly 3 minutes.
- Immediately spoon mixture into freezer containers, leaving 1/2-inch headspace. Wipe rims of containers; seal. Let stand at room temperature about 24 hours or until set.
- Store in freezer up to 6 months or in refrigerator up to 3 weeks. Thaw frozen jam and stir before serving.



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CATCH OF THE WEEK



Austin Clarkson, 22, of Tyrone Township caught this 42-inch pike on Lake Nagamasis, Ontario on June 4.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE HOT-liner who was wondering if AR-15 assault style weapons are going to be allowed at Republican Party Convention. The answer is yes, by the thousands in the hands of law enforcement. I guarantee there will not be a successful terrorist attack because plenty of guns deter an attack.

WALL STREET HAS given Hillary over \$20 million and she says 'they will be dealt with?' Foreign countries have given the Clinton Foundation over \$11 million and it's not reported. Do you feel safer now?

THE MILLPOND IN Fenton is looking bad. Checked with the city. They say they are trying to contract with a company to have it sprayed. That should have been done long ago. Their nice downtown won't be so nice when the pond starts to smell.

IT'S TIME FOR Attorney Belzer to get familiar with what needs to get accomplished in Fenton Township. Let's quit wasting everyone's time at meetings and let's actually see some results. We would also like to know when the inspections will be done. You said it could happen in April.

NEVER MIND ISIS, we have to be concerned about the enemy within. His name is Obama.

HEY, BACK OFF. Every one of those little houses on Roach Drive are torn down, just like you wanted. The one on Ripple Drive is being torn down, just like you wanted. Now don't complain because the guys down there are trying to make it right.

Police&Fire report

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY AT SILVER LAKE BEACH

At 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 19, Fenton police responded to the Silver Lake Park beach in response to a report of two intoxicated men shouting obscenities and being belligerent. Police made contact with a 48-year-old Holly man and a 32-year-old Fenton Township man. As police questioned the Holly man, they noted he was so intoxicated that he could not provide his name. He then vomited in front of police. The Fenton Township man provided the Holly man's name to police. A preliminary breath test on the Holly man revealed he had a .30 percent blood alcohol content. He was transported to Genesys Health Park for treatment. He was also issued a citation for disorderly intoxication and for having alcohol at the park. Park employees told police that the Fenton Township man

was trying to start fights with other park guests. The Fenton Township man was arrested on the same charges. Both men are due in court on Aug. 29. Police recovered three liquor bottles near their vehicle, with little liquor remaining in just one bottle. The vehicle was impounded. The Fenton Township man told police that he and his co-worker decided to go to the beach and drink heavily.

DRIVER ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF POT

A Fenton police officer on patrol at 12:56 a.m. on June 24 spotted a Ford Taurus on Dauner Road. The driver was driving poorly when the car turned onto North LeRoy Street and the officer initiated a traffic stop. The officer made contact with the driver, an 18-year-old Fenton female. The officer detected a strong odor of marijuana from inside her car. She denied having any marijuana. During a consent search, the officer recovered less than a gram of marijuana from her car. She was arrested for possession of marijuana and processed at the police station. She has an Aug. 29 court date.

OPEN

Continued from Front Page

replacement project would be completed on time, and Silver Lake Road would be open to traffic by July 1.

Work consisted of replacing the bridge and replacing the water main that travels beneath the bridge and beneath the Shiawassee River, new curbs, sidewalks and street surface.

During construction, every business nearby was open and accessible to customers.

Paving and lane striping done this week

was topped off with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday afternoon.

Czarnecki said previously that some cleanup and restoration work may take until September, but it should not have a huge effect on traffic.

Ninety-five percent of the \$1,013,063 project was funded via a bridge replacement grant from the state of Michigan. Fenton City is responsible for paying approximately \$50,653, plus engineering fees. OHM, the city's engineers, performed the construction engineering work for \$251,350.



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The State Bank mortgage customers Elizabeth and Justin Knight close on a property purchase in Fenton Township with Cislo Title Company. Their experience was featured in a new video about The State Bank's mortgage services.

'We're local people making local decisions'

■ Videos about The State Bank Mortgage Department explain benefits of local financing

By Sally Rummel
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Justin and Elizabeth Knight plan to build a home in the near future, and their dealings with The State Bank Mortgage Department on a recent closing have been very positive.

This local couple is featured in two new videos highlighting The State Bank Mortgage Department. Recently produced by Reel Times Videographer Tim Jagielo, these one-minute and three-minute videos explain some of the advantages of dealing with a local on-site mortgage department.

"We're local people making local decisions," said Craig Johnson, senior vice president/senior lender for The State Bank. "After the closing, your loan is serviced locally. If you have any questions, we can meet face to face."

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David Scott, mortgage vice president, added, "You get a mortgage with us, we're able to keep it and maintain it here. Any questions can be directed to any of our locations right here in town."

For the Knights, the experience has given them every reason to move forward with The State Bank on financing the construction of their home. "Out of seven closings we've had, this one was one of the easiest," he said.

To view the videos, visit tctimes.com and click on videos.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHAT'S THE HOLD up on the Fenton Township dog park? It doesn't look like they're doing any work there yet.

DON'T FORGET TO support the huge Linden book sale at the Linden library on June 24 and 25.

SOUTHFIELD ROAD AND U.S. 23 overpass. Eight Mile Road and U.S. 23 overpass. Now it's Lahring Road and U.S. 23 overpass. What is with these clowns loading these machines too tall for the road-

way? What an embarrassment. If they're operating engineers, they should lose their union card.

THE RIOTERS THAT appear at each Trump rally are actually democratic socialists who hate our country. They are actually Bernie and Hillary supporters.

THE FACTS PROVE that Obama has released many dangerous Gitmo terrorists over the last few years, plus hundreds of prisoners from U.S. prisons, mostly blacks. He is not only the most incompetent president we've ever had.

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15406 Bealfred Dr - \$559,000
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LOON LAKE
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13259 Harborview - \$475,000
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4104 Northshore Dr - \$449,900
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SQUAW LAKE



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3423 Rolston Rd - \$319,999
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Price Reduced!
12106 Boldrey - \$224,999
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4170 Erindale Ct - \$217,500
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Just Listed!
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FENTON
OPEN SAT 1-3PM



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HOLLY



Just Listed!
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OPEN SUN 1-3PM



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For more information on the Fenton ArtWalk go to:

www.LakesAreaArtsCouncil.org  **www.FentonBeCloser.com**



HOT LINE CONTINUED

LET'S SEE, THE FBI was investigating the Orlando shooter several times because he's Muslim. I'm a federal employee and you cannot mention Muslims, jihad, jharra, radical Islam anywhere, any way shape or any form. It's a career ender. Political correctness is killing us.

■■■■ **ONE OF YOUR** comments asked, 'can you put a finger on the common denominator in these shootings?' Yes, I can. They all happened in a gun-free zone. You're a victim.

■■■■ **NUMBER ONE IN** all Christianity is 'let he who is without sin cast the first stone.' Have a great day.

■■■■ **ISLAM A RELIGION** of peace? The Quran a spiritual book of love? Since the crusades, they have killed 300 million Christians worldwide. People, how long will you stay blind, Obama and America?

■■■■ **THERE'S AN OLD** saying that says follow the money and if you follow the flow of money to the Clinton Foundation, you will see that there is a trail of IOUs that Hillary owes to governments, corporations and many individuals from around the world.

■■■■ **HOLLY VILLAGE COUNCIL** members who voted for the road diet, bike path and turning Airport Drive light to a blinking most of the day, need to be voted out of office as soon as possible.

■■■■ **IF GUNS KILL**, how does it pull its own trigger?

■■■■ **YOU'RE WRONG. IRAQ** was stable under Saddam Hussein. Bush took him out and that's when all these radical factions started taking over and causing all the trouble. Bush started the war.

■■■■ **IT HAS BEEN** proven in the last two national elections there are more than enough stupid people to elect Hillary.

■■■■ **I JUST WANT** to warn everybody, I heard on TV the other day about the IRS scam. I just got a call and I hate to see older people or anybody be taken by that scam.

■■■■ **THERE IS A** saying that history will repeat itself. Hitler took away all of the guns before he became the leader.

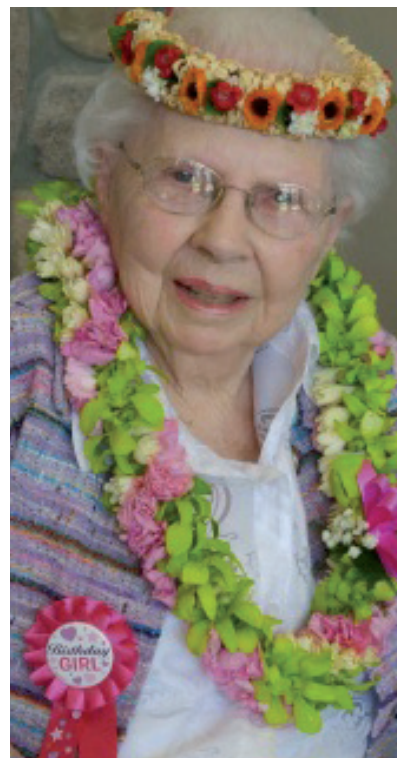
■■■■ **CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION AND** the murdering of our brothers and sisters continues throughout the world. We have an Islamic administration in Washington that couldn't care less.

■■■■ **I'M PLEASED THAT** you feel you should join the service and support and fight for your country. However, if you were capable of scholarship, you should have gone to college under the ROTC program and gotten an education and serve your county. Good luck, Semper Fi.

■■■■ **THE CLINTON FOUNDATION** is ranked as one of the worst charities in existence because of its very low payout record.

Social News

BIRTHDAY



Dorothy Warfield celebrates 100th birthday

Dorothy Warfield currently of Linden celebrated her 100th birthday on June 3, 2016. She was born in Langston, Michigan, the middle daughter of Don and Carrie Hinkley. She was a 1933 graduate of Hanover High School where she was the Valedictorian. Dorothy resided in west Michigan most of her life. She was married to Leslie Johnson for 33 years and he preceded her in death. Together they had two daughters, Barbara Hanson of Holly, and Shirley Disney of Rocky Top, Tennessee; four stepchildren, Norma Reed and Wayne Jr. whom are deceased, and Donna and Al of Kalamazoo. Dorothy was married to Wayne Warfield for 33 years and he also preceded her in death. Dorothy currently resides at Caretel Inns in Linden, where more than 70 friends and family members celebrated with a Hawaiian themed party on Saturday, June 11, 2016. People came to celebrate from Tennessee, Hawaii, Virginia and Michigan. Her nephew Gary and his wife Kay brought fresh flowers and leis from Hawaii.

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Going, going gone...

■Products, services and activities that are already or soon will be obsolete

By Vera Hogan

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With the age of technology in full swing, one has to wonder if this is how farmers felt when the industrial revolution took over daily lives.

So many changes ... what will they think of next? The desire and need to build a better mousetrap never ends.

In this day and age, we have already seen the end of many products, services and activities we took for granted for so many years. Products and services like getting film developed, movie rental stores, maps, long distance charges, public pay phones, phone books, dictionaries, encyclopedias, calling 411, and floppy discs for backing up your work.

These are a few of the things that are already gone, according to businessinsider.com.

Then there are the things that will become obsolete by the year 2025.

According to pcmag.com, the following are items, services and activities you will say good-bye to forever:

Car mirrors

In recent years, camera-and-display setups have become standard in many higher-end cars. Each manufacturer may have their own pet name for this technology but it's all essentially a closed-circuit television system for the area surrounding your vehicle.

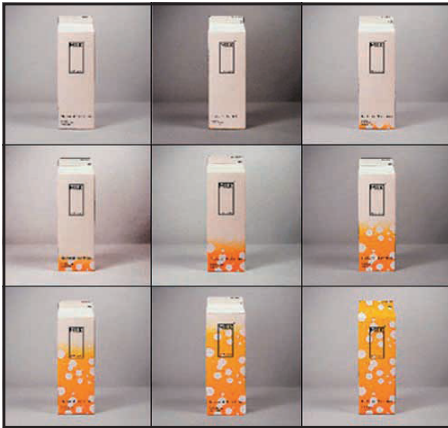
These systems are advantageous over a purely mirror-based system in that they cover blind spots, present driver information, such as speed, directions, proximity to obstacles, and just see the world better low-light vision. Last year, the government announced that manufacturers would be required to include back-up cameras in all new cars by May 2018.

Plastic credit cards

Credit cards have been biting into the "carrying cash" pie since the 1970s. But now credit cards are beginning to dematerialize into digital bits. This doesn't necessarily mean that credit card companies will disappear. Indeed, for now, you still need them to use all the "pay apps." We just won't need to carry around physical cards anymore.

This is a good thing. Paying for things with mobile or wearable technology, as opposed to thin slabs of plastic, is not only more convenient, it has the potential to cut

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Cool milk carton that changes color as the expiration date gets closer.

Coming soon to a future near you!

The following are products we will be looking forward to using in the near future:

- **Bike Lane Safety light**, manufactured by Xfire — these cool bike lane safety lights let you create your own bike lanes at night.
- **Cool LED slippers** for those who are scared of walking around in the dark at night.
- **Cool milk carton** that changes color before the milk expires.
- **Laser guided scissors** are designed by ThinkGeek. These laser-guided scissors are a handy tool to precisely cut into everything.
- **Cool piano doorbell** will make your visitors enjoy ringing your doorbell.
- **Auto inflating tires** are designed to automatically inflate the tires according to the terrain
- **CTX virtual keyboard** — this cool little gadget projects a virtual keyboard on any surface, which is fully functional.
- **Floating speakers** will be a hit at any pool party. Get these cool floating speakers and amaze your guests.
- **Gloves that translate sign language to speech** were designed by a bunch of students to translate sign language into speech.
- **Neverwet super hydrophobic water resisting spray** has been developed by Rustoleum. It is an amazing spray that can waterproof everything it's sprayed upon.

Source: techverse.net



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HOT LINE CONTINUED

THERE IS A .6410-mill 10-year renewal for Mott Community College on the August ballot. Current tax rate for Mott is 2.8596 mills and includes the .6410 (a previous tax increase). If passed, the current rate will remain unchanged. If it fails, the current rate will be reduced by .6410 for the next 10 years.

THERE IS A new .25-mill 20-year tax increase for GISD on the August ballot. Currently, GISD receives 3.5341 mills. If passed, the current rate will be increased to 3.7841, for the next 20 years. If it fails, the current rate will remain unchanged.

WHAT IS FENTON Township, DEQ and EPA doing about the fertilizer spill from the farm into Byram Lake? Come over to Lakeview Park Drive and see the destruction it has caused. It ran all the way from their property, down the gutter into the street drain directly into the lake.

SORRY TO HEAR of Bob Evans closing. One of the best restaurants in Fenton. Stop in this week and let them know you will miss them. (NOTE: There is a petition to incorporate to keep the restaurant open. Please come in and sign it.)

BIG SHOUT OUT to the person or persons who so kindly paid for our breakfast

on Sunday, June 19. What a nice surprise. We will do the same for someone else. God Bless.

WHEN I WAS a kid you could buy a car for what they want for a bicycle today. If someone has a used one for sale please put it in the Times and I will buy it.

DOWNTOWN FENTON LOOKS wonderful. New streets, artwork and flowers make it look great. Let's keep making improvements and we will be a destination instead of a pass-thru town.

IS THE ESTABLISHMENT preparing for an expanded war in 2017? Senate Democrats and establishment Republicans passed legislation requiring women to register for the draft. Is it because a trillion dollars worth of minerals has been found in Afghanistan? The establishment doesn't care about American lives when money is involved.

I SEE THE so-called gun control speakers are actually coming out and being honest. They want to take everyone's guns away. They somehow think criminals and terrorists are going to follow the law. By definition, they don't follow the law. They just want to take guns away from law-abiding citizens. Criminals and terrorists are always going to have them.

WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories and photos you may have missed in the **Wednesday, June 22 Midweek edition**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call 810-629-8282.

It's official — women are better drivers than men

Statistics show more men die in crashes each year than women. Facebook friends locally and from around the country share their opinions.

Lahring Road bridge remains closed

Tall backhoe that hit bottom of U.S. 23 overpass caused extensive damage. Bridge closed until MDOT completes inspection.

Shiawassee River closer to being national water trail

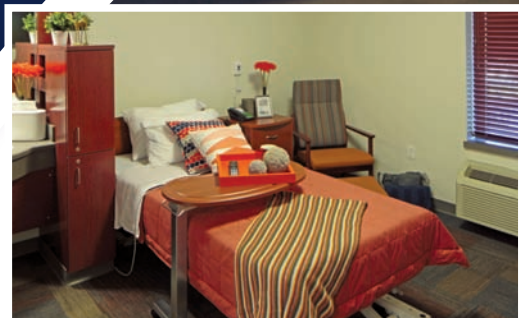
Organizations involved with the popular waterway receive more than \$20,000 in grants.



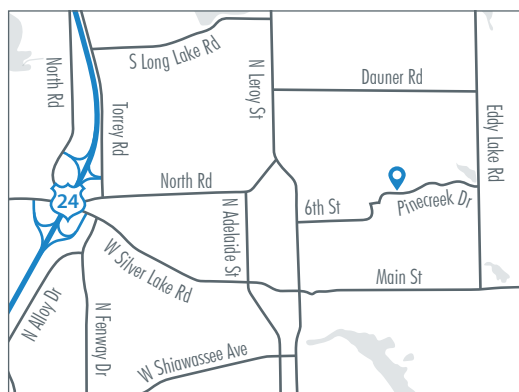
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THIS WEEK'S INSERTS

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PRODUCTS

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down on fraud. They negate the need for any third party to ever see your credit card number, and your pocket super computer has the ability to use biometric data (fingerprints) to prove your identity.

Cords and chargers

The unsightly wires and cords that once ruled our technological lives are on the outs thanks to the continued development of technologies such as Bluetooth, NFC, and Wi-Fi networking. While wires have not disappeared yet, chances are very good that several of the accessories around you right now (your phone, printer, keyboard, or mouse) have, at the very least, the ability to communicate with one another without a physical connection.

Of course, there is one wire we haven't been able to get rid of — the one that connects your gadgets directly to the grid — meaning plugs and chargers. But even these fixtures of modernity may soon face retirement.

Set-top streamers

Which set-top streaming device is best? Is it Amazon Fire TV, Chromecast, Roku, or Apple TV?

In the big scheme of things, it doesn't matter. All these are all makeshift solutions used to upgrade dumb TVs into smart sets. They will lose their necessity as consumers replace their current TVs with increasingly affordable smart sets.

Most live human operators

To be a consumer today is to deal with robot customer service reps. While these automated operators don't make you feel particularly valued by the companies you patronize, perhaps you can take some solace in the fact that their voice-recognition skills have improved tremendously over the past few years.

Dedicated remote controls

For decades, the "clicker" has been a staple of living rooms. As integral as dedicated remote controls have become to our culture, future generations probably

won't inherit our reliance on the mini pusher box.

Technological trends may cause the dedicated remote control to become obsolete. For example, voice-activated UIs will continue to scrape away at the barrier between you and your machines. While voice UIs are not yet flawless, they will likely improve.

Cable companies

According to research firm MoffettNathanson, the number of people cutting the cord has continued to accelerate. We are seeing an increasing number of options for sending on-demand Web content to our TVs. That means ISPs (internet service providers) can concentrate on providing Internet services and move away from being cable totalitarians.

Ownership

The concept of private ownership being rendered wholly obsolete by 2025 probably won't happen. Probably not. But that is where we're headed. If you think that's crazy talk, just take a look at your entertainment choices — we no longer own music or movies, we just curate collections on Netflix, Spotify, and the like — where all the content actually lives.

If you still want to own everything, that's just because you're old. The millennials, for their part, have jumped headlong into the "sharing economy." They are far more interested in buying into subscription services rather than buying actual things. Many are not even interested in buying things like houses or cars. Part of this has to do with them not having the economic security enjoyed by Americans over the last 70 years or so. But the other part is that technology has facilitated a mass communal lifestyle built around sharing resources.

As things like self-driving cars develop, for example, why would you ever own a car and take on all the responsibilities that entails when you could just buy-in to a fleet of self-driving vehicles to get where you needed to go?

Source: pcmag.org

STRAWBERRY

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With about six acres of strawberry plants, Cartwright anticipates a yield of between 10,000 to 14,000 pounds per acre. "That's a typical yield," he said. "It's so weather-related. We had excellent (bee) pollinating weather this year."

Cartwright adds that both the you-pick fields and the market have been surprisingly busy so far. "The weather's been warm. We've been irrigating the fields to slow down the ripening process. Everything is going as expected and we've been prepared for it."

“Everything’s going as expected and we’ve been prepared for it.”

Will Cartwright
Crop manager at Spicer Orchards

How to preserve your freshly picked strawberries

The strawberry you pick probably tastes best when you enjoy it right off the vine in one of Michigan's bountiful strawberry fields.

When you can, pick them early in the morning when the fruit is still cool. Gently twist the berry off the stem without pulling. Look for bright red, well-shaped fruit without hard green areas.

Strawberries are best used within one to two days of picking. Cover and store them unwashed in the refrigerator until ready to use.

To freeze for future use, here are tips from www.pickyourown.org/strawberries

Step 1: Wash strawberries in a bowl of plain cold water and remove any bits of stems, leaves and soft or mush berries.

Step 2: Drain the strawberries in a colander to remove as much water as possible.

Step 3: Remove leaves and hull the strawberries.

Step 4: Cut up the berries or leave them whole — your choice.

Step 5: Put strawberries in a freezer bag, removing as much air as possible when sealing the bag to prevent freezer burn.

Step 6: Label the bags with content and date picked (packed).

Step 7: Store bagged strawberries into the coldest part of the freezer.

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- Jesse

A: Jesse, Pouring water on the battery would not have caused this problem, unless there was water left on top of the battery and it is a top post battery. Water can conduct electricity, but we clean batteries with a solution of baking soda and water and rinse with water regularly and never see this kind of problem. You might want to have your car checked for a draw like something staying on (light, motor etc.). This is most likely the cause. Also have the charging system tested.

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BALD

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I knew the 'bowl look' was never going to fly with me."

Warfield loves the bald look now and says he hasn't ever had a problem with it, personally or professionally. His wife, Ashley, a teacher at West Shore Elementary in the Lake Fenton school district, has never known him with hair. His sales job isn't affected at all by his hair or lack of it.

The only time his shaved head gets him into trouble is in the heat and strong sun of summertime. "In the summer, you just have to protect it," he said.

"When I'm going out in the sun for any length of time, I use a strong SPF 50 or above. The cold in winter isn't so bad."

Another local man is sporting the bald look. Brook Smith, 51, started losing his hair in his early 20s. He saw a dermatologist and started using Rogaine.

He said it didn't work for him because he was a swimmer. After putting the Rogaine on in the morning, it would come off two hours later in the water.

"It was God's way of showing me he has a sense of humor," he said.

So, he started shaving his head. Smith said it only takes a couple of minutes.

"It became more convenient, cooler in the summertime," he said. "It's lower maintenance." He wears hats and do-rags a lot, and shaves three to four times a week.

"My wife thinks it's sexy," he added.

Smith said being bald is also less costly. "You're not getting your hair cut, you're not buying shampoo, I don't need to pack a blow dryer when I go on vacation. It makes me more aerodynamic when I'm running," he said.

Smith doesn't miss his hair, but it was a bit of a shock when he first started shaving.

"Now it's more and more common with men," he said.

That sexy "bald is beautiful" look for men works well for Bruce Willis and Patrick Stewart, but women who lose their hair don't usually receive that same level of acceptance. They also don't usually lose all their hair. Unlike men, women tend to keep their hairline.

What causes hair loss?

It's often genetics. Male-pattern baldness is an inherited sensitivity to DHT, a by-product of testosterone, which leads to finer hair, a receding hairline and finally, a bald head.

"Non-scarring, genetically programmed hair loss is the most common for both men and women," said Dr. Eric Seiger, board certified dermatologist at the Skin & Vein Center in Fenton. "Look

LOSING YOUR HAIR? HERE'S WHAT TO DO:

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Stick with drugs that have been approved by the FDA, including **Propecia** and **Rogaine**.

Propecia works by blocking the hormones that cause hair loss. Rogaine is a topical treatment, which helps slow or stop hair loss, but needs to be used correctly twice a day for at least six months to see results.

Average cost of Propecia: \$90 for one-month supply.

Average cost of Rogaine: \$45 for three-month supply.

PRP therapy involves withdrawing a patient's own blood, processing it so that only the enriched cells (platelet-rich plasma) remain. This is injected into the scalp. This treatment can also be combined with hair transplant surgery, microneedling or medications such as Propecia and Rogaine.

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Hair transplants are usually done in the doctor's office using one of two different methods: follicular unit strip surgery (FUSS), which involves transplanting 500 to 2,000 tiny grafts, or follicular unit extraction (FUE), which involves removing hair follicles and placing grafts in each slit. The process will take four to eight hours. New growth begins within a few months.

Average cost: \$4,000 to \$15,000, depending on amount of hair being moved.

at your parents and your grandparents to see your predisposition for hair loss. It also can skip a generation."

But there may be other reasons you're losing your hair.

Hair loss may also be due to hormonal changes, thyroid issues, patchy hair loss called alopecia areata (when the body's immune system attacks hair follicles), nutritional deficiencies, scalp infections and other skin disorders, surgery, chemotherapy, cosmetic procedures and stress or trauma.

When you notice any thinning of your hair, your first call should be to your dermatologist for diagnosis and possible treatment.

Reporter Hannah Ball contributed to this story.

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and amend sections of the Michigan Vehicle Code that deal with points on licenses.

As it exists right now the bills would set a 70 mph speed limit on all rural limited access freeways when the limit is not fixed.

The speed limit could be increased to 75 or 80 mph if an engineering and safety study finds the speed limit could be raised. Studies would be conducted by the Michigan State Police and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The bills also set a 70 mph speed limit on all urban limited access freeways when the speed limit is not fixed.

Michigan would have some of the highest speed limits in the Midwest with these changes.

First Lt. Michael Shaw of the MSP said these bills, if passed by the Senate and signed into law, would most likely affect northern freeways like I-75.

He said they are trying to improve driving behavior so people can get to work and home without causing traffic crashes and improving traveling conditions.

Shaw does not anticipate that this potential increase in speed limits will lead to an increase in accidents. He said studies show that speed is not a cause for crashes.

"The biggest thing that leads to crashes is distracted driving. It's all kinds of stuff, anything that takes your focus from the roadway," he said.

When conducting travel studies, they look at how 80 percent of the motorists are driving and plan accordingly.

"We want the best scientific method to determine what the speed limits are," he said. "Some limits are low. It will set the limit at the right speed."

Michigan is following a national trend of increasing speed limits with these bills, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. In 2015, four other states increased the maximum speed limit to 80 mph.

Shaw said they do not look at whether this potential increase will cause officers to issue more or less driving tickets. Whether someone receives a ticket depends on the discretion of the trooper.

"Sometimes they'll issue a ticket, sometimes they'll issue a verbal warning," he said.

Shaw said a trooper is more likely to

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issue a ticket if the driver is denying going over the speed limit. If they understand they

were traveling too fast, the trooper will most likely issue a verbal warning.

Shaw said they're looking forward to working with MDOT and doing the best they can to improve traveling and public safety.

"We don't know where these bills are going. It's hard to tell what's going to

happen next," he said.

The bills also set the speed limit 10 mph less than the posted limit on any limited access freeway for buses, trucks that weigh more than 10,000 pounds, truck-tractors, and semi truck-tractors with trailers.

The speed limit on a segment of the road within boundaries of a public park, and a highway segment within boundaries of a residential subdivision, would be 25 mph.

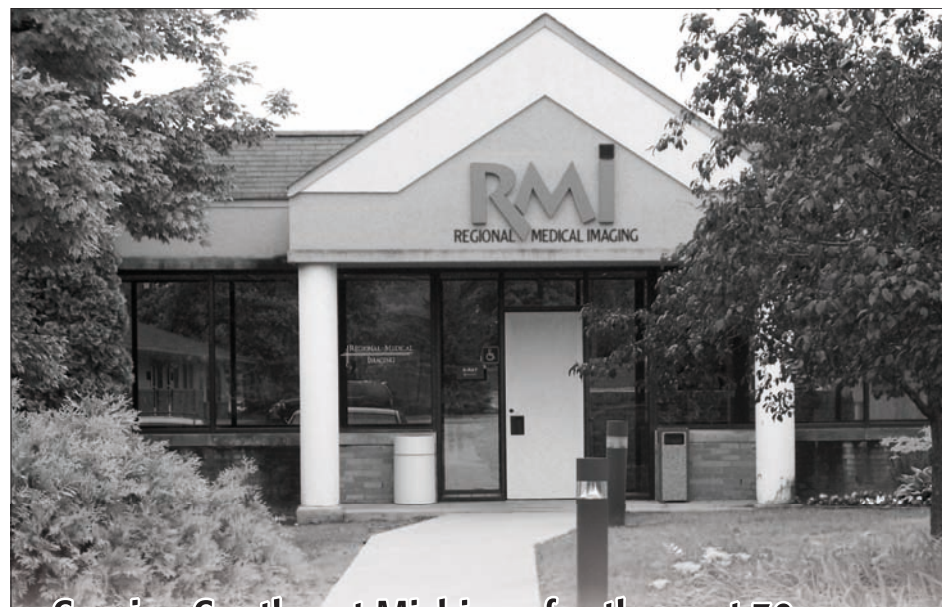
The bills were referred to the Committee on Transportation on June 7.

Some limits are low. It will set the limit at the right speed.

Michael Shaw
Michigan State Police first lieutenant

SUMMARY

■ The speed limits for certain Michigan freeways could be increased to 80 miles per hour if a package of bills becomes law.



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HOT LINE CONTINUED

A PERSON HAS to be extremely ignorant to think that criminals and terrorists are going to obey gun laws. It's truly amazing how the United States has devolved after 50 years of liberal social decay, where the answer to our survival is more guns in the hands of good patriotic Americans.

OBAMA'S RELATIONS WITH Iran will give them nuclear weapons, Cuba will continue to suppress its citizens and Syria is a total mess. Milestone accomplishments, epic successes, seriously?

WHY WOULD HILLARY'S Democrat followers riot when she speaks? They only do so at Trump's rallies, causing chaos inside and outside in the streets.

EVEN DETROIT POLICE Chief James Craig says people would be safer if more of them legally carried guns.

NOW THAT THEY have to repair the overpass on Lahring Road, it would be nice to put in an area large enough to walk it. This is a bridge between the high school and elementary and is used for track and jogging purposes for students.

TO THE GENIUS complaining about the blinking traffic light at Airport and Saginaw. The pattern on the light didn't change because of the bike lanes; it changed because of the left turn lane. Your propaganda is old. Enough with blaming 'bike lanes' for all your woes.

THE LOGICAL REASON for an American citizen to own a gun is explained in the second amendment of our Constitution. Having police and military has not stopped any of the mass killings in the 'gun-free zones' has it?

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RACE IS A group of people who share similar and distinct physical characteristics. So yes, saying Mexicans are rapists and suggesting that we ban all Muslims are both racist comments.

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DDA**Continued from Front Page**

At Lenoir's request in March, Burns said he gave her an application before the work began and told her to read the application and make sure she follows the guidelines.

During the initial site plan review, Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Reilly denied the site plan and denied the building permit because it didn't meet the Downtown Design Guidelines.

"On a Saturday in early April, contractors were observed doing construction to the exterior without a building permit and were issued a stop work order," said Burns.

That following Monday, Reilly saw that the stop work order sign had been removed. After that, Reilly and Carmine Avantini, the city's planning consultant, began working with Lenoir on getting a site plan into compliance. According to Avantini, the Northern Country Chic building is now compliant with the Downtown Design Guidelines.

Although Burns recommended denial of the façade reimbursement request, he said if the DDA disagreed, Lenoir would be entitled to \$7,211 — provided condi-

tions were met which included submitting all of her construction bills to Burns and getting a letter from her landlord, Donna Hotchkiss, indicating she agrees to the changes being done to her building.

Lenoir submitted her bills to Burns during Tuesday's meeting. Before he had a chance to look at them, the DDA began discussing her request.

Some members, like Mayor Sue Osborn, disagreed with giving Lenoir the money after the rules were violated and the work already done.

"We're rewarding them for what they're doing wrong," Osborn said.

Lenoir's father told the DDA that his daughter is a young entrepreneur anxious to get started in business.

"Our intent when we rented the building was to fix it up and move in," he said. "We heard about the façade program but decided to go ahead and pay for it ourselves."

"Basically, we just wanted to get the doors open," Lenoir added.

DDA member John Strayer said the Design Committee was concerned about the stop work order violation — but said he would be willing to give her a chance and approve the façade grant request.

Strayer said this was a simple case of lack of communication.

Mark Hamel, also a DDA member, sympathized with Lenoir as well. He said once you decide to go into business,

the clock starts ticking and the expenses start mounting. You need to get the doors open and start making some money.

After more discussion for and against awarding Lenoir the

money, the DDA voted 8 to 3 in favor of the façade grant in the amount of \$7,210, with the condition that the letter from the landlord approving the work is received.

Osborn, Gary Henderson and Chris Bayer voted against the motion.

Following the vote, Burns glanced through the documents Lenoir placed before him earlier. One was a bill for construction materials and labor.

The labor was provided by her father — 150 hours at \$35 an hour, for a total of \$5,250.

According to the Façade Improvement Program guidelines, under Section VII "Ineligible Improvements" one exclusion is paying for "labor costs for work performed by the applicant or relatives of the applicant."

Because the work was performed by Lenoir's father, the cost of reimbursement will be reduced.

Burns said he spoke with Lenoir on Wednesday. She indicated to him that in addition to her father, a couple other contractors worked on the project. She will submit those contractors invoice to Burns for consideration.

"At the end of the day, she will receive about \$4,000," Burns said.

113 MILL STREET FAÇADE GRANT REQUEST TABLED

The second Façade Improvement Program application came from Hamel-Brennan Properties, LLC for the improvements to what will become a taco stand in the front and speakeasy in the back at 113 Mill St.

Since he is a member of the DDA, Hamel left the meeting when discussions and vote on his business took place.

Although Burns acknowledged that the owners of this business have made significant investments in downtown Fenton and run highly reputable operations, there are some items that did not put them into compliance with the Façade Improvement Program guidelines.

The project is not in the targeted area where the DDA has focused their program. Additionally, Burns said he confirmed with Reilly that the work on the proposed façade was already completed before seeking DDA approval.

"The DDA approved a façade improvement grant to Hamel-Brennan LLC in 2012 when CRUST opened after they completed the façade work," said Burns. "Our guidelines clearly state this is not allowed."

Chairman Craig Schmidt explained that the targeted area includes historic buildings on Shiawassee and LeRoy streets. The targeted area does not include Mill Street.

"Then why are we discussing this," asked Doran Kasper, who immediately made a motion, which was supported, to deny the request because the Hamel-Brennan LLC property is on Mill Street.

Kasper's motion failed in a 5 to 5 tie.

DDA member Roberta Sweetman said it bothers her that their board is bending the rules so much. "But we want a lot of people walking around our city, we want them on Caroline and on Mill Street," she said.

Others, including Schmidt, agreed that the rules need to be changed and the DDA needs to quit making exceptions.

The Hamel-Brennan LLC façade grant request was tabled and will be considered at a future meeting.

Because Hamel is a member of the DDA, whatever the DDA decides regarding his business must go before the Fenton City Council and be voted on unanimously in order to be approved.

Osborn said the recommended rule changes also need to come to the Fenton City Council for a vote.

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Times Sports

Gus Macker tourney taking over Linden this weekend

By David Troppens

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Last year's inaugural Linden Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament opened with rain.

It looks like the second-annual event is going to start with a weather forecast that seems to best represent the action that will occur at Linden's Hyatt Elementary School this Saturday and Sunday — hot and sunny.

It looks like the words "healthy growth" can be tagged to this season's second-annual tourney. Last year the numbers were about 500 athletes on 128 teams. Players ranged from young boys and girls to grizzled veteran men and women who are now weekend warriors. Most of the teams brought at least a couple of family members, meaning the campus brought thousands of fans, volunteers and athletes to Hyatt Elementary School during the weekend.

Based on Gus Macker's web site,

The Gus Macker Basketball Tournament is coming to Linden for a second season. Games are being played Saturday and Sunday at Hyatt Elementary School.

141 teams are registered for 12 different divisions of teams in this weekend's tourney. A total of 584 players are registered.

A big reason for the increase is a strong list of people returning for the second season.

Ypsilanti resident and owner of B-Ball Skills Anthony Brooks brought a young boys team to compete in last year's event. His squad made it to the finals of the bracket before losing a tough title game.



He was impressed with last year's inaugural season.

"The Gus Macker tournament was amazing,"

Brooks said. The games were very competitive, the game crowds were very supportive of their teams. Overall it was just a great experience."

"We had quite a bit of rain on Saturday (last year) and that kind of threw a bit of a wrinkle," said Linden resident Jason Lund, who had his sons playing on a few of the Gus Macker squads. "But everything was well organized and on Sunday we had some sun and it was nice. It was nice to see all the local support for my boys who were playing in it. It was a lot of fun."

Games at Hyatt Elementary School begin on Saturday at about 8:30 a.m. Teams can check in as early as 7 a.m. and can through noon. The opening ceremonies start about a half-hour prior

See MACKER on 22A



David's Dabblings

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



PISTONS PICK ELLENSON

As a rule, I don't ever get too hyped or upset when it comes to who the Pistons select in the NBA draft during the offseason.

The reason — about 90 percent of the people I just don't know much about. In other words, I'd be a terrible NBA scout for the draft.

But, from what I can read, I guess I'm reasonably pleased this morning, 12 hours after the Pistons selected Marquette's 6-foot-11 power forward/center Henry Ellenson. Many experts seemed to think he wouldn't make it out of the top 10. Detroit Pistons' coach and president of basketball operations Stan Van Gundy admitted he didn't put much homework into Ellenson figuring there'd be no way he'd fall to the 18th pick. So when he did, it was an easy decision to select him.

He sounds like a big man who can shoot, but still needs serious work as a paint defender. His numbers at Marquette are pretty good. He averaged 17 points and 9.7 rebounds in his one season at Marquette.

He's only 19, so it sounds like he's going to be a semi-project. Talk like that always concerns me. But, I guess I'll wait and see what happens. Like I said, I'm hardly an expert on these things.

Reasons to consider Linden's season historical

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East Lansing — When the Linden varsity baseball team's season ended in the D2 state championship game on June 18 with an 8-5 loss against Holland Christian, there were some down faces for a little bit.

However, as the team walked toward the area where team photos were being taken, and medals were being received, it became hard to be upset about a season that will rank among one of the two best in Linden baseball history.

Let's look at the history made by this squad.

The team showed the first signs that something special may happen when the Eagles won their first 11 games of the season, and 15 of their first 16 contest.

- The Eagles dominated Metro League play, coming one game away from the perfect Metro League regular season, ending their league title season at 13-1.

- At one time this season the Eagles were ranked No. 1 in the state in Division 2.

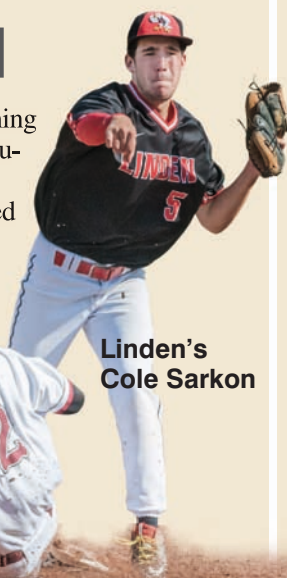
- Linden captured its fourth straight Greater Flint Tournament title, beating Lapeer by a 3-0 score in the championship game on Memorial Day. That wouldn't be the last tournament title the Eagles would win by a shutout.

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Linden baseball, Holly tennis battle for top spot on our Elite Eight poll

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It was a beautiful spring sports season in 2016.

Prior to spring break, there were some chaotic days, but once the students returned to their teams for good, it seemed Mother Nature was on the athletic season's side. I can't recall getting poured on once or even complaining about being cold at one spring sporting event this spring.

While the weather was nice, the action on the fields, courts and courses was pretty strong as well. The Tri-County sports staff is about to unveil our 2016 Elite Eight Teams of the Spring and there will be a few squads upset because they are not on the list. That's enough of an introduction, now to the poll.

Honorable mention – Fenton softball won a Metro League title, but didn't do anything in the postseason and was just 18-16 overall due to a 5-15 outside the league record. **Fenton boys golf** finished second in the Metro and placed third at districts, qualifying for regional action, but placed

just seventh at regionals. The **Fenton/Linden girls lacrosse team** went 6-0 in Metro action, but didn't get far in the postseason and it's hard to symbolize the Metro League as some power in girls lacrosse.

No. 8 – Fenton boys golf: The Tigers barely snuck on to our list. They finished second in the Metro, but they did qualify for regionals by taking third in district action. However, the Tigers finished a distant

seventh in regional action. While it may have been a tough regional, these are Fenton's Divi-

sion 2 peers, so to finish higher they had to improve upon that effort or win the Metro crown.

No. 7 – Lake Fenton boys golf: The Blue Devils didn't win the Genesee Area Conference title, but did finish second and also had a pretty strong postseason. Lake Fenton tied with Powers for first place at the District meet with a team score of 334, easily qualifying for regionals. However, that was the squad's crowning moment of the season and also the reason why the Blue Devils finished this high. At regionals, the Blue Devils finished a distant eighth.




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Holly's girls tennis team is one of the top candidates to finish No. 1 in our Tri-County Elite Eight Spring Poll. Did they finish No. 1? Go to tctimes.com to find out.

No. 6 – Fenton girls track and field: The Fenton girls track team cruised right through the Metro League season, posting a 7-0 dual mark and finishing the league meet in first place comfortably with 147.5 team points.




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The competition level of this weekend's Gus Macker Tournament being held at Hyatt Elementary School will be tenacious at every age.



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Linden Lions Golf Scramble

July 9th 1:30 PM

Coyote Preserve Golf Club

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MACKER

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to the beginning of the tourney at 8 a.m. Along with the many games scheduled on Saturday, there is a free-throw contest slated for 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and a three-point contest at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. There is a bank-shot contest as well at noon and at 3 p.m. Sunday's events include many more contests — including championship and toilet bowl (last place games) action — and many more specialized individual competitions.

The man who is the face behind the name Gus Macker is Scott McNeal. The idea began as a tournament in his parent's driveway in 1974, and now his organization is currently scheduled to host 39 3-on-3 tournaments around the United States. Based in Michigan, 14 of those events will be within the state.

"(Linden's first Gus Macker) went very well and I heard the participants were really into it," McNeal said. "The community is positive about bringing the Macker there and I heard there was a lot of enthusiasm from the volunteers. I was excited about that. I knew Linden would be a very supportive community."

A little about Gus Macker

The Gus Macker tournament features 3-on-3 halfcourt basketball with games played up to 15 points with the winner having to win by two points or a 20-minute time limit, whichever happens first. The squads can have up to four registered players, but only three are allowed on the court at any given time. The teams are organized based on sex, age and experience in an attempt to create balanced brackets for everyone. Players can range from 8 to 60. Teams play at least three contests each.

The organization sets up many courts meaning many games will be played at the same time.

Linden Community Schools are excited to be one of the primary contributors to the event.

"We are expecting 150 teams this year," Linden Community Schools Interim Superintendent Russ Ciesielski said. "This means a lot of individuals from inside and outside our community will be in Linden. What a way to showcase our community and the schools. Being able to talk and find out their story makes the event interesting and that more successful."



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