

Corn crop survives despite weather

■ Only about two inches of rain in seven weeks

By Hannah Ball

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With one hot day after another and a long dry spell, local farmers have had to explore alternative watering options for their crops.

Dwight Eichelberg, owner of Eichelberg Farm in Fenton Township, said the heat has affected the corn yield "big time."

See **CORN** on 20A

“If it doesn’t rain, things down the road are going to get a little tight.”

Dwight Eichelberg
Eichelberg Farm



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Dwight Eichelberg of Eichelberg Farm in Fenton Township tends to about 15 acres of land. He sells about 45 bushels of sweet corn on an average day, despite the lack of rainfall.

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Ryan Stevens pleads guilty

■ Could get four years for child porn video — attempted terrorism case still pending

“We think the public will be protected by him being on the registry.”

Anthony Maxwell
Genesee County assistant prosecutor

By Hannah Ball

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Flint — Ryan Stevens, 19, of Linden pleaded guilty to possession of child sexually abusive material, Wednesday, July 20, in Genesee County Circuit Court. It is a four-year felony and carries a fine of up to \$10,000.

This was Stevens’ first time appearing in Circuit Court.

Stevens faced five charges related to child sexually abusive conduct after Argentine Township police discovered a

See **GUILTY** on 19A

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On Wednesday, July 20, Ryan Stevens, 19, pleaded guilty to one of the five counts of criminal sexual conduct — possessing child sexually abusive material, carrying a maximum penalty of four years in prison. He’ll also plead guilty to attempted terrorism in the separate case.

WATCH THE VIDEO



AT TCTIMES.COM WITH THIS STORY



Some residents want weekly recycling

■ Fenton area recycles more than average

By Grant Cislo

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Fenton resident Carl Hickmott, along with some other residents in the area, believes that it would be better if Republic Services picked

up recycling every week instead of every other week.

Republic Services is the waste and recycling service that is used in Fenton Township and the cities of Fenton, Linden, and Holly.

Hickmott has had problems with recycling and

See **RECYCLING** on 9A



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Primary election importance

■ It’s the voter’s chance to choose best of their party

By Vera Hogan

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The importance of voting in the Primary Election is very simple ... to make sure you get the best can-

didate from each party for the general election.

For example, in the Aug. 2 Primary Election race for Genesee County Commissioner 6th District, there are two Republicans running and one Democrat.

See **ELECTION** on 16A

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— Ronald Reagan



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COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“The term ‘terrorist’ implies that there is a purpose to what these people are doing. What purpose could there possibly be in the random killings of complete strangers? It’s time the news media used ‘de-ranged idiots.’”

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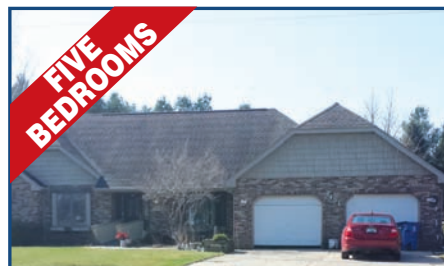
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Can you pass the U.S. Citizenship test?

■ Immigrants often score better than natural-born American citizens

By Hannah Ball

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How long does a U.S. Senator's term last?

Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

What are the three branches of government?

These are a few of the questions immigrants face when taking the U.S. Citizenship test administered by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services when becoming a U.S. citizen.

Michigan students would have to know the answers to these questions if a new House Bill becomes law.

House Bill 4136 would require Michigan students to pass a civics test, similar to the U.S. Citizenship test, before graduating, starting in the 2016-17 school year. The bill, introduced by State Rep. Peter Lucido (R-District 36), would be an amendment to the Revised School Code.

State Rep. Joe Graves (R-District 51) voted in favor of this bill. He said earlier this year, a student from St. John School in Fenton attended one of his "coffee with the public" events, and spoke to him about his civics class project on the topic of students not knowing basic U.S. history.

The student asked Graves to be in the class when he did the presentation.

"I, too, thought it was information all high school graduates should know," Graves said. "His class did well with the questions so I asked a high school class I was visiting, and they, too, thought it was the right thing to do. Several states do offer it in their curriculum so when Rep. Lucido's bill came up for a vote, I gladly supported it."

Students would need to get at least 60 percent correct on the test to pass, and they could retake it as many times they want.

Schools would decide when and how



Proponents of House Bill 4136 say that in surveys, many students don't know the role Thomas Jefferson played in drafting the Declaration of Independence.

students take the test. Students are already required to take one semester of civics in order to graduate.

According to legislative.mi.gov, proponents of the bill say American students are ignorant of basic facts about American history and government.

They pointed out that numerous surveys found that only a small percentage of high school graduates know that Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence.

Proponents say administering this test is a way to make sure students have learned some basics of American history and government.

Opponents say it's just another mandate on local schools, and that it in no way would guarantee that students understand American history or government.

While many students did not know what role Thomas Jefferson played when the U.S. was first established, most adult Americans don't know either.

In a survey done by the Center for the Study of the American Dream at Xavier University in Cincinnati, only 65 percent of native-born Americans could correctly

“If we require it of individuals taking tests to be American citizens, why not for all residents wishing to graduate from high school?”

Joe Graves

Michigan state representative of the 51st district

Possible U.S. citizenship test questions

(Questions are from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services)

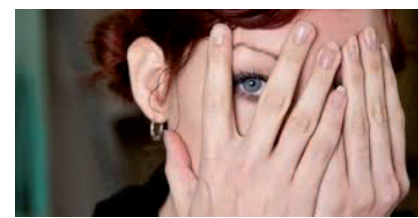
1. Why did the colonists fight the British?
2. What are the two parts of Congress?
3. Name three Supreme Court Justices.
4. Name one war fought by the U.S. in the 1800s.
5. What's the highest court in the U.S.?
6. What movement tried to end racial discrimination?
7. What are the five freedoms guaranteed in the first amendment in the Bill of Rights?
8. How many amendments are in the Constitution?
9. Which amendment gave women the right to vote?
10. Name one U.S. territory.

See answers on Page 2B

answer six out of 10 questions on a U.S. Citizenship test.

Immigrants applying for U.S. citizenship were 93 percent successful.

See TEST on 16A



Fears and phobias

■ They are alike but different

By Hannah Ball

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Fear.

You might feel it if your screen door suddenly slams shut at night, even if it's from the wind.

You might feel it if you see a spider crawling up your wall, and you imagine how it feels when they crawl on your skin.

You might feel it if you look at the vast ocean, wondering and dreading what lives in the depths of the darkest and coldest waters.

Fear can take many forms.

Kaytie Kelly, a Linden High School graduate, said she is afraid of fish and anything in the ocean.

"Aquariums give me serious anxiety," she said. Kelly doesn't know exactly why she finds the ocean scary.

"I think because the ocean is so big and we don't know much about it and they are finding and discovering new things every day. I think it's the unknown," she said. "Thinking back, I even remember being scared of the underwater screensavers on old computers."

See FEARS on 21A

“I know they can't hurt me, but the feeling of them landing on me just makes me shiver.”

Mark Wright

Linden High School graduate



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Give it back!

When I was a little kid, my mom would say ‘Don’t take things that don’t belong to you.’

And if I did anyway she would say ‘Give it back this instant, young man.’

If I didn’t, I knew justice — mom-style — would be swift and sure: A good solid two hours in my room was in my immediate future so I could ‘think’ about what I’d done. (I never did, by the way.)

And if that didn’t get my attention, the dreaded follow-up threat — ‘Just wait ‘til your father gets home’ (hey, it was a different era) — surely would.



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

There was nothing worse than that.

Those were the rules in my house. Maybe the rules were different in Gov. Snyder’s.

The Nerd King is bent on asking the state Supreme Court to overturn

an appeals court ruling that the state should refund \$550 million that was unconstitutionally and involuntarily taken from school employees between 2010 and 2013 to fund a retiree health care system.

School employees, who sued, are livid because they’ve been waiting five years already to get their money back thanks to the slow churn of our court system.

‘Stop attacking teachers on the taxpayer dime!’ read one sign held by a protester outside Snyder’s Lansing office this week. ‘Drop the appeal, it’s not your money,’ said another.

Honestly, I’d be ticked, too. If my boss came to me and said, ‘Do you *voluntarily* want me to take 3 percent of your salary and put it in a retirement account for you?’

I’d probably say yes.

That’s more or less what 401Ks are.

But if my boss, without my consent, said to me and my fellow employees, ‘Hey, guess what? I’m taking 3 percent of your salaries and putting it in a collective retiree health care pool that you may or may not end up benefiting from, isn’t that great?’ I wouldn’t like it one bit.

That’s essentially what the state did. The Court of Appeals — twice now — has said the original law, which was eventually altered to make participation volun-

tary, was illegal and the state should give back the money plus interest.

But Snyder is going to appeal anyway, even though his own attorney general, Bill Schuette, apparently thinks so little of the state’s position that he is refusing to provide lawyers to fight the case.

Snyder’s reasoning: ‘If school employees do not contribute toward their retirement health care,’ he said through a spokesperson, ‘the funding for the system will have to come from other district resources, either from the classroom or directly from taxpayers so that districts can balance their budget.’

I have no idea of that’s true or not. But it doesn’t matter — the courts have repeatedly said the state took something that didn’t belong to it. End of story.

So in the words of my mother, Gov. Snyder, ‘Give it back this instant, young man.’

And if you don’t, well, I suggest you go to your room and think about what you’ve done for a few hours.

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MANY OF FENTON’S leaders seem to think that what we need is a solar-powered marijuana dispensing facility that is housed in an abandoned church that has transgender bathrooms, located in a gun-free zone, staffed by illegal Mexican immigrants with same-sex spouses, that provides free premium health care and pays \$15 per hour.

IN THREE YEARS I have read about three different studies regarding coffee. Two said it is good for you and one said it is cancer-causing. All were funded with our tax dollars. What a waste of our money.

THE REPUBLICANS HAVE a plan to repair the economic damage done to our country by Obama. It starts out with a decrease in spending, debt, taxes and regulations, replacing Obamacare, and then improving the war on ISIS, borders, and our education.

ADD SENILE OLD Ginsberg to the list of people who should resign. Whoever had the idea of making a Supreme Court appointment a lifetime appointment should be shot.

FENTON PEOPLE DON’T seem to know that there is a leash law. My dog has to suffer because you just let your dog run. I wish they would enforce this stuff instead of making the town pretty.

OBAMA’S LEGACY WILL be summed up in three words — weak, divisive, and ineffective. Under his watch, terrorism and evil have been allowed to perpetuate.

THE ANTI-GUN violence people always run up the number on 30,000 dead Americans every year by guns. They neglect to tell you that 70 percent of those are suicides. Take those figures out and the gun violence is a different number.

AMERICANS, WAKE UP, especially our politicians, and read the handwriting on the wall. The U.S. is going the same way that Germany was before WWII.

I KNOW AN INSIDER at the city. You would not believe what goes on behind the scenes. There are special deals for certain people and no deals for other people. I am talking big money. Look into it, Times.

THE AR15 IS a ‘military’ class weapon, with one purpose — to kill the maximum number of people in a minimum amount of time. The AR15 is not in the same class of WMD as nuclear bombs, however any weapon capable of killing 100 people in one to two minutes is indeed a WMD.

TIMES, IN ‘LOOKING Back,’ a little fact-check shows James Oliver Huberty did not have ‘several automatic weapons,’ semi autos and a shotgun. Automatics were illegal then.

TO THE GUY who dropped his wallet outside Rite-Aid in Holly on Sunday night, June 17, I found it and dropped it off at the Holly police station.

QUIT RENEWING MILLAGE. They are supposed to be a one-time fix. Now they just renew them over and over. Your yes vote says, “Tax us more — please.”

THE REASON BIG-time college football teams play little schools is because the little schools get half the ticket revenues. Hawaii’s athletic department is bleeding money, so they want to come play Michigan so they get a huge paycheck.

HOLLY AREA VOTERS, the library millage vote is very important to our community. Do not punish the library because they are required to give money to the DDA. It is not their choice, it is the rule/law. Vote yes for the library.

IN RESPONSE TO the Hot line that said Hillary does not take any guff from men. You must not have heard the story about her husband Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky.

TO THE ANTI-gun Hot-liner responding to the gun control as speeding analogy. Finally, an anti-gunner gets it. Your solution of punishing the actual criminal with existing law is perfect. Your proposition does not target law-abiding citizens with additional regulation. Good job.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Compiled by Grant Cislo, intern

What has been the highlight of your summer?



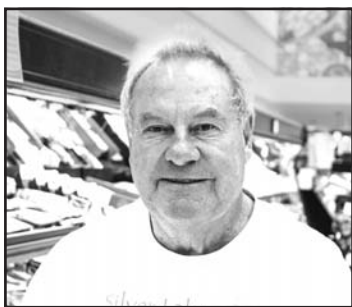
“Watching my grandson Greyson playing in the puddle.”

— **Sandy Dahm**
Sussex, Wisconsin



“Birthday parties for my grandson. My granddaughter had her birthday party at Silver Lake Beach.”

— **Shirley Book**
Fenton



“Spending time on the lake with my wife, grandkids, and kids.”

— **Jim Bacon**
Fenton



“I have a son that graduated, so our big to-do this summer was putting on a party for him.”

— **Karleen Mrazik**
Hartland



“The heat, enjoying the hot weather for a change.”

— **Norman Armour**
Fenton

street talk

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■ To be used for new airpicks and other firefighting gear

Thanks to an Assistance to Firefighter's Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for \$202,791, the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) will be purchasing new SCBAs (air packs) and firefighting gear. NOCFA serves Holly and Rose townships.

The new SCBAs will replace current ones that are more than 10 years old. The new fire gear replaces pants, coats, boots and helmets that are worn out and damaged.

The grant will allow NOCFA to purchase 20 new sets of needed firefighting gear for its personnel.

NOCFA has received multiple grants in the past from various programs, allowing the department to purchase items like medical training supplies, water supply items, extrication equipment, and a safety education trailer.

NOCFA's most substantial grant came in 2009 when the department was awarded \$759,704 from FEMA. That grant allowed for a complete addition/renovation to the fire station in Rose Township and prepared the station for 24/7 staffing.

According to Chief Jeremy Lintz, NOCFA applies for multiple grants from



The North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) plans to purchase new air packs and firefighting gear with a \$202,791 federal grant it was recently awarded.

multiple sources every year in an effort to find alternate funding sources needed to offset the rising cost of providing emergency services to its residents.

"All of this equipment is very expensive and our department is so fortunate to receive funding sources like this," Lintz said.

Since 2005, NOCFA has received over \$1.6 million in grant money from various sources.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

JFK GAVE A speech two weeks before he was murdered in Texas. Listen to it.

■■■■
SOCIAL CHANGE IS difficult at first but usually ends up making life better for those that are oppressed. Get on board with it or leave.

■■■■
IF TRUMP GETS in office, we won't need a VP. He'll tell them what to do and where to do it. It's scary. He'll be everyone's boss.

■■■■
COLIN POWELL AS Secretary of State also used a private server and it also made a big splash and he was found innocent and was let go.

■■■■
UNLIKE YOU CALLERS, I actually know the sign ordinances in Fenton. All signs, political or otherwise, conform to all ordinances. Please move on.

■■■■
FOR SEVEN-AND-a-half years, our president has used extreme rhetoric and actions that have divided this country. By

having Black Lives Matter and Al Sharpton to the White House numerous times, this has further divided our country racially.

■■■■
AN OPEN CARRY political convention full of hate. This ought to be really interesting.

■■■■
AS I LOOKED at the anarchists and protestors that are in Cleveland at the RNC, I was so moved that I picked up the phone and sent Trump \$100 for his campaign.

■■■■
I WAS WONDERING what happened to the Fenton sign ordinance. When I ran, they wouldn't let me put political sign anywhere and one now has them everywhere.

■■■■
THE NEW MOVIE hitting the theaters this weekend is called 'Hillary's America' but it should be subtitled 'How to Get Away with Murder.'

■■■■
LEAVE ANDY HELLER alone. I find his light-hearted commentary a nice change from a know-it-all like the King. I wish some other newspaper would adopt Foster Childs.

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How to reuse all those plastic grocery bags

■ From muddy boots to Adopt-A-Pet, there's many uses

By Hannah Ball

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Republic Services, the company that picks up trash and recycling from Fenton, Holly, Linden and Fenton Township, does not accept plastic bags as a recycled material.

At a Fenton Township board meeting last December, Gary Hicks municipal utility manager for Republic Services told board members that plastic store bags are causing ReCommunity, the recycling facility they use, a tremendous amount of money and maintenance so they stopped accepting them.

Hicks said ReCommunity adopted stricter rules for what people can recycle because residents kept putting polystyrene, or Styrofoam, into recycling bins. It's a non-recyclable item and putting it in the recycling bin doesn't mean it will be recycled.

If it's in the recycling stream, it gets ground down and left in a landfill, Hicks said.

However, he stressed that people can recycle plastic bags by dropping them off at Adopt-A-Pet, VG's and Walmart. Check with your recycler to find out if they actually recycle plastic bags or just throw them in a landfill.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the U.S. goes through 100 billion plastic shopping bags annually.

It's easy to collect a fair amount of plastic bags if you have to grocery shop a few times a week, and throwing them all away can seem like a waste.

HERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS:

- **Use them** as waste receptacles. Dog owners should always take a plastic bag with them when taking their furry friends for a walk in case the animal decides it has to go in someone else's yard.
- **Cat owners** can use a plastic bag to collect the contents of the litter box. If you don't have a dog or cat, you can always give your plastic bags to friends or family who own pets.
- **Put them** in your little trash cans around the house. Don't bother buying specific garbage bags to fit in the bins



Just because most recycling services do not accept plastic bags, it doesn't mean you can't reuse them.

in bathrooms and bedrooms. Instead, reuse the plastic bags as trash can liners.

- **If you're** someone who loves to stay hydrated and bring a water bottle with you, wrap a plastic bag around your cold water bottle so the condensation doesn't get the contents of your purse wet.

- **Tie plastic** bags around outdoor padlocks during winter time to prevent them from freezing.

- **Stick a plastic** bag in your suitcase every time you travel. As you wear the clothes, put the dirty ones in the plastic bag. You can also store bathroom items like shampoo and

conditioner in plastic bags for traveling in case they leak.

- **Store your** overflow of steaks, chicken and other meat in plastic bags in the freezer.

- **While cooking**, pour cooled excess grease and oil into a plastic bag before throwing it away.

- **If you're a** gardener,

put weeds in a plastic bag to throw them away.

- **Fill winter boots** and purses with plastic bags when you're not using them so they keep their shape.

- **If you keep** shoving your trash into the side doors of your car, tie a plastic bag around the headrest of the passenger seat and put trash in there instead.

- **You can always** bring these bags back to the grocery store and reuse them to carry groceries.

- **Put them over** your muddy boots or shoes when you have to take a quick trip into your house. This will ensure the mud from your souls does not dirty up your floors.

- Take them to **Adopt-A-Pet**. They welcome any amount.

Source: onegoodthingbyjilee.com

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finds himself filling his bin in less than a week.
“The main issue is I fill it (recycling bin) within one week and it’s heaping full,” said Hickmott. “The trash man comes on Wednesday for us and on Monday the bin will be full and I cannot fit another thing in the bin.”

Gary Hicks, Municipal Services manager at Republic Services said that residents have the ability to request an additional container if needed. Hicks also explained why the tri-county area’s recycling is picked up every other week instead of every week.

“The tri-county area is already recycling at a rate above the national averages with the carts,” said Hicks. “When we serviced the communities with the 18-gallon bins it was a weekly service. The (new) carts hold over five of the old 18-gallon bins.”

According to Hicks, the state of Michigan does not force people to recycle, so it is a personal choice. What Hicks wants residents to remember is that the tri-county area is already recycling above the national average with a participation rate of just around 53 percent.

A question about recycling that has been brought up is why do some industries not have recycling at their locations?

“For the most part, Republic has given these types of businesses the opportunity to recycle,” said Hicks. “Most communities do not cover the commercial side of the communities, so it would have to be on an individual basis.”

Hicks said that they reinforce recycling as much as they can and encourage the residents to recycle.

For more information on recycling visit Republic Services website www.republic-services.com.

Items you should recycle

- Metal
- Empty aerosol cans
- Clean metal and aluminum food cans
- Clean aluminum foil wrap and pans
- Pots and pans
- Glass
- Clean glass jars and bottles
- Paper
- Flattened cardboard
- Boxboard, cereal boxes, and dry food boxes
- Pizza boxes free of food residue
- Shredded paper
- Mail, mixed paper, magazines, and catalogs
- Plastics
- Empty plastic jugs
- Empty plastic bottles
- Clean plastic containers
- Phone books
- Newspaper and inserts

Items you cannot recycle

- Plastic bags
- Frozen food bags and boxes
- Chip bags
- Empty wax-coated paper containers and juice boxes
- Food and wet waste, food contaminated paper and napkins
- Polystyrene foam containers, peanuts and packing
- Plastic and metal hangers
- Batteries and electronics
- Light bulbs, drinking glasses, other glassware
- Hazardous or toxic product containers
- Paint cans
- Garden hoses
- Propane tanks
- Ceramic dishes

WHAT YOU MISSED
in the
MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, July 20 Midweek edition**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

More pain at the pump coming in 2017

Michigan drivers will have the 13th highest gas tax in the nation when prices go up in 2017. The state expects to generate approximately \$450 million a year from new fuel tax and registration fees. Money will go toward fixing Michigan roads.



Man struck by train was fleeing from police

The Louisiana man struck by two trains and killed during the early morning hours of Saturday, June 25 has been identified. Argentine police believe he may have been Township fleeing from police.

Area police chiefs share thoughts on shootings across nation

Police chiefs in Fenton, Linden, Holly and Argentine Township share their thoughts and comments on the recent police shootings plaguing the nation.

Flying Star Rodeo wows biggest audience

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2016 PRIMARY ELECTION COVERAGE

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GENESEE COUNTY SHERIFF

Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell, the incumbent Democrat, is being challenged by Democrat Dan Allen in the primary election. The winner will face Republican Matthew Krol in the November general election.

ROBERT PICKELL

(DEMOCRATIC
INCUMBENT)

Age: 74

Hometown: Flushing

Occupation: Genesee
County Sheriff

Education: Bachelor of Arts from Adrian
College, Graduate Studies at Eastern
Michigan University, Advanced Studies
Program — FBI

Family: Information not provided



DAN ALLEN

(DEMOCRAT)

Age: 54

Occupation: Argentine
chief of police

Education: Davison High
School, Military Police, Air Force Security
Forces,

Hometown: Grand Blanc

Family: Married to Nancy, has one son
and four stepchildren



MATTHEW KROL

(REPUBLICAN)

Age: 58

Occupation: Self-em-
ployed building contractor

Education: GED, two
survival schools

Hometown: Swartz Creek



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TONY BROWN

(REPUBLICAN
INCUMBENT)

Age: 45

Home: Fenton Township

Occupation: Self em-
ployed, Safety Staffing
Solutions, LLC.

Education: Lake Fenton High School
(1989 graduate); Mott Community Col-
lege (Natural Science); University of
Michigan-Flint (Resource Planning and
Management); University of Michigan-
Ann Arbor (Industrial Hygiene, Occupa-
tional Safety and Health)

Family: Married with one son



DREW SHAPIRO

(REPUBLICAN)

Age: 27

Home: Fenton

Occupation: Mass Mutual
Financial Group: Managing
Associate

Education: Bachelor of science in politi-
cal science, minor in entrepreneurship
from Central Michigan University

Family: Engaged to be married.



PETE PONZETTI

(DEMOCRAT)

Age: 36

Home: Linden

Employer: Day porter at

Hi-Tec Building

Education: Associate of Arts degree
in general studies from Mott Commu-
nity College; Bachelor of arts degree in
political science from Western Michigan
University; master's of public admin-
istration degree from the University of
Michigan-Flint.

Family: Married with one son



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GENESEE DISTRICT LIBRARY SEEKING MILLAGE RENEWAL

The Genesee District Library (GDL) is seeking a millage renewal from voters on Aug. 2.

The millage renewal rate is .9981 mill, which costs taxpayers approximately \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value. In other words, a home with taxable value of \$50,000 will pay approximately \$50 in taxes a year to support the library.

The duration of this millage renewal is 10 years and covers GDL's service area, which is all of Genesee County except the city of Flint, which is served by Flint Public Library.

The Genesee District Library is primarily funded through local millage. The rest is through gifts, fines, state aid, penal fines and grants.

For additional information about the millage, call the Headquarters Administration Office at (810) 732-5570.

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 51

The state representative in district 51 is a two-year term, and represents citizens in parts of Genesee and Oakland counties. In Genesee County, they include Argentine, Atlas, Fenton, Flushing, and Gaines townships; the cities of Linden and Fenton. In Oakland County, they include the townships of Groveland, Holly and Rose.

JOSEPH GRAVES

(REPUBLICAN
INCUMBENT)

Age: 62

Home: Argentine Township

Employer: Retired from General Motors in 2008, after 32 years

Education: Holly High School, bachelor degree from Siena Heights University, and MBA from Baker College

Family: Married with four adult children and 12 grandchildren



JOHN LAUVE

(REPUBLICAN)

Age: 75

Home: Holly

Occupation: Self-employed landlord and historic building restoration. Retired from General Motors (quality control engineer) after 30 years.

Education: Bachelor of science degree in aero space engineering from University of Michigan; U.S. Army officer and aviator Viet Nam 1967

Family: (None specified)



RYAN R. BLADZIK

(DEMOCRAT)

Age: 38

Hometown: Holly

Employer: Self-employed/consultant

Education: Bachelor degrees in political science and international studies from Michigan State University, and master's degree in communications from MSU

Family: Married with three young sons



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OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2

This elected position is a two-year term and represents citizens in Groveland, Highland, Holly, Rose and Springfield townships and the village of Holly.

BOB HOFFMAN

(REPUBLICAN
INCUMBENT)

Age: 65

Home: Highland Township

Occupation: Small business owner and farmer. Owner of Hoffman Nursery and Landscaping, American Recycling and Hoffman Farms

Education: Attended Oakland Community College and Oakland University

Family: Married with three children and seven grandchildren.



SALVATORE DELIA

(REPUBLICAN)

Age: 72

Home: Groveland Township

Occupation: Retired (Worked for Social Security Administration in Pontiac and Royal Oak. Later started own businesses. Realtor and builder in Troy and Rochester areas.

Education: Bachelor of Science degree in 1970 from Wayne State University, Detroit

Family: Married 43 years, have two children and five grandchildren



ROBERT KLEVEN

(REPUBLICAN)

Age: 64

Home: Holly

Occupation: Owner French Flamingo Fashion Accessories, Holly

Education: Accounting degree from Minnesota School of Business

Family: Married



RHONDA CARR

(DEMOCRAT)

Rhonda Carr did not respond to opportunities to participate in this coverage.



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2016 PRIMARY ELECTION COVERAGE

ROSE TOWNSHIP TREASURER

The position of treasurer, a four-year term, is the only office being challenged. Because both candidates are Republicans, the race will be decided in the Aug. 2 Primary Election. The offices of supervisor, held by Diane Scheib-Snyder, and clerk, held by Debbie Miller, are unopposed. See separate story for information on Rose Township trustee candidates.

PAUL GAMBKA

(INCUMBENT
REPUBLICAN)

Age: 63

Home: Rose Township

Employer: Self-employed CPA (certified public accountant)

Education: Bachelor's degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan University; master's degree from Walsh College.

Family: Single



DIOR RUSHTON

(REPUBLICAN)

Age: 50

Home: Rose Township

Occupation: My professional work experience includes over 14 years of purchasing, program management and administrative experience for automotive suppliers.

Education: Associate's degree in Business Management (Macomb Community College) and a bachelor's degree with a major in General Business (Oakland University).

Family: Married with two teenage daughters.



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HOLLY TOWNSHIP PARKS MILLAGE RENEWAL

Voters in Holly Township will be asked to approve the renewal of .5-mill for support and maintenance of Holly Township Parks. The question is: Shall the previously voted increase, which resulted in a levy of .4950 mill (\$0.4786 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in 2010, be renewed and increased back to .5 mill (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of five years, starting in 2017? It would be for the purpose of acquiring, developing, operating, and maintaining of parks and recreation areas in Holly Township. It would raise in the first year an estimated \$132,695. The revenue from this millage shall be disbursed to Holly Township.

ROSE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Two of the four Republican candidates for Rose Township trustee will be chosen during the Aug. 2 primary and serve four-year terms. The offices of supervisor and clerk are not being challenged. See separate story this edition for information on the Rose Township treasurer candidates.

PHILIP ALLEN

(REPUBLICAN)

Age: 42

Home: Rose Township

Employer: Gannett, Observer and Eccentric Newspapers, web and community editor

Education: Alma College

Family: Married



TERESA BLASKA

(REPUBLICAN)

Age: 32

Home: Rose Township

Occupation: Registered nurse at McLaren Flint Specialty Clinic

Education: Associate degree nursing from Baker College

Family: Married with two daughters and one son.



MARILEE CARSTENS

(REPUBLICAN)

Age: 63

Home: Rose Township

Occupation: I am semi retired from the fine art and framing business, in which I have been engaged in since 1970. I started The Parlor Frameworks as a subcontractor in 1982, providing custom framing for various shops, galleries, and art consultants in south east Michigan. In 1991 to 2000, I operated a Fine Art and Framing gallery in downtown Davisburg. Worked for both Holly and Fenton schools in the after-school arts programs.

Education: Associates degree from Oakland Community College with focus on graphic and commercial design

Family: Married with two daughters and four grandchildren



GLEN NOBLE

(REPUBLICAN)

Age: (not specified)

Home: Rose Township

Occupation: Partially retired from Michigan and international consulting firms

Education: Studied engineering and management at Lawrence Institute of Technology, and University of Missouri-Rolla

Family: Married with three children and six grandchildren

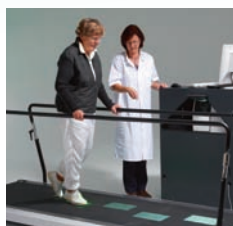


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HOLLY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Each of the two incumbent trustees in Holly Township are being challenged in the Aug. 2 primary. One Republican and one Democrat will move onto the November General Election.

MARK CORNWELL

(DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT)
Age: 61
Home: Holly Township
Occupation: Principal, Sustainable Salting Solutions, LLC.
Education: Bachelor of science degree from Michigan State University; 13 years senior horticulturist, University of Michigan
Family: Married with two sons and one grandson



MARIA HOWARD-SMITH

(DEMOCRAT)
Age: 47
Home: Holly Township
Occupation: licensed hairstylist, master gardener, owner-operator of small landscape and property maintenance business and 25 years as carpenter with husband's remodeling business
Education: High school graduate and graduate Swovec Cosmetology
Family: Married with two children



STEVE RUTH

(REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT)
Age: 62
Home: Holly Township
Occupation: Vice president of engineering, Means Industries and owner of AKS Engineering, a personal business
Education: Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Massachusetts; professional engineer's license in Michigan, 1987
Family: Married with two children and one grandchild



PATRICK FEENEY

(REPUBLICAN)
Age: 55
Home: Holly
Occupation: Walmart maintenance; two years
Education: Associates Degree in Political Science, Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from Detroit College of Business
Family: Married with three children



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HOLLY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY MILLAGE RENEWAL

Voters in Holly Township are being asked to renew a 1-mil millage for the support and maintenance of the Holly Township Public Library. The questions is: Shall the previously voted increase, which resulted in a levy of 1 mill (\$1 per \$1,000 taxable value) and reduced to .9783 (\$.9783 per \$1,000 taxable value) as a result of Headlee Amendment millage reductions, be renewed and restored back to one 1 mill for a period of five years beginning in 2017? The millage is for all library purposes permitted by law. The millage would raise in the first year an estimated \$274,191. To the extent required by law, a small portion of the revenues from this millage (1.28 percent) will be captured by and dispersed to the village of Holly Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

HOLLY TOWNSHIP CLERK

There is one Republican challenger for the Holly Township clerk position. Since the incumbent is also a Republican, the race for the four-year seat will be decided in the primary. Holly Township treasurer, Mark Freeman, is running unopposed.

KARIN WINCHESTER

(INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN)
Age: 56
Home: Holly Township
Occupation: Holly Township clerk for 17 Years
Education: Some college, extensive technical training and hold a Master Municipal Clerk certification and residential builders license
Family: My husband passed away two years ago. I have a one daughter and one grandson.



RICHARD I. KINNAMON

(REPUBLICAN)
Age: 55
Home: Holly Township
Occupation: Self-employed with RIK Home Services, providing painting and home repairs. I have been a pastor for 20 years, and currently leading Twelve Stones Church, a new church start in Holly. I am also a substitute teacher for Holly Area Schools, as well as assistant director for the Holly High School Theatre Department.
Education: Bachelor of arts degree in Psychology, Judson University; MDiv coursework from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
Family: Married with three sons and one daughter



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ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

The incumbent Argentine Township Republican trustee is being challenged by two other Republicans. The winner in the primary will face the incumbent Democrat in November.

TOM HALLMAN

(INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN)
Age: 58
Occupation: Design Lead Technical Interior Trim for General Motors
Education: Schoolcraft Community College and Michigan Technical. Engineering
Family: Married to Debbie with a stepson and daughter-in-law.



TERESA CIESIELSKI

(INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT)
Age: 36
Occupation: Registered Nurse in ICU
Education: Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from MSU, Associates in Nursing from Mott Community College
Family: Married for 12 years, three children ages 8, 6, and 4



RICHARD CROOKS

(REPUBLICAN)
Age: 46
Occupation: engineer/po-lice officer
Education: Northwood University
Family: Wife, two children



SCOTT CONNER

(REPUBLICAN)
Age: 28
Hometown: Argentine
Occupation: Chesaning police officer
Education: Mott Community College



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TYRONE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

While the Tyrone Township supervisor (Mike Cunningham), treasurer (Marna Bunting-Smith) and clerk (Marcella Husted) are running unopposed in the 2016 elections, five individuals will be running for four available trustee seats. All are Republicans so the race will be decided on Aug. 2. Trustees serve four-year terms.

CAM GONZALEZ

(INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN)
Age: (unspecified)
Home: Tyrone Township
Occupation: Realtor and Accredited Buyer Representative (ABR)
Education: (unspecified)
Family: Married



SOREN PEDERSEN

(INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN)
Age: 72
Home: Tyrone Township
Occupation: Retired from Ford in 2006, and other shops until 2015.
Education: As a journeyman tool and die maker I attribute most of education to that trade. I also have an associate's degree from Henry Ford Community College, and bachelor's from Detroit College of Business. I also maintain real estate broker's license.
Family: Married with three sons and seven grandchildren



CHARLES SCHULTZ

(INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN)
Age: 38
Home: Tyrone Township
Employer: Patriot Builders/owner; Michigan Sawmill Sales/owner
Education: Studied at Washtenaw Community College
Family: Married with one son and two daughters



DAVID WALKER

(INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN)
Age: 56
Home: Tyrone Township
Occupation: President of Hartland Insurance Agency, Inc.
Education: Attended University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Family: Married with two children and four grandchildren



ALLEN POOL

(CHALLENGER, REPUBLICAN)
Age: 52
Home: Tyrone Township
Occupation: Performance integration engineer for General Motors
Education: Bachelor's degree in business administration in quality management from Cleary University; MBA in technology management from the University of Phoenix
Family: Married with two sons and one daughter



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Hagermans lend a \$4 million hand to Capitol Theater project in Flint

■ Soft grand opening planned for summer 2017

By Sally Rummel

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Phil Hagerman of Fenton Township remembers seeing the opening of “The Sound of Music”

with his family at the Capitol Theater in Flint in 1965.

That memory, and the hopes of sharing a vibrant, re-furbished Capitol Theater with all Genesee County residents, sparked

a \$4 million donation from The Hagerman Foundation to the Whiting Auditorium on Monday, July 11.

The Whiting is handling the renovation project, expected to cost about \$30 million-plus, which will also include upgrades to The Whiting Auditorium

and costs for managing and operating the Capitol Theater.

“We filled the gap to complete the fundraising,” said Jocelyn Hagerman, CEO of The Hagerman Foundation. “We’re a small piece of the puzzle that includes gifts from other foundations and state grants.”

The Hagermans are hoping that the new Capitol Theater will draw more people downtown for theater events, concerts and dining. “Instead of going to the Fox Theater in Detroit, we’ll have

this in our own backyard,” said Jocelyn.

“A vibrant Capitol Theater will have a tremendous impact on Flint’s continued revival as a destination center for all of Genesee County,” added Phil.

The Capitol Theater is planning a soft grand opening in the summer of 2017.

“Instead of going to the Fox Theater in Detroit, we’ll have this (the Capitol Theater) in our own backyard.”

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CEO of The Hagerman Foundation



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JULY 24

1911: American archeologist Hiram Bingham gets his first look at Machu Picchu, an ancient Inca settlement in Peru that is now one of the world’s top tourist destinations. For hundreds of years, its existence was a secret known only to the peasants living in the region. That all changed in the summer of 1911, when a small team of explorers came in search of the famous “lost” cities of the Incas.

JULY 25

1978: Louise Joy Brown, the world’s first baby to be conceived via in vitro fertilization (IVF) is born at Oldham and District General Hospital in Manchester, England, to parents Lesley and Peter Brown. Once the media learned of the pregnancy, the Browns faced intense public scrutiny. Louise’s birth made headlines around the world and raised various legal and ethical questions.

JULY 26

1775: The U.S. postal system is established by the Second Continental Congress, with Benjamin Franklin as its first postmaster general.

JULY 27

1953: After three years of a bloody and frustrating war, the United States, the People’s Republic of China, North Korea, and South Korea agree to an armistice, bringing the Korean War to an end.

JULY 28

1945: A United States military plane crashes into the Empire State Building, killing 14 people. The freak accident was caused by heavy fog. The B-25 Mitchell bomber, with two pilots and one passenger aboard, was flying from New Bedford, Massachusetts, to LaGuardia Airport in New York City.

JULY 29

1958: The U.S. Congress passes legislation establishing the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), a civilian agency responsible for coordinating America’s activities in space.

JULY 30

1966: “Wild Thing,” the three-chord masterpiece that became a No. 1 hit for The Troggs instantly took its rightful place in the rock-and-roll canon. “Wild Thing” was written in 1965 by a New York songwriter named Chip Taylor (born James Voight, brother of the actor Jon Voight and uncle of actress Angelina Jolie). After an unsuccessful version of the song was recorded and released by a group called The Wild Ones, Taylor’s demo made its way to England, where Reg Presley, lead singer of The Troggs, fell in love with it

ELECTION

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Republicans in this case, will vote to see which of the two Republican candidates moves onto the November general election to square off against the one Democrat.

In the case of Holly Township trustees, voters will see two Republicans and two Democrats on the August primary ballot. Only one from each party will be chosen to face each other in the November election.

Michigan’s Presidential Primary has been designated a closed primary. There is no political party registration requirement in Michigan Election Law. Any Michigan registered voter can participate in the primary.

However, Michigan Election Law (MCL 168.615c) does guide the conduct of the Presidential Primary.

The law requires that voters indicate in writing which political party ballot he or she wishes to vote.

This requirement only applies to Presidential Primary elections, and voters will not be required to select a political party ballot type at other types of elections.

It is important to get to know the people running for office. When you vote for someone you vote based on what they will believe in and whether you support it. Get to know their views on important matters, and matters that concern you, so that you can make an educated decision and support people whose views are similar to your own.

You cannot “split” your ticket (i.e., vote in more than one party column) when voting Primary Election, according to the Michigan Secretary of State’s office. Voters participating in an August primary must confine their votes to a single party column.

A voter participating in a November general election who wishes to cast a “split” ticket can vote for individual candidates of his or her choice under any party.

Public Act 268 of 2015 eliminated the option of voting “straight party” ticket in a November General Election. Voters must now vote for each race individually.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/sos/ and search “voter information.”

TEST

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In a separate survey, 77 percent of Americans said that all Americans should be able to pass the test. Sixty percent said it should be a high school graduation requirement.

The questions are open-ended, not multiple-choice, and can have multiple valid answers.

SUMMARY

■ Immigrants wishing to become a U.S. citizen must pass a test on American history and government.

Anyone can take a practice test at my.uscis.gov.

“We all watch the ‘man on the street’ interviews and shake our head in amazement on how little even some

college kids know,” Graves said. “If we require it of individuals taking tests to be American citizens, why not for all residents wishing to graduate from high school?”

our town

Meet Mike Reilly

- Fenton building/zoning administrator
- Husband and father
- Coach for youth sports

By Vera Hogan

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When Mike Reilly of Argentine Township is not busy working for Fenton City, he spends time with his family and hobbies.

Tell us about your home and family.

My wife, Sue, and I reside in Argentine Township. Our son, Nathan, lives in Marysville and works for St. Clair County. We also have two Labrador retrievers

How long have you been Fenton's building and zoning administrator?

I was hired by the city of Fenton on Jan. 5 of this year.

Where did you work before coming to Fenton?

I have worked as a building official in the state within the city of



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Mike Reilly has 38 years of experience in his profession. He said there are currently 22 different construction and/or development projects in the city of Fenton. "It's crazy," he said. "And that's good."

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Briefly describe your current major responsibilities.

I am responsible for all zoning, building and code enforcement within the city limits. I am the staff liaison to the Fenton Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Museum Board. I have the assistance of four part-time inspectors and a full-time administrative assistant.

What is the best part of your job?

The best part of my job is assisting our citizens to understand the complex regulations that govern property use and development.

What are some of the challenges?

Trying to assist a citizen or developer through those regulations.

If you could tell Fenton citizens one thing that would save them (and/or you) a lot of grief, what would it be?

If you are thinking about a project, contact us at the earliest possible time, so we may provide a little guidance to reduce the potential for a conflict.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I enjoy spending time with my wife, son and family. I also enjoy wood working and hunting.

Tell us something most people don't know about you.

I have coached youth sports for over 10 years.



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A: Christine, The wiper problem you are experiencing is most likely the cause of a bad wiper motor, but it could also be in the control circuit. You may want to have this checked at a repair shop, since the motor can be expensive and difficult to replace. As for the Grand Am, this one is a common failure and is usually the turn signal/ hazard multifunction switch. They short out internally and cause this problem quite often.

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GUILTY

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child pornography video on his phone when searching for evidence on a different case.

The cell phone video showed a 13-year-old girl and 15-year-old boy having sex in October 2015 at the Red Roof Inn on Miller Road in Flint Township.

Genesee County Assistant Prosecutor Anthony Maxwell told Judge Archie Hayman, "It's my understanding that the defendant would plead guilty to count five and the people would dismiss counts one, two, three and four."

Maxwell said Stevens would be on sex offender registry for 15 years. He can petition to be removed from the list after 10 years if he meets the requirements.

Judge Hayman asked Stevens, dressed in red jump suit, if he understood the charges, if he understood that four of the charges would be dismissed and if he understood that he would plead guilty to the fifth count.

Stevens answered with "yes sir" and "no sir."

"You understand once this plea is accepted, you won't have a trial. You give up all the rights to have that trial. You understand that?" Hayman asked.

"Yes sir," Stevens said.

"Are you pleading guilty because you are guilty?" Hayman asked.

"Yes sir," Stevens said.

Stevens accepted the deal.

Maxwell said they are happy with the outcome.

"We think the public will be protected by him being on the registry. He was young at the time but the public will know pretty much what happened and he'll be held accountable for it," he said.

Stevens' attorney, Marc Hart, asked Hayman to set the sentencing as soon as possible. A sentencing date of August 15 was then scheduled.

Stevens' five original charges were:

Count 1: Criminal Sexual Conduct — third degree (person 13-15) — 15-year felony — dismissed

Count 2: Child Sexually Abusive Activity — 20-year felony — dismissed

Count 3: Computers — using to commit a crime — 10- to 20-year felony — dismissed

Count 4: Child sexually abusive activity — distributing or promoting — seven-year felony — dismissed

Count 5: Child sexually abusive material — possession — four-year felony — pleaded guilty

Maxwell also told the court Stevens is going to plead guilty to attempted



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Genesee County Circuit Court Judge Archie Hayman presides over the case involving five counts of child criminal sexual conduct.

terrorism in the Linden school shooting plot case. Stevens and two other teens, Kody Brewer and Lamarr Dukes, have been charged with conspiracy to commit first-degree, premeditated murder, a

felony punishable by up to life in prison and false report or threat of terrorism, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison. The date for this court hearing has yet to be set.

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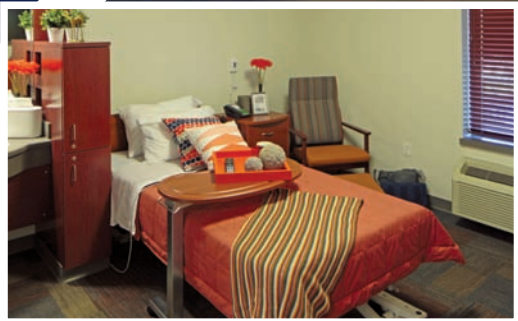
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TO THE HOT-liner comparing Clinton and Nixon you might have overlooked an important characteristic. Nixon had groups of people that protected him. Clinton controls everyone around her. When something goes wrong, they're left holding the blame.

I LIVE ON Lobdell Road and I had a garage sale over the weekend. We found a set of car keys in the driveway. Whoever lost them can come and get them.

TO ALL CAVE dwellers, I do understand the fact that your education is lacking due to the government overseeing your education institutions. I don't understand why you can't go down to the library, get on the computer and learn how evil and wicked Hillary Clinton is.

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CORN

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“If I didn’t have irrigation, I wouldn’t have anything to sell,” he said. “I had to water the ground just to get the corn to grow.”

There’s no moisture in the ground, and we’ve only had an inch and a half of rain in the past six weeks.

“It was extremely dry . Driest since ‘88,” Eichelberg said.

This heat can be dangerous for the crops. “What the heat is doing is making everything grow way too fast,” he said. “I’ll have more corn than we can use. If it doesn’t rain, things down the road are going to get a little tight.”

To combat the heat, Eichelberg uses an irrigation system with under ground pipes. He didn’t need to use his irrigation system the last two years because there was enough rain.

They grow approximately 15 acres of corn a year. Corn stalks usually grow 5 to 6 feet tall. Last year , they reached 7 feet tall, but this year most stalks are around 5 feet.

“It’s better than nothing,” he said.

It’s also too hot for tomatoes. “They don’t do well when its over 90 degrees,” he said. “Its not a good year for tomatoes. This year has been a tough one.”

Eichelberg said his pumpkins are doing “pretty good.”

Wendy Mueller of Mueller’s Orchard in Fenton Township said they’re going to have enough apples to sell.

“It’s been very dry and our W ealthys are not very bountiful but everything else looks pretty good,” she said. “Wealthys” refers to a specific type of apple.



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Dwight Eichelberg said he offers approximately six different kinds of sweet corn, which he will sell until October. The corn would be bigger had it rained more this year.



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The machine disperses 9,000 gallons of water per hour over his sweet corn. Without it, there would be no sweet corn this year.



“We’ve been doing this so long that we don’t get too worried about what Mother Nature brings to you.”

Will Cartwright
Spicer Orchards Farm Market

At Spicer Orchards Farm Market in Hartland T ownship, Market Manager Will Cartwright said, “W e haven’t had any effect. It’s been a little dry but we can irrigate,” he said. They run water through pipes to water all the plants that need it in order to maintain healthy levels of moisture in the soil.

“We’ve been irrigating quite a bit,” he said. “Last week we got an inch and half of rain that certainly helped.”

They don’t worry about the crops as much as they worry about the trees.

“The ones under 6years old we worry about,” he said. “The ones that have been in for seven to 10 years, their roots go down so deep they are still able to bring in water.”

Cartwright said the hot weather actually makes certain fruits, like peaches, sweeter.

He said the cherries weren’t affected by the hot weather , because there was still plenty of rain during the season. If cherries get too much rain, they split.

“But we made it through just fine,” he said.

Cartwright said it would be a problem if they couldn’t irrigate the blueberries. They’re watered every other day.

While apple season is still about a month away, the recent rain has helped.

“The apples may be a little smaller but we have a really nice set of apples so I haven’t seen much dif ference with the ones we do irrigate and the ones we don’t,” he said.

“We’ve been doing this so long that we don’t get too worried about what Mother Nature brings to you,” he said.

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FEARS

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She said she has trouble playing video games with underwater levels, and going on amusement park rides that simulate going underwater.

"I know it sounds super irrational but it's weird," she said. "I can stand small fish in bowls but if I go to someone's house and they have a huge fish tank that even makes me uneasy."

Fear is an unconscious response from your brain, telling you that danger is near, according to science. howstuffworks.com.

The moment the stimulus happens, like hearing the door slam, the brain sends the information to the thalamus, which forwards it to the amygdala. The amygdala takes action to protect you by telling the hypothalamus to begin the fight-or-flight response.

The thalamus also sends information to the sensory cortex, where the potential danger is determined. Data is sent to the hippocampus to establish context, which also includes other information and clues that help determine if there's a threat or not.

The hippocampus then tells the amygdala if there's danger.

Developing a fear or phobia of something can happen early.

Michaela Leblanc of Linden said she developed a severe fear of nasty weather, like bad thunderstorms, and a phobia of tornadoes, at age 3 or 4.

"I'm not exactly sure where or why it started. I've just always been horrified of them," she said. "I love rain. Wind doesn't bother me so much unless it starts blowing at about 50 mph or higher."

Fear is different from phobias.

According to WebMD, people who are afraid of spiders get the jitters when one crawls on their arm. Someone with arachnophobia is physically and/or psychologically impaired by it.

A fear must cause impairment to be considered a phobia.

Another Linden High School graduate, Mark Wright, has an unusual fear — he's afraid of butterflies. Lepidopterophobia is the phobia of butterflies, according to

Top 10 phobias

- 1. Fear of SpidersArachnophobia
- 2. Fear of SnakesOphidiophobia
- 3. Fear of HeightsAcrophobia
- 4. Fear of Open SpacesAgoraphobia
- 5. Fear of DogsCynophobia
- 6. Fear of ThunderstormsAstraphobia
- 7. Fear of Small SpacesClaustrophobia
- 8. Fear of GermsMysophobia
- 9. Fear of FlyingAerophobia
- 10. Fear of HolesTrypophobia

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"When I was younger, maybe 5 or 6 years old, my parents took me to a zoo somewhere. I think it was the Toledo Zoo, but I can't remember," he said. "They had one of those butterfly exhibits you can walk through. Long story short, I remember just feeling claustrophobic the whole time and basically sprinted out the exit."

Wright said he doesn't have Lepidopterophobia, he's just afraid of butterflies.

"To this day, I'll avoid going near them. Their movements are just so sporadic and unpredictable. I know they can't hurt me, but the feeling of them landing on me just makes me shiver," he said.

Wright added that he met another person at college who's afraid of butterflies, so he knows he's not alone.

"It's definitely more of a fun story at this point, but I still flinch a little bit when there are butterflies nearby," he said.

See the top 10 weirdest phobias on page B3.

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Eagles excited about upcoming football season

■ Spread camp gives team a chance to get rid of some of the rust

By David Troppens

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Linden — Sawyer Bengé is getting ready to experience “the last of everything” in his high school football career.

Being a senior can make someone think that way. And the Linden lineman was doing some of that deep thinking during the Linden Football Spread Camp early Wednesday morning.

“It’s kind of fun being back,” Bengé said. “It’s my last year so it’s definitely interesting, thinking about next year and knowing I won’t have this anymore. It’s good to get the cobwebs out of my system and get everything rolling for the upcoming season.”

Bengé was just one of 111 kids ranging from middle school to high school age taking a step

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towards preparing for the 2016 fall football season at the Linden Football Spread Camp. Another was fellow senior Gabe Piesko.

“It is a good refresher,” Piesko said. “We spend so much time on the field and at lunch, it gives us a chance to bond and get to know each other better. Not just as students and athletes.”

Linden’s spread camp has been at different times of the summer during different years and has varied in the way the camp has been set up as well. There have been years when other schools’ programs attended, but the camp has been mostly Linden students for a good a nice period of time now. For Linden varsity football co-coach Denny Hopkins, these types of camps can be more fun than actual game days.

“I probably enjoy the prac-

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Linden’s linemen Gabe Piesko (left) and Zackary Brown (right) do some blocking drills during the Linden Spread Camp.

David's Dabblings

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



YES, I'D THINK ABOUT TRADING MIGUEL CABRERA

Of course, I know the Detroit Tigers are just four games out of a wild card playoff spot. And, yes I know Miguel Cabrera is the reason why the Tigers won what was another offensively challenged contest on Thursday night when Detroit beat Chicago 2-1 due to a Cabrera home run.

Yes, I know while his .292 batting average with 19 home runs may be a tad down from past seasons, they are still outstanding numbers, numbers any squad in baseball would love to have in their lineup.

But knowing all this, and understanding the Tigers will never do it anyway, I’m going to say something silly. If I was in the Tigers’ front office I’d certainly take Cabrera offers as we reach the trade deadline.

I understand nine out of 10 people think I’m an idiot right now, but the reasoning behind my thought is this will probably be the best chance you’ll ever have out of getting some value out of Cabrera before his contract becomes a tremendous liability. He’s a 33-year-old 250-pound man. Does anyone really think he’ll be reasonably productive into his 40s? His contract extends to at least 2023. Yikes, this is 2016!

Chances are the Tigers would have to eat some of the contract and help pay his salary, which will reach \$30 mil soon. But, if the Tigers are ever going to find offers to take Cabrera and his contract before he fades, this is the time.



Molly, 9, accomplishes her one-mile mission

■ Cerebral Palsey doesn’t keep Katic from running

By David Troppens

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Linden — Molly Katic is just your typical active 9-year old girl.

Her brothers love to run, so she loves to do it as well. For at least the last three years, Molly and the Katic family have been loyal participants at the Linden Summer Cross Country Series.

When Molly runs, she’s not as fast as

most of the other runners and occasionally may trip up and fall to the ground. But each time, she jumps up quickly and continues her race, and does so with a smile. One thing is certain She’s going to finish the race.

There’s a reason for her determination. Molly has Cerebral Palsey, making her run a physical challenge. Her runs also have made her the most inspirational runner at the weekly summer races held at Linden County Park.

Wearing her traditional pink attire, Molly had a new goal during the final race of the season on Wednesday. In the past, she had run the quarter-mile or the half-mile events. However, those races don’t reach the wooded area of Linden County Park’s one-mile loop, meaning Molly has never run in the wooded area. This time she was going to run the mile-loop and run in the woods.

With her Dad, Todd, running with her and her Mom, Jill, cheering Molly at different portions of the race, Molly accomplished her goal, to the applause and cheers of the other runners in attendance with a time of 16:21.

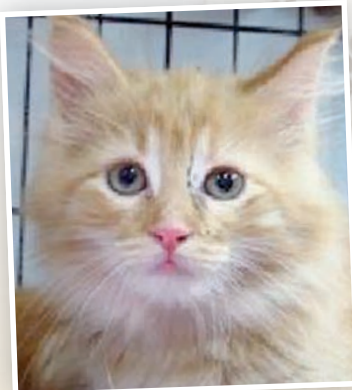
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Fenton resident Molly Katic, 9, runs with her Dad, Todd Katic, run the one-mile race during the Linden Summer Cross Country event held Wednesday at Linden County Park. Katic hasn’t allowed Cerebral Palsey from keeping her from running.

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"I thought that running the one mile would be a good thing to do since it was the last day (of the racing series this summer)," Molly said. "I felt really really good."

Molly's determination

Cerebral Palsy (CP) is the result of a brain injury or a brain malfunction according to cerebralpalsey.org. Cerebral Palsy affects body movement, muscle control, muscle coordination, muscle tone, reflex, posture and balance.

When Molly runs, she isn't able to control her legs the same as most children. It slows her down and sometimes she falls while she runs. She fell several times while making her one-mile run on Wednesday, but each time she got right back up and started running again. After one of these falls she got up and said she said to her father, "This is tiring but I can do this. I can do this." And that's what she did. About a minute later, she reached her goal – the wooded portion of the loop.

About six minutes later she returned to the bright sunny non-wooded portion of the course holding her Dad's hand while running with a large smile on her face. At that time there was no doubt Molly was going to accomplish her ultimate goal, completing the mile race. When she ran down the final hill toward the finish line, she did so as everyone

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clapped and cheered.

"I like hearing them because they make my legs stronger, and they actually make me get a smile on my face," Molly said about the cheering. "Then I go faster and faster."

"When I finished, it felt really good."

"She makes me feel proud, her determination," Todd Katic said about finishing the race by her side. "She's not going to give up. She has a great heart. She won't quit and that applies with other things in school, not just racing. I'm very proud of her."

"It's the first time she's done the mile. She's done the quarter and the half, but she asked if she can run through the woods. She wanted to run through the woods so she did the mile tonight. It was good."

Molly's medical condition

Molly's condition is permanent but CP is considered non-progressive. The physical impairments created by CP also vary based on the individual. For Molly it's her legs.

"It doesn't hurt or anything," Molly said. "You walk different. You walk wobbly and fall, but you just pop back up."

When she was 4, Molly's Dad said she had a surgery at the St. Louis Children's Hospital called a Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (SDR). After the surgery, she

had to go to therapy every day to learn how to walk. She also had surgery to have her Achilles tendon lengthened, helping her use her muscles better.

Goal — to keep on running

Now all that keeps Molly, who will be a third-grader at State Road Elementary this fall, from running at the event is finding a pair of running shoes. Considering her brothers Nathan and Gavin also compete at the races, running has become a family thing. Molly's Dad thinks she may eventually run cross country in middle school and high school.

"It's awesome. I'm happy she gets to participate and gets to do what she wants," Todd Katic said. "When she was in the woods she was saying 'You can do this.' She's a determined little girl which I praise God for. She does not stop. When she gets her mind set, she does not stop."



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DAVID TROPPENS

Molly Katic, 9, has been one of the consistent runners who compete at the Linden Summer Cross County Series for about three years. Katic, who has Cerebral Palsy, ran the mile race for the first time on Wednesday. (Below) The mile runners begin their race. The races held their final event on Wednesday. There are races ranging from a quarter of a mile to three miles for the event held at Linden County Park.



EAGLES

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tices more than the games," Hopkins said. "I like watching the team progress. You look at the games and everyone bases everything on if you win or lose. I kind of base things on how much we improve. We can improve a great deal from the start to the finish and not have a great records. If the kids are having fun doing it and are working hard you are going to be successful."

The Eagles appear to have a squad that has a chance to be successful in the fall of 2016. Benge and Piesko are quick to remind people that most of the offensive line comes back as does starting quarterback Aaron Sarkon. They aren't the only returners on a squad that is filled with quality players. Entering last season, the Eagles weren't expected to be a league power, but the youthful Eagles ended up finishing the regular season at 7-2 and entered the final week of the year tied at 6-0 with Fenton in the league title race. They lost that contest by a 30-27 overtime score. This season, fans should have a bit higher expectations. So does the team.

"We have a lot of people coming back," Piesko said.

"I'm excited. I see a lot of big things for this team. Definitely, a Metro League title and getting out of districts are my goals. It hurt pretty bad to watch Orchard Lake St. Mary's and Fenton lift up trophies last year. It has motivated this entire team."



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Linden's quarterbacks work on some reps during the annual Linden Spread Camp that was held on Wednesday and Thursday. Linden returns its starting quarterback from last season, Aaron Sarkon (front).



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