

Hoarders house was so full he couldn't live in it

■Fenton Township 'junk man' of 1990s was proof of mental disorder

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Watching the cable TV show "Hoarders" on the A&E network is a little like watching a train wreck. You feel sorry for the victims — or in this

case, the people suffering from a mental disorder — but find it too fascinating not to watch.

Fenton Township had its own "hoarder," known during the 1990s as the "junk man." His name was Donald Lynn and he lived on Silver Lake Road. Lynn's was a big old green, two-story farmhouse. He also had a barn, a couple of outbuildings and a small silver travel trailer, in addition to several inoperable, un-plated, uninsured vehicles.

See **HOARDING** on 15A

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The late Donald Lynn's home as it looks today. In the early 1990s the house, along with several other smaller outbuildings, was filled to the brim with all kinds of junk.



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Hartley gears up for first school year in Fenton

■New superintendent is excited to work with Fenton team

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Adam Hartley, 42, began his official duties as the new superintendent of Fenton Area Public Schools on July 1. Since then, he's been busy preparing for the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

He said he's excited and he's ready.

Hartley was hired earlier this year from an original pool of 27 candidates. According to his contract, Hartley will earn an annual salary of \$144,000. He will earn an annuity equal to 5 percent of his salary, as well as medical, dental, vision, life and disability insurance.

See **HARTLEY** on 19A

Taste in Fenton draws thousands



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Jean Keiser of Rose Township strains during the beer stein competition at Taste in Fenton Thursday night. She came in second for the women's side, and was one of nine competitors total. The Taste in Fenton event drew more than 2,000 visitors. Coupled with the farmer's market and concert in the park, it was one of the busiest nights in Fenton all year. See story on Page 11A

Holly man is one of 214 prisoners released by President Obama

■Sentenced to 20 years in 2005 for cocaine deal

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John L. Tolliver, 47, one time of Holly, is one of four federal prisoners from Michigan, and one of 214 nationwide who will be released sooner than expected.

According to a news release from the White House on Wednesday, Aug. 3, President Barack Obama granted commutations of the sentences of 214 people.

Tolliver was convicted of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine base; Southern District of Illinois. He was sentenced to 240 months imprisonment (20 years); 10 years supervised release and a \$250 fine on June 23, 2005.

See **RELEASED** on 17A

Pickell defeats Argentine's top cop

■Sheriff now faces Republican challenger in November

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Robert Pickell, the incumbent Genesee County sheriff, will be on the ballot in November after defeating his Democratic challenger and Argentine Township Police

See **SHERIFF** on 19A



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Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell will face Republican challenger Michael Krol in November.

Shapiro one step closer to being county commissioner

■Defeats incumbent Brown, faces Democrat challenger in November

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The race for Genesee County Commissioner, 6th district, was one of the more closely watched in the Aug. 2 Primary Elections.

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“I think I speak for the majority of Fenton residents when I say that we don't want to be a ‘destination.’ We pay the bill and the area businesses get the money. We can't drive through our own town, while the restaurant owners get rich. It is utter madness. We need new leadership at all levels.”



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(Above) Bella Marks, 12, shows excitement when her team accepts her idea during a science challenge at Lake Fenton Middle School Wednesday morning. To her left are Ivy Purdue, 11, and Madelyn Reyes, 11. On her right is Paige Harvey, 11. The group took part in a weeklong science camp, with activities geared toward their grade levels. (Below) Kayla Eakes, 6, and Lincoln Rainney, 7, push "squid eggs" across the hallway floor during a first-grade science activity where students learned about marine animals.



■ Approximately 60 kids learned about demolition, squids, and other topics in STEM camp

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Lake Fenton — Local kids became marine biologists, construction workers, builders, computer coders, engineers, mathematicians and inventors this past week at Lake Fenton Middle School, when they attended Camp Invention, a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) weeklong camp.

The overall goal of the camp was to take apart something old and build a new invention.

Laura Yeaster, director of the camp and first-grade teacher said, "The kids love it. It's the creative thinking process for the kids, I

like to see how they can create. It's a piece of education I think is important for the kids, to have that STEM process."

Three Lake Fenton Middle School teachers taught 57 students in grades first through sixth grade about a variety of topics during the week from Aug. 1 to 5.

Fifth-grade teacher Annette Reichert taught a marine biology section on Wednesday. The kids learned that squids move through the water using jet propulsion, and they use their tentacles to grab food.

All the activities were hands on. Reichert had the kids go outside with squirt guns and cups, and had one of them shoot water from the squirt gun to emulate how a squid might use jet propulsion. The other kids in their group tried to catch as much water as they could.

See **SCIENCE** on 14A

The science of crying

■ Why you cry when chopping onions

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Many theories about why humans cry have been disproven over the years.

The Old Testament says tears form when the heart's material weakens and turns into water, according to "Why Only Humans Weep," a book by Ad Vingerhoets, a professor at Tilburg University in the Netherlands.

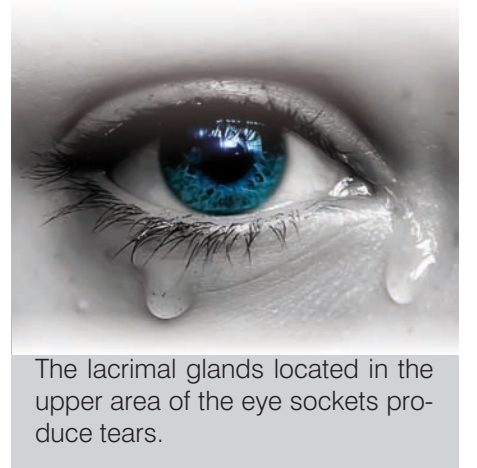
His book describes that centuries later in Hippocrates' era, the mind was thought to be the trigger for crying.

Until the 17th century, people thought tears were managed by emotion, according to time.com. However, in 1662, these theories were laid to rest when Niels Stensen, a Danish scientist, discovered that lacrimal glands, located in the upper eye socket, produce tears.

Crying, also called lacrimation, doesn't always involve emotion.

Onions aren't depressing, and there's nothing sad about laughing until your stomach muscles are sore, but both can still cause your eyes to well up with tears.

See **CRYING** on 20A



The lacrimal glands located in the upper area of the eye sockets produce tears.

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Increasing voter turnout could be easy

Nineteen percent of Michigan's registered voters turned out to the polls Tuesday.

Nineteen.

For you English majors like me, that's roughly one in five. (I had a teenager with a graphic calculator help me with that.)

Think about that. If you called a meeting in your office and only one of the five people you invited attended, you'd try to figure out ways to boost attendance, yes?

That thought apparently never occurs to state or national leaders because they keep

right on doing what they've always done because, well, that's how they've always done it.

Then, of course, they tsk-tsk about low voter turnouts.

Nuts, right? Maybe the problem is the people in charge of our elections

simply don't know what to do. (That's not true, naturally — many lawmakers, in fact, spend a lot of time figuring out new ways to discourage people, particularly minorities, from voting — but let's pretend.)

Fortunately for them, I have a few suggestions:

Don't hold elections in August, for crying out loud. How stupid is that? Everyone is on vacation in August. Or dreaming about vacation. Or just getting over a vacation. The last thing on anyone's mind in August is the local township trustee race, which is why we end up with some pretty bizarre trustees.

Stop holding votes on Tuesday. Why Tuesday? What's so magic about Tuesday? A lot of voters I know are tired and cranky by Tuesday because Tuesday comes after Monday and Monday sucks. Why not hold weekend elections? Why not have an election period of, say, three days instead of one? Why not try internet voting? We file taxes over the internet, why not vote?

Automatically register everyone to vote when they turn 18. According to FairVote.org, the U.S. is one of the few democracies in the world that doesn't.

As Fair Vote puts it: 'Instead, our government leaves the construction of voter rolls up to partisan and non-partisan voter registration organizations, political parties (and) election officials. Sadly, this hands-off

approach invites voter registration fraud.'

Require government to send a nonpartisan voter guide to every single home and every single cell phone. Many people don't vote because they don't know anything about the issues or the candidates. Mass media used to fill this void, but no longer. People need simple, handy information.

Take politics out of elections by banning the redrawing of voting boundaries (gerrymandering) to favor one side. Nothing sucks the democracy out of an election — and thus depresses voter interest — faster than taking all mystery out of which side will win.

For presidential elections, dump the Electoral College. No one understands it, and it doesn't protect us from the 'tyranny of the majority' like it was supposed to. Get rid of it. Go popular vote. So sayeth President Gore.

Eleven nations, including Australia, make voting mandatory. Why not us? In those countries, non-voters are fined or do community service. For maximum impact here, I'd recommend taking away TV, cell phone and computer privileges for a year.

That's probably impossible and un-American. But I say we vote on it anyway. Say, on a Tuesday. Next August.

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Andrew Heller
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TO ALL THE Republicans in the Fenton area, please consider something our second term governor said recently. 'I will not endorse Donald Trump for president.' Probably because he's not qualified to be President of the United States of America. I agree with the governor.

HAVE YOU NOTICED the unfairness of big media when they interview Trump and Hillary? They will do everything to bury Trump by trying to get into an argument with him but when Hillary manages to give an interview, she just continues to lie when it is presented by video to her, and they don't push any harder for the truth.

SORRY, BUT THE biggest threat to our freedom is the mainstream liberal press and liberalism. If Clinton wins, I would hate to see what this country becomes in 40 years. Do your grandchildren a favor, vote for borders, culture and national defense — Trump/Pence 2016.

I WOULD LIKE to offer my congratulations to the Fenton travel baseball league, especially the 11-year-olds who have won five tournaments. They won in Grand Rapids. Thanks to the coaches and the parents. They are doing an outstanding job.

NO MATTER WHO you vote for, you've made the wrong choice. That's why I'm not even going to vote this year. You can't blame all this garbage on me.

NOTHING WRONG WITH showing ID when you vote. Of course, there's nothing

wrong with having to show ID when you buy a gun, but right-wingers don't seem to appreciate that. A lot of the right-wingers have made it increasingly difficult to obtain photo ID if you're poor.

LINDEN, YOU HAVE a lot of work to do. The parking spots in front of The State Bank are a hazard and someone is going to get hurt. Plus, the swings and the tire swing in the wooden park are on the verge of falling apart. The hinges are barely hanging on to the beams. If a child or anyone gets hurt, that's on you.

TO HAMMER-HARRY, what kind of super hammer do you own that can allow you to kill one to three people a second? Thor would be envious.

WHAT'S WITH ALL the little toads in the yard this year?

TO THE HOT-liner who said, Hillary Clinton has never been indicted. That's correct. She's been getting away with it for over 20 years. That doesn't mean she's innocent.

ALL POLITICIANS ARE liars. Hillary is no different.

TO THE HOT-line submission about living in a community versus a tourist attraction, spot on, my friend. Spot on. Couldn't have said it better myself.

IF YOU PLAN to vote for Trump after what he said about the fallen U.S. Muslim soldier you are un-American and have no respect for veterans.

TO THE PERSON who can't stop crying about losing their dad, go see my friend Roger Sharp on Silver Lake Road. You don't need an appointment, just walk in. He will help you.

SEVERAL TIMES I have heard how much Hillary's outfit cost, but I have not seen any facts on how much Trump's suit cost.

NOT A CONSPIRACY theory? Bring on your documented facts. All I hear are rumors. I don't hear any facts to back up what's been said.

ENOUGH WITH THE weeds out front at the Fenton Firehall restaurant. How embarrassing.

WEAPONS OF MASS destruction. I'll take the AR-15. You take the hammer. Let's see who wins.

NOT ALL DDAs take library money. Fenton's does. Davison's voted not to. It's a shame to take the money from the library and buy sculptures.

I'M WONDERING, WHERE can we find a Harry Truman-type Democrat when we need him the most?

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How do you feel about the election results?

Compiled by Grant Cislo, intern

street talk



"I have not heard the results, but I did vote. I voted yes on all of the proposals."

— **Linda Yax**
Fenton



"I did not see too many major ones in the results, but Mott College was approved and I was happy about that."

— **George Cooper**
Linden



"The election was a lot less populated with candidates than previous years even on the Republican side."

— **Lisa Rozewski**
Hartland



"I do not have any feelings because I am not into politics at all. Whatever happens will happen."

— **Dave Foster**
Fenton



"I voted for Graves, Pickell and 'yes' on the millage. I am happy Pickell won, I like the old guy."

— **Gary Edwards**
Fenton



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The annual Back to the Bricks Tune up Party will feature hundreds of classic old cars next weekend.

Back to the Bricks returns to Fenton, Linden

■ Patrons can also enjoy concerts and farmers markets on the same day

By Hannah Ball
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The annual Back to the Bricks Tune up Party is coming back to downtown Linden and Fenton this year.

Hosted by Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation (SLPR), this event will feature local classic cars for the public's viewing on Aug. 10, from 4 to 8 p.m. in Linden and Aug. 11, from 4 to 8 p.m. in Fenton.

Nancy Muffley, SLPR program administrator, said, "In Linden we are looking forward to welcoming in the many classic car enthusiasts to share the charm and warmth of our city of Linden."

In Linden, the first 250 classic cars will receive a free T-shirt distributed at 7:30 p.m. in the Farmers Market area on the corner of Bridge and Broad streets.

Classic car parking begins at 2 p.m. on the corner of Hickory and Main streets. Cars arriving before 2 p.m. will be directed to Linden Elementary at 400 South Bridge St.

Classic cars can be parked in the downtown area until the lot is full or until 5 p.m.

According to SLPR, holding spaces for friends, similar cars, or groups will not be permitted.

The public can also take advantage of the new shuttle service this year at Hyatt Elementary, 325 Stan Eaton Dr., and the Loose Senior Center, 707 North Bridge St., for drop-off and pick-up, from 4 to 8 p.m.

"We are hoping this will alleviate downtown congestion as well as offer convenience to our community members," Muffley said.

The Linden Farmers Market will take place from 4 to 8 p.m., and the Concert in the Park series will feature Soul'd Out, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Fenton

Muffley said they're excited to have the event back in downtown Fenton this year.

"We are very happy to bring the Back to the Bricks Tune-up Party back to downtown Fenton this year. Last year we were at the high school during the Streetscape," she said. "The Streetscape lends itself to such a community friendly atmosphere, we are excited to share it with everyone who will be coming into town to enjoy this great event."

In Fenton, parking begins at 2 p.m. Vic Canever Chevrolet will give away T-shirts to the first 250 classic cars.

People bringing their classic cars can pick up information at the Vic Canever dealership, as well as a free hotdog.

Before 2 p.m., people can park their classic cars at Fenton High School and make their way into downtown Fenton.

People will drive from FHS, turn east onto Owen Road, then make a slight right on W. Elizabeth Street, then a right (south) onto Adelaide Street, a left (west) onto South Holly Road, and then a left (north) onto South LeRoy Street.

Parking downtown will be allowed from 2 to 5 p.m. or until all parking spots are filled.

A 10-foot safety lane will be set up in the center of South LeRoy Street from Silver Lake Road to West Shiawassee Avenue for emergency vehicles and personnel access only.

SLPR will offer a new shuttle service for the public for easy access to downtown. It will be available at FHS for pick up and drop off from 4 to 8 p.m.

The Farmers Market on the Fenton Community and Cultural Center grounds is also taking place from 5 to 8 p.m., and the Concert in the Park series is featuring Billy Mack & The Juke Joint Johnnies at Fenton Millpond Park Gazebo.

"We are anticipating enthusiastic crowds, a great concert, a full farmers market as well as the main event of polished-up awesome classic cars," Muffley said. "This year we have more volunteers than we have had in the past, as the events grow, so do our need for volunteers."

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Nancy Muffley
Southern Lakes Park and Recreation program administrator

SUMMARY

■ The annual Back to the Bricks Tune up Party will take place Wednesday, Aug. 10 in Linden and Thursday, Aug. 11 in Fenton this year.

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Police can take your vehicle, money

■ Civil forfeiture is intended to defund illegal drug operations

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Civil forfeiture, a law enforcement tool, allows police, sheriff deputies and federal agents to seize property suspected of being involved in, or derived from criminal activity.

This means that if you're pulled over by police, they can lawfully take your car or cash if they believe it has ties to illegal activity, even if you haven't been found guilty of a crime. The statute even allows law enforcement to seize your real estate in certain states, including Michigan.

"Forfeiture is intended to defund criminal drug operations," said Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro. "Drug forfeiture

is a valuable tool or tactic when used properly."

Fenton police have not used civil forfeiture since 2013.

"Typically when the elements are present to charge a suspect with P.W.I.D. (Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance) or Delivery of a Controlled Substance and there is a direct nexus to the proceeds of the crime that meet the definition of the statute, we initiate the forfeiture process," he said.

It's a civil process, separate from the criminal process, overseen by the prosecutor's office.

"Once the civil process is completed and if the police agency prevails, the proceeds (typically cash) are seized," he said.

Once law enforcement ceases this property or money, they keep a portion of the money.

"When we do seize forfeiture proceeds we keep 80-90 percent of the money

seized. The remainder is typically used for legal expenses," Aro said.

Since their last case was in 2013, forfeiture is not a significant revenue source for the Fenton Police Department or something they count on for revenue.

"Even departments that deal with large scale criminal drug operations know that drug forfeiture is not something that can be forecast nor should it be a revenue source that is depended on," he said.

Michigan law enforcement agencies are required to report civil forfeiture assets they seize and what the money goes toward.

In 2015, 44.6 percent of the money seized from Michigan law enforcement went to buying equipment, 12 percent went to utility costs for narcotics unit operation, 10.5 percent went to vehicles, 10.4 percent went to personnel, and the other approximately 20 percent went to things like

paying for overtime, training, animal expenses, and supplies among other things, according to michigan.gov.

According to The New York Times, civil forfeiture became more common in the 1980s when police were trying to combat drug trade and organized crime by taking the assets of prominent drug dealers and kingpins.

Aro said they typically saw more money associated with cocaine trafficking, which was popular in the '80s, then they do with heroin or methamphetamine, which pose much greater health concerns.

According to the Institute for Justice, Michigan law enforcement agencies

reported more than \$244 million in gross forfeiture proceeds, averaging \$19 million per calendar year from 2001 to 2013.

In 2014, Michigan police agencies reported more than \$20.4 million in civil asset forfeiture, according to michigan.gov. Those are figures from drug-specific cases and 8 percent of agencies never filed a report.

Argentine Police Chief Daniel Allen said civil forfeiture isn't used as much in Argentine as it's used in big cities, like Flint. "It used to be more prevalent," he said. "The money has to be used for drug enforcement only but now it can be used for other things. It's a good program."

“Drug forfeiture is a valuable tool or tactic when used properly.”

Rick Aro
Fenton police chief

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CIVIL FORFEITURE LEGISLATION

Opponents of the practice say civil forfeiture is unconstitutional and encroaches on the private property rights of citizens.

In Michigan, Gov. Rick Snyder signed a seven-bill package into law in October 2015, increasing the burden of proof required to keep confiscated property from drug and public nuisance forfeiture cases.

The law also requires clear and convincing evidence that the property was related to a crime in order for law enforcement to confiscate it.

Another Michigan bill, House Bill 4629, would eliminate one stipulation requiring people to pay 10 percent of what law enforcement believes your seized property is worth within 20 days to get your day in court to prove it's yours.

The bill was passed by the House in March of this year, and is currently in the Committee of the Whole, which is a procedure in the Senate where the entire body becomes a committee to work on a bill or joint resolution, according to legislative.mi.

CIVIL FORFEITURE BY THE NUMBERS

• **Local police departments** of Genesee County took in \$66,788 from civil forfeiture in 2013, and \$97,884 in 2014.

• **The Genesee County Sheriff's Office** took in \$13,536 from civil forfeiture in 2013, and \$30,650 in 2014.

• **Statewide, Michigan State Police** took in \$1,366,390 from civil forfeiture in 2013, and \$1,921,456 in 2014.

Source: Michigan.gov

What young people worry about

■ From student debt to social issues, young people worry about many things

By Hannah Ball

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I've heard people say that millennials don't have to worry about much.

As a 23-year-old, I would like to bring light to this misconception.

I asked four of my friends about the worries our generation has, and what they think we'll be worried about in 10-20 years.



Hannah Ball

Shawna Spencer, 23, Linden graduate, works as a physician assistant student at the University of North Texas Health Science Center.

"Young people worry about finances. As young newlyweds, my husband and I don't always see eye to eye but we agree hands down that finances are our biggest worry today," she said.

"In high school we're told that we need to go to college to get a job. In college we're told that we may not find a job because we're going to either be 'over-qualified' or 'under-qualified.'"

"We're going to school to get 'good' jobs and live the American dream but really we're just racking up debt with hopeful ambitions that it'll all be OK," Spencer said.

In 10 to 20 years, she hopes their biggest worry will be about where to retire.

"Realistically though, I think my biggest difficulty will continue to revolve around finances. Hopefully, our student debt will be paid off by then, but will we be anywhere close to being financially prepared for retirement?"

"Or what about that family we've dreamed of having? Will we be able to start a college fund for our future children so they don't have to endure the financial stressors that we have? I don't think so," she said.

Adam Schwallie, 28, bachelor's Degree in English from Western Michigan University

"They're also worried about climate change and the direction of the economy in general," he said.

"I would love to have a well-paying, full-time job that has good benefits and a pension and work there for my whole adult life. Those jobs are incredibly rare these days, though," he said.

In 10 to 20 years, Schwallie said, "The biggest problems we see will be similar to the ones we see now, but worse, if nothing changes. So many young people



Adam Schwallie

move out of the center of the country and out to the coastal cities, but while the job prospects out there are better, the cost of living is much higher.

"Unless the country can fix that problem, we're going to see everywhere but coastal cities continue to decline and young people will still be anxious about their financial prospects no matter where they live. Unless something changes, it looks to me like more and more people will be stuck either with terrible jobs, or living in places that are far too expensive just so they can have a decent job," he said.

Andrew Leyder, 24, Linden graduate, works for U.S. Department of Transportation, graduate student at American University

"I think that the majority of young people worry about college and how to pay for it," he said. "A high school diploma won't get you anywhere while a college degree can open the doors to better opportunities, but it comes with a sacrifice of how am I going to pay for college?"

He said students worry about finding a job after graduation, and the possibility of living at home with parents so they can afford to start making loan payments.

"The government hasn't given us any relief to the student loan debt issue," he said.

In 10 to 20 years, Leyder said young people will worry about a work-life balance.

"Because we have student loans we will be working longer hours and our employers will be asking more of us. We live in the digital age where our employer can text, email, use social media at any time of the day asking us to get work done," he said.

"We are going to be working longer hours for less pay because we realize the job market is still poor and once we get a job we don't want to lose it. We have to continue to work or we'll default on our loans. Until we get relief from the government we will continue to drown in student loan debt," he said.

Morgan Frost, 24, Linden graduate, master's student at the Elliot School of International Affairs at George Washington University

"Just within the United States, millennials are desperately trying to dig themselves out of college debt and beat unemployment, while simultaneously trying to improve overall social acceptance of Americans from every nationality, race, and sexuality," she said.

"Recently, millennials had to become their own catalysts to overcome these



Andrew Leyder



Morgan Frost

“Young people are burdened with the fact that large scale decisions being made right now will affect us the longest, and sometimes the hardest.”

Morgan Frost
Linden graduate

obstacles and break down social barriers—however, the fight is still not over. I think what young people most worry about can be boiled down to one thing: who's making the current decisions.

"Young people are burdened with the fact that large scale decisions being made right now will affect us the longest, and sometimes the hardest," she said. "With the upcoming election, do older generations who will be voting have our best interests at heart?"

What about our next president?"

In 10 to 20 years, Frost said issues that have been pushed aside will come into play.

"I think that many will look to the younger and statistically more educated generations to explore ways to fix them. We still don't have answers on how to combat things like overpopulation, increased terrorism and the shortening of the world's resources, such as water.

"I think only then will these issues be of extreme urgency, and the burden and worry of what the future holds will rest upon the shoulders of our young people," she said.

SUMMARY

■ The biggest things young people worry about are student debt, finding a decent job, and social change.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

OUR LAST TWO wars in Iraq and Afghanistan resulted because we had to go to the source of where the terrorists were and prevent them from coming to the U.S. Thank God we took action before we had another 9-11.

■■■ **WAKE UP PEOPLE.** Think twice before voting for Hillary. She wants to increase refugees by 550 percent. I have family in Germany. They tell me that the women are getting raped and the hospitals are filled with refugees. The U.S. is in for this if Hillary becomes president.

■■■ **LAST WEEK AS** we watched the DNC, we witnessed history. We watched a pathological liar, a morally and politically corrupt person accept the nomination. God help our country.

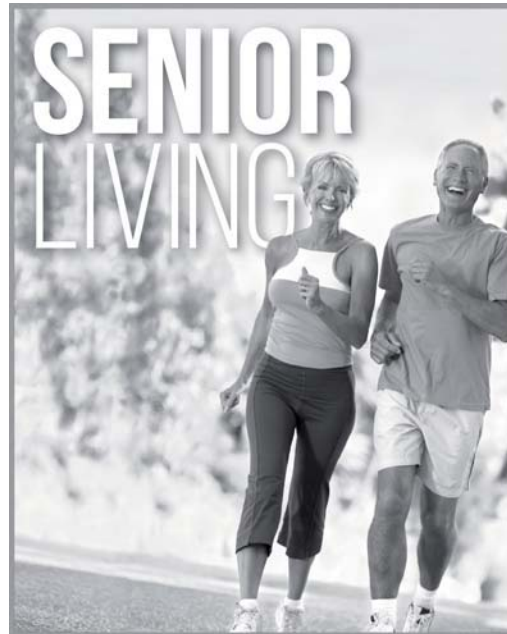
■■■ **EVERY WEEK, I** appreciate the insight, the wisdom, and the common sense of Foster Childs. I appreciate his devotion to family, God, and country. I appreciate this newspaper and the Hot lines, which allows us to express our opinion.

■■■ **PEOPLE WHO DON'T** work shouldn't be allowed to vote.

■■■ **IT'S REALLY A** joy to read all of the right-winged comments Wednesday in the Tri-County. It's all Obama's fault. There was a president before him who caused a lot of trouble.

■■■ **FACTS? THE KING?** How do those two words go together? Facts and right wing don't go together. They make up their own truths.

■■■ **LET THOSE USING** the roads pay for repairs. I approve of the gas tax hike.



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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

Area residents are finding all kinds of ways to beat the heat this summer, including visits to area beaches. Here, visitors enjoy Silver Lake Beach in early July.

Summer is sizzling

■Despite heat, no records broken in tri-county area

By Vera Hogan
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This summer may seem like one of the worst when it comes to hot, humid weather and lack of rain, but so far no records have been broken.

The average temperatures in the Genesee County area in July were highs of 98, average of 88 and low of 75 degrees Fahrenheit.

Rainfall amounts were low enough that area fire chiefs enacted bans on all outdoor

burning. Due to a couple of rain events during the month of July, those bans were lifted.

Regardless of the actual temperatures, however, it's the high humidity that makes it most uncomfortable, especially for those who work outdoors.

Last week was even worse when air quality alerts were issued and citizens were advised to avoid being outside, if possible, and limit the use of anything fuel-powered — such as filling up your vehicle if not yet necessary, gas-powered lawn mowers and even barbecue grills requiring lighter fluid.

See **SUMMER** on 20A

WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you missed in the **Wednesday, Aug. 3 Midweek** edition of the Times. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Loved ones mourn, say goodbye to Lyric Work

Family, friends and the community are mourning the loss of two women who were shot and killed while they worked at their job as leasing agents for a Grand Blanc apartment complex on June 26.



Woman runner shot four times in the back

Police are still searching for suspicious vehicle in Rose Township murder. Alexandra Nicolette Brueger, 31, was shot and killed while she ran on Fish Lake Road on July 31.

Vehicle and truck registrations to be hiked 20 percent

On Jan. 1, 2017, registration fees will be increased by 20 percent for passenger vehicles and commercial trucks.



ASK THE MECHANIC

Chris Wilkinson, Certified Mechanic

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- Mela

A: Mela, The answer to this is yes, it is common for brakes to make noise first thing in the AM. The reason for this is that your rotors will develop a slight amount of rust when sitting even just overnight, more so when it is wet or humid out. This is nothing to worry about if the noise goes away after the first few stops. Semi metallic brake pads will do this slightly more than ceramic pads, but again it does not indicate a problem or faulty workmanship. I noticed that you mentioned drum brakes and this does happen from time to time on drum brakes but a good cleaning and adjusting will normally cure this. If not, try a different brand of brake shoe. My choice is Monroe and Riveted if they are available.

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Interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting. Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend are asked to contact the village offices at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (248) 634-9571 during regular business hours.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Pie-eating contest participants are cheered on by friends and family during Taste in Fenton Thursday night. The top prize for the pie-eating competition was \$500.

Taste in Fenton draws thousands, despite heat

■ Attendees enjoyed the weather, great food, and entertaining music

By Hannah Ball
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Fenton — The pie-eating contest, the donut-eating contest, and the beer stein holding contest have become summer staples, thanks to Taste in Fenton, an annual event held by the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Held on Thursday, Aug. 4, Taste in Fenton, which is sponsored by The State Bank, attracted thousands of visitors from surrounding communities.

Shelly Day, executive director of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce said, “I think it’s going really good, I’m really surprised we have this many people in the heat.”

Day estimates there were around 2,000 to 3,000 people, and 20 vendors offered food this year.

The event usually raises around \$20,000, which goes towards operating costs for the Fenton chamber.

“I think people are very happy this year. They’re in a good mood and enjoying the food,” she said. “A lot of people have been commenting on the menu. Not just who the vendors are, but the menu, the items, they picked, they’re really enjoying the food.”

Rows of vendors were set up and people traded their tickets for food, ice cream, desserts, and drinks.

Kids played in the inflatable bouncy houses while parents stood in the shade, trying to escape the heat.

Some come mainly to compete in the pie-eating contest, hosted by CRUST every year. Twelve people competed to see who could smash their face in a pie and eat it the fastest.

Fenton resident Matt Adolph won the pie-eating contest, finishing a 2-pound blueberry pie with over 700 blueberries in approximately six minutes.

“We buy them (blueberry pies from CRUST) once or twice a week. Blueberry is my favorite,” he said. “I’m still hungry.”

Some come to browse the displays at booths area stores set up, some come in hopes of winning the \$10,000 cash prize, but all come to enjoy the many different foods area businesses offer.

Justin Knight, who owns The Corner Bar and Grille with his wife, said there were a lot of great people at the event.

“It’s an opportunity for us to get to know the people who live here in Fenton,” he said. “It’s always fun.”

“It’s a good way to see your friends and family and it’s a great place to bring your kids.”

John Vollmar
Fenton resident

The beer stein holding contest continues the spirit of competition and drinking. Dozens entered and tried to hold up a beer stein full of water for as long as they could.

John Vollmar, a Fenton resident, was the male winner in beer stein holding contest.

“It was tough but my neighbor won it last year, so it runs in the neighborhood. It’s all in the water,” he said. “I channeled my German ancestors and brought home a victory.”

He said it was the first year he attended the Taste in Fenton.

“It’s a good way to see your friends and family and it’s a great place to bring your kids,” he said.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Jeremiah Wells holds Julia McFarlane, 20 months, who was there with parents Shelly and Ryan of Argentine Township.

News briefs



Wigs 4 Kids

Lilly Smith, 3, of Brighton donated 10 inches of hair to Wigs 4 Kids. Her hair was cut at Nicole’s First Impression in Fenton. According to Lilly’s mother, Pamela Smith, Lilly is a very caring 3-year-old who hopes her hair goes to a little girl who needs it. She added that when she grows up, Lilly hopes to become either a doctor or dinosaur.

New movie ‘The Secret Life of Pets’ getting rave reviews

By Grant Cislo

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If you are looking for something fun for your kids to watch, taking them to the new movie ‘The Secret Life of Pets’ may be a good idea.

Just this past weekend the movie ranked as the second highest grossing movie in the U.S. According to Box Office Mojo, for the weekend of July 22-24 the movie’s gross was \$29.6 million.

In less than 20 days, the movie brought in \$261 million and had a debut of \$104.3 million according to The Numbers. The movie scored an A- and got a 76 percent approval rate, according to

Rotten Tomatoes.

The movie is about what pets do while their owners are away. The movie takes place in a Manhattan apartment building and every day when the humans leave for work and school, the pets began their nine-to-five daily ritual, which includes hanging out, gossiping about their owners and watching TV.

The movie stars some big name actors and actresses, including actors Eric Stonestreet who is the voice of Duke and Kevin Hart who is the voice of Snowball. Other big Hollywood names include Ellie Kemper, Louis C.K. and Hannibal Buress.



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As part of the first-grade science activities, students learn about a variety of marine animals. In this case, it shows how squids use a water jet to escape prey. While Javier Jaksic, 7, sprayed water, the others catch it in their cups.

SCIENCE

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She taught the kids about demolition. "We talked about how nitroglycerin and dynamite expanded the world of construction and demolition. They were able to set up buildings and then use wrecking balls to knock them over," she said.

On Tuesday, they focused on code. "They learned how codes are used by countries to make sure their enemies don't know what they're saying," she said. Kids wrote messages to each other and had to decode them.

Throughout the week, they stressed the importance of teamwork.

"I think this camp just gives kids the opportunity to do things they wouldn't normally do," she said. Reichert added that the camp allows them to make mistakes.

"It helps them to understand that scientists have to try multiple times before they are successful," she said. "It allows them to be creative in a safe environment. There's no right or wrong answer, which is good because it allows them to be more creative."

In another classroom, teacher Christian Doctor taught the kids how to make a solar-powered cricket. On Wednesday, they built structures for their crickets to protect them from spiders.

“It helps them to understand that scientists have to try multiple times before they are successful.”

Annette Reichert
Lake Fenton Middle School
fifth-grade teacher



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Students entering grades three and four build crick-bots (mini-cricket robots) from a kit, and then build a small home for it.

The kids also had fun building "tree houses," which were small, inflatable palm trees. Students built walkways, zip-lines, and pulley systems for their tree house using tape, pipe cleaners, and Styrofoam.

Yeaster said the STEM aspect drew multiple teachers to the program because it's fun for them to organize many hands-on activities for the kids, and to see how they handle the

problem-solving process.

"We like to pose a problem to kids and see what they can figure out," she said.

The National Inventors Hall of Fame started Camp Invention in 1990, and the organization approached the Lake Fenton district to see if they would be interested in hosting the event.

Since the main goal of the camp is to take apart a piece of old technology and build something new, kids brought in old remote controls, CD players, VCRs, keyboards, computers, and other items to take apart.

Yeaster said they started learning about tools on Monday and "they started taking it apart, they started unscrewing it, learning what's safe and not safe, a lot of safety precautions on the first day."

The kids worked on their take-apart project throughout the week, and were expected to walk away on Friday with a new invention.

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SUMMARY

■ Lake Fenton Middle School hosted a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) camp from Aug. 1 to Aug. 5.

HOARDING

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He held a perpetual yard sale in his yard, for which he was regularly in trouble with the township. His yard sale was far from organized. There were several stacks of “stuff” piled 3 to 4 feet high in most cases. Other items were spread across the grass.

There was no rhyme or reason to what Lynn charged for his items. He charged more for the things he liked, even if they were useless — and less for the things he disliked, even though they had value.

Lynn lived in the small travel trailer — at least that’s where he slept and kept out of the rain. The house itself was packed so full, every room, top to bottom, that there was no pathway through any door.

It was the same thing in his barn and other outbuildings — packed to the gills with stuff he collected.

Since 1992, Lynn was charged with conducting a garage/yard sale without a permit, and was jailed twice.

Nearby neighbors complained that Lynn’s house and yard were an eyesore and worried that living near him would lower their property values.

They also said his property was a danger to area children as they were attracted to all the junk. They also said the area was

rat-infested.

In October of 1995, the township obtained a court order that allowed them to hire someone to clean the property. On Oct. 16, 1995, heavy demolition equipment, operated by MLC Contracting Inc. of Flint, rolled onto Lynn’s property and began the weeklong process of clearing away the junk and bulldozing some of the smaller buildings.

The cost to the township was almost \$25,000. That cost was added to Lynn’s December 1995 tax bill.

That was not the end of it. During a visit to Lynn’s home in August of 1996, he and a young friend were loading items from the house to a vehicle. Lynn claimed he wasn’t collecting again, but rather cleaning it up.

The township’s ordinance enforcement officer at the time, Tom Waldron, said he did not believe Lynn had stopped collecting, but was doing a better job of hiding it.

The junk on Lynn’s property is up to about 50 percent of what it was in October of 1995, Waldron said in August of 1996.

Lynn claimed he hauled items back and forth to various flea markets in order to make a living, and believed the township was acting unreasonably.

Ten months later, in June of 1997, in a Tri-County Times page 3 photo, Lynn

is shown loading his arms with items he planned to purchase at the Loose Senior Center rummage sale.

Lynn, who was 73 at the time, has since passed away. According to Fenton Township records, Lynn’s property was sold by his son to a private party for \$50,000.

Understanding hoarding

According to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America (ADAA), hoarding is the persistent difficulty discarding or parting with possessions, regardless of their actual value.

This behavior usually has detrimental effects — emotional, physical, social, financial, and even legal — for the hoarder and family members.

For those who hoard, the quantity of their collected items sets them apart from other people. Commonly hoarded items may be newspapers, magazines, paper and plastic bags, cardboard boxes, photographs, household supplies, food, and clothing.

Hoarding can be related to compulsive buying (such as never passing up a bargain), the compulsive acquisition of free items (such as collecting flyers), or the compulsive search for perfect or unique items (which

may not appear to others as unique, such as an old container).

Diminished quality of life

A lack of functional living space is common among hoarders, who may also live in unhealthy or dangerous conditions. Hoarders often live with broken appliances and without heat or other necessary comforts. They cope with malfunctioning systems rather than allow a qualified person into their home to fix a problem.

Hoarding also causes anger, resentment, and depression among family members, and it can affect the social development of children. Unlivable conditions may lead to separation or divorce, eviction, and even loss of child custody. Hoarding may lead to serious financial problems, as well.

Those who hoard usually experience embarrassment about their possessions and feel uncomfortable when others see them. They have clutter, often at the expense of livable space, feel sad or ashamed after acquiring additional items, and they are often in debt.

Source: Anxiety and Depression Association of America

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Meet JENNIFER LOBB

- Former professional belly dancer 'Azziza'
- Realtor
- Avid fitness buff

By Sally Rummel

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Jennifer Lobb, 47, of Fenton Township grew up in Long Island, New York and graduated from Long Island Lutheran High School in Brockville, Long Island. Marriage brought her to Michigan, and she has an 8-year-old daughter.

Most people today probably know you by Jennifer Lobb, but there were many years you were called "Azziza" when you made your career as a belly dancer. How did you happen to get into belly dancing, and how did you pick the name Azziza? Azziza was my stage name for 20 years. My first teacher, Renate, helped me pick the name. It means precious, beloved. I got



"You have to know when to throw in the veil. It's exciting to close one door and fully commit to the next chapter."

Jennifer Lobb
Former belly dancer

into belly dancing for the exercise benefits and fell in love with the art form.

Most people may think you're Middle Eastern because of your belly dancing career. What is your nationality? I am Norwegian, Swiss, German, English, Irish. An American mutt.

When was the last time you belly danced? Do you ever do it for fun, not as a way to make a living? I recently did a show at Abbey Park in Grand Blanc. The seniors love my show. They are the best audience.

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Jennifer Lobb of Fenton Township works through her exercise circuit at Planet Fitness in Fenton Thursday July 28. She usually works out early in the morning.

Now, I do it for fun.

How did you change from belly dancer to Realtor? I was always fascinated with real estate. I completed a real estate course in Manhattan and was set to take my test on 9/11/01, downtown near the World Trade Center, but that was the day of the attack. I'm so grateful I opted to take the afternoon test and didn't go down in the morning.

After 9/11, I put my real estate career on the back burner until my neighbor, MaryAnn Tremaine, came knocking on my door once, twice, thrice . . . after the third time, I prayed about it. I asked for a crystal clear sign if real estate is my destiny. MaryAnn came knocking on my door again and said, 'You ought to get involved in real estate.' I signed up for my course the next day and passed my exam right away. I love it. I'm passionate about it and once again, I'm living the dream.

What life lessons did you learn from belly dancing that you can apply to your life today? You can really do anything if you set your mind on it. Breathe, look people in the eye. Always

smile, even when you are answering the phone. Dress the part. Put your heart into it. Believe and have a vision, then focus on your goal and keep moving forward. Pick up the phone, make calls and ask for the sale. Ask for referrals. Practice your craft in front of a mirror. Video tape yourself then watch and learn what you would like to change. Keep practicing until you become exceptional. Push yourself through the awkward stage. Feel the butterflies and keep pressing forward until they lift you up and you begin to fly on your own. When you start to fly and things become second nature, then you can add your personal flair.

This is what will set you apart from everyone else. When you fall, have a sense of humor and laugh at yourself. Get back up and go again. Take care of your health. Eat right, exercise and sleep well. And don't forget to drink plenty of water. Love what you do. Do it with passion and enjoy being in the moment.

How do you keep your abs in shape now that you're not belly dancing?

I work out at Planet Fitness five days a week. I follow a system from bodybuilding.com. It gets me going and keeps my mind clear. My favorite ab exercises are the plank and the jack-knife.

Was your life more glamorous as Azziza, the belly dancer than it is today as Jennifer Lobb, Realtor? I loved being on stage and nailing a performance. It was certainly very glamorous. I'll never forget performing for Puff Daddy, Jennifer Lopez, Cameron Diaz, Kirsten Dunst, Carson Daly, Dr. Ruth, Michael Bolton, the list goes on. Now I love public speaking, interacting with people and helping them sell the largest asset of their life. You have to know when to throw in the veil. It's exciting to close one door and fully commit to the next chapter.

What do real estate and belly dancing have in common? You have to ask for the sale. You have to crawl before you can walk. You need to commit to it full time. You really need to live, eat and breathe it. You must be passionate about it and savor the success. Then ask for referrals.

What is something else about you that a lot of people probably don't know? I am a Reiki Master. I love to slalom water ski, show ski and golf. I won a Toastmasters humorous speech contest a few years ago.

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Tolliver's prison sentence will expire on Dec. 1 of this year, and the 10-year term of supervised release has been reduced to a five-year of supervised release.

According to The Southern Illinoisan, Tolliver was among four men arrested in DuQuoin, Illinois in March of 2004 on federal indictments charging them with conspiracy to distribute more than 50 grams of crack cocaine.

The Perry (Illinois) County Drug Task Force and DuQuoin Police Department and Perry County Sheriff's Department, along with state police and U.S. federal marshalls, made the arrests.

Tolliver and the other three men were accused of participating in drug activity in Perry County between January 2002 and February 24, 2004. The indictments were handed down by a federal grand jury in Benton, Illinois on March 2, 2004.

As of Wednesday's announcement, Obama has granted 562 commutations, more than the previous nine presidents combined and more commutations than any individual president in nearly 100 years, according to the White House press release.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THIS WEEK, PRESIDENT Obama gave amnesty to 8,000 Syrian refugees to come live in the U.S. They were given Social Security numbers, driver's licenses, and they can apply for welfare.

ANYBODY WITH AN ounce of brains knows that for 90 percent of the liberal newspapers, Hillary can do no wrong. They think she's the greatest. Keep reading the King.

DO YOU THINK if Trump researches his family ancestry he'll find out he's something he's been criticizing?

C'MON NOW, WHO would logically compare an AR-15 to a hammer? That's like saying a shotgun is just as deadly as a nail set.

TRUMP SAYS SOME stuff that is just not what the leader of a country would say. Do you really want this man running your country? I'm not even voting this year.

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HERE'S A TROUBLE shooter for you, Charter. Every morning Channel 12, anywhere from 6 to 9:30 a.m., the sound keeps cutting off and on. Why is that Charter?

THE HEADLINES FROM the Wall Street Journal says the U.S. has the weakest economic recovery from 1999. This clearly indicates President Obama doesn't know what he's doing.

I WAS JUST out at Target and those new stores look so nice. These are the types of two-story buildings the DDA should consider for downtown Fenton.

IN REGARDS TO the new register fees on your vehicle and the new gas tax, didn't we vote that down before Snyder signed it into law?

LOOKING BACK*at this week in***NATIONAL HISTORY**

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AUG. 7

1782: In Newburgh, New York, General George Washington, the commander in chief of the Continental Army, creates the "Badge for Military Merit," a decoration consisting of a purple, heart-shaped piece of silk, edged with a narrow binding of silver, with the word Merit stitched across the face in silver. The badge was to be presented to soldiers for "any singularly meritorious action" and permitted its wearer to pass guards and sentinels without challenge. The honoree's name and regiment were also to be inscribed in a "Book of Merit."

AUG. 8

1974: In an evening televised address, President Richard M. Nixon announces his intention to become the first president in American history to resign. With impeachment proceedings underway against him for his involvement in the Watergate affair, Nixon was finally bowing to pressure from the public and Congress to leave the White House.

AUG. 9

1969: Members of Charles Manson's cult kill five people in movie director Roman Polanski's Beverly Hills, California, home, including Polanski's pregnant wife, actress Sharon Tate. Less than two days later, the group killed again, murdering supermarket executive Leno LaBianca and his wife, Rosemary, in their home. The savage crimes shocked the nation and, strangely, turned Charles Manson into a criminal icon.

AUG. 10

1981: The severed head of 6-year-old Adam Walsh, who disappeared from a shopping mall two weeks earlier, is found in a canal in Vera Beach, Florida. Two years later, career criminal Ottis Ellwood Toole, then an inmate at a Raiford, Florida, prison, confessed to Adam's abduction and murder. However, investigators were unable to locate Adam's body where Toole claimed to have buried it and without any physical evidence the Florida state attorney couldn't prosecute the case. On Dec. 16, 2008, the police department in Hollywood, Florida, announced that the case against Toole (now deceased) was strong enough to close the investigation into Adam's death.

AUG. 11

1994: The longest work stoppage in major league history begins. Because of the strike, the 1994 World Series was cancelled; it was the first time baseball did not crown a champion in 89 years.

AUG. 12

1990: Fossil hunter Susan Hendrickson discovers three huge bones jutting out of a cliff near Faith, South Dakota. They turn out to be part of the largest-ever Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton ever discovered, a 65-million-year-old specimen dubbed Sue, after its discoverer.

AUG. 13

1961: Shortly after midnight on this day in 1961, East German soldiers begin laying down barbed wire and bricks as a barrier between Soviet-controlled East Berlin and the democratic western section of the city. After World War II, defeated Germany was divided into Soviet, American, British and French zones of occupation. The city of Berlin, though technically part of the Soviet zone, was also split, with the Soviets taking the eastern part of the city. As this symbol of Cold War repression was destroyed in November of 1989, East and West Germany became one nation again, signing a formal treaty of unification on October 3, 1990.

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The following are unofficial results of the Tuesday, Aug. 2 primary election. Some races were decided yesterday while others will move on to the November General Election. The uncontested races are not listed.

State Representative, 51st District

Rep. Joe Graves (inc.) = 4,832

Rep. John Lauve = 999

Rep. Katherine Houston = 989

Dem. Ryan Bladzick = 5,815

Graves and Bladzick will face each other in the November General Election.

OAKLAND COUNTY

Oakland County Commissioner, 2nd District

Rep. Bob Hoffman (inc.) = 3,514

Rep. Bob Kleven = 1,355

Rep. Salvatore Delia = 492

Dem. Rhonda Carr = 1,466

Hoffman and Carr will face each other in the November General Election

Holly Township Supervisor

Rep. George Kullis = 572

Dem. Dale Smith (inc.) = 333

Kullis and Smith will face each other in the November General Election.

Holly Township Clerk

Rep. Karin Winchester (inc.) = 505

Rep. Richard Kinnamon = 286

Winchester is the winner and will serve as Holly Township clerk for the next four years.

Holly Township Trustees (2)

Rep. Patrick Feeney = 509

Rep. Steve Ruth (inc.) = 500

Dem. Maria Howard-Smith = 260

Dem. Mark Cornwell (inc.) = 242

Both incumbents received the lowest votes in the Aug. 2 Primary Election.

Feeney, Ruth and Howard-Smith will face each other in the November General Election.

Rose Township Treasurer

Rep. Paul Gambka = 449

Rep. Dior Rushton (inc.) = 189

Gambka is the winner and will serve as Rose Township treasurer for the next four years.

Rose Township Trustees (2)

Rep. Teresa Blaska = 356

Rep. Glen Noble = 354

Rep. Marilee Carstens = 255

Rep. Phil Allmen = 128

Blaska and Noble are the winners and will serve as Rose Township trustees for the next four years.

Holly Township Library

Yes = 1,005

No = 290

Holly Township Parks and Rec.

Yes = 964

No = 322

GENESEE COUNTY

Genesee County Sheriff

Dem. Robert Pickell (inc.) = 24,590

Dem. Dan Allen = 18,009

Rep. Matthew Krol = 10,683

Pickell and Krol will face each other in the November General Election

Genesee County Commissioner, 6th District

Dem. Pete Ponzetti = 2,583

Rep. Drew Shapiro = 1,639

Rep. Tony Brown (inc.) = 1,215

Ponzetti and Shapiro will face each other in the November General Election.

Argentine Township Supervisor

Dem. Robert Cole, Jr. (inc.) = 304

Rep. Brian Saad = 245

Cole and Saad will face each other in the November General Election

Argentine Township Trustees (2)

Dem. Teresa Ciesielski (inc.) = 295

Rep. Scott Conner = 166

Rep. Thomas Hallman (inc.) = 165

Rep. Richard Crooks = 127

Ciesielski, Conner and Hallman will face each other in the November General Election.

Mott Community College

Yes = 37,252

No = 21,993

Genesee District Library

Yes = 35,547

No = 15,281

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Tyrone Township Trustees (4)

Rep. David Walker (inc.) = 634

Rep. Charles Schultz (inc.) = 578

Rep. Allen Pool = 505

Rep. Soren Pedersen (inc.) = 474

Rep. Cam Gonzalez (inc.) = 449

Walker, Schultz, Pool and Pedersen are the winners and will serve as Tyrone Township trustees for the next four years.

COMMISSIONER

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Republican newcomer Drew Shapiro of Fenton ousted incumbent Republican Tony Brown of Fenton Township in the race for Genesee County Commissioner, 6th District.

Shapiro will face off against Democrat Pete Ponzetti in the November General Elections. In the primaries, Ponzetti earned 2,583 of the Democratic votes. Shapiro won 1,639 of the Republican vote, and Brown won 1,215 Republican votes.

Shapiro, 27, is currently the president of the Fenton Board of Education.

SUMMARY

■ Republican Drew Shapiro has ousted incumbent Republican Tony Brown for the Genesee County Commissioner, 6th district. Shapiro will face off against Democrat Pete Ponzetti in the November General Elections.

"I would like to say thank you to everyone who came out and voted," said Shapiro. "Our work isn't over, and for me this isn't the end it is just the beginning."

"Southern Genesee County deserves a strong voice and I won't let them down," he added. "I plan to give the constituents the representation they deserve, and I will pride myself on

always being accessible to residents. The continued support of voters in November would mean the world to me."

"People recognized that we deserved better, and I wouldn't dream of letting them down," Shapiro said.

"I would like to thank Tony Brown for his years of service."

"I wish Drew and the 6th district the best, good luck," said Brown on Wednesday.

In 2012, Ponzetti, 36, of Grand Blanc, ran against Tony Brown in the November elections as a write-in candidate, but lost.

"I thank the voters for their support. Their vision for the 6th district is clear: proactive leadership over partisan backbiting, the public good over political pandering," said Ponzetti. "Moving toward November, I'm looking forward to speaking more with folks regarding ways to move the district and Genesee County forward."

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Chief Dan Allen in the primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 2.

The primary election was a close race — Allen received 42 percent of the vote while Pickell received 58 percent.

Pickell said, “It’s always nice to win. But this wasn’t a win just for me, this was a victory for everyone who supported me.”

This was Allen’s second time running against Pickell for Genesee County sheriff. The first time, he received 13 percent of the votes. The second time, he received 42 percent.

Allen said he was disappointed that he didn’t win, but added, “I’m glad to see that the issues were out there. We put up good fight.”

He said his Political Action Com-

SUMMARY

Incumbent Robert Pickell defeated Argentine Police Chief Dan Allen for the Genesee County sheriff’s seat in the primary election. Pickell advances to the general election where he will face Republican challenger Michael Krol.

mittee’s mission was to level the playing field and bring the issues to light.

“The issues were definitely brought to light,” he said. “I think the voters showed that, too. We had over 18,000 votes.

“It turned out how it turned out,” Allen said.

Pickell said he is going to focus on continuing his efforts in pursuing people who target the abuse of elderly people in Genesee County and the exploitation of children.

Pickell will face Republican Michael Krol in November.

“I’m going to do the same thing I’ve been doing for 18 years and that’s being the people’s sheriff,” he said. “I got through the first step, the primary. I’ve got an opponent in November and I’m looking forward to facing off with him.”

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Robert Pickell
Genesee County sheriff

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HARTLEY

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Since 2015, he served as the executive director of GEARup2LEAD, a leadership development organization, and as director of innovative projects at the Swartz Creek Community Schools.

Prior to that, Hartley was the assistant superintendent of Instruction for the Swartz Creek district for three years.

Hartley also has served as principal at Birmingham Covington School, from 2009

to 2012. Prior to that, he was the principal at Central Elementary School in Flushing Community Schools for seven years. He was also a teacher with the Montrose Community Schools.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan-Flint, a master of public administration degree from the University of Michigan-Flint, an educational specialist degree from Oakland University, and a doctorate from Eastern Michigan University in educational leadership.

Hartley and his family moved to Fenton on Saturday, July 30.

Hartley’s wife, Nicole, teaches elementary school in the Swartz Creek district.

The couple’s youngest son, Cameron, will be a junior at Fenton High School this year. Son Adam will be a sophomore at Kettering University, and daughter Taylor is 22 and living on her own in Fenton.

Hartley has been spending much of this summer meeting with many people in the district, including the police and fire chiefs, the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce and more.

“I’m working with the PTO presidents on scheduling some ‘meet and greets,’” he said.

He’s also been busy with teacher contract negotiations.

Hartley is planning to meet soon with the district’s administrative group, which includes school principals and other administrators.

He said he is really looking forward to the Board of Education workshop scheduled for Aug. 10. The workshop will be facilitated by the MASB (Michigan Association of School Boards).

“I’ll be working with the district’s leadership team on Aug. 15 and 16 at the Genesee Intermediate School District - Base Camp Challenge Center,” he said.

These meetings are all part of Hartley’s 100-day action plan, he said.

Hartley said he is glad the Tri-County Times is covering the projects taking place at Fenton schools this summer.

“We have some people that go over and beyond to get this work done,” he said. “Our tech department people run cables, for example. It’s just another thing we

SUMMARY

Fenton’s new superintendent, Adam Hartley, began his duties on July 1 and is gearing up for the 2016-2017 school year.



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Fenton Area Public Schools Superintendent Adam Hartley has been busy this summer gearing up for his first school year in the district.

don’t have to hire out.”

While this summer was spent getting ready for the new job, he said he and his family were able to steal away for a vacation up north.

“I love watersports,” he said. “I was also fortunate to coach my son’s baseball team.”

Attending community events also are on Hartley’s to-do list. Last week he went to Saginaw Valley State University where 170 Fenton kids were at band camp.

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**Superintendent
Adam Hartley**
Fenton Area Public Schools

“I was personally excited to see the parents, the teachers, 170 kids, school staff and more up there,” he said. “It’s a reflection of what Fenton is all about — excellence and family values.”

Hartley said it before, but is saying again, “My family and I are excited to be a part of such a quality school district and vibrant

community.”

A link to Hartley’s 100-day action plan can be found with this story at www.tctimes.com.

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SUMMER

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Poor air quality especially targets the elderly, active children and people with respiratory disorders.

According to the American Red Cross, the long, hot days of summer can bring dangerously high temperatures and offers these steps to stay safe when it's hot outside.

First, hot cars can be deadly. Never leave children or pets in your vehicle. The inside temperature of the car can quickly reach 120 degrees.

Other heat safety steps include:

- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.
- Avoid extreme temperature changes.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing. Avoid dark colors

SUMMARY

■ It may seem like it's been a long, hot summer, but in reality no records have yet been broken. Still, while the weather is hot and humid, it would be wise to heed some tips offered by the American Red Cross

because they absorb the sun's rays.

- Slow down, stay indoors and avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.
- Postpone outdoor games and activities.
- Use a buddy system when working in excessive heat. Take frequent breaks if working outdoors.

• Check on family, friends and neighbors who do not have air conditioning, who spend much of their time alone or who are more likely to be affected by the heat.

• Check on animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat. Make sure they have plenty of cool water.

• If someone doesn't have air conditioning, they should choose places to go to for

relief from the heat during the warmest part of the day.

HEAT EXHAUSTION

Excessive heat can lead to sunburn, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. If someone is experiencing heat cramps in the legs or abdomen, get them to a cooler place, have them rest, lightly stretch the affected muscle, and replenish their fluids with a half a glass (about 4 ounces) of cool water every 15 minutes.

If someone is exhibiting signs of heat exhaustion (cool, moist, pale or flushed skin, heavy sweating, headache, nausea, dizziness, weakness exhaustion), move them to a cooler place, remove or loosen tight clothing and spray the person with water or apply cool, wet clothes or towels to the skin. Fan the person.

If they are conscious, give small amounts of cool water to drink. Make sure the person drinks slowly. Watch for changes in condition. If the person refuses water, vomits or begins to lose consciousness, call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number.

HEAT STROKE LIFE-THREATENING

Signs include hot, red skin, which may be dry or moist; changes in consciousness; vomiting and high body temperature. Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number immediately if someone shows signs of heat stroke.

Move the person to a cooler place. Quickly cool the person's body by immersing them up to their neck in cold water if possible. Otherwise, douse or spray the person with cold water, or cover the person with cold, wet towels or bags of ice.

Sources: currentresults.com; redcross.org

CRYING

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Tears are important to maintain healthy eyes and eyesight, according to livescience.com.

Here's how they work:

Tear production is regulated by parts of the brainstem that's connected to areas of the hippocampus and basal ganglia, which are associated with strong emotion.

There are three types of tears, according to livescience.com — basal, reflex, and emotional.

Lacrimal glands produce these tears for different reasons.

Basal tears clean and lubricate the eyes when you blink.

If there's something irritating your eye, whether it's an eyelash or dirt, your body's first response will be to try to wash it out via lacrimation with reflex tears.

Humans cry when chopping onions because onions release a sulfur-based gas when cut. Once the gas reaches the coating on eyes, it forms sulfuric acid, which heavily irritates the eyes.

Your lacrimal glands try to clean our eyes by producing tears. If the gas disperses before it reaches your eyes, it won't irritate them.

Some websites suggest wearing goggles while chopping onions, or setting up a fan to blow away the gas so you don't cry.

Reflex tears happen unconsciously and involuntarily.

Tears triggered by emotions are called emotional tears, or psychic tears.

That lump in your throat

The lump you feel in your throat when you feel like you're going to cry isn't actually a lump at all.

When you get upset, your autonomic nervous system accelerates your breathing, as well as enlarges the glottis, which is the opening in your throat that allows air to pass from your larynx to your lungs.

Swallowing involves closing the glottis. When you try swallowing when you're upset, the enlarged glottis creates tension, which feels like a lump.

Source: mentalfloss.com

Humans are the only animals that cry tears of sadness. It's a nonverbal form of communication humans learn as babies. When a baby cries, his or her parents know something is wrong.

It's a myth that babies cry to manipulate their parents — they aren't yet capable of taking advantage of people in that way, according to livescience.com.

However, this changes as people age. Tears are often used to manipulate people.

Crying is an obvious sign of sadness or happiness in adults, a communication method that often encourages others to do the same.

It can invoke a lot of empathy and sympathy, but not all tears are genuine.

Crying a way to release strong emotion, and some studies have found that crying can make you feel better about a situation.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■ I WOULD LIKE to thank the wonderful city of Fenton workers who cleaned the sewer out in front of my house and did it the wrong way and pushed everything into my basement. They said 'oh sorry, we can't help you.' Thanks a lot, city of Fenton workers.

■■■ HON, YOU WILL never get over losing a loved one. I lost my grandma 15 years ago and I still think about her every day. God bless.

■■■ TRUMP SAYS THAT he made great sacrifice by making millions of dollars and employing thousands of people. I wonder if he counts the people he wiped out with his bankruptcies and Trump University.

■■■ FOR ALL THOSE young ladies infatuated because it's a possibility that

women might be president, I wish the King would do a profile on Hillary's past, the treasonous parts, the murders, the death, all these things from the Clinton years, it has to be staggering.

■■■ IT AMAZES ME how most all of the media makes Trump the bad guy and changes what he has said into something he never said.

■■■ WITH TERRORIST ATTACKS happening just about every day in Europe, I bet they wish they had not let all those millions of Muslim refugees in their countries. Hopefully we elect Trump before it's too late for us, and we end up just like Europe.

■■■ WHILE IT IS true Hillary has never been indicted, I would remind voters that Al Capone, America's most notorious gangster, was also never convicted for his crimes of murder, bootlegging, prostitution, gambling and racketeering.

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Amanda Connelly and Tiffany Valley relax between customer appointments at their new salon, Luscious Looks Hair & Spa in Fenton.

Luscious Looks Hair & Spa opens in Fenton

■ New salon strives to be an affordable spa destination

By Sally Rummel

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Luscious Looks Hair & Spa wants to be your affordable destination for looking and feeling your best.

Located at 2545 West Silver Lake Rd., Suite 5, next to the former Hicks Studio in Fenton, owners Amanda Connelly and Tiffany Valley opened their doors two months ago and are pleased with the community's response.

"Our goal is to be an affordable spa," said Connelly, a cosmetologist for the past 12 years. "A spa is usually a luxury. We want people to be able to come here and enjoy a variety of services."

The salon specializes in hair design and color, and also has an esthetician and massage therapist on staff. What sets them apart

from other salons are their low prices, after-hours private parties, and a child-friendly corner with a TV and toys. The host of any private party with six or more women receives a free package of services.

Open since June, the salon is already making a name for itself in the community, participating in the Freedom Festival Parade and Fenton's weekly Farmers Markets. "We're all from Fenton and graduated from Fenton High School," said Connelly.

Every Friday, a stylist from Luscious Looks goes into the community and takes care of senior citizens at local facilities.

Valley handles the business management of the salon.

Luscious Looks Hair & Spa is open seven days a week, with Sunday open by appointment only. To make an appointment, call (810) 519-8380. Walk-in customers are welcome.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TODAY, OBAMA COMMUTED sentences of 214 criminals, many who were sentenced to life in prison. This brings his total to over 560 and he, of course, is being the sole judge and jury.

■■■

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Times Sports

Holly football pleased with summer sessions

■ Holly's Bilbia optimistic about team's 2016 season

By David Troppens

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Holly — Peyton Bilbia knows a lot of people were pretty excited about the Holly varsity football team's progress last season.

After all, the squad went from a 0-9 squad in 2014 to posting a pretty respectable 5-4 regular season, earning a spot in the playoffs for the first time since 2011.

Entering his second season as a starter for the Bronchos, he has loftier goals. And from what he's seen this summer during conditioning sessions and 7-on-7 practices, he's pretty excited about what the Bronchos can do in 2016.

"I think we've been performing really well," Bilbia said about the Bronchos' summer sessions. "Our defense has been looking really sharp and the offense is getting there. We'll be there by the start of the season. I think it's been a really good summer."

The Bronchos saw their summer sessions come to an unofficial end on Aug.

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Holly's JD Landon catches a pass during a recent 7-on-7 held at Holly High School while competing against Lake Fenton.

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Greg Durkac (right) talks with linemen during a recent Linden football camp. Durkac is Linden High School's new athletic director.

Durkac beginning his AD tenure at Linden

By David Troppens

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Linden — Greg Durkac just couldn't see himself being retired.

So when Cathy North resigned the athletic director position at Linden High School at the end of the 2015-16 school year, he jumped on the opportunity to get involved once again.

After spending half of last year job shadowing North, Durkac is ready. He'll begin this school year as Linden's new Director of Athletics.

See **DURKAC** on 23A

Blue Devils ready to move on to the 'real' practices

By David Troppens

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Holly — Anyone who hasn't ever seen a 7-on-7 football session, may be a bit upset to see what they look like once they witness one.

Yes, there is throwing. Yes, there are defenders, receivers and a quarterback. But after that, a lot of what makes football, football is missing. There are no pads and no tackling. There are no offensive or defensive linemen (hence, why it's called 7-on-7) but there can be a sack. A sack happens when it's determined that the quarterback should've probably

already thrown the ball based on typical time a quarterback usually has to throw a ball. Maybe it's a count to three-Mississippi for those who remember counting that way during your playground days.

Once the ball is caught, rarely is anyone running in the end zone and doing a dance. If any defender is in the neighborhood, the play is quickly whistled dead. And even if a player breaks for a big gain, the other two teams practicing on the other half of

the field will keep the "gain" at a minimum.

A 7-on-7 practice looks more like a version of two-hand touch between friends in a parking lot. But, with the added emphasis on the passing games over the last couple of decades, pretty much every high school football team is doing their version of them. And for the months of June and July, that's what defines prep football. But anything that represents football, excites

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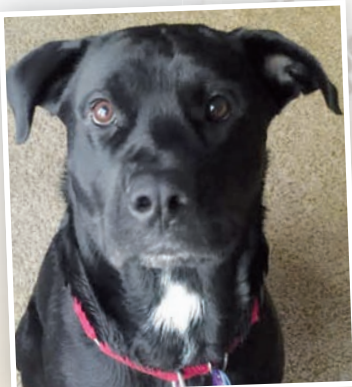
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Lake Fenton's Jackson Nevadomski prepares to throw a ball to Bryce Andres during a recent 7-on-7 practice at Holly High School.



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"I just retired from the military after 35 years and I live in the community," Durkac said. "I've been coaching here for years. I know a lot of these kids. I know these coaches. My wife teaches in the district. When the opportunity became available, I talked to the district and the leadership and asked them if they would consider me. I applied for the job and got it. It's pretty exciting."

Durkac will be more than the athletic director. He's currently a voluntary assistant coach on the varsity football team, teaching the linemen.

"I spent 35 years in the infantry training soldiers ... and it has been very rewarding," Durkac said. "I just don't see myself retiring sitting behind a desk. I enjoy being out there with all the different sports. I spend a lot of time with the different programs. I volunteered as a line coach. I told coach (Denny) Hopkins if he'd have me I'd certainly help out and he said, 'We'd love to have you help out.'"

"I am looking forward to the job."

Durkac, 53, played semipro football in Germany and was a Penn State University graduate in Industrial and Organizational Psychology in 1988. He received his Master's degree in Strategic Studies at the United States Army War College in 2011. He says his time in the military has prepared him well for the job. Many of his goals involve ideas he learned in the military.

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HOLLY

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28 with the final 7-on-7 practice of the summer at Holly High School. During the sessions, the Bronchos have many squads from teams around the state bring their skill position players on offense and their back seven on defense to work on the passing game. It's a good way to get players to learn routes on offense or to learn their coverages while playing on defense.

However, the sessions aren't truly football. Players are wearing shorts and t-shirts, and the only protection they wear is the football helmet. Plays end right when contact is about to be made. Still, 7-on-7 sessions have become a necessary evil for all programs since most prep teams are competing in them weekly. In recent summers, Holly has hosted many teams on most Thursday nights in June and July. Bilbia said the sessions are important, as are some of the other sessions players may spend together during the summer.

"There's a lot of lifting and a lot of workouts," Bilbia said. "We've done a lot of crazy work outs. We've been doing conditioning and getting ready for the season because we are going to be in the best shape possible. That's how we are going to win games, being in the best shape."

"I think (7-on-7s help). It's not like actual football but it is work. I'm very excited to get (regular practices) started. I think we are all very excited about the season."

The Bronchos do have reason to be excited. Holly will be returning just

DEVILS

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Lake Fenton's Bryce Andres.

"We come out here to Holly every Thursday night," Andres said. "I like it because we get a chance to compete. But we are definitely excited to put the pads on for the regular season."

"We've done really well. It is fun coming out here and having fun," Lake Fenton senior Andrew Foerster said. "We are learning a lot and competing hard."

"They went well," Lake Fenton varsity football coach Eric Doyle said when asked about the team's summer during the squad's final 7-on-7 practice of the season on July 27. "I don't put a lot of stock into it. It's not my favorite thing to do, but it's a necessary evil. It's good to get the kids thinking about football, make them make football plays and stuff like that. It's been a pretty good summer from that standpoint."

The 7-on-7 practices can have other benefits. For example, it's a great experience for rookie quarterbacks to get a chance to "get their feet wet" with the varsity offensive systems. For example, it's expected Lake Fenton's starting QB from a year ago, Trent Hillger, won't be playing that position this year. He'll probably remain in the backfield, but in a running back position. That means JV quarterback Jackson Nevadomski has a good chance to be the starting varsity quarterback this fall for the Blue Devils. He had an outstanding season last year, helping lead the JV squad to an undefeated season, but that was the JV level. Now on a weekly basis, he's learning the varsity



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Bryce Andres (right) makes a catch and works to run upfield during a recent 7-on-7 session at Holly High School.

playbook and the varsity skill position players around him. During the final 7-on-7 some of those weapons Nevadomski threw to included Bryce Andres, Matt Tomczyk, Jarrett Trombley and Liam King. He looked impressive on the deep balls. Meanwhile, Lake Fenton's speed at each position was pretty impressive.

"We have some weapons," Doyle said. "We are going to be able to mix it up. I know you hear that from me every year, but if you watch (Nevadomski) throw the football we know we are going to be able to do some things. We have

more than a kid who can throw it. We have some kids who can catch as well. We are going to have some fun. We are going to be fun to watch for sure."

The last 7-on-7 hosted by Holly included tri-county squads Holly and Lake Fenton. Other schools also included were Byron, Goodrich, Beecher and Bloomfield Hills. Teams spend play one squad at a time with each spending a given amount of time on offense and on defense.

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Paris Partee (left) jumps and stretches to catch a ball during a recent 7-on-7 scrimmage at Holly High School.

about everyone on offense and a good chunk of their defense back this fall. So, improving upon last year's 5-5 overall mark looks very possible.

"I think we are a better team this year than we were last year," Bilbia said. "I think we are all better position-wise. I think we have more depth and more talent overall."

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