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, unplated, uninsured vehicles.

See HOARDING on 15A

Taste in Fenton draws thousands

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.

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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 Chief, Adam Hartley.

See SHERIFF on 19A

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.

See COMMISSIONER on 18A

Hard working man.

Ronald Reagan said it best when asked what the difference was between the Republicans and the Democrats. He replied, “the Republicans represent the hard working man, the Democrats represent the men that are hardly working.”

You lazy, indifferent non-voters are why we elect the morons that we do. Look at the turnout percentage, it’s embarrassing. It’s not just a right, it’s an obligation. Vote!

Same old election. Same old bureaucratic free-loaders running for the same old office. The only way to free ourselves from this lucasy is to vote out all incumbents. Wake up, you are destroying our city, town and state.”

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Fall enrollment now open. Classes start September 6th.
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.

Hear SCIENCE on 14A
Increasing voter turnout could be easy

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

For you English majors like me, that’s roughly 2.4 million votes. (If 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, 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 about anything, let alone 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 thus makes the wrong choice. That’s why I’m an independent 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.

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-duper gun 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 solider 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 Fire Station 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 not 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?

See HOT LINE throughout Times

How do you feel about the election results?

“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
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 Hy-Att 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 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.”

**Summary**

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

**Golden Buffet**

LUNCH • 11:00am - 3:30pm
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DINNER • 4:00pm - close
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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.

“Civil 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.

“One 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.”

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 $68,788 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

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SUMMARY

Civil forfeiture allows law enforcement to take your cash or car if they believe it was obtained illegally — without first proving guilt.

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

Rick Aro
Fenton police chief
What young people worry about

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

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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.

Shawna Spencer, 23, a 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, a bachelor’s degree in English from Western Michigan University is 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 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 even more but coastal cities continue to decline and young people will still be anxious about their future 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, a 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, a 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 sexual identity,” she said.

“Recently millennials had to become their own catalysts to overcome these 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.

“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.
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Assoc. Pastor Mike Anderson
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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, averaging 88 and low of 75 degrees Fahrenheit. Rainfall amounts were low enough that even barbecue grills requiring lighter fluid, gas-powered lawn mowers and commercial trucks will be increased by 20 percent on Jan. 1, 2017, registration fees to be hiked 20 percent.

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Wood driving, not record broken

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.

Village of Holly public hearing on proposed ordinance #443
NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Village of Holly Council will hold a public hearing to receive written and verbal comments from citizens regarding proposed ordinance #443, Non-Discrimination in the Village of Holly, on August 23, 2016 at 7:00 pm during the regular Council meeting located in the Village Council Chambers located at 920 E. Baird Street, Karl Richter Center, and Holly, MI. The full text of the proposed ordinance is available at Village Offices located at 300 East Street, Karl Richter Center, Holly, MI or on our website at www.hollyvillage.org.

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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Taste in Fenton draws thousands, despite heat

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 bounce houses while parents stood in the shade, trying to escape the heat.

Some even went 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.”

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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.

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.
**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 so full, every room, top to bottom, that there was no pathway through any door.

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

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

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

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.

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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 marshals, 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 in March of 2004 on federal indictments charging them with conspiracy to distribute more than 50 grams of crack cocaine.

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1972: 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 border 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.”

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Some races decided on Aug. 2

By Vera Hogan
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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 Bladzik = 5,815
Graves and Bladzik will face each other in the November General Election.

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Rep. Bob Kleven = 1,355
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Rep. Glen Noble = 354
Rep. Marline Cartens = 255
Rep. Phil Allmen = 128
Rep. Teresa Blaska = 356
Rep. Glen Noble = 354

Holly Township Clerk
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 Library
Holly Township Library
Yes = 1,005
No = 290

Holly Township Parks and Rec.
Holly Township Parks and Rec.
Yes = 964
No = 322

GENESEE COUNTY
GENESEE COUNTY
Genesee County Sheriff
Genesee County Sheriff
Dem. Robert Pickell (inc.) = 24,590
Dem. Dan Allen = 18,009
Rep. Matthew Krol = 10,683
Pickell and Krol will face other in the November General Election

Genesee County Commissioner, 6th District
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
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)
Argentine Township Trustees (2)
Dem. Teresa Ciesielski (inc.) = 295
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
Mott Community College
Yes = 37,252
No = 21,993

Genesee District Library
Genesee District Library
Yes = 35,547
No = 15,281

LIVINGSTON COUNTY
LIVINGSTON COUNTY
Tyrone Township Trustees (4)
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.

Tyrone Township Treasurer
Tyrone Township Treasurer
Rep. Richard Kinnamon = 286
Rep. Soren Pedersen (inc.) = 474
Rep. Cam Gonzalez (inc.) = 449
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Robert Pickell is the winner and will serve as Holly Township Parks and Recreation director for the next four years.

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 Election. 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 Flint Board of Education.

“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 want to be that voice,” he added. “I plan to give the constituents the representation they deserve, and I will promise 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 back-biting, the public good over political pandering,” said Ponzetti. “Moving forward toward November, I’m looking forward to speaking more with folks regarding ways to move the district and Genesee County forward.”

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.

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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 Committee’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 Kroli 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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Superintendent
Adam Hartley
Fenton Area Public Schools

We were fortunate enough to get some time with Superintendent Adam Hartley. He talked about his work this summer and how he’s looking to the future.

“My family and I are excited to be a part of such a quality school district and vibrant community,” he said.

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

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 Coving-ton 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 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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“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.”

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Community

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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 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.
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**HEAT EXHAUSTION**

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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, vomiting or begins to lose consciousness, call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number. If someone with heat exhaustion refuses water, vomits or begins to lose consciousness, call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number.

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

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**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 cornea in your 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 won’t cry.

Reflux tears happen unconsciously and involuntarily. Tears triggered by emotions are called emotional tears, or psychic tears.

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.

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

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**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

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**That lump in your throat**

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**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.

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

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.

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

Holly football pleased with summer sessions

**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.

See **HOLLY** on 23A

Durkac beginning his AD tenure at Linden

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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.

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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 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 knew 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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Durkac 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 playbook and the varsity skill position players around him. During the final 7-on-7 some of those weapons Neva- domski threw to included Bryce Andres, Matt Tomczyk, Jarrett Trombley and Liam King. He looked impressive on the deep balls. Meanwhile, Lake Fen ton’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 pay one squad at a time with each spending a given amount of time on offense and on defense.

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 and 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 the 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 outside the holiday.

“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.”

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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 and 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 the 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.

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