

\$5,000 reward for information on murder of jogger

■ Investigators have received more than 50 tips from public

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The Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) has offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the death of Al-

exandra Brueger.

Brueger, 31, was shot and killed while running in the vicinity of 11240 Fish Lake Road in Rose Township shortly after 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 30.

“While investigators have
See REWARD on 20A



SUMMARY

■ The Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for killing Alexandra Brueger, 31, of Rose Township. Tips can be reported 24/7 to the Michigan State Police at (855) MICH-TIP.

“Even if you think your information is unimportant or that someone else may have already reported what you know, please contact investigators.”

F/Lt. Michael Shaw
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Children saved from hot car

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Two small children, ages 2 years and 4 months, were rushed to the hospital Thursday afternoon, after police say they were locked in a car for about 30 minutes at Georgetown Park Apartments in Fenton.

According to Fenton Police Lt. Jason Slater, two brothers were leaving their apartment when an elderly woman approached them and asked for help to unlock her vehicle.

See CHILDREN on 11A

Police release name of man found dead in lake

■ Cause of death has not yet been determined

By Hannah Ball

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Police have released the identity of the man who was found on Lobdell Lake at the 16000 Block Oak Hill Drive on Monday, Aug. 15

Argentine Township Police Chief Daniel Allen said Robert Lee Stevens, 61, was from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was found by a male and female riding a personal watercraft just before 12 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15.

He was floating face down wearing a swimsuit and socks and shoes. While he was found in the water, the cause of death has not yet been determined.

Allen said they'll know the manner of death after they get the toxicology report.

See NAME on 17A

Local bands tuning up for football season



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The Lake Fenton High School marching band's first game is Aug 26. Here, 160 students sweat through a muggy Thursday night practice, led by director Ryan Gonder. Percussionists (from left) are: Nathan Kopicko, Ryan Paull and Lauren Kieffer.

See story in the August 24, 2016 Midweek edition of the Times

Flint man dies after freak accident on US 23, Owen Road ramp

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Fenton Police, fire and STAT EMS tend to the injured man on the U.S. 23 North ramp Thursday afternoon. He later died from his injuries.

■ Run over by trailer while helping driver pull off road

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At about 12:10 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18, Fenton Police were called to the northbound Owen Road ramp to U.S. 23 where a pedestrian was reportedly run over by a utility trailer.

According to Lt. Jason Slater, the victim is a 75-year-old Flint male. The driver is a 51-year-old

See ACCIDENT on 10A



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COMMENT
OF THE WEEK

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School year has already begun for many teachers

By Sally Rummel

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While the rest of us are soaking up the last few weeks of summer, many area teachers are getting a head start in their classrooms before students return to school on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Sonja Brooks teaches first and second grade at State Road Elementary in Fenton. She's been spending lots of time getting things ready, even though teachers can't officially get into their classrooms until Monday, Aug. 22 because of school cleaning schedules.

"There's so much to do," said Brooks, who has been teaching since 2005. "Teaching has so many 'layers' to it, from getting your classroom ready to lesson planning, inputting class lists, etc."

She's experimenting with flexible seating arrangements in her classroom, so she has been looking for donated furniture — from sofas and tables to comfortable chairs.

Brooks said she works better when she can sit on the floor.

"That's where I always grade papers," she said. "Last year, I had kids who chose to stand at standing tables to do their work, while others do better with a big pillow on the floor. I assign kids to a desk at the beginning of the year, then slowly release them to choose where they'll sit and work. As their teacher, I always have the option to relocate them."

Officially, teachers in the Fenton school district go back to work the week before school starts.

"We have one day to work in our classrooms, and the rest of the time is spent in staff meetings, professional development and our open house," said Brooks.

She has never had school too far away from her mind, because she has been tutoring students all summer, and teaching Summer Reading Camp for kids who need a little extra help.

SUMMARY

■ Many teachers are starting to get ready for the school year by making lesson plans, readying their classrooms and preparing for their students' first day of school on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

“You never really let school go when you're a teacher.”

Sonja Brooks

First and second grade teacher at State Road Elementary

"You never really let go of school when you're a teacher," said Brooks. "We're always sharing information, texting ideas, etc."

Christine King, a kindergarten teacher at Patterson Elementary in Holly, has been working in her classroom sporadically throughout July and August.

"I like to come in early; it's more productive," she said.

On Monday, Aug. 22 she'll be getting together with the other two kindergarten teachers, a Young 5s teacher and preschool teacher to determine who will be in each of the three

incoming kindergarten classes.

"We base it on what will be the best fit for each child," she said. "I'm thinking I will have about 25 students this year, compared to 27 last year."

See **TEACHERS** on 14A



What local teachers earn

All area school districts negotiate their teacher salaries based on a scale taking education, experience and years in the district into account. The average teacher salary in the tri-county area, based on two statistics from two districts, is \$62,191. Here are the highest and lowest paid teacher salaries in each district:

Fenton Area Public Schools

- **Entry-level teacher:** \$37,079 (with bachelor's degree and no prior experience)
- **Highest paid teacher:** \$76,959 (with most experience and master's degree)

Linden Community Schools

- **Entry-level teacher:** \$36,318
- **Highest paid teacher:** \$73,630 (with 40 years of experience and master's degree)

Lake Fenton Community Schools

- **Entry-level teacher:** \$39,070 (with bachelor's degree and no prior experience)
- **Highest paid teacher:** \$83,000 (with a doctorate, significant years of experience when hired and 16 years in the district)

Holly Area Schools

- **Entry-level teacher:** \$36,218 (with bachelor's degree and no prior experience)
- **Highest paid teacher:** \$76,165 (with 30 years of experience and master's degree)

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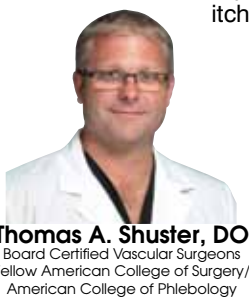
Holly Patterson Elementary kindergarten teacher Christine King's room is nearly finished, as of this week. She said that because her building was finished being cleaned, she was able to start ahead of some other schools. Fenton teachers haven't been able to start yet. She estimates she spent 50 hours preparing her room. (Right) King prepares assessment folders for her students.



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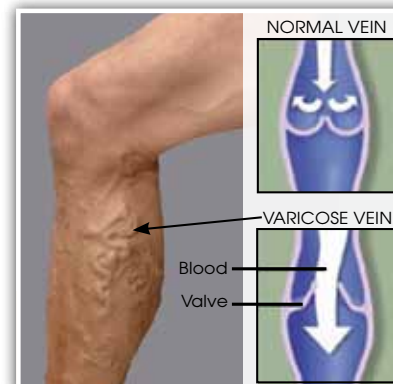


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English language abusers annoy ‘The Grammar Phantom’

For the last 20 years or so, my ridiculously judgmental and inevitably correct alter ego — The Grammar Phantom — has fought a lonely battle to expose and shame those who mangle the language, both written and spoken, including but not limited to:

First degree apostrophe abusers — These are the people — bless their illiterate souls — who simply cannot figure out when to use and when not to



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

use apostrophes, so they use them randomly, or not at all, and hope they get it right, which they seldom do.

For instance, “Joes Taco’s,” which was an honest to gosh sign spotted and reported to

the Grammar Phantom years ago by one of his sidekicks, who are known collectively as The Apostrophes. Joes Taco’s is brilliant in that it illustrates — in two short words — both of the major abuses routinely suffered by the poor apostrophe, which never did anything to anybody. If you can’t identify both abuses, the Grammar Phantom weeps for you.

Cutesy spellers — For instance, florists who spell the word bouquet phonetically, making it “bokay.” The Grammar Phantom cannot tell you how much that bothers him. He literally can’t because if he were to attempt to his head would explode out of sheer frustration, and no one needs little bits of Grammar Phantom gray matter all over them.

Suffice it to say the Grammar Phantom will never buy the lovely yet formidable Marcia a “bokay” because she, too, thinks willful ignorance in pursuit of folksiness is “stoopid.”

Syllable splitters — Take the word mitten. You and I would say it just like that — mitten. Millennials, however, will more often than not pronounce it mitt-EN, almost like it’s two words instead of one. They do this with many words with short last syllables, making it sound like English is not their native tongue. Why, no one knows. But the Grammar Phantom (who by the way lives near a town called Burt-EN) suspects they were

dropped on their heads as children. Or they know it irritates people over the age of 40. Maybe both.

None of these garden variety abuses, however, are what roused the Grammar Phantom to life after several years of inaction. What did stir him to rise, ride and criticize once again was, oddly enough, a string of texts with his teenage daughter.

The Grammar Phantom had texted her to ask when she would be home and her reply was “by nine,” to which the Grammar Phantom responded “k,” meaning OK. (The Grammar Phantom is OK with language abuse when it comes to not looking like a total dork in front of his daughter.)

To which she replied, “are you mad at me?”

To which the Grammar Phantom, puzzled, replied, “No, why?”

To which she replied, “Cuz you said k instead of kk”

To which he replied, “So?”

To which she replied, “In texts one k means you’re angry two kks says you’re cool with it”

To which he replied, “It does? Really???”

To which she replied with a smiley face and the words “and stop using punctuation, too, no one does that in texts”

The Grammar Phantom is sorry, but he thinks both of those things are plain stupid.

Or should he say “stoopid?”

Hotlines

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WEDNESDAY’S ARTICLE ON stopping cell phone robo calls was spot on. Call that number and they will stop. Can you put that online? Thanks Times.

I REMEMBER WHEN Fenton was a nice little town where graft and favoritism didn’t exist, where businesses paid their own way, and where the will of the residents and taxpayers dictated Fenton’s future. Now those were the good ole’ days.

FIVE MEN HAVE died lately who were on the Clintons’ hit list. Seth Rich, Shawn Lucas, John Ashe, Victor Thorn and one other. One was going to testify but was shot in his driveway at 4:15 a.m. Will the Clintons ever be challenged?

THE DONALD IS proving he is the best friend Hillary has ever had. His mouth is giving the presidency to her.

BASH GOV. SNYDER all you want, history will prove him as Michigan’s best governor in the last 50 years. Stop whining about taxes on your retirement, it is income just like any other paycheck. Unlike Granholm, Snyder’s gas tax will actually go toward fixing roads. Thanks Rick, keep it up.

WHAT IS THE purpose of turning over taxes anyway? A good businessperson reinvests his money and has deductions for doing so. Reinvestments make jobs. I don’t care what Trump made or paid in

taxes. He wants to make America strong again and I would very much like to see this.

JUST REPORTED IN the news that Aetna is pulling out of many markets with regard to the Affordable Care Act. This is on the heels of other insurance carriers pulling out because they cannot make any money.

TO THE PERSON who commented on Trump stating Mexico sends their rapists and murderers here. They do. Mexican authorities tell them — go to jail or leave this country.

POLITIFACT PRESENTS THE greatest liars in the 2016 Presidential election. When someone is a serial liar, a few months is insignificant. Check the lies each has said since 1993 to the present. That is much greater than 29 percent.

THE BIGGEST FAÇADE in Fenton is the DDA. It should be renamed the WFCBOA instead. It’s the Welfare For Certain Business Owners Association.

THIS MORNING I did the Sgt. Patrick O’Rourke 5.5K run/walk. What a fantastic event and for such great causes. I hope this is an annual event and that it doubles in size.

HILLARY CLINTON WAS voted in as a senator in New York because she told them she would bring jobs into upper New York State. She failed and you think she is going to bring job growth to the whole United States. Think again. Do you want what we currently have under a Democrat or do you want progress such as we had with Reagan, under a Republican?

VOTING FOR HILLARY just because I’m a woman is sexist, not pro-feminist. Feminists want equal rights and equal pay for equal hard work. I do not want to take money away from hard-working people and give it to freeloaders. Go Trump.

IF YOU LIVE in Shore Acres home sites, there are parks dedicated for your use within the plat. Call Fenton Township at (810) 629-1537 to find out if you have that right.

SORRY, HILLARY CLINTON doesn’t give a damn about women’s advancement, she only cares about power.

WHOEVER SAID THERE were no police at the DNC must not have watched the DNC. The chiefs of police from Philadelphia and Dallas, and another retired chief from Philadelphia all gave speeches.

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What task would you rather have done by a robot?



“I think if it could be the dishes from start to finish, such as from loading the dishes in the dishwasher all the way to drying the dishes. It is such a gross task.”

— Alyssa Deits
Fenton



“It would probably be grocery shopping. I am not a fan of it because it takes too much time.”

— Brita Witalo
Fenton



“To make my bed. I am not very fond of doing that.”

— Paul Adams
Fenton



“Probably dishwashing; they tend to pile up and I never want to do the dishes.”

— Shane McFray
Fenton



“I would say to drive me wherever I need to go.”

— Thomas Messenger
Fenton

streettalk

Are robots taking over our jobs?



Experts say 45 percent of manufacturing tasks will be handled by artificial intelligence by 2025

By Vera Hogan

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Whether robots and other artificial intelligence are taking away human jobs depends on the job – for now.

Experts say jobs are slowly beginning to disappear, a trend that is likely not to change.

Take the self-checkout lanes at local and Genesee County grocery stores. They've been around for several years.

Allowing customers to check through their own grocery items, pay for them by depositing cash or a credit/debit card into the machine, then bag up their stuff and leave is supposed to be a convenience. Right? Or is it because each of those machines has replaced a human cashier, to whom no one has to pay a salary or benefits.

There are some glitches though. Try to pay for your groceries with a \$100 bill, or buy a fifth of Scotch and see how fast a cashier comes along.

Are fast food restaurants next with automated meal service? There are any number of things that could go wrong with this scenario, so a human manager (or computer expert) will likely still be on hand for "glitches" – especially for the Sunday morning breakfast lineup.

Some artificial intelligence is good though, making the work of many professionals much easier. Having a computer with readily available internet, specialized software programs and email is already a must-have for most jobs.

Experts are warning that skilled jobs will soon start disappearing because of the rise of artificial intelligence. But not so, say some skilled trades professionals.

The job isn't disappearing, it is just changing – and for some, changing for the better.

Accountants are among those enjoying modern technology. Penny Fausey, an accountant in Fenton for nearly 37 years, is one of them.

"Technology has made an amazing difference," said Fausey. "We are able to assist our clients much faster and much more accurate than ever before. As a bookkeeper in the late '80s, I was required to do everything in ink in hugely heavy ledger books. When I started in public accounting, I fortunately went to work for a firm that was computerized but we still had to do several things manually — but at least we could use pencils."

Fausey's team became an online service around 2005.

"We can handle needs of any client from anywhere as long as we have internet access," she said.

The ability to have employees work from

home and work remotely from anywhere in the world while on vacation is an advantage afforded to many professions. Email and texting allows professionals to stay in real time contact with clients, Fausey said.

See **ROBOTS** on 16A

ONLINE
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Vending machines were first to take away 'human' jobs

With this article at:
www.tctimes.com

Could you lose your job to robots?

Here are some examples of jobs most at risk: Administrative staff, manual workers, data processing jobs.

Bank of America estimated that there's a 90 percent risk or more of the following being replaced: Tour guides, bakers, butchers, pharmacy technicians, insurance sales agents, retail salespersons, tax collectors, telemarketers, accountants and clerks.

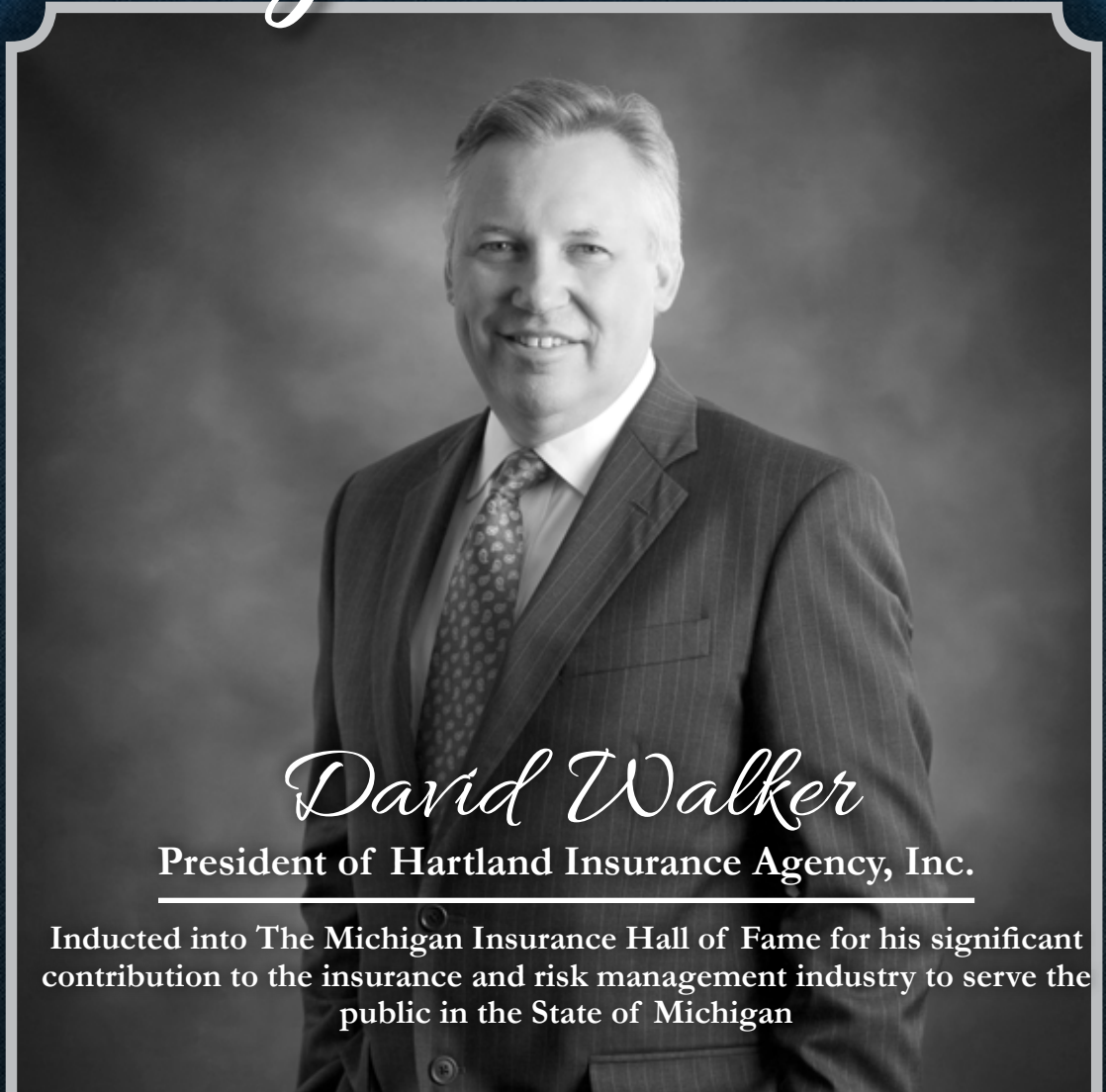
At the other end of the spectrum are professions such as physicians, psychologists and clergy.

Jobs that require empathy, intuition and lots of social interaction are least likely to be threatened by technology.

They include mental healthcare workers, social workers, police and detectives, teachers and artists.

(Source: money.cnn.com)

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School year extended by five days

■ Students must be in school for at least 180 days starting in 2016-2017

By Hannah Ball
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Some local students will be in school for an equivalent of five days longer this school year. This state mandate will put Michigan on par with the rest of the country by increasing the amount of days from 175 to 180, starting with the 2016-2017 school year.

Michigan schools are required to have a minimum of 1,098 hours of instruction time for students, and now they have five extra days to fit that in.

School districts can choose how they wish to add the days, whether it's adding days or hours.

Some school districts have gotten a waiver to start earlier than Labor Day. Others have extended their school year further into June.

If schools don't comply with the mandate, they will end up forfeiting money from their total state aid allocation.

Here's what local school districts are doing:

Holly

Holly Superintendent Dave Nuss said they'll be adding eight additional days of instruction because of the state mandate.

"I view additional days of instruction as a significant benefit to teaching and learning. Any additional instruction time is welcomed," he said.

The additional days will be added with fewer three-day weekends, a day less for

Christmas break, and days were added to the end of the year.

"Rather than counting days, I'd like to see a serious effort put toward a balanced, year round, calendar to eliminate the summer loss of information learned," he said.

Nuss said teachers' salaries were not impacted because of the new requirement.

Lake Fenton

Superintendent Wayne Wright said they had 176 days of school last year so they added four days to their schedule this year.

"Several years back we were required to have 180 student days and the state relaxed the requirement so students only needed to be in session for 1,098 hours of instruction," he said. "I feel the extra days are a positive step forward."

“I view additional days of instruction as a significant benefit to teaching and learning. Any additional instruction time is welcomed.”

Dave Nuss
Holly Area Schools superintendent

Linden

According to Linden Superintendent Russ Ciesielski, Linden students were already in class for 180 days for the 2015-2016 school year and they will not be adding any additional time.

"I do feel that more instructional time is a benefit to our students. The extra time equals extra opportunity," he said.

Fenton

Fenton Area Public School students were also in class for 180 days last school year.

"The key is to make sure the time spent with students is both purposeful and meaningful," said Superintendent Adam Hartley.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■ ■ ■
I'VE BEEN VOTING over 30 years. In all those years, the very highest voter participation was in the low 20 percent. It would be wonderful if we could have a turnout over 50 percent of the eligible electorate vote. That event would cause career politicians to shake in their shoes for the next election.

■ ■ ■
WE'VE NEVER SAID Trump doesn't have the characteristics to be a politician, we're saying he doesn't have the characteristics

to be president. If he owned a professional football team, would you want someone who only played touch football in grade school paying your quarterback? I don't think so.

■ ■ ■
ANOTHER CORNERSTONE BUILDING, another eyesore and more problems with parking. Don't do it, city of Fenton.

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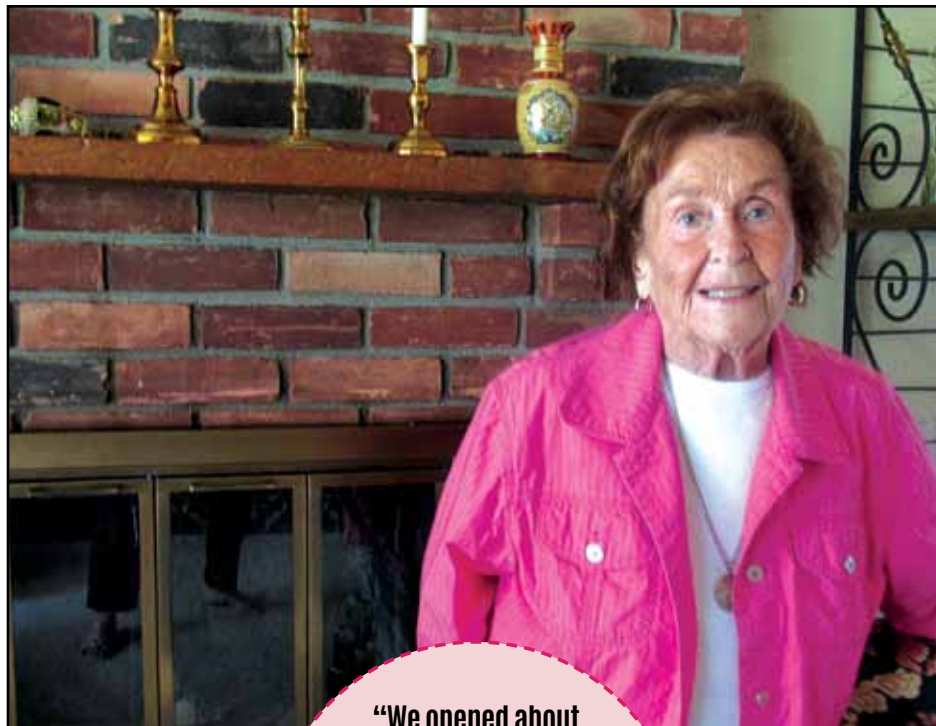
By Sally Rummel

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Marge Kimble, a youthful 92 years young, still resides in the town where she was born in 1924, and wouldn't want to live anywhere else. This is where she and her husband, Ralph, raised their family, son Joe, who lives in Okemos and daughter Karen, who lives in Livonia. Her grandson is a gastroenterologist and her granddaughter is an actress in San Francisco, California. She also has three great-granddaughters. Kimble still lives in the house she and Ralph built in Linden 53 years ago.

Where were you raised in Linden?

Our family lived on West Broad Street.



"We opened about the same time that Sam Walton opened his chain of stores (Walmart), but I think he made a little more money than we did."

Marge Kimble
Whom many call the
'matriarch of Linden'

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SALLY RUMMEL

Marge Kimble still lives in the home she shared with her husband Ralph, who passed away 19 years ago.

My father built Linden's first car dealership for GM (General Motors) in 1927, in the building where the Coney Island restaurant is now. In 1928, we moved to West Silver Lake Road.

How did you meet your husband, Ralph?

At Linden High School, on the debate team. We had 21 students in our class. He graduated in '38 and I graduated in '41. He was just lots of fun, and had tons of ambition in life. When he graduated in '38, he had no money for college, so he borrowed

money from his brother and opened Kimble's Cut Rate. It was like a drug store, but he wasn't a pharmacist so he couldn't sell drugs. He sold face creams, newspapers, candy, etc. It was a big hangout for kids. He had a terrific work ethic, always for someone else. When the war came in '41, he knew he'd be in the service, so he sold his business in the spring of '42.

What did you do during the war?

I was 18 years old when I went to work at the defense plant in Fenton. I did bookkeeping and payroll. We got married in '43 and moved to California, then Texas, where Ralph was stationed. Our son, Joe was born in July of '45, and the war ended in August.

How did you get started in business in Linden?

Soon after the war, we bought a men's clothing store in Linden and grew it into a small-town department store, Kimble's Clothing. We ran that from 1945 until 1958. We also ran the Ben Franklin Store from 1952 to 1956. We opened about the same time that Sam Walton opened his chain of stores (Walmart), but I think he made a

little more money than we did. In 1958, we sold our clothing store to Mike Murphy and in 1960, we started in the manufacturer's rep business.

It sounds like you were a businesswoman in a man's world at the time.

Another woman and I were the first women manufacturer's reps in the gift and china business in Michigan. We weren't the women pouring coffee and helping their husbands at trade shows; we were the ones carrying briefcases and working in sales. My territory was Ann Arbor, Birmingham and Detroit. Ralph covered the west side of the state. The 1970s were our busiest years, but even then, we were still very much involved in Linden.

What was the biggest thing you believe happened to Linden?

Definitely when Linden became a city in 1988; it was our town's turning point. Ralph was one of the Linden councilors who was instrumental in forming a committee to make this happen. He wanted Linden to be an independent city apart from Fenton Township.

What has been the biggest tragedy in Linden during your lifetime?

The fire that burned down Union Block. I cried for two days. I said it couldn't be re-built in my lifetime. I hope that this land will be developed in the future, in keeping with the rest of the town.

What do you like most about Linden?

It's home. Linden is the town Ralph loved so much, too, so I carry on this legacy. It's typical small-town USA, where people care about each other and look out for one another. I used to know who lived in every single home here. I still go to the same church I was born into, Linden Presbyterian.

Where have you traveled?

Ralph and I used to have a home near Gatlinburg, Tennessee and a place up north, south of Alpena. He didn't care to travel that much, but always urged me to go. I went on a 35-day trip to Japan, China and India, plus Singapore and Europe. The Hummel Company took us to Germany twice, when we sold their figurines.

What is something most people don't know about you?

I'm a big Tigers fan. I also love basketball, especially college basketball. I'd sit right in that chair with my book or my knitting and watch.

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Michigan third-graders at risk of being held back



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Michigan students take the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) every year. The test was enforced in the 2014-2015 school year.

■ Potential new law will require higher reading proficiency

By Hannah Ball

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Michigan's education system has been falling in the ranks in multiple subjects, and is expected to fall even more, according to a report by an education research and policy organization called The Education Trust-Midwest.

The report states that "Data suggests Michigan's K-12 education system is witnessing a systemic failure. ... Michigan is on its way to becoming ranked among the worst education states in the country, even worse than traditionally abysmal states such as Mississippi and Nevada."

By collecting data from the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NEAP), which is an exam given to a representative sample of students in each state, the organization found that Michigan has fallen in the ranks in fourth- and eighth-grade reading and math levels.

Fourth-grade reading levels are tested because of the importance placed on being proficient in reading by the end of third grade.

In 2003, Michigan was ranked 28th in fourth-grade reading, but fell to 41st in 2015. In fourth-grade math, Michigan dropped from 27th in 2003 to 42nd in 2015.

In eighth-grade reading, Michigan dropped from 27th in 2003 to 31st in 2015. Finally, in eighth-grade math, Michigan dropped in the ranks from 34th in 2003 to 38th in 2015.

The report found that all Michigan students have been experiencing this decline, including white, African American, and Latino students, since 2013. White students have shown a decline in education performance since 2013 on a national level.

However, local schools regularly score better than state averages.

Lake Fenton Superintendent Wayne Wright said Lake Fenton, Fenton, and Linden score similarly and are ranked at the top of the county.

"I feel we are providing a very good education to the students at Lake Fenton. Our standardized test scores are always very good and our students continually score in the upper level of the county," he said.

Linden Interim Superintendent Russ Ciesielski said he's not sure the report is an accurate representation of our local schools.

"Linden teachers put a great deal of time and effort into creating a positive learning environment for our students,"

See **READING** on 11A

Local test results

Here's how local elementary school students scored on the M-STEP for the 2014-2015 school year.

Fenton Area Public Schools

North Road Elementary fourth-graders in Fenton were 49.4 percent proficient in math. The same students scored 54.5 percent proficient in English Language Arts (ELA).

At **State Road Elementary**, 67.5 percent of fourth-grade students were proficient in ELA, and 54.8 percent were proficient in math.

Fourth-grade students at **Tomek-Eastern Elementary** were 50.6 percent proficient in math, and 60 percent proficient in ELA.

In **eighth grade**, Fenton students were 24 percent proficient in math, and 57 percent proficient in ELA.

Lake Fenton Community Schools

At Lake Fenton, 48 percent of fourth-grade students scored proficient in math, and 64.7 percent proficient in ELA.

Approximately 57 percent of **eighth-graders** at Lake Fenton scored proficient in ELA, and 35.5 percent proficient in math.

Linden Community Schools

In Linden at **Central Elementary**, 57.1 percent of fourth graders are proficient in math, and 57.1 percent are proficient in ELA.

At **Hyatt Elementary**, 40.9 percent of fourth grade students are proficient in ELA, and 36.8 percent are proficient in math.

At **Linden Elementary**, 29.3 percent of fourth graders are proficient in math, and 44.8 percent are proficient in ELA.

At the **middle school**, 61.8 percent of eighth graders are proficient in ELA, and 28.2 percent are proficient in math.

Holly Area Schools

In Holly at **Davisburg Elementary**, 26.8 percent of fourth graders are proficient in math, and 41.5 percent are proficient in ELA.

At **Holly Elementary**, 37.3 percent of fourth graders are proficient in ELA, and 27.6 percent are proficient in math.

At **Patterson Elementary**, 32.9 percent of fourth graders are proficient in math, and 40 percent are proficient in ELA.

At **Holly Middle School**, 40.2 percent of eighth grade students are proficient in ELA, and 13.1 percent are proficient in math.

State averages

Local schools are close to statewide averages.

Approximately 46.6 percent of Michigan fourth grade students are proficient in ELA, and 41.4 percent are proficient in math.

In eighth grade classrooms across the state, 47.6 percent of students are proficient in ELA, and 32.2 percent are proficient in math.

Source: mischooldata.org

“Our standardized test scores are always very good and our students continually score in the upper level of the county.”

Wayne Wright

Lake Fenton superintendent

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The County Times

Local fishing club seeing success

Two teens advance to regional competition in Indiana

By Grant Cislo

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Local fisherman Mitch Straffon, 13, who attends Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School Middle School, had a successful outing at the The Bass Federation (TBF) Jr. Nationals for the 11-15 year old age group. Mitch finished seventh in the nation out of the 38 anglers that competed. Mitch also managed to reel in the big fish

for the day weighing in at 6 lbs., 4 oz. The TBF Jr. Nationals was held at Lake Guntersville, Alabama, from Aug. 4-6.

Mitch is not the only one who has recently seen success on the waters. Both Beau Turnblom and Peyton Stapp, both 15 year olds who attend Fenton High School, finished second at the TBF Michigan State High School Championship on June 26. This victory qualified both teens to compete in the TBF Regionals, which will be held on the Ohio River in Lawrenceburg, Indiana on Sept. 24.

All three teens are members of The Fenton Tigers Bass Fishing Club.

ACCIDENT

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Gaines man. The Gaines man was driving a 2014 Chevy Silverado, hauling an open flatbed utility trailer carrying two zero turn

lawn mowers.

One of the trailer tires on the passenger side began to smoke so the driver stopped on the ramp, partially off the roadway. His 75-year-old passenger got out to assist the driver in backing the trailer back onto the shoulder of the on ramp.

As trailer was backing up, the 75-year-old stepped in front of the backing trailer. He was then struck as the trailer backed over him. Witnesses alerted the driver who then stopped.

Fenton Fire Department and STATEMS personnel were able to remove the man from under the trailer without inflicting additional injury.

While at the scene, the victim was able to talk with emergency personnel. On the way to the hospital, however, the man died. Slater said he had major injuries and an autopsy will be needed to determine the actual cause of death.

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News briefs

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A Korean War Commemorative Service will be held on **Saturday, Aug. 27 at 11a.m.** Anyone who served during the Korean War 1950-1953 will be honored at the service. The event is free and the public is welcome. The program will include songs, music, speakers, and a special tribute from the state of Michigan. The Great Lakes National Cemetery is located at 4200 Belford Rd, Holly. For more information about the cemetery, call (248) 328-0386. For information about the event, contact Joe Mishler at (810) 348-9960, email jmm1967@comcast.net.

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Disaster relief facility coming to area

■ Will house mobile hospitals, kitchens, generators and more

By Hannah Ball

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A new disaster relief facility, called the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS), will be built in Groveland Township.

"The new township building and its equipment will be a great benefit for Groveland Township and northern Oakland County," said Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson via news release. "It's great to know that this emergency response equipment will be so close to home. I want to thank Supervisor (Robert) DePalma and the other township leaders for their work."

It will be built on the south side of Grange Hall Road, near Dixie Highway, located near the Michigan

State Police post and the Groveland Township Fire Department.

According to a press release from the Michigan Department of State, "MABAS provides emergency and fire services resources in the event of natural or man-made disasters statewide and in the Great Lakes region. Once built, the 17,000-square-foot warehouse will house equipment used in disaster relief,

such as mobile hospitals, kitchens and generators."

MABAS' equipment is currently housed at the Pontiac-Oakland Airport.

The facility will be constructed on land that was once slated to become a landfill, which was opposed by township residents.

Johnson got into politics as a citizen activist opposed to the landfill so seeing the land developed for a purpose that will help the entire region was especially meaningful.

The facility is expected to be operational late this year.

“The new township building and its equipment will be a great benefit for Groveland Township and northern Oakland County.”

Ruth Johnson
Michigan secretary of state

CHILDREN

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When the brothers reached her car, they saw her two great-grandsons inside. They tried everything they could to get the doors open before calling police. Slater said the boys were in the car for about 35 minutes before police were called.

Bystanders noticed the baby having what appeared to be convulsions, Slater said. The brothers used a hammer to break open two windows and get the children out.

The youngsters were taken to Hurley Medical Center, where they spent the

night. Slater said when they called the hospital Thursday night, the boys were both doing well and eating. They were expected to be released Friday morning.

Slater said the boys' great-grandmother told police she accidentally left the keys in the car while putting the boys in their car seats. When she closed the door the car locked. Police are investigating but say they believe it was an accident.

"The lesson in all of this is to call 911 immediately," said Slater. "From the minute they are locked in the car we can be there in less than five minutes. We have means to get in immediately."

READING

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he said. "Like Fenton, Lake Fenton, and Holly, we have high standards and want all of our students to be successful during their K-12 experience and in their post K-12 experience."

Fenton Superintendent Adam Hartley said Fenton continues to score above state average and they strive for continuous growth.

"While each school district is represented in the state report, each school community is different when it comes to resources, educational systems and opportunities of collaboration and creativity," he said. "We are fortunate in Fenton to have systems in place to help close achievement gaps, work with families that need extra resources and to collaborate across the board to think outside of the box."

According to Education Trust-Midwest, one factor in the state's decline in rank-

ing is the lack of focus on reading before fourth grade. Michigan fourth-graders are projected to be ranked 48th in the country by 2030 if nothing changes.

"In Michigan, conventional wisdom often holds that our state's lower achievement is understandable, given our poverty rates and struggling urban communities in a post-manufacturing, global economy," the report states. "Poverty alone, however, does not explain the difference separating the performance of our children from those in other states."

One Michigan bill is hoping to improve fourth-grade reading levels.

House Bill 4822 would require schools to hold back third-grade students who don't meet proficient reading standards.

This bill passed the House in October 2015, passed the Senate in March, and was referred to a conference committee.



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Christine King will have approximately 25 students this year. She is one of three kindergarten teachers at Patterson Elementary School in Holly.

TEACHERS

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King has been spending much of her time getting her classroom ready and bulletin boards up, preparing for the school's new Character Education program.

"Each month, we'll focus on a different character trait," she said. "The acronym for the program is N.E.D. — Never give

up, encourage others and do your best."

She is also getting books ready in her classroom, preparing math games and hands-on activities and making her lesson plans.

"I enjoy my summers, but it's always nice to see the kids again," said King. "I'm really looking forward to seeing who my kindergartners are this year."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I KEEP SEEING liberals leave messages in the Hot lines like 'we're not going to take your guns away.' Hillary said what they did in Australia was a good start. If it were up to her, line up America, turn them in. That's the liberal line.

TIMES, THE ROBO report helps. Thanks for putting the phone number 888-225-5322 in your report. I couldn't get that information anywhere. This phone scam thing is just out of control and I appreciate the good job you did, thank you.

IN REGARDS TO all these women calling in, they're basically male bashing. One who called in said 'it was our time.' That shows you don't care about your children or the world.

THIS IS AN answer to the person who put a quote in the paper. 'We keep hearing about some globalist group and how the Bushes and Clinton are a part of it. It was the Free Masons. Almost every president has been a Free Mason. So this is something to think about.

THE WOMAN WHO said vote for Hillary if you're a woman doesn't care much about the consequences.

IF YOU'RE NOT a citizen of the U.S. and can't prove you are, you shouldn't be allowed to vote.

WHY DON'T YOU come clean with all your lies Hillary, because after all, what does it matter?

I WOULD APPRECIATE it if the people who were towing those lawn mowers would get out and walk around their trailers because their lights don't work. Please check them. Put new bulbs in if necessary.

CAN SOMEONE PLEASE tell me why people think their tongue is so pretty? Every time a picture gets taken on TV, people stick out their tongue as far as they can.

THE CAREER CRIMINAL in Milwaukee deserved to be shot and yet Hillary threw the police under the bus in a speech yesterday. Her anti-police and anti-military rhetoric has hurt our country and will hurt our country even more if she's elected.

AL CAPONE WAS only convicted of tax evasion. Is there anyone who doesn't think he committed far worse crimes? Just because Hillary hasn't been convicted yet doesn't mean she isn't a criminal. If it walks and quacks like a duck, it's most likely a duck.

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Tree house is 'finishing touch'

■ Local man adds architectural structure to one-room school house property

By Sally Rummel

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Gary Horning of Tyrone Township has wanted a tree house since he was 6 years old, but it took the promise of a grandchild more than seven years ago to make it a reality.

In 2009, Horning pounded a sign into the sturdy trunk of a backyard tree, announcing "Future site of grandchildren's tree house," after his daughter, Laura, announced she was pregnant with the Horning's first grandchild. Laura now has three boys — William 7, Sammy 5 and Edward 2, and they finally have their tree house.

The tree house literally got off the ground in May, at the urging of Horning's brother, Dave, who was visiting Fenton from Colorado. Local carpenter Chris Bayer served as the "general contractor" and Horning brought his wish list and supervisory skills to the project.

"I knew I wanted the tree house to be asymmetrical with an arched doorway, leaded stained glass windows and a galvanized roof," said Horning. "I didn't want the tree house to be like everyone else's on the block. I also wanted to hear the pitter patter of rain on the roof."

Last Tuesday, he put the finishing touches on the tree house, fashioning a pulley that can carry items up and down from the ground to the house.

Horning, a retired teacher, is now an antiques dealer and shopped his own booths for some of the furnishings. He re-purposed barn wood siding from a



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The tree house is 12 square feet, and partially hidden by trees.

“We had to remind ourselves when we were building it that it was just a tree house.”

Gary Horning
Retired teacher

neighbor, and the railing was built from wood salvaged in Howell.

"I did a lot of scrounging for stuff," said Horning.

He also bought several of his most unique items on eBay. "The little round leaded glass window is from an old church in

England," said Horning. "I probably paid a little more for it than I should. I also



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Gary Horning of Tyrone Township just finished his tree house last week, with a combination of antique, and found materials.

bought the stained glass window at the left of the front door on eBay."

"We had to remind ourselves when we were building it that it was just a tree house," said Horning.

The tree house is the newest building on one of Fenton's most unique residential properties. Horning and his wife, Mary, have lived for 33 years in a totally

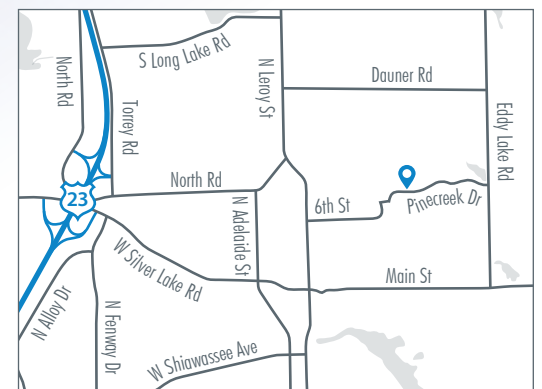
refinished one-room school house that had been part of Fenton schools' earliest history from 1854.

Two other interesting outbuildings include a "chickolaterie," a fancy play-on-words name for their chicken coop and "The White House," a shabby chic shed that was built for Laura's outdoor wedding eight years ago.

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Horning collected details from his own antique business, eBay, and a nearby abandoned structure.

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Times

ROBOTS

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So far, robots have mainly been replacing manual labor, performing routine and intensive tasks. But smarter machines are putting more skilled professions at risk, according to money.cnn.com.

Robots are likely to be performing 45 percent of manufacturing tasks by 2025, versus just 10 percent today, according to a study by Bank of America.

And the rise of artificial intelligence will only accelerate that process as the number of devices connected to the internet doubles to 50 billion by 2020.

By the same year, nearly half of all U.S. jobs will be at high risk of being lost to computers, according to experts at Oxford University, with an additional 20 percent facing medium risk.

Jobs previously thought of as secure and now considered at risk include data analysts and bankers.

The prices of robots and computers are falling, making them even more attractive to employers. Costs have declined by 27 percent over the past decade and are expected to drop by another 22 percent in the next decade,

the Bank of America report stated.

And as robots become easier to use, with features like machine learning, and voice and facial recognition, they're becoming a more viable alternative in jobs where people deal with customers.

Countries that can adopt new technology early will get a big boost from lower labor costs and higher productivity.

Japan is leading the way. There are already 1,520 robots per 10,000 employees in Japan's car plants, compared to only 66 per 10,000 worldwide.

China is eager, too, according to money.cnn.com. The country has been the biggest buyer of robots for the last two years, and now accounts for 25 percent of global demand.

The coming revolution could dramatically transform the global economy, and increase inequality. That's because most of the jobs set to disappear are lower paid, with medium skills, economists have warned.

This is not the first time that technology has radically transformed the workforce. During the Industrial Revolution, many manual laborers were forced to "skill up" and move into more sophisticated jobs. But the report warns this time could be different.

Workers in skilled positions may be forced to take jobs they are over-qualified to do but which can't easily be performed by a machine.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

I JUST DROVE down Silver Lake Road. I didn't think they were done with the cosmetic aspect of that bridge.

TO THE WOMAN telling women that they need to vote for Hillary, I hope you're staying home this year.

TO THE HILLARY attacker, Hillary didn't go into Sandy Hook Elementary with a AR-15 and kill 23 to 25 kids and teachers. Nothing like comparing apples to oranges.

TO THE PERSON who keeps misquoting me, I said anything that puts out 60 to 300 rounds per minute is weapon of mass destruction. I didn't say a musket, that maybe on a good day a person could put out maybe three rounds per minute, was a weapon of mass destruction.

I'VE NOTICED THE majority of the people who are voting for Hillary Clinton are the people who aren't working, the ones who are getting assistance from the government.

IT'S A MATTER of fact that Hillary Clinton did 85 speeches last year and got paid for them. When did she have time to do what she's supposed to be doing for our government?

FORTY THOUSAND HOMES have been damaged in Louisiana, 20,000 people were rescued and many are living in shelters. All of this and President Obama is laying on the beach, golfing and attending a donor party.

HILLARY CLINTON'S CAMPAIGN theme should revolve around the word 'more.' She wants more government, taxes, regulations, and the result will be more unemployment and job loss.

IF YOU REMOVE the crime statistics from just three U.S. cities, major crime, the worst felonies, crime in the U.S. is at an all-time low in recorded history, just by removing numbers from three cities. Do you know what cities they are?

NAME

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"Sometimes toxicology can take up to three or four months," Allen said. "I doubt that it will in case."

Police made contact with the family Monday night. Allen said Stevens' body has been released to family.

Stevens was reportedly last seen on Sunday, Aug. 14 in the general vicinity of Oak Hill Drive, which is a popular swimming area for local residents.

The Genesee County Medical Examiner's Office transported the victim to Hurley Medical Center in Flint where an autopsy was performed. Toxicology testing will also be done.

Allen said police do not suspect foul play as there were no obvious signs of trauma.

WHAT YOU MISSED

in the

MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you missed in the **Wednesday, Aug. 17 Midweek** edition of the Times. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Linden teen pleads guilty in school shooting plot

Ryan Stevens accepted a plea deal and said to the judge, "It was supposed to be a joke but it wasn't funny."



Lobdell Lake death is third in seven years

A 50-year-old man was found floating face down in Lobdell Lake the morning of Monday, Aug. 15. No foul play was suspected.

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AUG. 21

1959: The modern United States receives its crowning star when President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs a proclamation admitting Hawaii into the Union as the 50th state. The president also issued an order for an American flag featuring 50 stars arranged in staggered rows: five six-star rows and four five-star rows. The new flag became official July 4, 1960.

AUG. 22

1922: Hurricane Andrew hits the Bahamas. There and in South Florida, where it arrived two days later, the storm was responsible for the deaths of 26 people and an estimated \$35 billion in property damage. Hurricane Andrew was so concentrated that it resembled a tornado in its effects.

AUG. 23

2000: Richard Hatch, a 39-year-old corporate trainer from Rhode Island, wins the season-one finale of the reality television show Survivor and takes home the promised \$1 million prize. Hatch was known for walking around naked on the island in Borneo where the show was filmed.

AUG. 24

1981: Mark David Chapman is sentenced to 20 years to life for the murder of John Lennon, a founding member of The Beatles, one of the most successful bands in the history of popular music. On Dec. 8, 1980, Chapman shot and killed the 40-year-old singer, songwriter and peace activist, outside Lennon's New York City apartment building, the Dakota, where he lived with his wife Yoko Ono and their young son, Sean. Chapman remains incarcerated.

AUG. 25

1939: The Wizard of Oz, one of the best-loved movies in history, opens in theaters around the United States. Based on the 1900 children's novel The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, by L. Frank Baum (1856-1919), the film starred Judy Garland as the young Kansas farm girl, Dorothy, who after being knocked unconscious in a tornado, dreams about following a yellow brick road with her dog, Toto, to the Emerald City to meet the Wizard of Oz. Along the way, Dorothy encounters a unique cast of characters. Though the scenes in Kansas were filmed in

traditional black and white, Oz appears in vivid Technicolor once she comes down from the tornado.

AUG. 26

1939: The first televised Major League baseball game is broadcast on station W2XBS, the station that was to become WNBC-TV. Announcer Red Barber called the game between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, New York. At the time, television was still in its infancy. Regular programming did not yet exist, and very few people owned television sets—there were only about 400 in the New York area. Not until 1946 did regular network broadcasting catch on in the United States, and only in the mid-1950s did television sets become more common in the American household.

AUG. 27

1955: The first edition of "The Guinness Book of Records" is published in Great Britain and quickly proves to be a hit. Now known as the "Guinness World Records" book, the annual publication features a wide range of feats related to humans and animals. To date, the book has sold more than 130 million copies, been translated into more than two dozen languages and is the top-selling copyrighted title in history.

Source: history.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THERE ARE 11 men and one women on the DDA. These men want these humongous sky-rise buildings in our sweet town. We need someone on the committee with taste. Matching the height of the two-story businesses across the street would look much better.

I WENT TO the DDA to express my opinions about the second too-large building, but after they argued with every single person who expressed their opinion about preserving 106 W. Shiawassee, it seems useless. They are not open to hearing citizens' concerns.

THOSE WHO CAN, do. Those who can inspire, teach. Those who are smart enough, run away from public office. That's what you get left over.

CORRECTION

The number of tips received by the Michigan State Police in the death of Alexandra Brueger was incorrectly reported in the Sunday, Aug. 14 edition. F/Lt. Michael Shaw reported to the audience at the Aug. 10 Rose Township Board of Trustees meeting that 75 to 150 tips were received.

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Hagermans to receive Fenton's top education award

By Sally Rummel

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The area's top contributors to Fenton Area Public Schools will be recognized at the annual Fenton Education Foundation (FEF) Black Tie Dinner on Thursday, Sept. 8 at The Laundry.

This year's winners of The State Bank Contribution to Education Award are Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman of Fenton Township.

"It was the unanimous opinion of the board that what the Hagermans have done for our community in the short term and long term is amazing," said Mike Senyko, president of the Foundation. "We are proud to be able to provide this award to them."

In addition her volunteerism in other school activities, Jocelyn is a past member of the FEF's Board of Directors.

"We are very humbled and appreciative to the community for this award," said



Jocelyn and Phil Hagerman

Jocelyn. "We want to continue to serve as a catalyst for great things happening in the city."

See more of this story at www.tctimes.com.

Pete Hajec to be given prestigious education award

By Vera Hogan

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Pete Hajec of Fenton is this year's recipient of the Nancy and Edward Petruska Lifetime Achievement in Education Award, established via a gift from the Petruska family to the Fenton Education Foundation (FEF).

The award will be presented to Hajec at the Sept. 8 Black Tie dinner at The Laundry.

Hajec is a 1979 graduate of Fenton High School. He started working for



Pete Hajec

Fenton Area Public Schools in 1990. He also served as an assistant hockey coach from 1998 to 2016.

He retired from FAPS in 2015, after 25 years with the district.

Hajec was nominated for the award by AGS Middle School Principal Heidie Ciesielski, and Doug Busch, executive director of finance and personnel.

"I feel honored and humbled to receive this award," Hajec said.

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REWARD

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received over 50 tips from the public, they are continuing to seek information in this case," said F/Lt. Michael Shaw, public information officer for the Michigan State Police (MSP) in an Aug. 16 press release.

"Anyone with information related to the person responsible for this incident or those who might have knowledge of the individual responsible for this tragic incident are encouraged to contact law enforcement," he added.

Shaw said information about suspicious persons or unusual vehicles in the area of Fish Lake Road could be extremely important.

"Even if you think your information is unimportant or that someone else may have already reported what you know, please contact investigators," he said.

Tips can be reported 24/7 to MSP at (855) MICH-TIP. "The information you provide could lead to a conviction in this investigation and issuance of the reward," said Shaw.

After hearing gunshots during the afternoon of July 30, a homeowner came outside and found Brueger bleeding in his front yard. He called 911 and tried to resuscitate her.

Emergency responders took Brueger to Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc Township where she was pronounced dead.

Crime scene investigators used a K-9 team to help find clues in what is being called Rose Township's first homicide in 20 years.

Investigators found some fresh tire marks on the gravel road. They continue to ask for information about a white or tan, four-door sedan that may have seemed suspicious or been speeding.

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On their gofundme page called "The Ally Brueger Fund," the parents said she was their only child. They described her as kind, thoughtful, considerate and witty, with a serious side.

Brueger was a registered nurse at Providence Park Hospital in Novi. At the time of her death, she was working on a master's degree in creative writing which she should have achieved in April of next year. The family said, "... writing was her passion, nursing was her profession."

They also said, "Our sweet daughter was taken away from us in the most violent way. She was shot four times in the back while she was taking her daily 10-mile run on a dirt road in Rose Township. Her wish would have been to have all of her organs donated, but because of the senseless way she perished that was not possible."

Brueger was small in stature at 4 feet, 9 inches tall, weighing 98 pounds. Despite her small size, her parents said she was "mighty in presence."



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MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Aug. 12.

While the Legislature is on a summer break with no voting, the Roll Call Report begins a series that reviews key votes of the 2015-2016 session.

Senate Bill 34: Revise concealed pistol license procedures

To eliminate county concealed pistol licensing boards and transfer their duties to the State Police and county clerks.

Passed 28 to 9 in the Senate on Feb. 3, 2015.

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	☒ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	☒ NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	☒ YES

Passed 76 to 34 in the House on Feb. 25, 2015

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	☒ YES

Senate Bill 69: Extend job training subsidies to some employers

To eliminate the 2018 sunset on a 2008 law that authorized state job training subsidies for particular employers provided through community colleges.

Passed 35 to 1 in the Senate on Feb. 25, 2015

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	☒ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	☒ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	☒ YES

Passed 104 to 5 in the House on June 18, 2015

The House amended the bill to extend the program through 2023 rather than forever.

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	☒ YES

Senate Bill 86: Authorize more local pension obligation bonds

To extend for one year a 2012 law that allows local governments to incur long term debt to cover unfunded pension liabilities, but only if they close their traditional "defined benefit" pension system to new employees. The 2012 law also allows new debt to pay for retiree health insurance, which unlike pensions is not a legal obligation.

Passed 36 to 0 in the Senate on March 4, 2015

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	☒ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	☒ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	☒ YES

Passed 109 to 1 in the House on May 20, 2015

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	☒ YES

Senate Bill 139: Push-back against school bake sale restrictions

To require the Michigan Department of Education (MDOE) to "take all steps necessary to ensure maximum state and local control over" school lunch nutrition mandates. Also, to limit to three per week the number of fundraising sales of food or beverages during school hours that do not meet mandated school lunch nutritional standards. The bill was introduced in response to federal and MDOE restrictions and bans on the sales.

Passed 36 to 1 in the

Senate on March 19, 2015

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	☒ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	☒ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	☒ YES

Passed 66 to 43 in the House on May 13, 2015

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	☒ YES

House Bill 4189: Let adoption agencies refuse adoptions that violate moral convictions

To specify in statute that a "child placing agency" (private adoption or foster care agency) is not required to assist or participate in an adoption or placement that violates its written religious or moral convictions, including adoptions of a child by a same sex couple. Also, to prohibit a state agency from discriminating or taking an "adverse action" against an agency for this reason.

Passed 26 to 12 in the Senate on June 10, 2015

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	☒ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	☒ NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	☒ YES

Passed 65 to 44 in the House on March 18, 2015

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	☒ YES

House Bill 4041: Ban welfare for persistent truancy

To withhold welfare benefits from a household with children who are persistently truant from school. A truant child age 16 and above could be removed from the household for this.

Passed 26 to 12 in the Senate on May 26, 2015

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	☒ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	☒ NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	☒ YES

Passed 74 to 36 in the House on March 26, 2015.

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	☒ YES



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Lee, Frederick lead another TC team

By David Troppens

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When the 2016 boys and girls cross country seasons ended, Fenton's Jacob Lee and Linden's Alia Frederick ran ahead of the rest and earned their gender's Cross Country Runners of the Year.

Six months later, things didn't change during the track season.

Lee and Frederick are making a return appearance on the top of two of our area teams, this time for our track squads.

Frederick, who narrowly missed the honor a year ago, is our 2016 Female Track Athlete of the Year, while Lee is our 2016 Male Track Athlete of the Year.

Both had outstanding track seasons. Lee finished his Fenton prep career with a highlight he won't soon forget, earning the state championship in the 3,200 run with a Fenton school record time of

9:07.72.

"It's an amazing feeling," Lee said after capturing the state title. "It's been a goal of mine since I started in high school, to win a state championship."

Lee has been the top or one of the top distance runners in the tri-county area ever since he joined the track squad his freshman year. Lee is best known for his 3,200 run and his ability on the cross country team, but he's also posted a personal-best time of 4:22.99 in the 1,600 this season. He also was on Fenton's top 3,200 relay team with Mitchell Chabot, Luke Chabot and Dominic Dimambro during the 2016 season with a time of 7:58.30.

Lee also ran at the New Balance National Outdoor meet, posting a two-mile time of 9:16.76, good enough to place eighth.

Frederick's season wasn't as big of a shock as her cross country season was. Frederick had never run on the Linden cross country team until placing third at the D2 state meet, but she was on the Linden track squad two years ago, almost earning this honor as a sophomore.

This time she could not be stopped. Frederick was our only female tri-county track athlete to earn All-State honors in any event, placing sixth in the 300 hurdles with a personal-best time of 45.68 seconds.

See **TEAM** on 23A

ALIA FREDERICK

Linden's Frederick is our 2016 Tri-County Female Track Athlete of the Year. To see the entire track teams for boys and girls check page 23A.

Prep football season begins Thursday

■ Fall sports preview is included in today's edition

By David Troppens

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For those who have been waiting for the start of the prep football season, the wait is almost over.

Starting on Thursday, Michigan varsity football teams will begin their seasons all over the state. Our tri-county squads will begin on three different dates this week — two on Thursday, one on Friday and another on Saturday night.

Three of the games will be at home and the final one — Fenton's road game against Caledonia on Saturday night — has its own excitement surrounding the game.

Holly hosts Berkley and Linden hosts DeWitt on Thursday at 7 p.m. The Eagles are opening against perennial state power DeWitt for the third straight season, and are playing the Panthers for the fourth straight season.

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Holly's Paris Partee (left) and Bryce Andres (right) compete for a ball during a recent 7-on-7 practice. The varsity football games will start for real starting Thursday.

Local high school teens continue to shine

■ Linden AIM trap shooting team captures AIM Grand National Championship

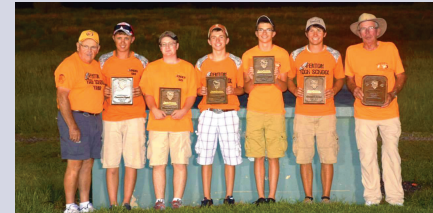
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During the 2015-2016 school year, Fenton High School established a trap shooting team that was a great success and won a state title in its very first season.

Several kids that shoot for the high school team also compete during the summer for the Linden AIM team, which is a part of the Linden Sportsman's Club.

The squad had two teams that competed in the AIM National Championship, an A team and a B team. The A team is the squad that won the AIM Grand National



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Pictured (from left) are Coach Pat Kelley, Jacob Jankowski, Chad Purzycki, Parker Bundy, Spencer Bundy, Tommy Kemp, and Coach Tom Abraham.

Championship for their division.

They were a part of the Junior Gold Class C Division. The national championship took place from July 28 to Aug. 2 in Sparta, Illinois. The A team had three Fenton High School students that were a part of that squad. The three students included Spencer Bundy, Parker Bundy and Tommy Kemp.

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TEAM

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“I was really aiming for top five, but I was happy with where I finished,” Frederick said after the state meet. “Making All-State was my ultimate goal, so I was very happy when I got it. I was also very happy because I PR’d so that meant I pushed myself very hard.”

“I’m looking to continue to improve next year, but I’m very happy with how this season turned out.”

Frederick also led our area in the 100 hurdles, placing 13th with a time of 16.15 at the meet. The time that placed her as our 100 hurdle runner was her personal-best time of 15.70 at regionals. Frederick also posted the area’s best 400 time of the season (60.61 at a Metro League meet at Flushing) but wasn’t rewarded our spot on our team since it didn’t happen at one of our three key meets.

Our tri-county squad was based on the distances and times recorded during either the Metro League Meet, the GAC Meet, a regional meet or a state meet. We base our official squad on those meets since they are the most important events of the track season.

Our 2015’s Female Track Athlete of the Year, Madaline Hall, was another contender this season.

Hall made our team in two individual events and two relays. She made our squad with a time of 12.55 seconds in



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS
Fenton’s Jacob Lee (front) is our Tri-County Male Track Athlete of the Year. He earned the spot by capturing a D1 state championship in the 3,200 run during the spring.

the 100 at regionals. She also made our squad by posting a time of 26.57 seconds in the 200 dash. As a sprinter, she also helped Fenton’s 400 relay and 800 relay teams qualify on our squad as well.

Male Track Athlete of the Year

JACOB LEE (Fenton)

There was a lot of decent competition for this position, but when a performer wins a state championship and is the only one in the area to win one, it makes the decision pretty easy. Jacob Lee has been the area’s top distance runner for four years and capped his career by winning the Division 1 state title in the 3,200 meter relay (9:07.72).

All Tri-County Boys Track and Field Team

Event	Name	School	Time
100	Jacob Cox	Linden	11.33 seconds
200	Zack West	Fenton	23.18 seconds
400	Zack West	Fenton	51.86 seconds
800	Blake Staffne*	Holly	1:55.73
1,600	Dominic Dimambro*	Fenton	4:22.67
3,200	Jacob Lee*	Fenton	9:07.72
110 hurdles	Peter Kennings	Fenton	16.17 seconds
300 hurdles	Peter Kennings	Fenton	41.96 seconds
400 relay	Ryan Young	Linden	44.05 seconds
	Cade Dickson		
	Nolan McDonald		
800 relay	Jacob Cox		
	Nolan McDonald	Linden	1:32.14
	Bailey Davis		
	Cade Dickson		
1,600 relay	Jacob Cox		
	Nolan McDonald	Linden	3:32.84
	Nick McDonald		
	Bailey Davis		
3,200 relay	Connor Sproule		
	Mitchell Chabot	Fenton	7:58.30
	Luke Chabot		
	Jacob Lee		
	Dominic Dimambro		
Shot put	Ray Ballard	Linden	47-feet-11 1/2
Discus	Ray Ballard	Linden	127-feet-9
High jump	Jaden Zaitshik*	Lake Fenton	6-feet-2
	Isaac Golson	Lake Fenton	6-feet-2
Pole vault	Jackson Monty*	Holly	12-feet-6
	Joel Graves	Fenton	12-feet-6
Long jump	D’Anthony Austin	Holly	21-feet-2 3/4

Note: Positions on the team are based on the best times/distances posted during a league meet, a regional or a state meet. A * denotes a state qualifier in that specific event.

Female Track Athlete of the Year

ALIA FREDERICK (Linden)

Last year Frederick and Madaline Hall battled it out for this spot, and Hall won. This year, based on her being All-State in the 300 hurdles (45.68), Frederick will. She also posted the top time in the 100 hurdles (15.79) and the 400 run (1:00.61). Her 400 time came in a tri-meet, so it’s not listed below.

All Tri-County Girls Track and Field Team

Event	Name	School	Time
100	Madaline Hall*	Fenton	12.55 seconds
200	Madaline Hall*	Fenton	26.57 seconds
400	Cassandra Campbell	Fenton	1:02.14
800	Cambria Tiemann*	Fenton	2:17.75
1,600	Taylor Ganger*	Linden	5:14.83
3,200	Maggie Schneider*	Holly	11:08.90
100 hurdles	Alia Frederick*	Linden	15.79 seconds
300 hurdles	Alia Frederick*	Linden	45.68 seconds
400 relay	Madaline Hall*	Fenton	50.01 seconds
	Zeinab Torabi		
	Hannah Sage		
800 relay	Cassandra Campbell		
	Madaline Hall*	Fenton	1:44.91
	Hannah Sage		
	Cassandra Campbell		
1,600 relay	Emily Kinser		
	Cassandra Campbell	Fenton	4:11.32
	Emily Kinser		
	Hannah Sage		
3,200 relay	Cambria Tiemann		
	Jenna Keiser	Holly	9:48.86
	Breeanne Ferranti		
	Emma Lane		
	Lauren Hackett		
Shot put	Emily Alvarado	Holly	37-feet-7 1/2
Discus	Emily Alvarado	Holly	117-feet-8
High jump	Cierra Smith	Holly	4-feet-11
Pole vault	Alexis Brandt	Linden	8-feet-8
Long jump	Madaline Hall	Fenton	17-feet-4 3/4

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