

Nationwide heroin epidemic is getting worse

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7-year-old girl tried to wake her parents for more than a day in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, before telling her bus driver she couldn't wake them. Her parents were found dead from a drug overdose.

The couple had three other children, ages 5, 3, and 9 months old.

In Massachusetts last month, a Family Dollar store employee filmed a video of a toddler crying, screaming, and trying to wake her mother, who overdosed and collapsed.

The opioid epidemic is getting worse in America and in Michigan, with opioid deaths increasing 265 percent among men and 400 percent among women in the state from 1999 to 2010, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MD-HHS).

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66 Currently heroin is being 'cut' with very powerful synthetic opioids like fentanyl, which is 100 times more powerful than morphine. 77

Rick Aro Fenton police chief



Pictured here are Chelsea Weisgerber and her son, Jayden.

Young mother critically injured while hunting

■Paralyzed from waist down after falling 18 feet from tree stand

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A 24-year-old Swartz

Creek woman with many family ties to the Lake Fenton area is hoping that by sharing her story she can keep someone else from repeating her mistake.

See MOTHER on 19A



Charles Warren is facing new charges.

Driver responsible for trooper's death in trouble again

■ Prosecutor wants him back in jail

By Vera Hogan

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Charles Warren, 70. the man charged with

killing a state trooper in a crash on I-75 last year, is in trouble with the law again.

The Waterford man was arrested for driving See DRIVER on 20A



Steve Spencer will spend nine months in prison.

Linden man sentenced to federal prison

■ Five-year-long diesel engine repair scam had at least 81 known victims

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Carl Steven Spencer

Jr., also known as Steve Spencer, was sentenced Friday, Oct. 7 to nine months in federal prison at the Morgantown Federal Penitentiary in West Virginia.

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66 One thing I was able to glean from the second

debate was that the pots are calling the kettles black.

CNN has donated

a total of \$723 million



to Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. Think about

that the next time you watch CNN 'news.

LIsn't it time to get rid of the



ridiculous Columbus Day? The cost of 22 million government employees getting a paid day off to celebrate Christopher Columbus is currently just under a billion dollars. It is a ri-

diculous situation that could only be perpetrated by the bloated, wasteful and dysfunctional U.S. government."



COMMENT OF THE WEEK

LAmericans, don't be fooled by the manufactured 'outrage' of the leftist media. Clinton killed four American patriots, wiped out 33,000 emails and was paid tens of millions of dollars by corporations and countries for her 'speeches.' Trump trash-talked women over a decade ago. Don't let the media choose our leaders.

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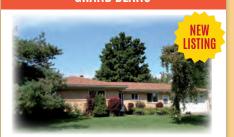
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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO

Craig Williams, 47, of Fenton Township is director of Bishop International Airport. As director, he compares his role to that of a city manager, or even a mall operator. Behind him, a Southwest Airlines plane prepares for take off.

Fenton man taking Bishop International Airport to new heights

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CRAIG WILLIAMS

Airport director of Bishop

International Airport and

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Craig Williams went on a field trip to Tampa International Airport in Florida when he was in the fifth grade. That's where he fell in love with aviation, and knew exactly what he wanted to do when he grew up. **44** I've always

Today, Williams, 47, is airport director of Bishop International Airport, guiding day-to-day operations of this commercial and general aviation airport.

He and his family reside in Fenton Township, moving here from Fort Wayne, Indiana, when he accepted the position at Bishop in July 2014. "It's an easy commute to the airport, the shortest commute I've ever had," he said.

Prior to this position, Williams had been director of operations for the Fort Wayne-Allen County Airport Authority in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He has spent his entire career in the aviation industry, including years as a consultant and also a lobbyist in Washington, D.C.

"I've always loved aviation," said Williams. "It's romantic. I was fortunate enough to get into a job and industry I love."

> Williams' goal is to take Bishop International Airport to the next level, following the vision that retired airport director Jim Rice, the board of directors and community leaders had for Bishop in the '80s and '90s. "It's an evolving industry. I want to keep up with it and stay ahead of the game. I want to offer our travelers more flight options. "

The Williams family, including wife Tracy, Madeline, 11, and Lillian, 5, are enjoying life in Fenton. "It feels like a real town," said Williams. "Everything is right here, close by.'

When they take their own family vacations, they often head west, to destinations like San Francisco, California.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO After exiting their plane, United Airlines Express passengers make their way to the airport exit Wednesday afternoon.

Bishop Airport continues to grow in popularity

■Fewer hassles and more options than ever before

By Sally Rummel

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The only thing more frustrating than politics this time of year is the thought of huge crowds, long security lines and the possibility of flight delays during the busy upcoming holiday travel season from Thanksgiving through New Year's.

Providing local travelers with a less stressful alternative is all in a day's work for Bishop Inter-

national Airport Director Craig Williams.

Just 15 minutes away from Fenton, Bishop International Airport in Flint Township continues to add new flights and destinations to make this airport more convenient for all travelers.

"My goal is to make Bishop Airport the area's first choice for flying, whether you're flying for business or pleasure," said Williams. "When comparing prices, you have to look at all the costs of your trip, not just airfares, but also gas, parking fees and your time.'

See AIRPORT on 16A

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Craig Williams Bishop International Airport director



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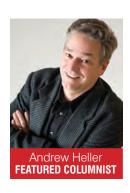
Back seat parent

enry is taking his driving test. I am in the back seat because for some reason they make a parent come along these days, and I lost the coin flip with the lovely yet formidable Marcia.

"Better you than me," she said. "I'd be so nervous I'd cry."

I'm not crying but I'm jumpy, to be sure. It's nerve-wracking to watch your kid take a test or play a game or act in a play or make his argument at a debate.

Because you want so badly for them to do well. Or, at least, to not fail. Because



that would be awful. For him and for you. Which is why, at some point during whatever they're doing, you have to suppress the urge to jump out there and do it with them. It's why you see parents mouthing words during

solos. Or pumping their arms at a race. Or moving invisible chess pieces in time with their kid.

It's tough.

Plus, in the driving test, they don't let you talk.

They really don't. I'd forgotten that. You have to sit there in the back seat and say nothing while your baby — this (in my eyes) 5-year-old boy who has no business piloting a two-ton vehicle — takes his precious life and my equally precious SUV out on the road amongst all of you road jerks.

Ok, yes, I realize not all of you are road jerks. I'm sure a few of you are very nice people, in fact, and possibly even capable drivers

But when your kid is taking his driving test and you're in the back seat, on guard, everyone is a road jerk — a potential threat to his life, his limbs, and my insurance rates.

And I can't warn him about any of you. I can't say, 'Watch out for that jerk waiting to pull out from the Kroger whose nose is sticking into your lane.'

I can't say 'When you merge on the freeway, watch out for jerks who speed up so you don't get in front of them.'

I can't say, 'You see how that jerk is drifting over the lane line — she's either drunk or texting. Hang back and let her go.'

I can't say any of that. I can only sit here silently, listening to my internal dialogue, which sounds like this:

'Oh my God, why did he back in like that?'
'Does he see that guy who's gonna pull
in front of him?'

'The arrow's green, is he ever gonna go? C'mon, go! Go!'

OK, yes, I probably shouldn't have had those two cups of coffee before I agreed to this. But, still, this isn't going well. The tester lady seems to be making a lot of check marks. I don't think he's going to pass! This is ridiculous — how's the kid supposed to drive without my

brilliant advice? If only they'd let me talk! Then, suddenly, the test is over and tester

lady says to Henry, 'You only got an 8 ...' Eight? See, I knew it. He failed.

'Twenty-five or more is a fail,' she continues. 'So you pass. Good job. You're a very smooth driver.'

I knew it all along.

Hotlines

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WHY IS EVERYONE wetting their pants about more cookie cutter 'businesses on first floor, residents above' buildings. Who in their right mind would want to live 10 feet from the train tracks? Wouldn't a nice parking lot be more useful. Think outside the box folks.

THEY WILL LITERALLY bring out anything to get Donald Trump to back out of the race. If you dug into other delegates' past and present, other millionaires and billionaires, Hollywood stars, you would probably find many scandalous things they had done or said. The politicians don't want him because they are corrupt and he is planning to clean that up.

THE PRICE OF license plates in Michigan is unbelievable. As a family man with two kids who also have vehicles this is a huge burden. When you factor in the ridiculous insurance rates, thanks to lawyers and their predatory lawsuits, Michigan families are paying two to three times more than we should. Ridiculous.

WENT TO THE Ghost Walk. It was a splendid way to spend the evening. I learned a lot, got some fresh air and exercise. Our friends from Detroit were charmed by our city and the Fenton Village Players.

SO, YOU ARE blessed with being a millionaire. I am happy for you, but that

is no reason for you to be taxed at a lower rate than me. Income is income and it should be taxed equally. I should not be taxed at a higher rate to make up for what you don't pay. Sure, cut business taxes, but raise personal taxes on the wealthy. That is a fair tax.

THERE ARE A lot of readers

slamming the Democrat Party, but the Republican Party has control in both the House and Senate in both state and federal levels. They have done nothing but stall and create problems and then point the finger at the other side when really they are at fault.

GIANT GRAVEL HAULER trucks have been driving up and down North Oak Street all day. Oak Street is in need of replacement, and now we have this commercial truck traffic damaging the road even more. When will the city step up and replace Oak Street?

VOTERS, DO YOU want your government to be in control of you or do you want to be in control of your government? The Democrats believe in a large government presence with ever-increasing regulations and restrictions. The Republicans believe in less regulation and restrictions, and more individual freedoms. It is your choice.

IF IT TAKES this long to even search for an assistant city manager for Fenton, maybe we don't need an assistant city manager. Has anyone on our dysfunctional city council ever considered this option? I can answer that — no. That would entail thinking outside the box.

HERE IS THE best advice for the upcoming election. If they are an incumbent, vote them out. Dan Kildee has been in Congress for one full term and his only accomplishment has been to be named one of the 10 least effective members of Congress. You idiots keep voting for names, not results.

SAW A GREAT sign in front of a house that said 'Drive like your kids

TODAY, OBAMA RELEASED 102 federal prisoners, totaling 774 during his presidency. This is more than the previous 11 presidents together. At a time of increased killings, realize that most of these prisoners will return to a life of crime.

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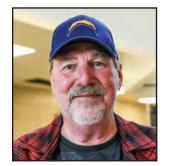
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Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

street talk



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-Dave Senter Fenton Township



"The local news and the Hot lines. I like them, they're fun."

-Rita Thomas

Linden



"There seems to be more news in the Times than in The Flint Journal."

-Betty Wardrop

Linden

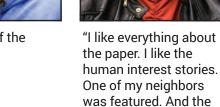


"I do like the Hot lines and I like that it has the local news for right where I'm living. I know what happens in my community."

-Leslie White



"The variety of the content."



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—Casey Rogers

Tyrone Township

−Andy Butcher

Deciphering your Fenton water bill

■All those codes on the back mean something

By Vera Hogan

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Are you confused by the codes and other information on your Fenton water

Deciphering a city of Fenton water bill is not that difficult — if you know what the codes on the back of the postcard-type bill mean.

Fenton Water Department employees read meters on a

quarterly basis, in March, June, September and December.

Bills are mailed in April, July, October and January. Payment is due on the 17th of those months without penalty. If paid after the 17th, there is a 10-percent late fee.

Water and sewer consumption charges are based on those water meter readings.

Currently, water is billed at a rate of \$5.20 per thousand gallons metered. For example, if your water usage (shown as WT on your bill) is 20,000 gallons, there will be a 20 in the column next to the payment due amount, which will be \$104. If there is no usage shown on the bill, you can take the payment due amount and divide it by \$5.20 to find out how much water you have used.

Sewer usage (SW on your bill) is charged at a rate of \$3.71 per thousand gallons metered. If there is a 10 in the column next to the payment due amount for sewer, that means 10,000 gallons was used, which will cost \$37.10 for that quarter.

There are additional charges on your bill. The city of Fenton charges \$48 for water capital (WC on your bill), and \$30 per quarter for sewer capital (SC on your bill).

Money collected in the capital improvement fund is used, when needed, to pay for improvements such as updating. replacing and renovating the water or sewer system.

The ready-to-serve (RS) charge of \$18.30 per quarter is payable on each bill. This fee is for each residential equivalent unit from Genesee County. This means they have done their part and are ready to serve you, whether you use the service

Lastly, your water bill is where trash and recycling is charged. City of Fenton residents now pay a Refuse and Recycle fee (RR) of \$32.71 per quarter.

According to the city's website (www.

cityoffenton.org), the city is still working on the replacement of water meters. "We are trying to upgrade all services to electronic readers for our meters," the website claims. "This would allow us to read meters without entering homes which allows for the meters to be read more quickly."



About Fenton's water plant

The city of Fenton is one of the few cities in Genesee County to supply its own water to its residents. The plant is designed to treat a maximum capacity of 4 million gallons per day, with the ability to expand to 5 million gallons per day. The city pumps about 400 million gallons of water per year.

The new plant started operating in July 2004 and was primarily constructed in order to remove arsenic, which is settled out during the softening process.

The process of removing arsenic and other metals such as calcium and magnesium (hardness) is referred to as softening. The city uses lime to remove the hardness particles. The softening process not only enables the city to meet the arsenic rule but also improves the life of the infrastructure over the long term.

How much does the city collect, spend?

- · Total amount appropriated for **Capital Improvement Fund revenues** was \$1,357,966, and \$450,000 total appropriated for expenditures.
- Total revenue from the Sewer Operating Fund was \$2,841,000, with total expenditures at \$2,503,800.
- Total revenue from the Water Operating Fund was \$2,894,838, with total expenditures at \$2,858,600.

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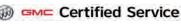












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Police&Fire report

CAR BREAK-INS REPORTED IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office is investigating numerous larceny from automobile (LFA) complaints that it received on Wednesday, Oct. 5. Dep. Geno Gaticka said they received multiple calls from homeowners along Owen Road, between Jennings and Linden roads saying personal belongings were stolen from their vehicles. The suspect(s) entered unlocked vehicles and stole items such as laptops, gift cards, cash, sunglasses and computer and phone accessories. There were no signs of forced entry on any of the vehicles. One caller described a possible suspect as a tall male, wearing a long coat and riding a bicycle. The cases remain under investigation. Residents are urged to call 911 immediately if they observe any suspicious activity.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

The Fenton Community Orchestra will be providing an encore performance of last February's sold out "The Birds," with original music written by FCO Music Director Andrew David Perkins, who is also the Fenton High School band director.

If you missed 'The Birds' original film score debut...

■ Fenton Community Orchestra will hold two special encore performances on Oct. 21 and 22

By Sally Rummel

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Just in time for Halloween, the Fenton Community Orchestra is bringing back "The Birds" for two shows only, on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. in the Fenton High School Auditorium.

This will be an encore performance of the original

composition written by FCO Music Director Andrew David Perkins, which

"This is a completely unique cultural experience," said Jennifer Fleck, FCO executive director. "It is rare to have an orchestra perform live to a movie. Enjoying a classic film with original music written by a local composer and performed by members of our community is an extraordinary way to spend an evening. Since the premiere performance last February sold out, we wanted to offer an opportunity where more people could enjoy this incredibly suspenseful film in a new way."

This is a completely unique cultural experience. 77

Jennifer Fleck Executive director of Fenton Community Orchestra

This event is sponsored, in part, by a generous donation from Tanglewood Home Care. The Fenton Community Orchestra is supported also by an award from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Tickets are on sale now on the FCO website, fentonorchestra.org.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

CALLING SOMEONE ELSE stupid for how they choose to vote exposes your own ignorance. Learn about your neighbors and what they think is important. Unwillingness to listen is the definition of ignorance.

WE ARE NOT a socialist country. We were a world superpower. Get off your behind and make a difference.

A LOT OF dog/cat treats come from China. Check the label where it's

NO MAIL MONDAY (holiday). No mail Tuesday Wednesday mail, I asked the mail lady, 'Why no mail Tuesday?' She said they would only pay her for 10 hours so she stopped delivering. So much for snow, sleet and rain.

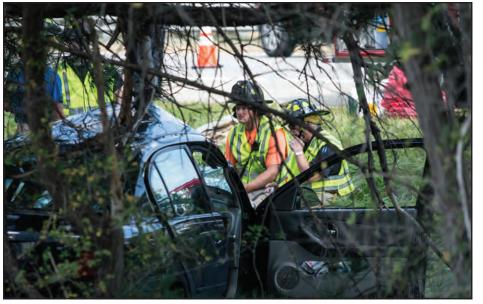
ISN'T IT INTERESTING that the press is focusing only on who hacked Hillary Clinton's emails and not on the incriminating evidence that is revealed

I SAW SEVERAL Hot lines in this week's paper about people's distaste for both Clinton and Trump for president. Please look into the third-party candidates. Both Stein and Johnson are much more viable options and the mainstream media is blatantly ignoring their campaigns.

BRAVO FENTON VILLAGE Players. I thoroughly enjoyed the Ghost Walk. What a great evening. Fantastic job by all.

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The Fenton Township Fire Department and Genesee County Sheriff's Office respond to the scene of a rollover and personal injury entrapment crash on southbound U.S. 23 near Torrey Beach Drive in Fenton Township at approximately 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Novi woman critical after U.S. 23 crash

■Loses control of car while attempting lane change, strikes group of trees

By Sharon Stone

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A 26-year-old Novi woman is fighting for her life at Hurley Medical Center in Flint after crashing her car on U.S. 23 in Fenton Township on Wednesday.

Just after 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12, the Fenton Township Fire Department and Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene of a rollover and personal injury entrapment crash on southbound U.S. 23 near Torrey Beach Drive in Fenton Township.

Genesee County Undersheriff Chris Swanson said the driver, a 26-year-old Novi woman, was traveling southbound on U.S. 23. Witnesses told investigators the woman was traveling in the fast lane. As she attempted a lane change, she swerved, over corrected, lost control and her car veered off the highway striking a tree on the driver's side.

As of Thursday morning, the woman is listed in critical and unstable condition at Hurley.

North Road was blocked at Torrey Beach Drive and southbound highway traffic had to exit at Thompson Road until nearly 4 p.m. while investigators reconstructed the crash.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE CLINTON FOUNDATION has literally raised billions but gives a measly 6 percent of their assets to charity, according to the foundation's last filing. It's apparently a 'pay-to-play' operation; donors get meetings with Clinton – Clinton family cronies get well-paid jobs.

JUST COMMITTED TREASON. I voted for Hillary.

I GREW UP in Redford Township in the '40s. We had 49 kids in my class. That was the average class size. We had happy teachers. There were no complaints about the class being large. Now they're saying 27 is too large. I don't get it.

CLINTON PROMISES MORE than \$1

trillion in new 'investments,' free day care, maternity leave, an expansion of Obamacare, more funding for veterans, new solar subsidies, new bridges and tunnels and 'college, tuition free!' That's code for higher taxes on those of us who work.

SO WHO'S THE real idiot here— someone without their turn signal on or someone that's going to pass someone when they're obviously going to turn? Surrender your driver's license before somebody gets burt

TRUMP CARES ABOUT families, he cares about lowering taxes, insurance and the cost of living. He cares about factory workers losing their jobs, about vets losing care and about police losing their lives. Hillary cares about being a career and corrupt politician and herself.



HOT LINE CONTINUED

THANKS HELLER FOR the comments on the election process. The money spent on this present foolishness would pay off the national debt and money left over to start a savings account for America. The few people who think change is necessary are not the majority.

IF HILLARY IS elected, we will surpass Somalia as the most corrupt country in the world.

TRUMP WASN'T MY first choice as president, but I will not stand for more Clinton corruption.

I AM SHOCKED and horrified at Trump's comments and also at Clinton's criminality. We need to pray for our nation.

EARLY THIS MORNING a Syrian refugee was captured in Germany with bombs and a plan to blow a lot of people and do a lot of harm. Obama and Hillary are wrong in wanting to bring thousands of these Islamic extremists into our country.

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WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday**, **Oct. 12 Midweek edition** of the Tri-County Times. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Sheriff: don't jog alone!

Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell warns women not to jog alone after two alleged attacks.

Don't like what Donald and Hillary are saying?

History is rife with scandalous presidential behavior.

The great pumpkin!

Todd Cotterman of Rose Township grew an 1,823-pound pumpkin.



Community event to honor police, firefighters in early planning stages

44 We are 99

percent sure Gov.

(Rick) Snyder will

be there. 77

Beverly Vondra

Linden City treasurer

■ First 'National Night Out' planned for Aug. 1, 2017

By Vera Hogan

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Beverly Vondra, treasurer for the city of Linden, spoke to members of the Fenton City Council at the Monday, Oct. 3 work session

Although she said an upcoming event in 2017 is in the planning stages, they want

to approach other communities to make sure they are onboard with the event aimed at showing appreciation for police officers and firefighters.

Vondra said "National Night Out," will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017,

from 5 to 8 p.m. at Caratel Inns of Linden. She said event organizers hope to include the cities of Linden and Fenton, and townships of Fenton and Argentine.

"We want it to be one big community

event," she said.

"We are 99 percent sure Gov. (Rick) Snyder will be there," Vondra said.

Funding for the event will be through sponsorships and fundraising, she added.

Vondra also said they need many volunteers as they are trying not to use municipal employees.

She said a variety of activities are planned for families and kids.

"We're hoping to have 3,000 people there," she said.

The Fenton council thanked her for coming and the information. Council woman Pat Lockwood said, "I applaud you for your efforts."

Lockwood did add that Vondra and her committee should be aware of the

Police Appreciation Picnic organized by Herm Ferguson. The first such picnic was held last month. What is expected to be an annual picnic honoring local police is planned for September of each year.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I VIDEO STILL The newest video by the Tri-County Times highlights the editorial process, and the role of a community newspaper in this community.

Behind the scenes at the Times

■ New video shows how your hometown newspaper brings the news to you

The staff and management of the Tri-County Times are pleased to bring to you a video called "Sixty-one years of community news" highlighting our employees, who explain what they do each day to bring you what we believe is the best community newspaper in the country.

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44We would be an entirely different community if we didn't have a newspaper here. **77**

Sally Rummel Features writer

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2016 HARVEST FESTIVAL

YMCA Camp Ohivesa is hosting its 2016 Harvest Festival on Sunday, Oct. 23, from 2 to 6 **p.m.** All are welcome to this free event. Join them for zip-lining, hayrides, alpine tower, archery, candle making, s'mores and more. Bring your camera — it's the most beautiful time of the year. YMCA Camp Ohiyesa runs day and overnight summer camps for kids 5 and up. Enjoy the day, meet the staff and learn about the programs they offer throughout the summer. For more information, call (248) 887-4533. YMCA Camp Ohiyesa is located at 7300 Hickory Ridge Rd. in Holly.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO

Sherry Lemere takes photos as multiple fire departments battle the blaze that overcame her home and that of her neighbor's home Wednesday morning. One resident suffered smoke inhalation and one pet has not been accounted for.

Fire destroys two homes on Lake Ponemah

■Investigators dig through ash and debris Thursday seeking origin and cause

By Sharon Stone

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Multiple fire departments assisted the Fenton Township Fire Department with battling two house fires on Eastview Drive in Fenton Township Wednesday morning.

The fire began shortly after 10 a.m. at 14296 Eastview Drive along Lake Ponemah. The fire quickly spread to the second floor and attic of the house next door, which stands less than 10 feet away.

Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said they received the 911 call at 10:17 a.m. The single-story home to the north caught fire, however. Volz said Thursday that they had not found the origin of the fire or determined what caused the fire.

Because of the wind and the close proximity to the one-and-a-half story house to the south, the fire quickly spread.

Volz said the homeowner of the first house to catch fire was home and asleep at the time of the fire. A neighbor spotted the smoke and rattled the windows to bring attention to the fire. A rock thrown through the window awoke the resident, who then escaped. He did suffer smoke inhalation. As of Thursday, a pet has not been accounted for.

The fire chief said because of the fire and water damage he would say that both houses are a total loss. Both homes were insured.

On Thursday, the state fire marshal, the homeowners' insurance companies and the insurance companies' investigators were on scene to sift through the damage.

Fenton City, Mundy Township and Grand Blanc fire departments assisted Fenton Township while the Genesee County Sheriff's Office handled traffic.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

PROUD TO BE part of the 'Basket of deplorable, functionally illiterate, rednecks.' I'm still voting for Trump.

I NEVER LIKED Donald Trump. He's an arrogant, narcissistic jerk. He is also 100 times better for this country than Hillary

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elitist politicians and mainstream media want to control the public and force their ideology on all of us. Take control of your

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News briefs

CROSSING GUARD POST TO BE ELIMINATED

Since the beginning of the school year the Linden Police Department, as well as Linden schools administration, have been monitoring the crossing guard post located at Bridge and Broad streets. There have been no school children using this crossing area. Effective Nov. 1, the crossing guard post located at Bridge and Broad streets will be eliminated. Crossing guard posts will still be maintained at the entrance of Linden Elementary and at the bus loop entrance on the west side of Hyatt Elementary. The Linden Police Department will continue to work with Linden schools regarding the crossing guard positions. In the future, if it becomes necessary to reinstate the crossing guard position at Bridge and Broad streets, they will do so.

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Village of Holly police set date for first 'Shop with a Cop'

■Holly's men and women in blue volunteering their time to make holidays brighter for kids

By Sally Rummel

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The Holly Police Department will host its first-ever "Shop with a Cop" during the holidays, to provide area children in need with an opportunity to shop for Christmas, in the company of an area police officer.

The event is set for Saturday, Dec. 10 at 9:30 a.m., at Walmart in Fenton. Walmart will provide visits with Santa Claus, music, refreshments and free gift-wrapping, according to Steve Legant, an officer with the Holly Police Department.

Elementary school-aged children who either live or go to school in Holly will be eligible to participate, based on referrals from the Holly Area Youth Assistance (HAYA) program, area schools or churches. Forms are also available at the Holly Police Department, 315 S. Broad St.

While that date is still two months away, several events are coming up to help raise money, according to Legant.

• In keeping with the often humorous connection between cops and donuts, the Holly Police Department will take over the Holly Donut Shop on Saturday, Nov. 5 for a fundraiser from 7 to 11 a.m. "We'll be serving



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Holly Donut Shop patrons gather for paczki in 2014. The shop will be temporarily taken over on Saturday, Dec. 10 by Holly police to fundraise for the "Shop With a Cop" event in December.

frosting," said Legant.

· A charity bowling event is set for Saturday, Nov. 12, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Holly Lanes. Tickets are available at the Holly Police Department.

The Holly Police will also set up booths at upcoming Holly events, including Live Action Clue, an interactive event downtown on Saturday, Oct. 29, plus Ladies Night Out on Friday, Nov.

> and offering food and refreshments.

"How much money we

For more information. visit the group's Face-

11. They'll be selling raffle tickets, charity bowling tickets

> raise will determine how many kids we'll be helping that day," said Legant.



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LOOKING BACK

NATIONAL HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

OCT. 16

1996: A stampede of soccer fans before a World Cup qualifying match in Guatemala City kills 84 people and seriously injures more than 100. The Guatemala national team was set to face off against Costa Rica in Guatemala City. Approximately 60,000 fans came to the stadium, which has a capacity of only 45,000. Counterfeiters had allegedly sold thousands of fake tickets to the event. Although the stadium was already full to capacity about an hour before the match was to begin, fans continued to push their way into the venue through a narrow passage. As those in front of them had nowhere to go, people were crushed and suffocated. Fistfights that broke out in the crowd exacerbated the situation, which ended in a panicked stampede.

OCT. 17

1931: Gangster Al Capone is sentenced to 11 years in prison for tax evasion and fined \$80,000, signaling the downfall of one of the most notorious criminals of the 1920s and 1930s.

OCT. 18

1931: Thomas Alva Edison, one of the most prolific inventors in history, dies in West Orange, New Jersey, at the age of 84. Born in Milan, Ohio, in 1847, Edison received little formal schooling. He developed serious hearing problems at an early age, and this disability provided the motivation for many of his inventions

OCT. 19

1985: The first Blockbuster video-rental store opens in Dallas, Texas. At a time when most video stores were small-scale operations featuring a limited selection of titles, Blockbuster opened with some 8,000 tapes displayed on shelves around the store and a computerized check-out process. The first store was a success and Blockbuster expanded rapidly, eventually becoming one of the world's largest providers of in-home movies and game entertainment.

OCT. 20

2011: Moammar Gadhafi, the longestserving leader in Africa and the Arab world, is captured and killed by rebel forces near his hometown of Sirte. The eccentric 69-year-old dictator, who came to power in a 1969 coup, headed a government that was accused of numerous human rights violations against its own people and was linked to terrorist attacks, including the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jet over Lockerbie, Scotland.

1967: In Washington, D.C. nearly 100,000 people gather to protest the American war effort in Vietnam. More than 50,000 of the protesters marched to the Pentagon to ask for an end to the conflict. The protest was the most dramatic sign of waning U.S. support for President Lyndon Johnson's war in Vietnam. Polls taken in the summer of 1967 revealed that, for the first time. American support for the war had fallen below 50 percent.

OCT. 22

1962: In a televised speech of extraordinary gravity, President John F. Kennedy announces that U.S. spy planes have discovered Soviet missile bases in Cuba. These missile sites, under construction but nearing completion, housed medium-range missiles capable of striking a number of major cities in the United States, including Washington, D.C. Kennedy announced that he was ordering a naval "quarantine" of Cuba to prevent Soviet ships from transporting any more offensive weapons to the island and explained that the United States would not tolerate the existence of the missile sites currently in place. This is what became known as the Cuban Missile Crisis.

'It is modern-day slavery'

44 They're

enslaving

people. 77

Marc Burnett

Church pastor

■Zonta event raises awareness about domestic violence and human trafficking

By Hannah Ball

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Flags are usually symbols of hope and faith, but in one case, they're symbols of violence and despair.

More than 600 flags were placed near the Potter's Wheel Church in Fenton af-

ter a Zonta-sponsored event on Friday, Oct. 7 raised awareness about domestic violence toward women and human trafficking.

Pastor Marc Burnett of the Potter's Wheel Church said each flag represented a woman who's been a victim of domestic violence or human trafficking in Genesee County this year.

"It was very moving," he said.

Burnett said their goal was to let people know what's going on in Genesee County and the world. "Every nine seconds a woman is abused in the U.S.," he said. "We have to make noise about it."

Michigan hovers between the second and third ranking as far as sex trafficking in the United States, Burnett said.

"They're enslaving people. (The women) are groomed and then given drugs. They become drug addicts and

they depend on that person for years until they get too old and then kick them out on the street," he said. "It is modern-day slavery."

In 2013, Lake Spa at 1490 Torrey Road in the city of Fenton was shut down after police heard complaints of human trafficking taking place at the spa. "I was appalled," he said, adding that he couldn't believe it was happening so close to the church. He soon learned how rampant hu-

man trafficking was in the U.S.

The event hosted three speakers, including Anne Kita, crisis counselor coordinator for the YWCA's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services and Burnett. She talked about the work the YWCA is doing in Flint to help women who

are victims of human trafficking and violence, and Burnett shared facts on human trafficking.

"I believe that the laws, for example, for rape are so pitiful. It angers me that when a man violently rapes a woman, why is he not put away for 25 years? I'm trying to do my part," he said.

The Zonta Club of Fenton, a member of Zonta International, is a women's advocacy group that, among other things, raises awareness about violence against women.



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PRISON

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The Linden man was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$189,000. Upon Spencer's release from prison he is to be on federal probation for two years. He was given 120 days "continued bond" and will report to Morgantown Penitentiary sometime within the allotted days.

Spencer, 47, was represented by local attorney Mike Manley, and U.S. Attorney Jules DePorre was the prosecutor. Agent Chuck Story of the FBI was the lead investigator along with Fenton Det. Dale Rauch.

According to Rauch, during Spencer's sentencing Judge Terrence Berg was made aware of Spencer's "known" 81 victims and sentenced him appropriately because of his ongoing scam which went from 2011 to 2016.

According to Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro, Spencer's company, National Diesel Engine on South Alloy Drive, was operating in the city of Fenton during a four-year period in which Fenton police received more than 81 complaints of wire fraud and/or taking money under false pretenses. Unsuspecting victims hired National Diesel to rebuild diesel engines, sent their old engines to the company, paid for the services and never received the finished product or had their original engine returned. Some received engines, represented as a rebuilt, with a only fresh paint job.

Fenton police began working with the FBI on this case early in the investigation and it has come to a conclusion. Aro said, "Unfortunately, some victims actually lost their small business due to these crimes."

The police chief said, "Dale did a great job on this case, often receiving multiple phone calls each day from victims pleading for some sort of assistance with obtaining justice. Detective Rauch's tenacity and perseverance in this case made a significant difference in the outcome."









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Anna Evanoff (right) and her twin sister, Grace, are dropped off at Torrey Hill Intermediate School Wednesday morning by Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz Wednesday morning. The ride was Anna's raffle prize from the department's open house. Parents Frank and Sonja photographed and filmed the arrival, and said that the girls had been looking forward to the ride all week.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE CLINTONS ARE in an elite class that only includes their big money financial donors and others they owe favors. They make promises for votes but after the election, the rest of us will be at their mercy.

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VFW post back in business to help fellow vets

■Holly Post 5587 going strong again with 84 members today

By Vera Hogan

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The Holly VFW Post 5587 is back in full swing. The Veterans of Foreign Wars group, whose post home is at 201 Airport Dr., Holly, was in the not-too-distant-past, in danger of closing.

The reason for that is the Holly membership consisted mainly of World War II and Korean War veterans.

According to Post Commander Eusevio "Sam" Alvarado, most of those veterans either died, or are too old or ill to participate in VFW activities.

Before Alvarado became the post commander, state VFW officials had said

they would have to close the Holly post because of lack of members. Today, they are back with 84 members.

Alvarado is a 35-year life member of the VFW and has served as Holly's post commander for the past four-and-ahalf years.

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Eusevio "Sam" **Alvarado**

Vietnam veteran and Holly VFW Post 5587 commander

The post is always seeking new members, he said. To be eligible to join the VFW, a person must be a U.S. citizen who has served in the military honorably in an overseas conflict, received a campaign medal for overseas service, served 60 nonconsecutive or 30 consecutive days in Korea, or received imminent danger or hostile-fire pay.

The Holly VFW is offering first-year membership for free, giving newcomers a chance to see what the VFW does and what being a member is all about.

"Vets can go to the VA (Veterans Administration) for help, but a lot of the information they need come from other vets who have been there themselves," said Alvarado.

One of the Holly post's missions is to make vets feel at home, not awkward, being a VFW member.

Alvarado said many improvements have been made to the post home on Airport Drive. With one grant, The Home Depot came in and refurbished the home. "We are working on getting another grant," he said.

"When the district commander came in, he realized we were serious about keeping the post open," said Alvarado. "He wanted to make sure also that we had enough of-

Most of the post's current membership consists of Vietnam veterans. About 20

About the post commander

Eusevio "Sam" Alvarado, 68, has served as the Holly VFW Post 5587 commander for the past four-anda-half years. He served in the U.S. Army's 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, in a reconnaissance platoon and as a medic. He also worked in "the tunnels," searching for the enemy. He was in the unit made into a movie by Oliver Stone called "Platoon." Alvarado is a retired GM skilled trades employee and is now devoted to serving veterans.

percent of them served in the Middle East.

"All of our members work many hours," Alvarado said. "We have a great team."

The Holly VFW members serve as the Honor Guard for funerals at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Three of its members sit on the Great Lakes National Cemetery Advisory Board. Other members represent the Department of Michigan Military Order of Purple Hearts.

Alvarado sits on the Advisory Board for the latter.

In addition to funerals, Holly VFW members take care of the ceremonial flags at various parades and

events and at the national cemetery. "Our date at the Great Lakes National Cemetery is the last Tuesday of each month," said Alvarado. "If there is a fifth

Tuesday, we do that day, too." The main purpose of the Holly VFW is to help veterans of all ages find the information and resources available to them.



Eusevio "Sam" Alvarado, 68, commander of Holly VFW Post 5587

Alvarado is hoping to start a Purple Heart chapter in Holly. The village of Holly is a Purple Heart Village, something which Alvarado and the VFW membership are very proud.

"We help vets learn about the many benefits available to themselves and their families," he said. "Some vets think they need to have been awarded a Purple Heart to receive services. That is not true."

Holly VFW members serve as mentors as well. Alvarado personally volunteers his services to the Veterans Treatment Court, which is part of the 51st

District Court in Oakland County. "They should not be treated the way I was treated," said Alvarado, who served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam in 1967 and 1968.

"The biggest need among veterans is understanding what benefits they are entitled to and not be afraid to ask for them," he said.

That's another reason they need more members. "The more members we have the more vets we can help," he said.

The Holly VFW membership meets on the second Wednesday of each month. On the fourth Wednesday, they have a social hour for veterans and their spouses.

Holly VFW post now has auxiliary group

This summer, Holly VFW Post 5587 formed a VFW Auxiliary, which is currently made up of 25 members. Auxiliary membership was once limited to female relatives of veterans. However. due to the number of females serving in active duty military themselves, the rules were changed in 2015 and today both men and women are eligible.

Auxiliary members must be citizens of the United States, 16 years old and have the following relationship with a VFW member: husband/wife, widower/ widow, father/mother, grandfathers/ grandmothers, sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters, brothers/sisters

Auxiliary members support and assist the VFW membership with a variety of functions and activities.



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Planning early is the first step in making your travel experience more relaxed, plus it's easier on the wallet. Buying tickets for prime time travel dates like holidays and spring break requires early planning to get the best deals.

"You won't be able to get as cheap a fare (for the holidays) as if you had booked your flights in June," said Williams. Flights to Florida will be hard to find, and they'll cost more than flights that were booked earlier.

Now is the time of year when people are beginning to plan travel for next winter, as well as spring break. In Genesee County schools, spring break will be Monday through Friday, April 3-7, 2017.

"The ideal time to begin planning for these busy travel times is six to nine months ahead, depending how far ahead the airline begins booking flights," said Williams.

New York, Chicago and Florida continue to be popular destinations from Bishop, and Chicago and Newark/New York are hubs for many major airlines.

"Our new United flight to Newark/ New York from Bishop just opened a lot



Bishop International Airport is 263,000 square feet, located on 1,300 acres. While established in 1926, the current facility was built in 1995, with five additions since.

of destinations," said Williams. "It leaves at 7 a.m. and gets you to Newark/New York before 9 a.m.'

These United flights started July 1 and offer connections up and down the

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coastline and internationally, including Boston, Washington, D.C., Pittsburgh, global business destinations in Asia and resort locations in the Caribbean.

Non-stop trips to Florida are some of

Bishop's highest-demand flights, according to Williams.

Southwest Airlines has brought back non-stop flights on weekends beginning Jan. 7, 2017, adding Saturday non-stop flights to Fort Myers and Tampa and a Sunday flight to Orlando.

Southwest continues its Saturday flights to Orlando, so the Jan. 7 start-up date will bring a full weekend of non-stop travel to Orlando, as well as daily flights to Chicago.

Allegiant Air, which began flying from Bishop last April, flies Thursdays and Sundays non-stop to Orlando/Sanford and Friday and Monday to Tampa Bay/ St. Petersburg.

Security and parking are two more reasons travelers should look at Bishop, according to Williams.

With Bishop's offering of TSA Pre-Check Enrollment, travelers can experience an expedited screening program, with no need to remove shoes, belt, jacket, laptop or liquids.

Bishop will have a TSA Pre-Check enrollment event the week of Oct. 31 through Nov. 4, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 to 5 p.m. The fee is \$85.

Applicants can pre-enroll ahead of time and set up an appointment date and time at: https://www.identogo.com/ precheck.

"This is a great opportunity, especially for business and frequent travelers, to speed up their airport experience," said Williams. "We encourage everyone to take advantage of it."

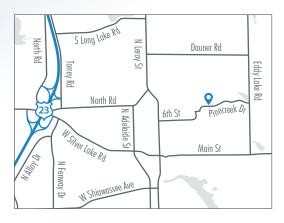
For a complete list of required documents, go to www.tsa.gov and search for TSAPre Application Program Fact Sheet.

Parking is another area where travelers can save a lot of money by flying to and from Bishop. Parking rates are significantly cheaper, according to Williams. It can cost as little as \$6 per day.



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News briefs

Teach kids about safe dating and healthy relationships at Zonta Club seminar Oct. 23

The Zonta Club of Fenton will hold a Safe Dates/Expect Respect Seminar on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 5 p.m. at Potter's Wheel Church, 2940 Georgetown Pkwy, Fenton. To educate kids and parents on safe teen dating, more information is available at info@fentonareazonta.org.

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It takes 850 gallons of water to put an 8 oz. steak on your plate

■The average American family uses approximately 300 gallons of water a day

By Hannah Ball

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The amount of water it takes to put a piece of steak on your plate is equivalent to 30 average showers, approximately 850 gallons, according to michiganhealthyliv-

If that number comes as a shock, don't be surprised you didn't know. Many Americans are oblivious when it comes to knowing how much water they use on a daily basis.

Americans use twice as much water as they think they do, and are barely aware of how much water it takes to grow the food they eat, according to latimes.com.

America has the highest water consumption rate per person, according to scientificamerican.com.

In the city of Fenton, Fenton Water Plant Manager Steven Guy said the approximate 11,500 city residents use around 380 million gallons of water a year. Water usage spikes between 4 and 6 a.m., when sprinklers turn on and people take showers.

Peter Gleick, Ph. D., the founder of Pacific Institute and researcher on how climate change impacts water resources, wrote a paper on how people only need approximately 13.2 gallons a day. Yet, the average American family uses more than 300 gallons of water per day at home, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Many scientists believe the world is facing a fresh water crisis.

Last year, NASA released a report stating that 21 of the world's 37 largest underground aquifers, which supply 35 percent of water used by humans worldwide, passed their sustainability tipping points.

More water was removed in the 10year study than what was replaced.

Here's where Americans use the most

During the summer months, the EPA found that approximately 40 percent of household water is used for watering lawns and gardens.

Approximately 28 percent of water used within an average household comes from toilet flushing. An average toilet uses approximately 3.5 gallons of water per flush.

After using a water-efficient toilet, the next big water saver would be a highefficiency clothes washer.

A standard washer will use approximately 34 gallons per load, but a high-efficiency washer will use less than 15 gallons.

Taking fewer and shorter showers would



The amount of water it takes to put the average steak on your plate is equivalent to 30 average showers, approximately 850 gallons. To measure your water footprint, go to gracelinks.org/1408/water-footprint-calculator.

as switching appliances. Turning the water off when brushing your teeth, fixing leaky faucets, and using a dishwasher instead of hand washing, will help conserve water

Guy said in 2002, Fenton residents used

Water usage

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sprinklers turn

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take showers,

according to

Steven Guy,

Fenton Water

Plant manager.

approximately 590 million gallons of water. However, there was a sharp decrease in water consumption after people started redoing their homes around that time, and installing more waterefficient toilets and other appliances.

He added this is a trend in other communities as well.

The type of food Americans consume is an important contributing factor.

Choosing a vegan diet not only saves animals, but

SUMMARY

Americans

use more wa-

ter then they

think they ɗo.

it can also save the water supply. Meat consumption accounts for 30 percent of American water consumption, according to scientificamerican.com.

One person switching to a vegan diet can save at least 1,000 gallons of water every day, according to michiganhealthyliving.com. A lot of the water that goes into making food is

wasted when the food is wasted.

The Natural Resources Defense Council found that Americans discard more than 35 million tons of uneat-

Conserving food will help conserve

Toilets, washing machines, en food annually. This and the type of costs local governments food you consume are all billions in dollars annufactors in water ally in clean up and landconsumption. fill maintenance costs, according to michiganhealthyliving.com.

also help conserve water, but not as much water. TRI-COUNTY AREA'S HOME & GARDEN RESOURCE A THE COMME **VISIT TIMESHG.COM**

How you can conserve water

- Eat less meat
- Steam vegetables instead of boiling them
- Support your local family farms
- Manually water plants instead of using a sprinkler
- Reduce food waste

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• Invest in a water-efficient toilet and washer

Source: care2.com

This needs how much water?

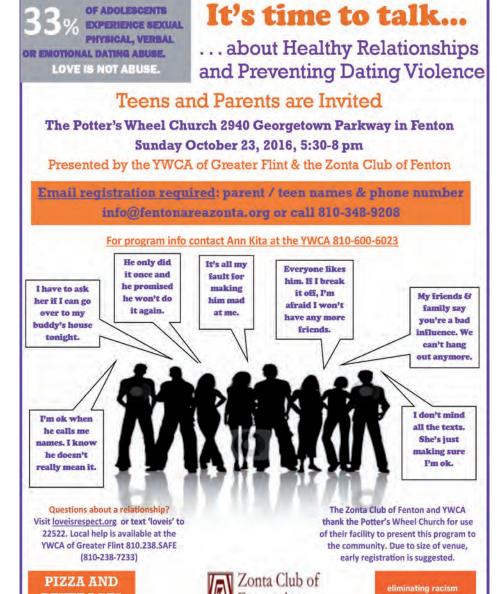
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- Produce one day's supply of U.S. newsprint 300 million gallons
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- For the growing and production of one orange 13.8 gallons
- For the growing and production of a watermelon 100 gallons
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38 billion gallons

Source: Environmental Protection Agency

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HEROIN

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Michigan is one of the worst states with opioid deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

Mark Valacak, Genesee County Health Department Health Officer, said, "Heroin addiction is a problem everywhere."

More people died in 2014 from drug overdose than any other year, and the number of overdose deaths involving opioids (opioid pain relievers and heroin) has nearly quadrupled since 1990.

Michigan's rates mirror this national trend, but Genesee County's rates do not. Eighty-three people died from opioid and/or heroin overdoses in 2010, but that number decreased to 34 in 2014, according to the MDHHS.

However, statewide overdose deaths were at a record high in 2014, according to the most recent data from the MDHHS. In 1999, there were 62 opioid deaths and 37 heroin deaths in Michigan. In 2014, there were 568 opioid deaths and 433 heroin deaths.

According to the CDC, 60 percent of drug overdoses in America involve an opioid, and the amount of prescribed pain medication is a major factor.

"Since 1999, the amount of prescription opioids sold in the U.S. nearly quadrupled, yet there has not been an overall change in the amount of pain that Americans report. Deaths from prescription opioids — drugs like oxycodone, hydrocodone, and methadone — have also quadrupled since 1999," the CDC reported.

The heroin is becoming stronger and more dangerous.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said, "Currently heroin is being 'cut' with very powerful synthetic opioids like fentanyl, which is 100 times more powerful than morphine.'

Aro said fentanyl, and its derivatives, make heroin much more potent and is responsible for many of the overdose deaths.

THE SIGNS OF HEROIN USE

If someone you know might be using heroin, look for these signs:

- Presence of drug paraphernalia
- · Changes in behavior
- Use of street slang related to heroin
- Missing valuables or money
- "Track marks" on the body
- · Legal troubles
- Lying and secretiveness

Source: americanaddictioncenters.org

There's hope for someone overdosing from heroin, however.

Nalozone, also known as Narcan, is known as a last-resort option to save someone overdosing from the opioid.

"Narcan is a reversal agent to many opioids that can and has saved lives," said Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell. "The Office of Genesee County Sheriff has had four instances in the jail and on patrol where Narcan was administered,

and the patient lived."

That number does not include county paramedics and EMS information.

All licensed EMS units in the state are required to carry Narcan as of Oct. 14, 2015, said Valacak.

Another powerful opioid, carfentanil, which is 10,000 times stronger than morphine and resistant to Narcan, has found its way to the streets. It's used as an elephant tranquilizer and

it deadly for humans (see sidebar).

"The public needs to be aware of the opioid epidemic that plagues every segment of society and leaves a broad wake of wreckage behind. Educating kids regarding the dangers of drugs should be a conversation parents have with their kids at an early age," Pickell

overdosing on prescription painkillers, which is more than cocaine and heroin

combined.

In Michigan, more than 21 million prescriptions for controlled substances were written in 2014, which is an increase of four million since 2007 despite a population decrease.

The suspected cause of the opioid

and heroin addiction, which the

According to the DHHS, 44

Michigan Department of Health and

Human Services calls an "epidemic,"

people die in the U.S. every day from

Suspected cause

is prescription drug abuse.

A report by the Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force reports that, "They are being prescribed in the United States at an unprecedented rate. While U.S. residents constitute less than 5 percent of the world population, they consume 80 percent of the global opioid supply and 99 percent of the global hydrocodone supply."

This creates not only bodily harm, but also monetary harm to the person. According to a study in the Journal of Managed Care Pharmacy, opioid abusers generate direct healthcare costs that are nine times higher than non-abusers.

New opioid on the street

Emergency personnel are finding that people are using Carfentanil to achieve a high. Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell said, "Contact of any kind such as skin contact, inhalation and ingestion can lead to a sudden onset of adverse health effects including disorientation, coughing, sedation, respiratory distress, and even death.

The exact number of overdoses related to Carfentanil in the county is unknown, he said, but there has been a "significant" increase in calls of overdosing since carfentanil's arrival in the area, leading to deaths.

The drug has been found in Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and more closely in Wayne County, just south of Oakland County. Wayne County revealed there had been 19 deaths associated with the drug.

"The number of identified cases likely means that it is a common contaminant of the local street drug supply," said Pickell.

The sheriff added that the paramedic division of the sheriff's office provides training to the Flint Area Narcotics Group (FANG), a task force dedicated to reducing drug abuse in the county, and they will likely add training to counteract effects of carfentanil.

FANG

One possible explanation for the decrease in heroin and opioid deaths is Flint Area Narcotics Group (FANG). Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro was the unit commander for two years and now is the chairman of the operations board

"FANG is a multijurisdictional drug enforcement unit, which means police officers from different cities, townships, state and federal agencies work together to perform drug investigations in Genesee County," he said.

"I hope there is a connection with the decrease in deaths and FANG's work." Aro said. "Historically FANG has been one of the most dynamic teams in the state; known for the amount of cases handled each year and the amount of drugs seized."



MOTHER

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During the early evening hours of Sunday, Oct. 2, Chelsea Weisgerber fell from her tree blind while bow hunting.

Her great uncle, Robert Krug of Fenton Township said she was bow hunting for deer with her fiancé Roger Miller in Grand Blanc. She found a good location for her tree stand, which was approximately 18 feet from the ground.

Her mistake was that she failed to use the tree stand harness that she owns. Krug said she slipped out and fell to the ground, hitting numerous branches along the way.

Michigan State Police deputies and Department of Natural Resources officers responded to the scene and carried her to the ambulance on a backboard. Matt Weisgerber, Chelsea's father, arrived and said she was talking and alert.

According to a gofundme page that her aunt created, Weisgerber fractured several vertebrae and lacerated her liver.

Matt Weisgerber said Chelsea would most likely be in Hurley Hospital in Flint for at least five more weeks then rehab afterward. She came through surgery and was upgraded from critical to stable condition.

Chelsea has begun physical therapy on her upper body and she has been able to feel some sensations or pressure from touch. "She's just on pain meds and her spirits are better than mine had this happened to me," he said. "She's a strong girl."

Weisgerber said Chelsea has expressed to her family a desire to share her story with hunting safety classes as a reminder always to wear a harness while hunting from a tree stand. "She wants to go big with this, to be an advocate for tree stand harnesses. She wants this to be a learning story. She is determined to get through this."

Hunting facts

- For the second year in a row, Michigan recorded no fatalities in 2015 during all hunting seasons, according to reports compiled in April by the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Law Enforcement Division.
- Thirteen incidents resulting in injuries were recorded in the state during 2015, up slightly from 10 incidents in 2014. Twelve incidents occurred in the Lower Peninsula and one in the Upper Peninsula.
- Of the 13 incidents resulting in injury reported in 2015, one involved a turkey hunter, one involved a waterfowl hunter, one involved a trapper and six involved deer hunters. One injury does not specify animal hunted because the report is pending. Victims ranged in age from 21 to 74. The majority of injuries, over 60 percent, were a result of self-inflicted gunshot wounds. Source: Michigan.gov

Weisgerber said Chelsea has hunted with him for many years and just took up hunting from a tree stand for the past two years. She has a harness, but forgot it that day. In his opinion and from what she said on the way to the hospital, he believes Chelsea may have sneezed, which could have caused her to lean forward quickly, causing her to slip from the stand.

Weisgerber has worked full time as a service pro at The Home Depot in Grand Blanc for several years. She has a 4-year-old son, Jayden.

Follow Chelsea's progress on gofundme. com. Search for Helping Chelsea Weisgerber.





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HOT LINE CONTINUED

AMERICANS ARE LOOKING for balance in their news and that is why the ratings for Fox News are way up. The ratings show that Fox News draws an audience that is double that of CNN and MSNBC combined.

YESTERDAY, OBAMA SIGNED a secret deal to lift sanctions on Iran banks and businesses. Iran is spitting in the face of the U.S. as Obama helps to strengthen our adversary. He will truly go down in history as the worst president ever.

THIS WEEK WE learned that Obama delayed 56,000 deportation classes. Obama eased sanctions against Iran, he collaborated in the cover up of the Hillary email scandal. He did all this while flying across the country, campaigning for Hillary. PLEASE READ AND know the difference in the economic platforms of our candidates. Trump is about reducing taxes,

increasing jobs and increasing wages for all Americans. Clinton will be more of the same. High taxes, more regulations, plus a mass immigration plan.

IN HER SPEECHES to Wall Street firms, where she was paid \$26 million, Hillary Clinton declared open borders and amnesty to allow millions of illegals to stay and allow millions of refugees to come here. She has been bought and paid for by Wall Street firms.

WE KNOW THAT Hillary Clinton has called most of Trump's supporters 'deplorable' and now we learned from speeches she called Bernie supporters 'losers.' What Americans does she really like, except the ones who are on her payroll?

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on a suspended license last week, a violation of his bond.

According to freep.com, prosecutors want a judge to revoke Warren's bond and put him in jail until his trial.

Warren is awaiting trial on a charge of reckless driving causing death for a crash near Clarkston last August. Michigan State Police Trooper Chad Wolfe died Aug. 28, 2015 from injuries sustained in the accident.

According to Paul Walton, chief deputy prosecutor for Oakland County, Warren violated the conditions of the court order and continues to be a danger to the public.

On the morning on Aug. 28, 2015, Wolf was on patrol driving his motorcycle when he was hit by a vehicle pulling a trailer

on Dixie Highway, near I-75. Wolf was dragged about four miles on the highway at speeds of up to 65 mph until Warren, the driver, pulled over at a rest stop. He then discovered Wolf.

Warren had originally been on house arrest until early November 2015 when 52-2 District Judge Kelley Kostin had him jailed on several bond violations.

"It's getting very clear to me that Mr. Warren's decision is 'I'm going to do what I want to do and I'll explain it later," Kostin said $in November, the morning sun. com {\it reported}.$

She cited three violations: failing to appear for a Nov. 3 alcohol and drug testing; stopping for fast food when the court told him to drive straight home from a doctor's appointment, and failing to check in frequently with his case manager and others.

Warren's driver's license had been taken away and his wife had been driving on Oct. 29, 2015 when they stopped for fast-food after a doctor's appointment because Warren reportedly hadn't eaten all day.

Two other violations include making a trip to Home Depot and Meijer in Waterford.

Kostin modified his previous \$100,000 personal bond to \$100,000 cash or surety, with 10 percent payment allowed.

Warren's attorney, Southfield-based Neil Rockind, disagreed with Kostin's decision but said Warren posted the \$10,000 in order to leave custody of the court.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Denise Langford Morris has scheduled a hearing for Oct. 19 to review his bond status.

Wolf, of Fenton, left behind a wife and four children.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IN MY 85-plus years on this earth, there has never been a bigger phony than Trump. He is a habitual liar and fraud.

IT'S OBVIOUS THE people are not happy with either candidate. What if Jesus Christ ran for president? How many votes would he get? I guess that would be a reflection of our morality, now wouldn't it.

HAITI IS IN terrible condition after this last storm and as of Oct. 11, they are still waiting for some kind of assistance. Where is the Clinton Foundation? Aren't they an organization that gives funds and assistance? After all, they took millions that belonged to Haiti reconstruction the first time so where are they now?

I SAID 'TRICKLE-down economics' is just slang from small-minded liberals. Then you cite Warren Buffett as proof of 'trickle-down economics." I'll agree he is a brilliant businessman, but he is also a hard-core liberal ideologue. Thanks for proving my point.

REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT — vote out all the incumbents. They are all at fault for our broken country. No more career politicians.

THE MORE I read $\overline{\mbox{the}}$ 'Hot lines' (by the way I love it), the more I realize that as a country, we are so divided. Let's concentrate on ourselves on a local level and leave each other alone when it comes to this fallacy of a presidential race. Is that too much too much to ask?

I WILL BE glad when the election is over. Americans have a very important choice. We can continue in the manner we are, which is going nowhere, and Iran, Russia, and all the rest threatening us and laughing at us. Or we can venture out and

strong and dependable.

put America back together as it should be,

THERE SHOULD BE a law that any candidate must list on their campaign material the party and whether they're running for election or re-election. Some candidates must be embarrassed to list the party and whether they're running for re-election.

TO THE CLINTON supporter who has his absentee ballot. Remember when they bring in those hundreds of thousands of refugees and leave the borders wide open, they have to live somewhere. You can see they don't put them in their own neighborhoods do they. Good luck with that.

WHERE WAS THE liberal media when JFK had at least 12 sexual exploits while president? This includes four movie stars, two White House secretaries, a 19-vearold intern, a mafia hooker, Jackie's press secretary, a stripper and prostitutes. They would rather attack Trump's off-color remarks. What hypocrisy.

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Linden High School





Fenton, Linden, Holly could end up in same district if they qualify for playoffs

By David Troppens

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Entering Friday night's prep football action, only one tri-county area squad was assured a spot in the playoffs due to making it to the six-win barrier needed to automatically qualify.

The team already in, of course, was Lake Fenton. The Blue Devils entered Friday's game at Waverly with a 7-0 mark.

However, the three other tri-county squads — Linden, Fenton and Holly were all 5-2 entering Friday's contests,

and considering Linden and Holly played each other on Friday night, we also knew one of those teams would be qualified come Saturday morning. Fenton also were big favorites against Swartz Creek on Friday night, so it's possible by the time you are reading this story, Fenton may have its six wins. No matter, it's fair to say all four area squad's fans have thoughts of the playoffs dancing in their minds. With those thoughts, come those who enjoy trying to figure out what the playoff possibilities may be if the season ended today.

One such site, named snooze2you. all four teams in the same Division 3 Discom, has become one of the major standard bearers when it comes to trying to predict possible playoff positioning. And according to their week seven projections, it looks like Metro league foes Fenton, Linden, Holly and Ortonville-Brandon

could be seeing a lot more of each other when the playoffs start on Oct. 28. That's because their projections have

trict 2 playoff bracket based on the results through the seventh week.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS Lake Fenton senior Trent Hillger has his hand lifted in the air after winning his second individual state championship match last March. The football-wrestling standout has verbally committed to wrestling at the University of Wisconsin next fall.

Hillger wrestling at Wisconsin in fall

■LF senior verbally commits to the Badgers

By David Troppens

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For a couple of years questions surrounded Lake Fenton two-star athlete Trent Hillger.

Would he continue his career in wrestling or football? Also, he had his choice of schools in both sports, so where would he go also remained a great mystery.

Hillger has made his decision. He has verbally committed to wrestle at the University of Wisconsin next fall. **CONTINUED AT TCTIMES.COM**

Tigers overcome slow start, crush Flushing

■ Fenton within two matches of defending its Metro League title

By David Troppens

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Fenton — It wasn't a great start for the Fenton varsity volleyball team Tuesday at home against Flushing.

In a battle of the two most recent Metro League champions and the only two remaining undefeated Metro League squads this season, the Tigers played a very sloppy first game and ended up losing it 25-22.

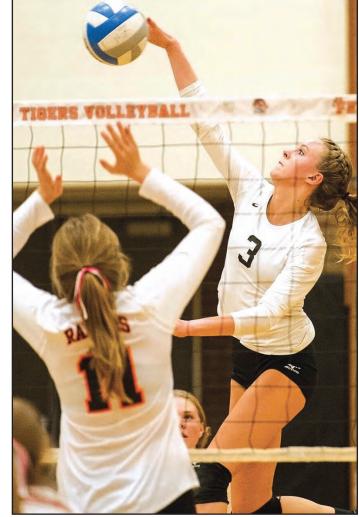
In short, it couldn't have been the most confidencebuilding start for the Tigers.

No matter, the Tigers showed why they are the defending Metro League champions by bouncing back with their best effort of the night in the second game, crushing Flushing 25-12. From there, the Tigers never really lost control of the match again, earning a pivotal 22-25, 25-13, 25-22, 25-20 victory against the Raiders. The win means Fenton (5-0 in the Metro and 26-4-1 overall) is in sole possession of first place with just two matches remaining in league play.

"We struggled a bit at the start but there is no question we got some momentum at the end of the first game and started playing a lot better," Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger said. "We had some momentum going into game two and took control of the second game. I think it was really important to win the second game, and the way we won it was impressive. To come out and beat them by a big number – the girls reestablished themselves."

Fenton jumped to an early 11-4 lead in the second game, and never looked back. Leading 18-11 after a block kill by Delaney Miesch and Idoni, Fenton capped the second game with an 8-1 run starting with that point. The game ended with an Idoin kill, an Idoni block kill and a Jessica Warford kill on a Flushing overpass for the final three points. With the match tied at 1-all, the third game became pivotal, and it remained close throughout.

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Fenton's Jessica Warford attempts to get a kill in the Tigers' 22-25, 25-13, 25-22, 25-20 victory against Flushing on Tuesday.



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Tri-county's finest football teams

Within this publication, we are celebrating 61 years of the Tri-County Times. We have decided to enhance the celebration by including a list of the tri-county area football teams which posted undefeated regular season records during that time period.

This list includes each team's final record, which means playoff wins and loses are included. The PF and PA columns stand for points scored for the team during the season and points scored against the team during the season.

Unfortunately, Holly hasn't had an undefeated team in the last 61 years.



Fenton Tigers

Year	Record	PF	PA
1966	9-0	346	71
1967*	9-0	225	58
1984	9-1	246	118
1985	9-1	223	69
2014	9-1	341	137

* The 1967 team photograph is above.



Lake Fenton **Blue Devils**

Year	Record	PF	PA
1964	8-0	195	28
1968	8-0	154	41
2006*	11-1	331	89

* The 2006 team photograph is above.



Linden Eagles

Year	Record	PF	PA
1958	7-0-1	194	56
2005*	9-1	367	109
2006	10-1	468	264
2009	10-1	474	204

* The 2005 team photograph is

Kerner to be inducted to Linden Hall of Fame

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Finding someone who has been a varsity head football coach and a varsity cheerleading coach during his time at a school would be a pretty tough task.

In fact, many probably would guess it's an impossible one.

However, for those who went to Linden

High School during the late 1960s and early 1970s, they can probably name someone quickly. Michael Jay Kerner coached both.

"Isn't that unique," Kerner said. "I'm quite sure it's not unique. I've never met any of my peers who served in that capacity." Linden's

HOF banquet

What: Michael Jay Kerner will be inducted into the Linden Athletic Hall of Fame.

When/where: Spring Meadows Country Club on Oct. 22 at 6 p.m.

Info: Tickets cost \$40 and are available at the Linden High School athletics office. They need to be purchased or reserved by calling Carol Dolata at (810) 591-0417 in advance.

long-time educator and coach of any sport you can think of will have another distinction that is reasonably rare on Oct. 22 when he becomes the 79th individual inducted to the Linden Athletic Hall of Fame during a ceremony at Spring Meadows Country Club at 6 p.m.

Kerner athletic director Claude Cranston asked the girls who they wanted to coach the cheerleading team and they



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I MARK BOLEN Linden's Emma Kenney attempts a kill during a recent match. The Eagles

Eagles remain in Metro hunt, beat Clio

By David Troppens

defeated Clio on Tuesday.

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The Linden varsity volleyball team has never won a Metro League champi-

The Eagles are two Metro League victories away from possibly making that a possibility this season.

The Eagles remained within a match out of first place with two matches left after earning a 25-9, 25-21, 25-17 victory against the Clio Mustangs Tuesday.

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mentioned Kerner. Next thing he knew, he was coaching cheerleading.

"It was the most uniquely demanding coaching assignment of my career," Kerner said. "But they were a great group of girls, and I adore them to this day."

But it wasn't because he was a cheerleading coach that Kerner is headed to the Linden hall. Or maybe it is. During a 10-year period, Kerner was the head varsity golf coach, the head varsity football coach, an assistant track coach and was an assistant basketball coach, mentoring the Linden seventh- and eighth-grade teams for three years, starting in 1965.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Michael Jay Kerner will be inducted into the Linden Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 22 at Spring Meadows County Club. He is pictured with some of his football players during his time as varsity head coach.



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