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ROCK AND  
ROLL**

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## Water levels high, flood watch ended Tuesday

■ Many area lakes and rivers feeling effects of wet and stormy spring

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The fish currently have more room to swim and the water is rising higher and higher on seawalls due to the increasing water levels in local lakes.

Jim Gerth, surface water director for the Genesee County Drain Commission, said this is because of the wet, rainy season and it's usual for the time of year.

"They're always high in the spring," he said.

Due to rain, the National Weather Service issued a flood watch for numerous counties, including Genesee County, starting Monday at 7 p.m. until Tuesday morning. The weather service predicted showers and thunderstorms developing overnight,

**See FLOOD WATCH on 8**

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The small peninsula known as "The Point" at the south end of Lake Fenton, is now a narrow ribbon of land due to increased lake levels. It's possible that local waters are up 6 inches over last year.



## Rain wreaking havoc on 394 miles of gravel roads

■ Genesee County Road Commission fields thousands of complaints

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With 394 miles of county gravel roads in Genesee County and the abundance of rain that local municipalities have received, residents who live on these gravel roads are not happy with all the potholes.

Anthony Branch, director of maintenance at the Genesee County Road Commission, said they receive approximately



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Alpine Drive in Argentine Township, along with the rest of the neighborhood was graded on Monday, after the streets had become severely potholed. Rain is the primary culprit for eroding gravel roads.

**“If it's got a lot of deep potholes, it could take them two hours to do a mile.”**

**Anthony Branch**  
Genesee County Road Commission  
director of maintenance

1,500 calls a week from people inquiring about their road.

"We get a dozen in five minutes. We've got one person that tries to deal with it (the calls). It is an impossible feat," he said.

**See GRAVEL ROADS on 10**

## Tuesday, April 18 is income tax filing deadline this year

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If you haven't filed your 2016 tax returns, don't panic yet — you have a few extra days this year beyond the traditional April 15 deadline.

This year's deadline is Tuesday, April 18 at 12 a.m. (midnight). Because April 15 falls on Saturday, the filing deadline would usually move to the following Monday, April 17, according to IRS.com.

However, Emancipation Day, a legal holiday in the District of Columbia, is observed on Monday, April 17, pushing the filing deadline to the next day.

**See TAX DEADLINE on 7**

## Holly DDA votes against Bladzik appointment

■ Majority of DDA against 'assistant village manager' being part of job title

By Vera Hogan

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It doesn't look like former Holly Village President Ryan Bladzik is going to serve as the new DDA director after all — at least not for now.



Ryan Bladzik

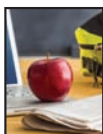
The DDA voted 6 to 3 against Bladzik's appointment on Monday, April 10. According to Village Manager Jerry Walker, the chief complaint among the dissenting voters was the "assistant village manager" part of the job title. The appointment was to be for the DDA Director/Assistant Village Manager.

**See BLADZIK on 10**

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**“Enough with the balanced calendar talk.** It was 'being looked at' 17 years ago when I graduated from Fenton. It'll never happen even though it's better for both students and parents. The administrators and teachers love having the break too much ever to give it up.”



**“Our politicians have** become extremely creative in finding ways to extract money from all of us, and most Americans don't even realize what is being done to them. By the time it is all said and done, a significant portion of the population ends up paying more than half of what they earn to the government.”



COMMENT  
OF THE WEEK

**“The U.S. income tax** structure has created more criminals than any other single act of government. Our taxation level is criminally abusive to the citizenry and needs to be completely overhauled.”





The following is the second in a series about 50 years of music history. We continue with the legendary music of the late '50s and early '60s.

## Late '50s and early '60s music gave birth to Rock and Roll

■ We twisted, mashed potatoes and rocked around the clock

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The decade of the '50s gave birth to Rock and Roll. When Bill Haley's "Rock Around the Clock" became popular in 1955, the nation learned to swing to a whole new sound. Prior to that, the Big Band Era from the '40s was still the driving force in music, according to fiftiesfab.com

Rock wasn't the only music of the '50s. Other artists had folks singing along for much of the decade. Artists like Pat Boone, Perry Como and Patti Page.

The feel-good innocence of much of the



PHOTO: RAWVIVANDO

Teenagers of the late 50s and early 60s had a ball doing the Twist and other popular dances of the day.

'50s music reflects on the post World War II optimism in America. The young people of the time, an emerging force called teenagers, hadn't struggled through the war years. They were looking for something more exciting. They discovered that vitality in Rock and Roll.

During the '50s, both styles of music co-existed quite nicely. Some of the music you associate with the '50s was actually recorded in the '60s. "Blue Moon," by the Marceles, for example. And all of the "girl groups" are from the '60's. When you look at the dates, musically the styles tend to break off mid-decade.

One of the styles that was fairly short-lived was "Bubblegum Rock." But there aren't too many people that don't remember favorites like "Sugar Sugar," by the Archies in 1962. And "Yummy Yummy Yummy" by the Ohio Express in the same year.

American Bandstand was a popular TV show among teens starting in the early '50s. American Bandstand was a music-performance show that aired in various versions from 1952 to 1989. It was hosted from 1956 until its final season by Dick Clark, who also served as producer.

Many talented artists' careers were launched when they appeared on American Bandstand.

Some unforgettable performances include "The Twist," a song popularized by Chubby Checker in 1960. It's popularity was no doubt enhanced by the hugely successful dance.

Other artists with popular dance songs were Dee Dee Sharp and James Brown who each had their own version of "Mashed Potato." Bobby "Boris" Pickett did "The Monster Mash."

While the dance craze contributed a significant number of chart toppers, ballads were still ruling the day. Connie Francis was perpetually on top with songs like "Where the Boys Are," and the Everly Brothers held top spots with "Cathy's Clown" and "Wake Up Little Susie."

Ask anyone about "the day the music died" and you will hear a tragic account of the plane crash that killed Buddy Holly ("Peggy Sue," "That'll Be the Day"), Ritchie Valens ("LaBamba," "Donna") and the Big Bopper ("Chantilly Lace") on Feb. 3, 1959 in Clear Lake, Iowa.

Something new was having to compete with girl groups for air time. Groups like the Shirelles, the Ronettes, the Marvelettes and the Chiffons became a force of nature that although short lived contributed many hits.

By 1963, Bobby Vinton was still belting out covers and the Beach Boys were the new and upcoming group. Then everything started to change. In response to a very well coordinated marketing campaign, teenagers began paying attention to some new sounds coming out of Liverpool, U.K.

In late 1963, "I Want To Hold Your Hand" had sold one million copies before it was released and was the first song the Beatles wrote entirely for America. It was released to coincide with their arriving in the United States Feb. 07, 1964.

Read more about the "British Invasion" and folk anthems that were all about discontent with the war in Vietnam, the establishment, and the status quo in general, in part three of this series, which will be published Wednesday, April 19. Source: Fiftiesfab.com

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# When patriotism meets persistence

■ Search for Purple Heart recipient's family takes year, spans countries

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One Fenton woman's patriotism knows no bounds.

Several years ago, after her friend's aunt and uncle passed away, Sandra Skene was helping her friend clean out their house. While wading through old belongings, she found something special and unexpected — a Purple Heart medal with no name.

This sent her on a yearlong search to honor a fallen soldier and former prisoner of war.

"I just have such patriotism and I couldn't let his (medal) go to a landfill or some unknown person if I could find family," she said. She called a family member and discovered the medal belonged to John Stevenson Hall, the first husband of her friend's aunt, Violet.

From then on, her goal was to deliver the medal to a family member of Hall. She put on her metaphorical detective hat and got to work.

Hall was in the Army, and Skene found the order for his military headstone with his date of birth and death. She wrote to state libraries and the National Archives for Military Records in St. Louis, Missouri. However, his World War II record was lost in a fire there in 1973.

Skene wrote to the National Personnel Records Center, searched through lineage sites, such as ancestry.com and familysearch.org, looking through marriage licenses, death certificates, obituaries, census reports, and many other records in search of a living relative.

Skene learned that Hall, born in 1924, was the fifth child of Reverend Edmund Hall and Hilda Nelson-Hall. He was raised in the Flint area and married a woman named Violet in 1949. They had no children.

While he served in the Army, Hall was a prisoner of war (POW) in World



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Sandra Skene of Fenton spent one year tracking surviving family members of Purple Heart recipient John Hall, who died in 1952. His medal was unclaimed by family, so Skene conducted extensive research to find a surviving nephew in Florida. Soon, she'll send him the medal and the binder chronicling her research.

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**Sandra Skene**  
Fenton resident

War II. He died in 1952 at age 28. Skene said she learned that he was in a vehicle accident and died due to complications from war injuries.

Since Skene couldn't give the medal to one of his children, she searched for the families of his four siblings. None of John's four siblings were living, and Skene had trouble finding the daughters of his siblings because they changed their names when they married.

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## If I Were King...

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# Welfare — it's more addictive than drugs

**A**ddiction, whether in the form of drugs, liquor, gambling, pot, sex or even cigarettes, is difficult to quit.

The most difficult addiction of all, and the one addiction most people never shed, is welfare. And it costs Americans more than all other addictions combined.

As overtaxed and underserved citizens face the predatory April 18 tax deadline in just a few days, I am astonished at the timidity of Americans in allowing the politicians to cavalierly confiscate our hard-earned income year after year in order to give it away to other citizens who flat out refuse to work, choosing instead to live a life of leisure at your, and my, expense.

Clearly, we are the stupidest citizenry in the history of the world. In FY 2016, total U.S. government spending on welfare — federal, state, and local — was estimated at \$1.127 billion, including \$646 billion for Medicaid and \$481 billion in various other forms of welfare. Every dime of this money was confiscated from you and me through taxation. The people confiscating this money are the politicians whose only job, allegedly, is to look out for our best interests. Yet, they are doing just the opposite — stealing our money and giving it to career welfare recipients.

Think about that as you write a check for your 2016 taxes.

Don't we all know someone who never works but always seems to have cash available for a golf round, a couple of beers or even a pack of smokes? My guess is that 80 to 90 percent of the people on welfare are perfectly able to work. But why would you when food stamps, subsidized housing, free health insurance and all the other perks of welfare are there for the taking for the low, low price of simply selling your character? Further, once on the welfare rolls, you pretty much have commit-

ted to a lifelong career as a parasite. The thought of ever giving up any one of the perks of welfare will never cross your mind.

I visited the Flint SSA office last year. Naively I assumed that 95 percent of the patrons would be retirees and widows with questions about their Social Security benefits. I was shocked to see that the vast majority of individuals there had two things in common: 1) they were young and healthy, and 2) they had a lawyer with them. That's not to say that there most certainly are citizens who are legitimately and permanently disabled and deserving of assistance through welfare. But they are vastly outnumbered by the liars, cheaters and scammers.

Politicians know all this, which is why it will be impossible to ever reduce entitlements. Every American who is the beneficiary of an entitlement votes for the party that provides them with this benefit — the Democrats. Aside from ideology, this is why the left constantly seeks to increase entitlements. The more people receiving government benefits, the more people vote for the left.

And, just like the carnival barker says, "everyone is a winner!"

Everyone except you and me.

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**YOU DON'T LIKE** it if people use the office of the President to get rich? What about using it to stay rich and hide from your criminal activities?

**DOES ANYONE ELSE** see the irony in that the DNR wants to destroy mute swan eggs because they are a non-native species that is aggressive and competes for resources with other birds like the native trumpeter swan?

**JUST GOT A** scam call from 'the computer technical department,' phone: 412-462-0350.

**SO THE DDA** is 'only' spending \$5,000 for the 'artwork' around Fenton. Why don't they drive down 3rd Street off N. LeRoy Street? Maybe they would decide that Fenton side streets would be a better choice for spending that money.

**HEARTLESS CONSERVATIVE? LUCK,** not hard work? Try working hard and see how your luck improves. Signed, unapologetic conservative.

**MANY REPUBLICANS ARE** so hateful and so intolerant. Many of them don't want my kids to have healthcare. They just don't care.

**TO ALL THE** people who venture to the Eagle Wooden Park in Linden. Once you're in that park, when you go off that boardwalk to the east, those woods are

private property. Everything to the west is private property. You people are trashing private property. It's not going to happen anymore.

**MICHAEL LAJOICE DOESN'T** deserve all the criticism. He didn't kill anyone. He needs help from clergy. Where are all you ministers for him and his family?

**JUST CAME BACK** from Big Boy in Hartland and they're looking for cooks and waitresses so you people up there on Owen Road who lost their job might want to look into that. They're looking for help.

**INSTEAD OF BUILDING** another strip mall, which we already have two of them in Fenton, why don't you build something for the kids, the teenagers, like a skate park where they can ride their bikes. Or put back in a movie theater.

**I WONDER HOW** many potholes in our streets could be filled with the \$5,000 spent on that pile of junk steel that some people call art.

**I'M 86 YEARS** old, live in Florida, born in Fenton. I just went to the store and paid twice the price for a gallon of milk that I paid for a gallon of gas. I would have lost a lot of money betting on the day that I spent more on milk than on gas.

**JUST HAD THE** opportunity to drive up the expressway from Owen Road as far as Baldwin Road. The roads are spotless. I think Sheriff Pickell has been having his trustees pick up the garbage that people threw around the highway. They need to hear compliments.

**THE HEAD OF** the Democratic Party is Tom Perez and he is a strong supporter for a group called La Raza. This is a group trying to get all illegal immigrants as citizens. You can see them spouting their anti-American verbiage all across campuses in our country.

**JUDGE GORSUCH IS** a decent, hard-working honest man. That's why the Democratic liberals don't like him.

**KUDOS TO THE** city of Linden for listing their 2017 events on a flyer, which is shaped like and looks like a cell phone. Very innovative.

**THERE'S A RUG** leaning on the curb in downtown Linden. It's been there for a month and nobody has the ability or knowhow to pick it up and put it in the trash? Just like the trash and the concrete chunks and sidewalk lying all around the library.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

## What was your first music album or single?

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

## street talk



"'Head Games' by Foreigner. I returned the album because it didn't have the two songs I wanted. I thought every album would have all the songs. I was a young kid."

**David Troppens**  
Fenton



"Paul Anka. His first album. I don't remember the name. In the '60s. It was my first favorite."

**Danise Skrentner**  
Grand Blanc



"Phoebe Snow. Jazz. She's awesome. She used to play here in Flint. I just remember she was engaging with the audience."

**Linda Geiger**  
Fenton Township



"Probably Neil Diamond. I like the words and I like the music. It was my sort of music."

**William Start**  
Fenton



"My first I can remember was a music album I got as a gift. It was Stevie Wonder. I loved it then and I love it now."

**Pam Briggs**  
Linden



# April 15th is 105th anniversary of Titanic sinking

■ Fenton man's mother, uncle, and grandmother amongst the 705 survivors

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One hundred and five years have sailed by since the luxury steamship RMS Titanic met its catastrophic end in the North Atlantic, plunging two miles to the ocean floor after sideswiping an iceberg during its maiden voyage on April 15, 1912.

Rather than the intended Port of New York, a deep-sea grave became the pride of the White Star Line's final destination during those fateful morning hours. More than 1,500 people lost their lives in the disaster.

In the century-plus since her demise, Titanic has inspired countless books and several notable films while continuing to make headlines, particularly since the 1985 discovery of her resting place off the coast of Newfoundland.

According to history.com, the Titanic was doomed from the start by the design so many lauded as state-of-the-art. The Olympic-class ships featured a double bottom and 15 watertight bulkheads equipped with electric watertight doors which could be operated individually or simultaneously by a switch on the bridge.

It was these watertight bulkheads that inspired Shipbuilder magazine, in a special issue devoted to the Olympic liners, to deem them "practically unsinkable." While the individual bulkheads were indeed watertight, however, water could spill from one compartment into another. Several of Titanic's Cunard-owned contemporaries, by contrast, already boasted innovative safety features devised to avoid this very situation. Had White Star taken a cue from its competitor, it might have saved Titanic from disaster.

The second critical safety lapse that contributed to the loss of so many lives was the number of lifeboats carried on Titanic. Those 16 boats, along with four Engelhardt "collapsibles," could accommodate 1,178 people. Titanic when full could carry 2,435 passengers, and a crew of approximately 900 brought her capacity to more than 3,300 people.

As a result, even if the lifeboats were loaded to full capacity during an emergency evacuation, there were available seats for only one-third of those on board.

The largest passenger steamship ever built, Titanic created quite a stir when it departed for its maiden voyage from Southampton, England, on April 10, 1912.

One unsettling event took place when Titanic left the Southampton dock. As she got underway, she narrowly escaped a collision with the America Line's S.S. New York. Superstitious Titanic buffs often point to this as the worst kind of omen for a ship departing on her maiden voyage. Ironically, had Titanic collided with the ship named for her port of destination, the delay might have spared the ship from being in the precise position for her encounter with the iceberg.

At about 11:30 p.m. on April 14 there had been sporadic reports of ice from other ships, but the Titanic was sailing on calm seas under a moonless, clear sky. A lookout saw the iceberg dead ahead com-



PHOTO: DEVIANT ART

The RMS Titanic sunk to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean during the early morning hours of April 15, 1912.



**“When she heard the ship had hit an iceberg and saw people putting on life jackets, she knew it was time to take action.”**

**Jerry Haddad**  
Fenton resident in 2006

ing out of a slight haze, rang the warning bell and telephoned the bridge. The engines were quickly reversed and the ship was turned sharply, and instead of making direct impact the berg seemed to graze along the side of the ship, sprinkling ice fragments on the forward deck.

Sensing no collision, the lookouts were relieved. They had no idea that the iceberg's jagged underwater spur had slashed a 300-foot gash well below the ship's waterline, and that Titanic was doomed.

A little more than an hour later, a largely disorganized and haphazard

evacuation process began with the lowering of the first lifeboat.

The ship's most illustrious passengers each responded to the circumstances with conduct that has become an integral part of the Titanic legend.

## SINKING OF THE TITANIC HAS LOCAL CONNECTION

During a 2006 Times interview, Jerry Haddad of Fenton, said if his mother, Mary Thomas Haddad, had not survived the ship-

wreck, he would not be here. She was 12, and her brother, George was 8, when they traveled on the ill-fated Titanic with their mother, Anna Thomas.

The family was enroute to Dowagiac to join their husband and father, Darwin, who had come to the States seven years before.

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Sandra Skene flips through her research binder on Monday, looking for some information on the family of John Hall.

## PURPLE HEART

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"Obituaries will tell you if they have any surviving children. I was looking for a surviving niece or nephew," she said. "I just had to keep looking until I could find somebody."

One friend, Dianne Dailey, said she was shocked when she learned the extent of Skene's search.

"She kept running into obstacles and she kept on going. I don't know how many people would do that. She persisted. That's patriotism and that's really being a good person. She's just an amazing person," Dailey said.

## SUMMARY

■ One Fenton woman spent a year searching for family of a Purple Heart recipient who had died years prior.

Skene followed his family tree from Scotland, to Canada, to Indiana, to Michigan, to Ohio, to South Carolina, and ultimately, to Florida. She eventually found the address of Hall's nephew, who lives in Florida. Skene mailed William Harold Crouter, 73, formerly of Flint, in February of 2017 and explained her search. He called a few days later and was astonished that she did all this work.

"He was absolutely overwhelmed. He had no knowledge of this at all. He saw his uncle when he was 10. John died that same year. He knew his uncle but he had no knowledge of this medal or that he'd been a POW," she said. "He said 'I can't believe you went to all this work, it's not even your family.' I said it was important to me."

Skene is mailing Crouter a scrapbook of all her research, along with the medal. The binder has a large American flag on the cover.

"I was absolutely elated when I found him. I was just so relieved that I found someone to pass this treasure on to in memory of a soldier who fought for this country and for his sacrifice," she said.

Skene's efforts are culminated into her binder, which contains all the documents pertaining to her search. The red, white and blue binder has Purple Heart commemorative stamps and John Hall's name on the front.

It feels substantial, at nearly an inch thick containing hundreds of painstakingly assembled pages detailing Hall's life and his family's life, all pulled together to reunite the important medal with his next of kin.

Inside are official military documents, ancestry.com timelines, letters, emails, photos, marriage certificates, all of which will be sent to Hall's nephew, William Crouter. Media Editor Tim Jagielo contributed to this story.



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## The Civil War and the law

Today marks the 156th anniversary of the start of the Civil War when, on April 12, 1861, troops from South Carolina bombarded Fort Sumter in the Charleston Harbor.

This battle lasted some 34 hours and ended when the United States soldiers inside the fort surrendered.

The war lasted from 1861 until 1865 and was between the United States and the Confederate States of America (C.S.A.). The C.S.A. was comprised of eleven southern states, which seceded from the United States (or Union) in 1860 and 1861. There were also three western territories.

South Carolina was the first to secede on Dec. 20, 1860 and Tennessee the last on June 18, 1861.

This war was the culmination of years of growing tension between the North and the South, including differences in economic philosophies, states' rights versus federal government control, the preservation of the Union, and slavery.

As to slavery, most historians agree that this coupled with the status of African Americans, were among the chief reasons for the war.

The intensity of the disagreement between the North and the South on these issues has been the subject of thousands of books and articles with the most important questions being should there ever have been slavery, and should African Americans have the same rights as all others in this country?

The war's end answered these questions for all time with the surrender of General Robert E. Lee and the C.S.A. on April 9, 1865. This war was the deadliest in American history.

As to slavery and equal rights for all under the law, there were three Amendments made to the United States Constitution as a direct result of the conflict.

The 13th Amendment abolished slavery and involuntary servitude.

The 14th Amendment provided for citizenship for all persons born or naturalized in the United States, due process, and equal protection.

The 15th Amendment gave all citizens the right to vote no matter their race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

The war and the resulting constitutional amendments continue to be of both legal and historical significance.

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## TAX DEADLINE

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Are you getting a windfall this year from the IRS? If so, you're among the 70 percent of U.S. taxpayers who are receiving a refund this year.

This year's estimated average refund is \$2,840, down slightly from the 2015 filing return refund average of \$2,860, because of higher employment and a stronger economy, according to Savingtoinvest.com.

Of the 70 percent of filers who are expecting a refund, about 41 percent plan to save the money, 38 percent plan to pay off debt, 11 percent will finance a vacation, 5 percent will splurge on a purchase like a TV and clothing and 5 percent will use the money on a major purchase like a home or car.

### SUMMARY

■ This year's tax filing deadline for the 2016 tax year will be April 18 instead of the traditional April 15 because of the way the date falls on the calendar this year.

More than 90 percent of tax returns are filed electronically, with that number growing every year. The IRS issues more than 90 percent of refunds within 21 days. If you file your tax refund on paper, you can expect a delay of your refund by about a week.

Your Michigan state tax refund will be returned within 30 to 45 days of your electronic filing date or postmark date, according to Michigan.gov/taxes/.

Are you running out of time to file your taxes? You can file for an extension by the April 18 deadline. An extension will give you extra time (final due date will be Oct. 16) to get your paperwork to the IRS, but it doesn't extend the time you have to pay any tax due — those are still due on April 18. You will owe interest on any amount not paid by the deadline, plus you may owe penalties.

Last year, more than 13 million people asked for extensions, and many of them waited for the extended deadline of Oct. 16, 2016 to file.

On the other end of the spectrum are people who file their taxes early, as soon as the IRS starts accepting returns. This year, that date was Jan. 23. Financial experts suggest you file early if you're getting a refund, because that money is an interest-free loan to the government. The sooner you file, the sooner you can get that money back.

## Do weight loss and anti-aging products work?

■ Many products advertised on medical talk shows not worth the hype

By Hannah Ball

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A Google search for "ways to lose weight for women" garners 51,200,000 results. For men, it's 48,600,000. A Google search for "anti aging products for women" gets approximately 1,590,000 results. For men, it's 1,440,000.

If you spend five minutes watching TV, you'll see commercials for dozens of these products, which don't live up to their hype.

For example, Garcinia cambogia, a small, green fruit shaped like a pumpkin has been known as a popular diet supplement since it was featured on the Dr. Oz show in 2012. Even though animal studies were promising, one study conducted by Columbia University showed no effectiveness, and 12 others found that, on average, the supplement can help people lose about only 2 pounds over several weeks.

The fruit didn't measure up to its hype. So which of these many products work?

### WEIGHT LOSS

Authoritynutrition.com ranked 12 different weight loss supplements. Two of their winners are glucomannan and Orlistat (Alli).

**Glucomannan** is a fiber found in roots of elephant yam. It absorbs water and sits in your gut, which makes you feel full and helps you eat fewer calories. Three studies have shown that this supplement, along with a healthy diet, can help someone lose 8-10 pounds in five weeks. It can also lower blood pressure, cholesterol and is effective against constipation.

**Orlistat** works by inhibiting the breakdown of fat, making a person take in fewer calories from fat. According to authoritynutrition.com, 11 studies have shown that this supplement can increase weight loss by 6 pounds compared to dummy pills. Other studies have shown that it slightly reduces blood pressure and the risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

### SUMMARY

■ Doctors and studies have shown that many popular weight loss and anti-aging products are not as effective as the marketing promises.

**Hydroxycut** is one of the most advertised and most popular weight loss supplements in the world. It contains several ingredients that claim to help with weight loss, including caffeine and various plant extracts.

While it's wildly popular, only one study has shown that it helps people lose weight and there's no data on long-term effectiveness. This study showed that it caused someone to lose 21 pounds over a three-month period.

**Caffeine** is another popular weight loss supplement that often tops lists, and it's easy to market since people regularly ingest it when they drink their morning coffee or tea.

Multiple short-term studies have shown that caffeine can boost someone's metabolism by 3-11 percent, and increase fat burning by up to 29 percent. A few studies have even show that caffeine may cause some weight loss. While studies

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have encouraging results, building up a tolerance decreases these effects.

### ANTI AGING

Numerous dermatologists told stylecaster.com that BB creams are not worth the hype, and are just overrated tinted moisturizers. The doctors also said that stretch mark creams and dark spot remover creams are not effective.

Other over-hyped anti-aging products included skin tighteners, overpriced moisturizers, pore strips, and detox products.

When it comes to products that could be worth your money, Goodhousekeeping.com has done the research. They tested 84 products over the course of 11 months. Here are the results.

Neutrogena Rapid Wrinkle repair Moisturizer SPF 30 (\$21 for 1 oz) was their best rated facial moisturizer.

La Prairie Cellular Power Charge Night (\$272 for 1.35 oz) was the best rated night cream. Another cheaper night cream option was Boots No7 Light Luminate Night Cream, which costs \$25 for 1.6 oz.

If you're aiming to firm skin or correct skin tone, goodhousekeeping.com recommends Lancôme Visionnaire Advanced Skin Corrector (\$79 for 1 oz.), and L'Oréal Paris Youth Code Dark Spot Correcting Illuminating Serum Corrector (\$25 for 1 oz.).

The best wrinkle smoother was Skyn Iceland Angelica Line Smoother at \$65 for 1.5 oz.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP**, there's a new sheriff in town. He wants peace and enhanced military strength. He wants to make our country safe with more security at our borders. And he wants complete support for our law enforcement. This is in total contrast to the weak president we had.

■ ■ ■ **THIS PAST WEEK**, both the president of Egypt and the King of Jordan have said that Donald Trump has a clear understanding of terrorism and ISIS and the perils they bring. His understanding is much better than his predecessor according to these world leaders.

■ ■ ■ **HEY, WOULD SOME** real nice investor out there buy the old Comber & Fox supermarket area and build up a nice theater for movies? Maybe, two or three hundred seats. Maybe the city will let you go tax-free for 10 years and the community will have a theater again.

■ ■ ■ **THE DEMOCRATS LOST** the House and they lost the Senate, then they lost the presidency. Now they've lost their dignity, self-respect and support from the American people.

■ ■ ■ **THE DEMOCRATS HAVE** used our constitution as their personal doormat. That is why they are opposing Judge Gorsuch for the Supreme Court because he wants to uphold our laws and go by the Constitution.

■ ■ ■ **I'M SO THRILLED** now that my entire financial records are offered for sale on the open market while President Trump hides his income tax and dissolves his so-called blind trust.

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## News briefs

### WEATHER SIREN ACCIDENTALLY ACTIVATED SATURDAY MORNING

If anyone in Fenton heard the emergency siren at approximately 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, it was activated in error. Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said the police dispatcher was tuning out the fire department for an incident and inadvertently hit the wrong tones on the touch screen computer on the dispatch console. They apologize for any confusion it may have caused residents.



## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**GOOD LORD.** 'FIFTY Shades of Grey' is a fictional book. Donald Trump is the president of the United States. Are we really making that comparison? You people will do anything to defend Trump.

**TO THE VERY** tasteful female runner on April 10 in the downtown area. My three young children and husband saw your very transparent top and lack of undergarments. Thanks.

**HAPPY 'NATIONAL PUBLIC** Safety Telecommunicators Week' to all of our local 911 heroes. You are all the first, first responders and are, unfortunately, first to get in trouble and last to get thanked. From a thankful citizen who knows how hard you work, thank you.

**THANKS FOR THE** article on health inspections at our restaurants. I checked out the link you gave. I was so happy to see that my favorite place had no violations but I was grossed out that another place we like to go to had several violations.

**WOW, THERE ARE** so many haters out there. It made me sick to read so many negative Facebook comments with your stories. For example, a local business woman, being brave to use her own money, wants to develop something good in Linden. With no risk to themselves, people bash her intentions. Give her a chance.

**FOR REAL THOUGH,** would it really be that hard to pave the rest of Ripley Road between Rolston and Silver Lake roads in Linden? Where are my tax dollars going?

**IF EVERY WHITE** person started yelling 'because I'm white, because I'm white' how long do you think it would take the black community to tell us to shut up?

**ANOTHER REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT?** We're heading for another war.

## News briefs

### VIETNAM VETERAN LAPEL PINNING CEREMONY ON MONDAY, APRIL 24

Michigan Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Kowall and Sen. Ken Horn are sponsoring a formal Vietnam veteran lapel pinning ceremony at **4 p.m. on Monday, April 24** in commemoration of the 50-year anniversary of the war. Kowall (R-White Lake) and Horn (R-Frankenmuth) are hosting the "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans" event to thank and honor Vietnam Veterans and their families in Linden in conjunction with American Legion Family Post 119, Post Commander Jesus Lozano, and Linden Community Schools. The ceremony gives long-overdue recognition to Vietnam War era veterans and their families. The lawmakers encourage all interested residents and veterans to join them in paying tribute to the men and women who were too often forgotten when they returned home. The ceremony will be held at Linden High School, 7201 Silver Lake Road, in Linden. RSVP to Lozano at (810) 354-8130 or via email at LMVVP@aol.com. Kowall and Horn will provide a Vietnam War commemorative lapel pin to U.S. veterans who served on active duty at any time from Nov. 1, to May 15, 1975, regardless of location. The symbolism attached to the lapel pin is significant, Kowall said.

## FLOOD WATCH

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with rainfall up to 2 inches. This could cause rises in water levels for rivers and streams considering wet soils and the already high water levels, according to the NWS.

Gerth said there's more concern with high water levels this year.

"With the type of winter we've just had, (there's) high water levels and saturated

## SUMMARY

■ Where Shiawassee River runs into Lake Ponemah, currently the water level is approximately 3 feet higher than the levels at the Linden millpond. In August, the levels are usually the same.

nemah, measures the water levels every three hours and makes adjustments as needed.

The millpond is a couple tenths below the expected level, but overall, it's where "it's supposed to be at this time of year," he said. However, water levels for the Shiawassee River directly affect many lakes in the tri-county area, Lake Ponemah included.

"Ponemah might be a little higher just due to the wet spring and rain and runoff we've had," he said.

As of April 10, the Shiawassee River, where it flows into Lake Ponemah, was 3 feet higher than the Linden millpond.

"For reference, in August when everything is dry, there's no water and it's been dry for months, the millpond and Lake Ponemah will be essentially the same level," he said.

To measure the water levels of other area lakes, the GCDC uses weirs, which are concrete walls with a surrounding

ground all over the county," he said. "It happens periodically, it's nothing unusual. It's just been a few years since it's been this soggy."

The GCDC monitors water levels for the Linden millpond and other area lakes. A computer system, with sensors at the dam and at North Road where the river runs into Lake Po-

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**Jim Gerth**  
Genesee County Drain Commission  
surface water director



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Water is encroaching properties closely bordering lakes, like this home on Lake Fenton.

steel plate placed across an opening. They do not move.

"As water gets over the top, the water will flow over it," Gerth said. The water flows into natural water courses, county drains, or adjoining wetlands.

In order to measure the water levels, someone will use a tape measure to determine the distance from the top of the weir to the water level.

"We can tell they're higher because we get a lot more calls from residents," he said.

One problem the GCDC encounters when

dealing with high water levels is beavers.

"We've had some active beavers trying to build dams all over the county," he said. "There's too many of them. There's thousands of them in this county."

The GCDC has to remove the dam and then hire trappers to capture the beavers.



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The Shiawassee River is also swollen beyond its normal depth, nearly reaching this bench in Bush Park in Fenton.



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# MICHIGAN VOTES

## LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

*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, April 7.*

*The House and Senate are on a two-week spring break, so rather than votes, this report contains some recently proposed constitutional amendments of interest. To become law these require a two-thirds vote in the House and Senate and approval by voters.*

### House Joint Resolution A: Establish part-time legislature

To place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment that would limit annual legislative sessions to 90 consecutive days. Since 2001, more than 20 part-time legislature proposals have been introduced, many attached to measures that would extend or repeal term limits. This one does not propose any term limit changes, but also contains no pay cut provision or exceptions allowing special emergency sessions. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### House Joint Resolution B: Establish independent political redistricting commission

Introduced by Rep. Jon Hoadley (D), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment to create a 14-member citizens redistricting commission to redraw congressional and legislative boundaries after decennial census counts, with members selected in

a process overseen by the legislature's Auditor General office. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### House Joint Resolution C: Protect "electronic data and communications" from unreasonable search and seizure

Introduced by Rep. Jim Runestad (R), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment to add "electronic data and communications" to the Article I provision that recognizes the right of the people to be secure from unreasonable government searches and seizures of their "person, houses, papers, and possessions."

### House Joint Resolution H: Assert right to equitable public education opportunities in constitution

Introduced by Rep. Darrin Camilleri (D), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment to assert that the premise of the state public education system is premised on "a recognition of full and equitable opportunities for education and access to literacy as fundamental human rights." Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### Senate Joint Resolution D: Ban charter schools hiring for-profit management company

Introduced by Sen. Rebekah Warren (D), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment to ban charter public schools from hiring a for profit education management company to "provide comprehensive educational, administrative, management, or instructional services or staff for the public school." Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

## GRAVEL ROADS

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Branch said the GCRC started grading roads two weeks ago for the season. There's no specific schedule for when roads will be graded. At different stations throughout the county, drivers report to the foreman, who puts out a list of roads that will be graded that day.

On Tuesday, Hogan, Sharp, Morrish, Cook, Jennings, Duffield, Harrington and Bishop roads were all graded.

The GCRC has one grader for each township. These graders have a blade underneath that cuts up material from the road and lays it back down.

How long it takes to grade a road depends on its condition.

"If it's got a lot of deep potholes, it could take them two hours to do a mile," he said. If the road doesn't have a lot of potholes, it might take 40 minutes.

Starting in May, due to rain in April, the graders will also apply calcium chloride to prevent dust from spreading.

"If we're still getting

a lot of rain, we have to push it back," he said. Graders will lay down the second layer of chloride around the Fourth of July, and the third in September.

"The weather dictates when you can

## SUMMARY

■ The Genesee County Road Commission is responsible for grading 394 miles of county-owned gravel roads.

The rain creates a lot of issues for the GCRC. Branch said last year there was more snow than rain around this time of year, and this year we had an earlier spring.

"You get to these roads but then if it

rains for three days after you grade, the roads are back to the same situation they were before you graded it," he said. "Last week we had three days of rain so you don't get much accomplished."

Branch said we're six inches above the normal fall level for this time of year already.

"This time of year everyone seems to think that you can just go out and grade the road and it's going to be fine. They

don't take into account that we just came off a flood watch," he said. "They just want their road graded. Then they say 'you graded my road yesterday and it rained today.' We have to get in when we can."

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**Anthony Branch**  
Genesee County Road Commission  
director of maintenance

## BLADZIK

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The position has been vacant since Andy Potter left in late October 2016 to become the city manager for Lathrup Village.

Bladzik, 39, was the leading contender for that position. He served as the Holly Village president until 2016, when he ran for state representative for the 51st district and lost to incumbent Joe Graves.

Walker said the position was advertised in the Michigan Municipal League classifieds, with the Michigan Downtown Association, the Tri-County Times and the village website.

"Twenty seven resumes were received for the position," Walker said. Six were selected for interviews. Because the interviews were not conducted by a public body, they were not subject to the Open Meetings Act and did not have to take place in public.

Bladzik was the interview panel's recommendation and presented to the DDA for a vote at a special meeting on Monday, March 20. Approximately 28 residents were in attendance, some of whom spoke negatively about their past encounters

with Bladzik.

The issue was tabled to the April 10 meeting as none of the board members, with the exception of two, who were on the hiring committee, have seen Bladzik's resume, have a copy of the job description or a copy of the contract to review. Board members asked for those items so they could make an informed decision.

The big point of contention with the Bladzik recommendation is that he is not able to serve as the assistant village manager. According to the village charter, an elected official must be out of office for two years before they can be appointed to a village manager position.

Walker said Tuesday that the matter of Bladzik's appointment to the job, had it been approved by the DDA Monday night, was slated to go on the Holly Village Council's Tuesday, April 11 agenda for consideration and a vote.

"I'll ask to have it removed from the agenda and we'll go back to the drawing board," said Walker.

The Holly Village Council may choose to take action on changing the title of the position Tuesday night, or they may want "to ponder it for a while," Walker said.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

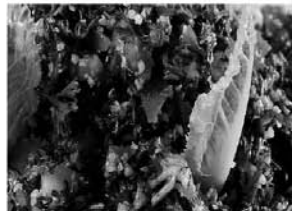
**QUIT THE GANG.** Get rid of the gun, get a job. You have the same rights as anybody else. I know a lot of good black people who work hard every day and they make twice as much as I do.

**WHAT'S THE POINT?** Trump notifies Russia of his intent to strike. Russia notifies the enemy, they clear out all their planes and personnel from the airport they're in. They blew a few holes in a runway and everyone's jumping up and down. Nothing has been done except to fire off \$50 million in missiles.

**NOT ONE TO** complain much, or write into the Hot lines, but the high water on Lake Fenton is ridiculous. The Genesee County Drain Commission totally dropped the ball on this. Should have had the beavers trapped a month ago on this. Looks like recall time for Jeff Wright.

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# Fenton baseball remains perfect, sweeps Corunna

Fenton's Jared Ryan hit a home run with this swing during the Tigers' doubleheader sweep against Corunna on Monday.

By David Troppens

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**Fenton** — The season is only four games long, but it's been a case of so-far, so-good for the Fenton varsity baseball squad

Prior to spring break, the Tigers crushed Grand Blanc by score of 10-0 and 10-1. Being off for nearly two weeks hasn't slowed

the team down. The Tigers won another game against Corunna in a twinbill on Monday 11-0 at Fenton High School. The Tigers led 7-2 in the second game through four innings when the game was called due to darkness.

"We have a lot of energy," Fenton sophomore Brock Henson said. "We are all so close. We all hit the ball and know how to play baseball. We knew how to get the job done."

Fenton got it done pretty quickly in the opening game, scoring six runs in the second inning. The big shot during that inning was a two-run double by Troy Smigielski, raising Fenton's lead to 3-0. Later in the contest, Henson hit a two-run home run in the third inning and Jared Ryan hit a two-run shot as well in the fourth inning, setting up the possible 10-run mercy rule.

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## Times Sports

### Hillger leads our wrestlers again

■ LF senior completes dominating career with third straight TC Most Valuable Wrestler award

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If one looks in a sports-term dictionary under the word stud, chances are there is a photo of Trent Hillger next to the definition.

The term is used in many sports, but it probably is most used in wrestling, where a stud is defined as someone who is a champion, not only seemingly never loses but usually records dominating pinfall victories in the process.

That defines Lake Fenton's senior wrestler perfectly.

Hillger is completing his prep wrestling career with a 241-8 overall record with his last loss coming during the state meet during his freshman season. He's a four-time All-State wrestler, capturing three straight state championships (215 his sophomore season and 285 his final two years) and owns the record for the fastest pin in Michigan prep history, when he pinned Walled Lake Western's Justin Collier in three seconds. It made his five-second pin in the same tournament seem like struggle.

He hasn't been taken down since his freshman season and, finally, is ranked as high as No. 3 in the nation in his weight class, recently winning a match against the seventh-ranked Brendan Furman at the Pittsburgh Wrestling Classic. Yes,

we guess that would qualify Hillger as a stud. And now he's something else. He's our 2017 Tri-County Most Valuable Wrestler, an honor he's won three straight seasons. If that's not impressive enough, he's won five of these awards. He's also been our Tri-County Football Player of the Year the last two seasons.

"I have sat back and paid attention (to what I've been able to accomplish) a little bit when the season ended," Hillger said. "I started training for the Pittsburgh meet and I thought about how we made an impact on the youth community and Lake Fenton. It's cool to know I'm a three-time state champion. Not many kids get to do that. ... We've had other wrestlers wrestle at Big 10 schools but not on full rides. I don't think that's happened often."

"It's kind of cool. I hope we paved the way for other wrestlers to follow our way. It's nice because we have two guys at the opposite side of the spectrum. (For the smaller guys) they want to be like Jarrett (Trombley, himself a three-time state champion) and the others they want to be like me. It's cool what we are doing with the program. It's been a great experience."

Hillger is more than a wrestler for Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran.

"Trent has been like an assistant coach to me over the last four seasons," Corcoran said. "He was my go-to guy for team strategy since day one. You could watch us working on lineups from his fresh-

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#### TRENT HILLGER

The Lake Fenton senior is our three-time Tri-County Wrestler of the Year. He finished his career with a 241-8 record and three state titles.

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### 2017 Wrestler of the Year

Most Valuable Wrestler	Team	Rec	Postseason
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285) Trent Hillger Lake Fenton 59-0 State champion

**Comment:** Trent Hillger has won this honor three times and our Tri-County Football Player of the Year award twice. Wow, what a career. He finished his wrestling career with a perfect 59-0 mark and a third straight state championship. He's headed to the University of Wisconsin.

#### The rest of the first team

Wrestler	Team	Record	Postseason
103) Nathan Young	Holly	40-10	Sixth at state
112) A.J. Geyer	Lake Fenton	46-12	Fifth at state
119) Jared Callahan	Holly	17-23	1-2 at district
125) Hunter Corcoran	Lake Fenton	56-3	Second at state
125) Jayden Rittenbury	Fenton	37-11	State qualifier
130) Jarrett Trombley	Lake Fenton	57-0	State champion
135) Caleb White	Linden	21-17	1-2 at district
140) Sean Trombley	Lake Fenton	53-6	Second at state
140) Patrick Kerr	Linden	38-6	Fifth at state
145) Dawson Blank	Linden	41-6	Fourth at state
152) Jackson Nevadomski	Lake Fenton	57-3	Fourth at state
160) William Greer	Holly	20-22	Regional qualifier
171) Cade Dallwitz	Holly	42-8	Eighth at state
189) Aaron Steedman	Linden	10-6	Regional qualifier
215) Ryan Franks	Lake Fenton	44-14	State qualifier

**Note:** This team is selected based on the wrestler that had the best performance in the individual state series. There may be up to two wild card positions.



### FLaX Heat lose tight contest vs. Grand Blanc, 13-10

By David Troppens

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**Fenton** — In lacrosse, winning control of the draw circle is huge.

The draw circle is lacrosse's version of hockey's face off. Whoever wins it, is going to have a higher chance of scoring a goal.

The Fenton/Linden girls co-op lacrosse team, named the FLAX Heat, lost

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Fenton/Linden co-op girls lacrosse player Ellie Reushlein (right) plays defense during the FLAX Heat's 13-10 loss to Grand Blanc on Monday.

19 of 25 battles, resulting in a 13-10 loss to Grand Blanc on Monday.

The Heat's final lead of the contest came at 2-1 with 19:01 left in the first half on Alexandra Premo's first goal of the contest. However, Grand Blanc scored the next three goals and never trailed again. The Bobcats took a 6-4 lead into halftime.

The game hit a critical point when a FLAX player drew a second yellow card, meaning the squad had to play short a player for the final 17 minutes. The Heat remained competitive, but were unable to regain the lead.

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Fenton/Linden co-op girls lacrosse player Jessica Lynch (front right) battles for a loose ball with a Grand Blanc player on Monday.



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"It's windy today, so I got a fastball and it was up a little bit," Henson said about the home run swing. "I got it in the wind and it went out."

"Last year I was coming in as a freshman and I never really felt comfortable, but this year I came in more confident. We have a great group of guys and we are pretty confident going forward."

The Tigers ended up earning that mercy rule shortened victory but it didn't come easy. Three walks loaded the bases for Corunna in the top of the fifth inning. However, David Pietryga induced a double play ground ball to himself on the mound, ending the contest.

The Tigers needed just eight hits to collect their 11 runs. Smigielski finished 2-for-2 with two doubles, three RBI and two runs scored while Ryan finished with two hits and three RBI as well. Henson walked twice, hit the two-run shot and scored twice.

On the mound, the Tigers were also pretty impressive. Smigielski tossed two innings of shutout ball, striking out three batters. Blake Garrison tossed 1 2/3 innings of shutout ball, striking out three. Pietryga finished the game out with 1 1/3 innings of shutout ball.

Fenton had just four hits in the second game, but did take advantage of eight walks. The Tigers took a 1-0 lead in the first when Chase Coselman walked and eventually stole second, went to third on a passed ball and then stole home.

The Tigers blew it open with five runs in the second. Three straight walks loaded the bases with one out. An error off a batted ball by Smigielski scored the first run. It was followed by back-to-back two-run



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Fenton's Jared Ryan gets some high fives from teammates after his home run against Corunna on Tuesday. Fenton defeated Corunna 11-0 in the opening game of a doubleheader in the game he hit his four-bagger.

singles by Henson and Nolan Lawrence, giving the Tigers a 6-0 lead.

Corunna cut the gap to 6-2 by scoring two runs in the fourth on two walks, a double and a single, but could get no closer. Ryan capped the scoring when he plated Jake Henard with a single. Henard reached base when Matt Sullivan walked and he was placed in as a pinch runner.

Brandon Weaver tossed two innings of shutout ball, striking out three. Sullivan was

the team's final pitcher, striking out the only two batters he faced.

Henson said the team has high goals. Fenton begins Metro League action on Thursday with a twinbill at home against Brandon.

"Our goals are to keep playing baseball the way we are playing, the way we started," Henson said. "We want to keep our hot start going, and hopefully win the Metro. We'll see what happens from there."



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Lake Fenton's Trent Hillger has been one of the tri-county area's most dominant athletes of all time, earning the Tri-County's Most Valuable Wrestler three times and our Football Player of the Year award twice.

## HILLGER

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man year all the way to team states this season. He knows everyone in the sport and he has helped me out a great deal over the years. What 14- or 15-year-old kid can do that?

At team states we had a big decision to make who we were putting out at 125 and the ref was waiting on me. I was yelling across the bench to Trent about who we should put out there. That's how much of an asset he was to this team, not only his wrestling but in every aspect of the sport. He will truly be missed."

Hillger has not only been one of the greatest wrestlers to ever come out of Lake Fenton history (Trombley could become a four-time state champion next winter, which would enhance his argument for the position) but it can be argued he's also been a part of the best senior class in school history. During his four seasons with the program, the Blue Devils have qualified for the team state wrestling meet three times, advancing to the state semifinal match twice.

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## FLAX

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"All 19 players fought for every one of the 50 minutes of the game," FLAX coach Roger Ellis said.

Ellie Reushlein had a strong offensive night, scoring seven of the team's 10 goals. She also had an assist. Premo finished with two goals while Minna Ramirez had a goal and two assists. Kyle Bliss had an assist.

Natalie Miller played a strong defensive game, recording three caused turnovers. Jessica Lynch won three ground balls.

The Heat (0-2) have yet to win a game, but have scored 10 goals in each of their contests.

The Heat played Davison on Tuesday and return back to action at home against Oxford on Thursday. Game time is slated for 6:45 p.m.

## PREP REPORT

## BASEBALL

► **Holly 7, Byron 1:** The Holly Bronchos (1-0) opened their season with a strong 7-1 victory against Byron on Monday. The second game wasn't completed before darkness. A six-run fifth inning busted open what was a 1-1 tie prior to the stanza. Back-to-back doubles by Luke Copley and D.J. Tennis were the big blows. Copley finished the game with two hits and two runs scored.

On the mound, Tennis tossed three innings of one-hit, one-run ball while striking out six. J.D. Lannon struck out eight and tossed three innings of shutout ball. Copley struck out the side

in the seventh.

## SOFTBALL

► **Byron sweeps Holly:** The Holly Bronchos (0-2) lost both ends of a doubleheader to Byron 15-3 and 5-2. The Bronchos had 15 hits in the two contests combined. Maika Hogarth and Madisen Beesley had strong days at the plate, collecting four hits each. Beesley had a triple among her hits while Hogarth had a double. Mackenzie Chitwood had three hits while Lilly Raymer had two hits. Beesley allowed no earned runs in four innings of relief in the second game, striking out three batters and allowing no hits or walks.



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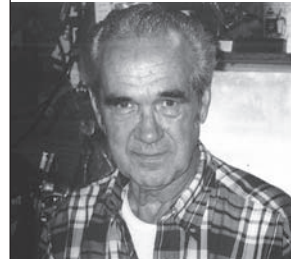
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Steamfresh (10 - 10.8 oz.)  
(excludes pure & simple,  
protein blends,  
chef blends and flavor full)

**97¢**



Coca-Cola or  
Pepsi-Cola  
Products  
12 pk., 12 oz. cans or 8 pk.,  
12 oz. btl. or 8 pk.,  
16.9 oz. btl.  
(plus deposit)

**3/\$9**  
When you buy 3  
Lesser or Greater  
Quantities \$4.99 with yes



Campbell's  
Cream of Chicken  
or Cream of  
Mushroom Soup  
Original Only  
10.5 oz.

**4/\$3**  
with yes



Nabisco Ritz  
or Snack Crackers  
or Good Thins  
3.5 - 13.7 oz.

**\$1.99**  
with yes

**STOCK UP SALE Save \$5 Instantly When You Buy 5**  
Redeem up to 3 offers per transaction

<p>Sale Price <b>\$2.79</b> When you buy 5 <b>-\$1</b></p> <p><b>FINAL PRICE \$1.79</b> with yes</p>  <p>Kraft Shredded or Chunk Cheese or Cracker Barrel Chunk 6.67 - 8 oz.</p>	<p>Sale Price <b>\$2.49</b> When you buy 5 <b>-\$1</b></p> <p><b>FINAL PRICE \$1.49</b> with yes</p>  <p>Kraft Salad Dressing 14 - 16 oz.</p>	<p>Sale Price <b>\$2.99</b> When you buy 5 <b>-\$1</b></p> <p><b>FINAL PRICE \$1.99</b> with yes</p>  <p>Ore-Ida Hash Browns 22.5 - 32 oz.</p>
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