

City to apply for \$413,000 for repairs to six bridges

■ If approved, Fenton would have to match 5 percent

By Vera Hogan

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They replaced the Silver Lake Road bridge last year and now city of Fenton officials are looking to make the necessary preventative maintenance repairs to six other bridges in town.

OHM Advisors, the city's engineering firm, performed the inspection work on all the bridges and have prepared the necessary information to apply for state and federal funding.

"The work needed has been broken down into approach construction and structure construction," said Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Czarnecki in a memo

to City Manager Lynn Markland.

The Caroline Street bridge is expected to cost a total of \$66,000; East Street, \$102,000; LeRoy Street, \$87,000; North Road, \$100,000, and Torrey Road, \$58,000.

Czarnecki said bridge programs are set up so that the community is responsible for 5 percent of the total cost of construction. In

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Torrey Road bridge

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Blackhawk helicopter lands at LHS



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(From right) Ernie Johnston of Grand Blanc Township, and Marc and Virginia Wheeler of Mt. Morris stand before a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter, which landed at Linden High School Monday afternoon. Johnston and Marc Wheeler are Vietnam Army veterans and at the school for a pinning ceremony recognizing Vietnam era veterans. The helicopter was flown in from the Michigan National Guard Grand Ledge Armory to commemorate the event. Before the ceremony, visitors could talk with the crew and sit inside the chopper. Veterans swapped stories with the Blackhawk's crew and took photos. See **story on page 3**.

\$400,000 Caroline Street extension moves ahead

■ Project to be paid for with DDA construction bond funds

By Tim Jagielo

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After nine months, the city of Fenton and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) are making progress on the Caroline Street Extension Project, which is the next step in the city's downtown improvement plan.

Today, a fenced-in dirt lot is all that remains of a section of the strip mall that was

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In June of 2016, an excavator was used to raze a section of the strip mall to clear the way for extending Caroline Street. After nine months, the project is moving forward.

Sunday car crash kills man, injures two others

By Sharon Stone

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Livingston County Sheriff Michael Murphy released the name Tuesday of the man who was killed in the automobile crash on Sunday, April 23 in Tyrone Township.

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Harold Rupright

Linden hires curriculum director with 4-3 vote

By Hannah Ball

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Linden — Emotions ran high at the Linden Board of Education Wednesday, April 19, when board members discussed the possibility of creating a two-year curriculum director position

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Julie Brown

“This is all you need to know. Where you have the most armed citizens in America, you have the lowest violent crime rate. Where you have the strongest gun control, you have the highest crime rate.”



“Balanced school year: studies on academic improvement — inconclusive, increased costs — electricity and upgrading schools with A/C, disadvantage to students seeking summer time employment, week off in October to go on vacation? Not if your child plays sports or band. We are a northern state and lake community. Save our summer.”



“A wise journalist recently, and correctly, summed up Donald Trump's presidency when she wrote, 'The press takes him literally, but not seriously; his supporters take him seriously, but not literally.' That's Trump in a nutshell.”



COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“I wouldn't worry too much about North Korea. Their teenage leader may be stupid but he is not suicidal. If he launches even a fire-cracker toward any American military target America's response will result in North Korea not existing.”



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Jim Stewart of Montrose receives his Vietnam veteran lapel pin at Linden High School on Monday. Stewart was a member of the U.S. Air Force during the war. (Below) 240 veterans lined up to receive a pin, and letters of thanks from the state of Michigan and the federal government.



'I'D DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN'

■ 240 Vietnam vets receive the thanks they didn't receive before

By Tim Jagielo
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Argentine Twp. — When Vietnam veteran and former Linden Police Chief Pete VanDriessche came home from Vietnam, he and his fellow veterans were called “baby killers” by people at the airport on his stopover in San Francisco.

“A lot of animosity over here,” he said.

While he wore his uniform home from the airport, he never put it on again.

It was 1969, and veterans of this bloody war were treated far differently than they are today, coming home

from Afghanistan, for example.

This is a wrong the state of Michigan and the federal government is trying to right from nearly 50 years ago.

Congress established this program under the Department of Defense, starting in 2012, to recognize veterans of the Vietnam era, whether they saw combat or not. The program functions with the help of “Commemorative Partners,” which hosts pinning events like these. So far, thousands have been pinned, and events are held all over the state.

In this case, it's the office of Sen. Mike Kowal (R-White Lake), which orchestrated the pinning ceremony at Linden High School on Monday. Kowal and Rep. Joes Graves, also a Vietnam vet,

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WITH THIS STORY

Music during Vietnam era portrayed many emotions

■ Anti-government sentiment and distrust seeped through in songs

Compiled By Vera Hogan

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The following is the fourth in a series about 50 years of music history. We continue with the legendary music of the Vietnam era.

If songwriters were to compose lyrics for a song to describe current world events, it might start something like: “The eastern world, it is exploding, violence flarin,’ bullets loadin.’ You’re old enough to kill but not for voting.’ You don’t believe in war, but what’s that gun you’re totin.’ And even the Jordan river has bodies floatin.’ But you tell me over and over and over again my friend. Ah, you don’t believe we’re on the eve of destruction.”

No, wait, that’s not right. That is the beginning of the song performed by Barry McGuire called “Eve of Destruction” released in 1965. The lyrics were written by 19-year-old P.F. Sloan, a staff songwriter on McGuire’s label, who went on to form The Grass Roots. According to songfacts.com, Sloan said he wrote “Eve of Destruction” in the early morning hours between midnight and dawn in mid-1964.

It is a protest song about political issues of the ’60s, one many radio stations refused to play because of its anti-government lyrics. There was an upside to this controversy, however, as it piqued interest in the song, sending it to number one in the United States.

“Eve of Destruction” became one of the top songs of the Vietnam era. It takes on racism, hypocrisy and injustice at a volatile time in American history.

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If I Were King...

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When did it all begin?

I think it began when Madeline Murray O'Hare complained that she didn't want prayer in our schools and we said — uh, OK.

Then someone said, "You better not read the Bible in school either..." And we said — uh, OK.

Then Dr. Benjamin Spock came along and said that we shouldn't discipline our children when they misbehave because it could damage their self-esteem. And we scratched our heads and thought, "Well, an expert should know what he's talking about, so we won't spank our children anymore." And everyone said — uh, OK.

Then some parent sued a teacher for disciplining a misbehaving student. And so school administrators implemented a new policy that said no faculty member could physically discipline a student, no matter what their behavior, because "we don't want to be sued." And we said — uh, OK.

And then someone said, "Let's allow our daughters to have abortions if they want. We'll even pass a law that says they don't have to tell their parents." And we said — uh, OK.

Then some progressive school board member said, "Since boys will be boys, why don't we supply free condoms to our sons. That way they can sleep around without having to worry about the consequences." And we said — uh, OK.

And then the film industry said, "Let's make movies that are filled with extreme violence, graphic sex, and vile profanity. It doesn't matter that it will corrupt our children because we will make higher profits." And we said — uh, OK.

Then the television industry said, "Let's fill our prime time programming with shows that promote casual sex and promiscuity." And we said — uh, OK.

And then the recording industry said, "Let's record music for impression-

able young teens that glamorizes murder, drugs, sex and suicide." And someone said that it was the performer's right, as an 'artist,' under the first amendment. And we said — uh, OK.

And then someone said, "Let's give single women lots of free money each month, based on the number of fatherless children they have." And we said — uh, OK.

And then an entire generation of parents said, "The heck with raising children. If we both work, we can have bigger houses, fancier cars and exotic vacations. We'll hire strangers to raise our children." And everyone said — uh, OK.

And now we scratch our heads in consternation and ask, "Why do our children have no religious faith? Why are they not accountable for their actions? Why do they have no fear of discipline? Why do they sleep around and have children from different fathers? Why do they have abortions? Why do they lie to us? Why do they use foul language? Why do they think that drugs are glamorous? Why don't our children know right from wrong?"

The answer, mom and dad, is in the nearest mirror.

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GREAT DOWNTOWN DESTINATIONS? Yes, Fenton has great restaurants. Retail — um, no. When will there be a city ordinance to create more retail? First floor storefronts should be retail only. Bring shopping back to downtown Fenton.

I LIKE YOUR 'This week in history' section but you guys missed a big national event that happened on April 19, 1995, the Oklahoma City bombing. If anyone wants to watch a good movie, check out Noble Lie on YouTube. It sheds a new light to the story.

MR. HELLER, I don't approve of your political rants most of the time but your promposal comments had me laughing out loud for real.

WOULD IT NOT be cheaper for the government to provide condoms and morning after birth control pills than to pay for all the child support for families with little or no incomes?

HANNAH BALL'S ARTICLE about Earth Day mentions that Senator Gaylord Nelson

named April 22, 1970 as Earth Day. Why that date? Nelson was a supporter of the pro-communist anti-war movement in the 1960s. April 22, 1970 was the 100th birthday of Vladimir Lenin, father of the Communist Party.

YOU USED THE words 'honest' and 'illegal' to describe the same people. Clearly, you have not thought through your position on sanctuary cities.

NO OBAMACARE REPEAL, no tax reform, no prosecuting Hillary, ISIS still in charge. The big bomb did no good. The little man in North Korea is not worried. Jobs report way down; that's a bad one. He's a liar full of hot air.

TRUMP PROMISED TO drain the swamp but all he has done is restock it. What a liar.

WHAT IS THE Chef Showdown? I am seeing this everywhere.

I THOUGHT ORDINANCES applied to all, but I was mistaken. Our disabled camper sat in our drive for four days waiting for a part. Got a letter from the city. I see others sit in driveways for months. Guess it's whom you know.

I LOVE IT when I go in a party store and see someone pay for their chips, Gatorade, and ice cream treats with the Bridge Card.

THEY NEED ANOTHER dollar store in Holly like they need another auto parts store.

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SO A HOT lines writer gets upset over taxes and declares war against 'our own government.' Be careful what you wish for.

GREAT JOB, YOU cite a hardcore, radical, anti-war propagandist, James Douglas as your source of information regarding the Cuban Missile Crisis. Try reading an actual history book, you'll learn something. Naval power, not diplomacy, kept nukes out of Cuba.

FYI, YOUR SOURCE of information, Professor James Douglas, also claims 9/11 was staged by the United States government.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD USES federal money to perform abortions. And yes, it is against the law. But that is an irrelevant point because Obama and his cronies intentionally ignored the law. Defund Planned Parenthood.

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If you could live somewhere else, where would you live?

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"Hawaii. Probably Kauai. It was peaceful. It was quiet, quiet to an extent."

—Mike Reed
Brighton Township



"The U.S. is the best place to live. Michigan, I guess."

—Linette Willoughby
Linden



"I really like Michigan. I'd probably stay up in the U.P. I love it here."

—Marianne Slaughter
Fenton



"Nowhere. Born and raised here. Love the lakes, love the community."

—Jason Church
Tyrone Township



"Estes Park, Colorado. I just like the mountains. It's right by the entrance to the Rocky National Park."

—Mark Blough
Fenton

How likely are you to die from terrorism?

■ Shark attacks and lightning strikes more deadly

By Hannah Ball

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Your odds of winning the lottery or being killed by an asteroid are higher than being killed by a refugee terrorist attack.

Terrorism takes a front seat when it comes to news coverage ever since the 9/11 attacks.

President Donald Trump has twice fueled the conversation — when he claimed that dozens of terrorist attacks went unreported, which many news organizations disproved, and with his ban on refugees entering the country for 120 days. The order also indefinitely banned people from seven Muslim-majority countries from entering America. Trump's reason for the ban was national security.

This posed the question — how big of a threat are refugee terrorists?

According to the National Safety Council and National Center for Health Statistics, they're not a big threat at all. In America, one in 8 million people die from a shark attack every year, one in 1.6 million die from an asteroid strike, and one in 174,443 is killed by a lightning strike.

According to the same data, one in more than 46 million Americans are killed from refugee terrorists and one in more than 138 million are killed from illegal immigrant terrorists every year.

This means that in America, you are six times more likely to die from a shark attack, 29 times more likely to die from a regional asteroid strike, and 260 times more likely

to be struck and killed by lightning than you are to be killed by a domestic terrorist attack.

The media adds to the hype.

Attacks of any sort, such as a shooting, a bombing, or stabbing, whether it's related to terrorism or not, always make headlines on local and national news. They're at the top of the page with an attention-grabbing photo, or in bold letters, flashing by on the TV screen while

Compared to a terrorist attack, you are...

- 6 times** more likely to die from a shark attack (one of the rarest forms of death on Earth)
- 29 times** more likely to die from a regional asteroid strike
- 260 times** more likely to be struck and killed by lightning
- 4,700 times** more likely to die in an airplane or spaceship accident
- 129,000 times** more likely to die in a gun assault
- 407,000 times** more likely to die in a motor vehicle incident
- 6.9 million times** more likely to die from cancer or heart disease

newscasters discuss the dire situation with the promise of updates to come later.

Confirmed terrorist attacks, like the Orlando shooting that took place last year at the Pulse nightclub that killed 49 people, garnered hours worth of coverage. This

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CAROLINE

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demolished in June 2016 to make way for the extension.

The project will connect Caroline Street to LeRoy and Walnut Street, adding 250 feet of road, and taking the street to the pre-urban renewal layout.

On Monday, the Fenton City Council voted to appropriate \$510,000 from the DDA 403 Bond Construction Fund, to use for constructing the extension. Tentatively, construction will begin in May and possibly be completed in September.

At the most recent DDA meeting, Assistant City Manager Michael Hart recommended the DDA approve Champagne & Marx Excavating to handle the construction. The contractor bid the lowest, at \$326,270.56. This is the same company that handled the city's award-winning Streetscape Project.

Hart, along with Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Czarnecki also recommended retaining OHM for engineering and supervising the project, for the price not-to-exceed \$58,500. OHM took the same role in the Streetscape Project as well.

The city will also retain G2 Consulting Group for materials testing which should not exceed \$10,000.

While the city appropriated \$510,000 for the project, the three contractors' bids come in at \$394,270.

Hart said that due to the competitive bidding process for the project, the city may end up with extra bond funds to the tune of \$115,000.

These can be used unexpected issues with the Caroline Street Project, or ongoing expenses related to Streetscape.

Either way, Hart said the funds must be used for projects related to Streetscape.

SUMMARY

■ The Caroline Street Extension Project could begin construction in May, and be completed in September. Bid costs so far total approximately \$400,000.

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Fees won't be waived for Relay for Life

■ Fundraising event can take place at Silver Lake Park with conditions

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Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society's annual event to raise funds and awareness about the disease is in fact coming to Silver Lake Park for the first time this year.

The Fenton City Council voted Monday, April 24, to allow the group to utilize the park for this fundraising event. The local event is called Relay for Life of Fenton-Lake Fenton-Linden.

On Monday, April 10, the council agreed to the use of the park for Relay, but tabled the matter and sent it back to the Park Board to decide whether to charge fees to the park that day.

On Monday, at the recommendation of the Parks Board, there will be no waiving of fees. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day there is a \$5 per vehicle fee for entrance into Silver Lake Park. The

charge is \$1 for walkers.

The organization's original request, made in October of 2016, was for the 2017 event to be held May 19-20. At the time, the Fenton Parks and Recreation board approved the request contingent on City Council approving the use of the park after 9 p.m., and approval to exceed the limits of the noise ordinance.

The event features music, a disc jockey and amplified speakers. Several homes on surrounding streets could be affected by excessive noise. Since then, Relay has changed the date to Saturday, June 3, and has reduced the usual 24-hour event to go from 3 p.m. to midnight.

The original date for this event was outside of this time period and the need to pay an entrance fee. However, the new date would require those entering the park to pay the entrance fee.

Relay will utilize both pavilions and any speakers used are to be facing south, away from nearby residential homes. There will be no swimming allowed after 8:45 p.m., and there will be no waiving of any fees.

Fenton signs up for sewer lift station program

■ Designed to keep pumps running without fear of station failure

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Fenton's Department of Public Works (DPW) guys may get a break now that the City Council has agreed to sign up for the Kennedy Industries +1 Program to maintain sanitary sewer lift stations.

While the city uses Kennedy Industry services for things like backup generator maintenance and troubleshooting lift station controls, the new program is designed to help keep Fenton's lift stations running without issue for the next five years.

There are currently seven sanitary sewer lift stations in Fenton. Each station has two pumps.

"After the 2007 tornado all the lifts stations were upgraded with new controls, backup generators on site, and five of the stations received new pumps," said DPW Director Dan Czarnecki in a memo to City

Manager Lynn Markland. "This work was completed in the summer of 2009."

By joining the Kennedy Industries +1 Program, they will install new, appropriately sized, most technically up-to-date pumps at all seven lift stations. The pumps will have a five-year, 100 percent equipment and labor warranty for each pump. Any issues with the pumps will be addressed by Kennedy Industries.

The cost of the +1 Program is \$21,833 for five years. At the end of five years, the city will have paid \$109,165.

Czarnecki said the most important benefit is the installation of new pumps that are completely warranted for five years, including parts and labor.

"The average lifespan of a sewer pump is seven to 10 years," he said. "We are into this time frame as 10 of our pumps were installed in 2009. The two at Andover Woods were installed over 18 years ago."

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The Law of Extradition – Part II

The Philip Chance case is an example of how our extradition laws are strictly enforced.

Fifteen-year-old Philip and his brother John left Detroit in 1971 with their family to visit relatives in Choctaw County, Alabama.

While they were there, the two brothers went to a local convenience store with their cousin LeRoy Smith where the owner of the store, 81-year-old Walter Drinkard, was robbed and then stabbed to death by Smith. Philip was African-American and Mr. Drinkard was white.

All three were arrested and charged with robbery and murder. The prosecutors claimed that Philip and John helped plan the robbery and eventually Philip confessed to the crime. He helped the police by telling them where his cousin had hidden the money.

He pleaded guilty and in 1973 was given a life sentence with the possibility of parole. In 1981, he escaped from prison and returned to Michigan.

Alabama authorities demanded that then Governor William Milliken extradite him back to serve the remainder of his sentence.

However, there were serious questions raised as to Chance's actual guilt including an alleged promise by his attorney that he would only serve a year in jail if he confessed. He also denied he was guilty claiming his confession and guilty plea were coerced.

Governor Milliken denied the extradition request and granted him asylum as did succeeding governors James Blanchard and John Engler.

During this time, Chance obtained employment, got married, had two children and led an exemplary life.

Alabama did not give up and went to the federal courts for relief.

In 1996, the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the actions of Michigan's governors were not proper under the law and ordered Chance back to Alabama.

Among the reasons given were granting "Asylum" to a fugitive is not allowed and extradition must occur if all of the requirements are met with the question of culpability not being relevant.

In 1999, he was granted parole due to his unique circumstances including the finding that he wasn't the killer. Due to a public outcry, this decision was rescinded.

Philip Chance died in prison on November 8, 2016.

Serious questions remain as to Mr. Chance's actual guilt. Unfortunately, we will never know.

Riggs Street watermain to be upgraded

■ Project costing city up to \$745,569 includes larger PVC pipes

By Vera Hogan

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It has been nearly a year since the Fenton City Council talked about the need for upgrades to the Riggs Street watermain in May of 2016.

On Monday, April 24, they voted to award the bid to DiPonio Contracting for a total cost of \$625,569.

DiPonio Contracting last worked in the city of Fenton in 2010-2011 on the Adelaide Street and North Road project.

The original estimate for the project was \$720,000, which included engineering costs. According to Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Czarnecki, utilizing PVC pipe also reduced the cost

by \$28,176.

Czarnecki said the Riggs Street water main consists of an old, galvanized pipe with a diameter size that varies from 2 inches down to 1-1/4 inch.

The city's 2016 Water Reliability Study indicated this area to be deficient and in need of upgrading the watermain to the proper 8-inch diameter size.

"This would improve fire protection and water efficiency to the homes," Czarnecki said.

The homes along this street have issues with low water pressure and restricted flow due to the small sized line feeding about 25 homes," he said.

New fire hydrants also will be installed.

This project is also going to need engineering oversight during construction. OHM has provided the city with a scope of services for this work.

Their services will include construction

taking, construction observation of the proposed work, construction engineering as required to address and resolve issues as they come up, documentation of construction activity and pay item quantities and coordinate material testing.

OHM also will handle all the contract administration including execution of contract documents, attend all pre-construction and progress meetings, provide monthly construction pay estimates and finalize paperwork at the end of the project.

OHM will do the work for a cost not to exceed \$102,000. Material testing will be performed by G2 Consulting Group, coordinated through OHM, for a cost not to exceed \$18,000.

The city council also approved the OHM and G2 Consulting Group costs on Monday.

The project is expected to begin in mid-May according to Czarnecki.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I'M NOTICING that cars heading east on Silver Lake Road are stopping to let other cars turn left onto the northbound U.S. 23 or let cars off the exit ramp. Eastbound cars getting over into the right-turn lane to turn on to Fenway Drive are almost getting hit because the other drivers don't see them. Isn't it illegal to let cars through?

I AGREE FENTON roads need help but that's \$415 a year for me and that's too much. Consider spreading the amount over a longer period of time or a smaller millage that takes care of the major roads like State Road and a special assessment for neighborhood streets.

THANK YOU FOR the bee article. Bees are so important to our food source. Be kind to all the bees. Many are non-stinging, such as mason bees.

THE BUSINESSES LOCATED within the Fenton DDA area should pay for the new roads in Fenton. Those businesses benefited from our taxes, it's only fair they now pay us back.

TO DRAIN THE swamp you start with your appointees. Trump is doing that.

Washington has a huge bloated infrastructure that needs to be thinned.

I LOVED READING the article and all the Hot lines about taxes. Here's my opinion: Taxation is theft.

IF TRUMP REALLY wants the wall, instead of sticking the U.S. taxpayers for it, Trump should pay for it, then file it under at they never pay as expected, he could take it as a tax loss.

LAST WEEKEND Detroit hosted the NAACP award ceremony where the guest speakers were Elizabeth Warren, Maxine Waters, and Debbie Stabenow. It was hate-filled, anti-Trump, anti-white, and, in my opinion, anti-American.

TWO NEW POLLS came out from ABC News and The Washington Post show that 94 percent of all Republicans would continue to vote for Trump. If an election were held today, Trump would still beat Hillary by a substantial margin.

TO THE KNOW-it-all with a dictionary, if you think the war is over in Korea, go spend a couple weeks at the 38th parallel. I think you'll think differently — from one who knows.

News briefs

Duffield Road closed at Terry Drain in Gaines Township

The Genesee County Road Commission announced Tuesday, April 25 that one lane on Duffield Road over the Terry Drain in Gaines Township is closed due to culvert abutment wall failure. This location is approximately one quarter mile north of Reid Road. The lane will be closed at that point until further notice.

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What viewers said

A video of this event was posted at tctimes.com and on the Times' Facebook page on Monday, April 24. As of noon on Tuesday, April 25, the video had been viewed nearly 8,000 times. Here is what some of the viewers said in response:

Melissa Ann: Was this advertised? Would've loved to have gone to show my appreciation, and to show my children what true heroes are.

Kathy: Thank you one and all for service, when it was not "the thing to do."

Jodi: So bummed it wasn't announced very much. My dad would have loved it.

Teri: Thank you gentlemen for your service. God bless you!

A dozen more readers thanked the Vietnam veterans pinned and some added, "God bless America."

AGAIN

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and Sen. Ken Horn were present and spoke at the ceremony.

On Monday, VanDriessche and 240 other Vietnam veterans received a pin thanking them for their service, and unlike when they came back from the war, they were told, "welcome home," when they received the pin on their lapel from Sen. Kowall or Sen. Horn.

"It was really nice for the state of Michigan to do that for us. Really nice," said VanDriessche.

Lester McWilliams of Otisville said, "I feel very grateful to be here." McWilliams is a retired Marine who served from 1958 to 1962. "I'd do it all over again."

This event dwarfed the first local event, which was held in Holly in September 2016, where 50 veterans were pinned.

Veteran Joseph Caballero shared his emotional experience during, and after the war, and his band "The Halsey Old



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There were 240 pins, pinned to the lapels of Vietnam veterans at the ceremony on Monday.

Timers" performed various fight songs from different branches of the military, to which each veteran stood when they heard their song.

“It was really nice for the state of Michigan to do that for us. Really nice.”

Pete VanDriessche
Vietnam veteran, former
Linden police chief

Also poignant was a UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter flying in from the Michigan National Guard Grand Ledge Armory, at the request of LHS Athletics Director Greg Durkac, a 35-year veteran himself.

VanDriessche is already in the habit of telling veterans and active service members "welcome home" when he sees them, but on Monday, he got to hear it himself.

If anyone would like to inquire about receiving a pin, email Lynn O'Brien with Sen. Kowall's office at LOBrien@senate.michigan.gov.

VIETNAM

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"For What it's Worth" by Buffalo Springfield, released in 1966, also speaks to the Vietnam conflict and the confusion over why this country was even involved in the first place. Lyrics like: "There's something happening here. What it is ain't exactly clear. There's a man with a gun over there. Telling me I got to beware ..."

Other top songs of the era include: "We Gotta Get Out of This Place," by

Eric Burdon and the Animals; "War" by Edwin Starr; "All Along the Watchtower" by Jimi Hendrix; "Fortunate Son" by Credence Clearwater; "Sky Pilot" by The Animals, and "The Times They Are a Changin'" by Bob Dylan.

These are just a few of the many songs written in protest of the Vietnam conflict. The troops fighting in Vietnam, however, had a broader playlist of '60s music to bring a little bit of home to their days.

Helping to lighten their moods was real-life disc jockey Adrian Cronauer, who was assigned to take over the AFR's Saigon radio broadcasts in 1965. In contrast to the dull, by-rote announcers that have preceded him, Cronauer is a bundle of dynamite, heralding each broadcast with a loud "Gooooooood morning, Vietnaaaaaam," playing whatever records tickle his fancy, even those not officially sanctioned by his hide-bound superiors, and indulging in wild flights of improvisational fancy.

In the movie, Cronauer's immediate superior attempts to dethrone Vietnam's favorite rock jock. Fortunately, Cronauer's popularity is such that he enjoys the full protection of the higher-ups. But when Cronauer, after experiencing the horrors of war first-hand, insists upon telling his listeners the truth instead of the official government line, he is instantly replaced.

"Good Morning Vietnam" came out in theaters in 1987. Cronauer was played by the now late Robin Williams.

In a USA Today article, Cronauer said the movie took some liberties.

The movie's soundtrack contains

some of the most popular and memorable songs of the 1960s, that combined a mix of sounds that includes Motown, the popular "beach" songs and love songs.

Some of the numbers included: "Nowhere to Run" by Martha and The Vandellas; "Liar Liar" by The Castaways; "I Get Around" by the Beach Boys; "Game of Love" by Wayne Fontana and The Mindbenders; "Five O'Clock World" by the Vogues; "Beach Blanket Bingo" by Frankie Avalon; "Don't Worry Baby" by The Beach Boys and dozens more.

Vietnam

The American experience in Vietnam was a long and painful one for the nation. For those against the war, it appeared to be a meat grinder for draftees, unfairly targeting the poor, the uneducated, and minorities.

The first American troops arrived in Vietnam in 1965. The last were withdrawn in 1975.

For those in favor of the war and those who served in the military at the time, the American public and media were (and still are) misled about what happened during the war and so feel betrayed by many at home.

The facts not in dispute by either side are just as harrowing: Over 20 years, more than 58,000 Americans were killed in Vietnam and more than 150,000 wounded, not to mention the emotional toll the war took on American culture.

Misinformation, cover-ups, and confusion about Vietnam still pervade the national consciousness. Right now, people can only look back at the war and know what was real and what was not true.

Edwin Starr summed it up in "War" when he sang: "War, huh, yeah, what is it good for, absolutely nothing ..."

Sources: songfacts.com;
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CRASH

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Harold Rupright, 82, of Clio, died from his injuries he sustained at a crash at the intersection of Bennett Lake and Linden roads in Tyrone Township at approximately 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 23.

The preliminary investigation reveals that Rupright, driving southbound on Linden Road in a burgundy 2015 Ford Edge, failed to yield at the Bennett Lake Road intersection, which is near The Rock Church.

A 2017 Chevrolet Equinox traveling westbound on Bennett Lake Road struck Rupright's vehicle on the driver's side. Rupright's wife, June, 70, was a passenger in the Ford Edge. She was critically injured and has been transferred to the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Rupright was entrapped in his vehicle and was extricated by the Fenton Township Fire Department. He was transported by MMR ambulance to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township where he later died.

The driver of the Equinox, a 29-year-

old man from Gregory, was transported to Genesys for treatment of his injuries. He remains in stable condition.

The crash remains under investigation, however, alcohol does not appear to be a factor.

There have been other deaths at this intersection. Kenneth LaFever, known locally as "The Blueberry Man," died Oct. 13, 2007.

According to a 2007 Times story, LaFever attempted to proceed through the intersection in front of a westbound Chevrolet Impala. The driver of the Impala, an 18-year-old Argentine Township resident, attempted to avoid the pickup truck as it started to proceed through the intersection, however, was unable to stop prior to hitting the truck.

Neighbors who witnessed the crash on Sunday are hoping that Tyrone Township officials do something about this area of Bennett Lake Road. One witness, who declined to give their name, said they had heard there are efforts underway to reduce the speed limit in this area, as well as putting a flashing red light at the Linden Road intersection.



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The driver of this burgundy Ford Edge, Harold Rupright, 82, of Clio, was killed Sunday afternoon when his vehicle was struck on the driver side at the intersection of Bennett Lake and Linden roads. His wife, Helen, and the driver of the second vehicle involved were injured.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IT WAS PRETTY well known during the first Gulf War that our adversaries got a lot of information about our troop movements from all things CNN. Kind of nice our Commander in Chief isn't announcing to the world where our carrier groups are located. I think as long as the joint chiefs know, that's good enough for me.

I'VE GOT A great idea. Let's sell our homes in the suburbs and move up to the Fenton area. Nice tranquil countryside. It's got farm animals and everything is cute. The farm animals make noise. Let's get rid of everything and leave.

I SEE WHERE Fenton Township says that urban agriculture conflicts with the Master Plan. I think it's time to change the Master Plan. There's no reason you can't have both.

THE NEW YORK Daily News reports the American Psychiatric Association has determined that Trump is exhibiting signs of mental illness. Finally, we've established common ground with North Korea. With Putin exhibiting signs of a psychopath, is it any wonder why China is on full alert.

YOU GUYS ARE acting like he wants to put in a strip mall. He wants to put in an apple orchard. If you do get it approved, could you grow some peaches and maybe some pears, too?

News briefs

Railroad crossing closures

Canadian National (CN) will close the following locations to through traffic beginning Tuesday, April 25 at 10:30 a.m. for emergency railroad crossing repairs:

- The first closure is Rattalee Lake Road between Terrace and Eaton roads in Rose Township. The detour for the closure is Terrace Road to Davisburg Road back to Rattalee Lake Road and vice versa.
- The second closure is Clark Road between Dilley and Hogback Lake roads in Springfield Township. The detour for the closure is Hogback Lake Road to Andersonville Road back to Clark Road and vice versa.

The repair work at both locations should be completed on Monday, May 1.

BRIDGES

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Fenton's case, the total cost of bridge funds needed is \$413,000. The city's portion would total \$20,650.

The Fenton City Council voted Monday, April 24, to approve a resolution asking the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to include the six bridges on the Local Bridge Fund List for preventative maintenance.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

DURING THE CAMPAIGN, Trump repeatedly said he'd categorize China as a currency manipulator. That will never happen. Only someone who is ignorant of the complex relationship we have with China or someone who believes his supporters are stupid would repeatedly make such a promise. I wonder which one it is.

YESTERDAY, THE WHITE House welcomed the New England Patriots where they celebrated two of the greatest come-from-behind victories. Trump and the Patriots.

News briefs

Patriotic Festival of Music to honor our veterans and to celebrate America on Memorial Day

All veterans are invited to attend the Patriotic Concert, which includes a catered appreciation dinner on Monday, May 29, Memorial Day. Organizers are hoping to make this day free to the veterans by businesses or community members sponsoring a veteran for the concert and dinner for \$30. Organizers hope to sponsor 400 veterans. Checks should be made payable to The Michigan Catholic Choir and mailed to 6386 Kelly Rd., Flint, MI 48504. The concert and dinner is open to the public, with a suggested donation of \$12 for the concert or \$30 for concert/dinner. The concert will begin at 4 p.m. and will be held at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church and Family Life Center in Burton. For further details, email Dan@TheMichiganCatholicChoir.org.

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TERRORISM

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was the second worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil since 9/11, according to USA-Today, and while the amount of coverage was appropriate, it gives way for the media to cover all terrorist attacks in that manner even when they're not a huge threat to American lives.

From 1975 to 2015, 98.6 percent of deaths from immigrant attacks were from 9/11, according to Vox. Brown University found that since that fatal

day, America has spent more than \$3.6 trillion on national security. This number includes expenditures for the war on terror and wars in the Middle East.

The goal of the Department of Homeland Security, which was created in response to 9/11, is to stop terrorist attacks on U.S. soil. Hearing about a thwarted terrorist attack isn't as common as hearing about a successful one. However, stories are available to read at dhs.gov. Search for Fusion Center Success Stories.

PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS APRIL 3, 2017

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday April 3, 2017 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Stone Gooding led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the agenda as presented.
3. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$1,348,511.77.
4. Accepted the donation of a 1993 Ford Ambulance Pickup from Atlas Copco Tools and Assembly Systems, LLC to the Fenton Township Fire Department.
5. Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

DIRECTOR

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with an annual salary of \$95,500, more than a year after adopting a cost containment plan to deal with significant funding losses and a declining student population.

After nearly 30 minutes of discussion and arguments, the board voted 4-3 in favor of creating the position and hiring Middle School Principal Julie Brown to be the full-time director.

It was tied 3-3, creating a tense environment, until Treasurer Michael Murphy voted "yes." Board President Scott Maker, Michael Murphy, and trustees Jason Rowden and Michelle Shayna voted "yes," while Vice President Steve Murphy, Secretary Steven Losey, and Trustee Peter Ponzetti voted "no."

Brown will start her new position July 1 of this year.

Koledo said he's happy the board passed the recommendation. The position has been part-time for the past five years. Julie Brown, Linden Middle School principal, currently holds the position. "With many administrative responsibilities stretched thin due to continued cost-cutting measures, district curriculum is now an area we need to put full-time effort into," he said.

Koledo used the analogy of engine oil for a car. "Right now, Linden schools are a few quarts low on oil. You can't notice a difference yet, but operating low on oil will break the engine before too long. We have not noticed a decline in student performance and we do not want to wait until we do to make the change. Now is the time to return to a full-time curriculum position; time to get that oil change," he said.

Brown said in addition to her duties as middle school principal, she was responsible for state and federal programming and grant writing, pre K-12 curriculum, instruction and assessments, District School Improvement, District Curriculum Committee, and pre K-12 data analysis. She attended county and state meetings, as well as creating all professional development staff surveys and giving presentations to the Board of Education.

SUMMARY

■ The Linden Board of Education voted 4-3 to hire a full-time curriculum director at the April 19 meeting. Linden Middle School Principal Julie Brown will take on this new role.

"I think hiring a full-time position is a good idea from my point of view. With an exceptional middle school staff and supportive community, I have been able to juggle the two positions and make positive gains. However, if you talk to the (middle school) staff, it is clear that while both jobs are being done, neither are being done especially well," she said. "We have been simply holding the cork on the bottle."

As the full-time director, she will be able to more easily balance time and needs among all buildings and grade levels.

"With the data we gather that measures student achievement, I will have time to desegregate that data, work with principals and teachers, and use it to affect instruction and assessment. This last piece is probably the most important piece in the hiring of a full-time curriculum director," she said.

Steve Murphy said the district can't afford to hire someone when the district is facing a huge loss in revenue.

Ponzetti and Losey expressed similar sentiments.

The board started to address the issue of cost containment in the fall of 2015, with the projections that they would lose 253 students over three years, which is a funding loss of about \$1.82 million. In February 2016, the board voted to reconfigure the elementary schools as part of a cost containment plan.

Starting in the 2016-2017 school year, two of the elementary buildings housed kindergarten through third grade, and one building housed fourth and fifth grade, which the board estimated saves \$492,000 as well as meets class size targets.

The board also voted to revert to semesters in the high school for the 2016-2017 school year, saving the district approximately \$82,000 to \$328,000, according to a previous Times story. The district now also offers a full-day Young Fives Program. This means the program receives all of the FTE (full-time equivalent) in state aid, which is \$7,391 per student in the program.

Brown said Koledo has a plan to hire a new Linden Middle School principal.

“We have been simply holding the cork on the bottle.”

Julie Brown

*Linden Middle School principal,
new full-time curriculum
director starting July 1*

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■ ■ ■
THE NEW HEAD of the Democratic party is a hate-filled vulgar and polarizing person, much like Obama, Hillary and Pelosi. He will be the best thing to happen to Republicans in a long time.

■ ■ ■
WOW, I NEVER expected to see the term 'righteous man' applied to Donald Trump. This is a man who does or says whatever needed to get what he wants, be it money, power, women or even the presidency of the United States.

■ ■ ■
CARBON DIOXIDE OCCURS naturally. The trees depend on it or they will die. I learned that in public school.

■ ■ ■
WE LIVE IN town in Argentina and they did the test for the tornado siren. What's with that? We could barely hear it and we live right in town. I think that should be checked out.

■ ■ ■
HEY, HOT-LINER, I was there for Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Hugo, Hurricane Dennis, Hurricane Rita. They are heroes — your ambulance drivers and your firefighters and police.

■ ■ ■
AS LONG AS you do not know the future, you do not know that it will not be happier than the past. That is hope. — Bernard Shaw

■ ■ ■
I SEE WHERE Fenton is considering a 6-mill millage for roads. Why? Michigan just put a tax on gas and license plates to cover the cost of new roads. We don't need Fenton to do the same.

■ ■ ■
I'M STILL CHUCKLING about the Hot-liner who is 'a native Fentonite.' I live here, I pay my taxes, I'm a Fentonite. When Colonel Fenton and Mr. Dibble chased away the Native Americans who were here long before, what was their native status?

■ ■ ■
IN RESONSE TO the Comment of the Week on April 19, if women have babies that they cannot afford and if the taxpayers are going to be paying the bill, she, the mother, ought to have the right to choose abortion.

■ ■ ■
THANK YOU, TRI-COUNTY. I love you guys, really. I've been worried about nuclear annihilation all week. But all we've got to worry about this week is the chickens. Makes my day.

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Fenton's Andrew Bond prepares to hand off to Sam Deardorff in a recent meet. The pair were members of Fenton's third-place distance medley relay squad.

Fenton track teams take some firsts, break some records at Dexter

By David Troppens
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The Fenton track programs have continued their fine starts at the April Showers Relay meet at Dexter High School. The Fenton girls placed fourth while the male Tigers placed fifth.

The girls had a first and a school record fall the meet. The long jump relay team of Madaline Hall, Cassandra Campbell and Vien Strum won (30-7 1/2), while Alexa Keiser placed third in the 1,600 with a school-record time of 5:10.44. The boys had two firsts. The high jump team of Drew Miller (5-11) and John Sage (5-9) took the top spot while Sage, Keegan Pombier, Ehan Pyeatt and Zach West won the 800 relay with a school record time of 1:30.03.

Others finishing in the top four for the boys were: Pombier, Dylan Minock, Josh Czarnota and Pyeatt, third in the sprint medley (1:40.1); Andrew Bond, Peter Kennings, Sam Deardorff and Dominic Dimambro, third in the distance medley.

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OLIVIA TANNER

Tanner hit a two-run home run in the Blue Devils' doubleheader sweep of Durand on Monday.

Blue Devils remain undefeated in GAC play, sweep Railroaders

By David Troppens
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Lake Fenton's bats came out against Durand, assuring the Blue Devils left Durand still undefeated in Genesee Area Conference Red Division play.

The Blue Devils (4-0, 10-4) won the opening game 11-0 and the second contest 15-5.

In the opener, the Blue Devils always led, but the Railroaders always kept it reasonably close. The Blue Devils scored four runs in each of the first two innings and held on to collect the win. Lake Fenton var-

sity softball coach Amos Rinks was pleased to see his team earn the sweep.

"Durand was co-champs last year with us so needless to say I was concerned going in," Rinks said. "They are always good hitters and last year they hit 10 homer uns in their doubleheader with us and we split. I felt they and Godrich would be our biggest threat in our conference as we move forward in conference play. To get past them with two wins is a relief."

In the opening inning, Alli LaVallier's RBI-double plated the first run. Allison Petts also plated a run with an RBI-ground out.

In the second inning, Haley McLellan had

the big blow — a two-run single. Oliva Tanner also had an RBI-single while Haley Whitticar also drove in a run with a batted ball.

Taylor Godlewski was the winning pitcher, striking out seven.

In the second contest Tanner hit a two-run home run in the fourth inning and Petts hit a solo shot in the third, leading the Blue Devils to the win.

Once again, the Blue Devils opened the contest with four runs in the first inning. The big hit was McLellan's two-run single. Erin Ezell also provided an RBI-double while LaVallier had a sacrifice bunt, plating a run.

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Bronchos keep getting better, sweep Flushing convincingly

By David Troppens
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The Holly varsity softball team would like to think it's a better program than its past would suggest. So far, four games into the Metro League season, the Bronchos are doing a pretty darn good job of proving

their point.

The Bronchos improved to 3-1 in the Metro League with a convincing 15-0, 14-2 doubleheader sweep of Flushing on Monday.

The Bronchos dominated both contests easily. In the opener, the Bronchos took just three innings to win the

game by the 15-run mercy rule. The offense was paced by Maika Hogarth who had two hits and three RBI.

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Fenton baseball keeps on winning

■ Tigers crush Clio, improve to 4-0 in Metro

By David Troppens
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The Fenton varsity baseball team's hot start during its non-league portion of its schedule continued in Metro League action on Friday, recording a doubleheader sweep against the Kearsley Hornets.

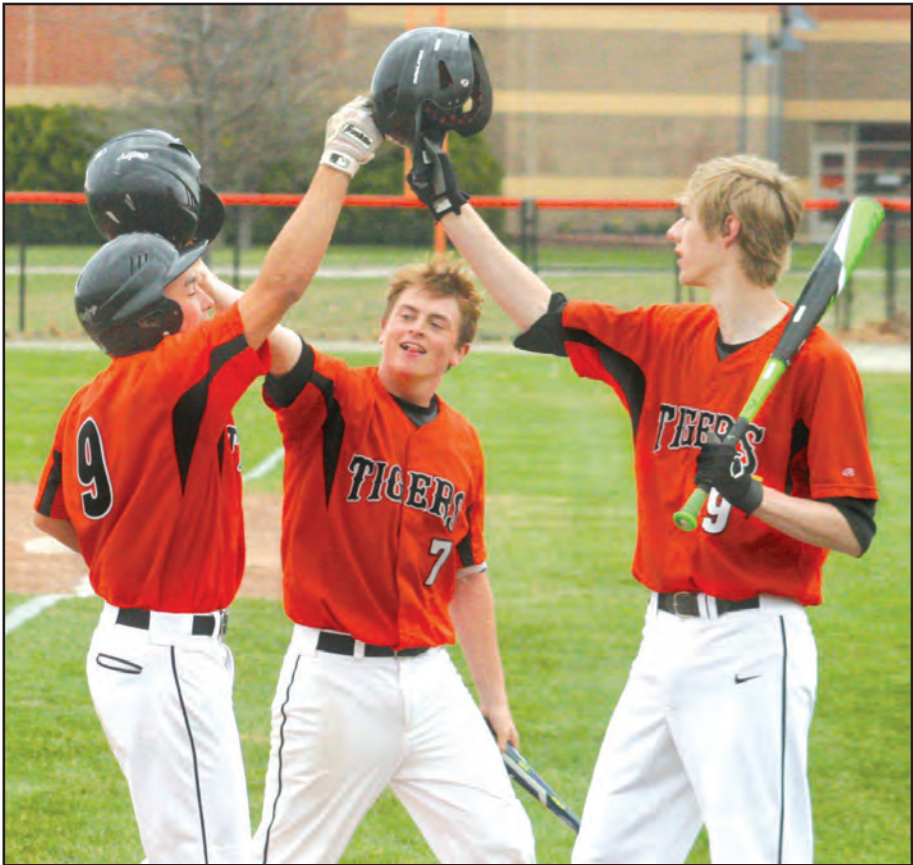
Fenton (2-0, 8-1) won the first game 11-2 and captured the sweep with a 6-4 victory in the second game. The contests were Fenton's first two Metro games of the season.

The opener began as a good pitchers' duel but the Fenton bats broke up a scoreless tie with three runs in the fourth and three more in the fifth, taking a 6-0 lead. The big hit in the three-run fourth was a Chase Coselman two-run single. In the fifth, Nolan Lawrence hit a two-out RBI-single, followed by a Coselman walk with the bases loaded. The third run scored on a passed ball. A five-run sixth blew the game completely open.

Coselman had two hits, two walks and three RBI while Lawrence had two hits and two RBI.

On the mound, Blake Garrison tossed six innings of three-hit ball, allowing two earned runs. He recorded the win. Matt Sullivan tossed the seventh, striking out two batters.

The nightcap was a closer contest. Fenton trailed 4-0 until scoring six runs in the bottom of the fifth, capturing a 6-4 win in a game shortened to just six innings.



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Fenton teammates (from left) Brock Henson, Troy Smigielski and Nolan Lawrence celebrate a run during a past game. The Tigers are 10-1 overall and 4-0 in Metro League play.

Brock Henson tripled to start the threat. Lawrence singled in Henson and Coselman hit a double. Jared Ryan responded with a two-run single while Ryan scored on a wild pitch and Garrison walked. David Pietryga singled and Logan Benson walked, loading the bases with just one out. Troy Smigiel-

ski hit a sacrifice fly, putting Fenton up 5-2. Henson capped the rally with a double, scoring Pietryga.

Henson was the winning pitcher, tossing two innings of two-run ball in relief. Brandon Weaver allowed two runs in four innings of work and started the contest.

Eagles fall to Swartz Creek, 1-0

By David Troppens

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Linden — The Linden varsity girls soccer team has been a squad of good news and bad news in a period of 72 hours.

On Saturday, the good news happened. The Eagles showed just how good they are, beating state-ranked DeWitt 2-1 and going 2-0-1 in three contests at the Saginaw Soccer Showcase.

Unfortunately, the Eagles also proved they were human on Monday, losing its Metro League opener at home against Swartz Creek by a 1-0 score.

"We didn't win a ball," Linden varsity girls soccer coach Kevin Fiebert said. "I just told the girls I saw this coming. We were getting a little cocky. Our leadership has not been the greatest the last couple of weeks. We have won some games against some good teams. We have won some games against teams far better than the one we played here tonight. I don't want to take anything away from Creek. They hung on."

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Linden keeper Madison Paige reaches into the air to collect a loose ball near the Linden net on Monday. The Eagles had an impressive weekend, going 2-0-1, but lost a key Metro League contest to Swartz Creek on Monday, 1-0.

Fenton/Linden girls lacrosse squad crushes Flushing

By David Troppens

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The Fenton/Linden co-op girls lacrosse team must enjoy Metro League play.

The Heat (4-4) improved to 2-0 in Metro play by crushing Flushing 19-2 in a league contest at Flushing High School on Monday. The Heat have outscored its two Metro foes 37-6 so far this season.

On Monday the Heat led 11-2 at the half, and cruised from there.

"Having a comfortable lead in the second half, most of the starters found themselves on the sideline and cheered their teammates on," Fenton/Linden coach Roger Ellis said.

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Lake Fenton baseball splits with Railroaders

There were some mixed results for the Lake Fenton varsity boys baseball team on Monday.

The Blue Devils' bats showed up big time in the opening game of a double-header, defeating Durand 14-5. However, a defensive error in the bottom of the sixth enabled the game-tying and game-winning run to score for the Railroaders in the second game, leading to Durand's 4-3 victory.

Holly soccer opens Metro season with win

The Holly varsity girls soccer team is on a recent hot streak.

The girls placed second at the Montrose Rams Tournament, defeating Kearsley and Montrose, but losing to Swartz Creek.

The Bronchos also opened Flint Metro League action with a strong 6-1 victory against Kearsley on Monday.

PREP REPORT

SOFTBALL

► **Linden 9-12, Brandon 10-9:** The Eagles and Blackhawks split a pair of offensive contests. Kim Freitas, Christina Clemons, Sterling DeGayner (four RBI) and Ellie Klocek (four RBI) had three hits each in the second game, while Liz Rakowski and Heather Crampton had two hits each. Jillian Widner pitched the complete game and earned the victory.

In the second game Rakowski and Klocek each hit home runs. Klocek also had a double and five RBI. Ashley Bertschy had three hits, including two doubles.

► **Clio 11-4, Fenton 0-2:** The Tigers lost a pair of games against Clio on Monday. In the opener, Clio hurler Mikayla Chilson tossed a one-hitter, while striking out four. Sara Eisenbeis had Fenton's hit. She was the team's starting pitcher, striking out seven. In the nightcap, Abby Sizemore had two hits, pacing the offense. Chloe Billings struck out four in the loss.

"We're struggling with some injuries in key positions," Fenton varsity softball coach Stefanie Roberts said.

► **Linden at Byron Tournament:** The Eagles went 2-1, beating Mason 5-0 and Durand 2-0, but losing to Byron 5-2.

Megan Oda tossed a four-hitter, striking out two and walking three. Offensively, Ashley Bertschy had two hits while Christina Clemons had an RBI.

In the 5-0 win against Mason, Jillian Wright tossed a three-hitter over six innings of work. She struck out four. Offensively, Liz Rakowski hit a three-run home run and Bertschy hit a solo shot.

In the loss, Byron scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth, resulting in Linden's loss. Rakowski had three hits, including a double.

► **Lake Fenton at Alma Tournament:** The Blue Devils defeated John Glenn 11-0 and St. Charles 10-0, but lost to Alma 11-7.

In the victory against John Glenn, Kalani Lau and Haley Whittecar had two hits and two RBI each. Lau hit a home run. Allison Petts also had two hits. On the mound, Taylor Godlewski tossed a five-inning shutout, striking out five.

Against St. Charles, Erin Ezell had two hits, including a home run. Lau and Whittecar had three hits each while Mikala Hunsinger and Olivia Tanner had two hits each. Alexis McMichael tossed a six-hit shutout, striking out six.

In the loss to Alma, Alli LaVallier had two hits while Whittecar had a double.

BASEBALL

► **Linden 16-2, Brandon 4-2:** The Eagles (3-3 in the Metro) split two games with Brandon on Monday. In the opener, Linden used 12 hits to record the win. Aaron Sarkon had three hits, scored three runs and had two RBI while Jack Shore (four RBI), Corbin Sines (two RBI), Brendan Buerkel (two RBI) and Ryker Rivera (one RBI) had two hits each.

Lucas Marshall was the winning pitcher, allowing one hit and three walks in four innings of work. He struck out three, and only two of the four runs he allowed were earned. Travis Klocek tossed a no-

run fifth inning.

Brandon managed just three hits against Aaron Sarkon in the nightcap, but one of the hits was a two-run home run, earning the Blackhawks the victory. Sarkon struck out five batters. Linden had just two hits.

► **Flushing 11-3, Holly 1-2:** In the opener, Aaron Lockitski had a hit and an RBI, while Garrett Vangilder had two hits, including a double. In the nightcap, JD Lannon had two hits while Trey Ridgeway had a hit and an RBI. Lannon was the losing pitcher, tossing a six-hitter while striking out six.

► **Linden 6-4, Flushing 2-5:** The Eagles (2-2 in the Metro) split a pair of contests with Flushing. In the opener, Lucas Marshall tossed five innings of shutout ball, earning the win. Offensively, Nik Koan drove in two runs while Ryker Rivera, Brendan Buerkel, Cole Sarkon and Corbin Sines had an RBI each. In the nightcap, Flushing scored two runs in the bottom of the fourth, earning a 5-4 win in a five-inning contest. Aaron Sarkon and Jack Shore had two hits each.

► **Lumen Christi 6, Fenton 5:** Lumen Christi scored the game-winning run in a back-and-forth affair on a wild pitch in the bottom of the seventh. Brock Henson, Nolan Lawrence and Chase Coselman had two hits each. Lawrence drove in two runs.

► **Fenton 12, Grass Lake 4:** Troy Smigelski had two hits and two RBI, leading the Tigers to the win. Coselman also had two hits. David Pietryga was the winning pitcher, tossing four innings of three-run ball. Only one of the runs were earned. He struck out four. Graham Steib allowed just one unearned run in three innings, getting the save. He struck out three.

GIRLS LACROSSE

► **Rochester Adams 11, Fenton/Linden 9:** The Heat fell to 3-4 with the loss. Adams enjoyed a slight 6-4 lead entering halftime and held on to it during the second half.

BOYS GOLF

► **Fenton, Lake Fenton at Lapeere Tune-up:** Fenton placed third at the 23-team event, with a team score of 346. Brandon Diener led the squad with an 80 while Dylan Conte posted an 87. Edward Farrell shot an 89 and Braden Lapla carded a 90.

Lake Fenton placed 15th with a team score of 387. Andrew Allor led the squad with a 90 while Brad Holder shot a 94. Carter McPahil carded a 100 and Parker Mitchell shot a 103.

► **Swartz Creek 176, Linden 186:** Linden was paced by match medalist Ryan Montini with a 41. Gabe Piesko shot a 44 while Aidan McCarthy shot a 47. Logan Kirkey carded a 54.

GIRLS SOCCER

► **Brandon 1, Fenton 0:** The Tigers (1-6) outshot Brandon 23-3, but were unable to score, resulting in the team's loss in their opening Metro game of the season. Abby Quesnelle made two save in net.

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FOR THE WEEK OF
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

A sudden change of plans could lead to a misunderstanding with a friend or family member. Be ready to offer a full explanation of your decision. A past favor is returned.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Expect pressure from those who want you to change your position on a matter of importance. However, the determined Bovine will be able to withstand the bullying and win out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

It's time to stop dwelling on past disappointments and move on to other possibilities. By week's end, you'll be meeting new people and making new plans for the future.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

A long-simmering situation between co-workers threatens to heat up and could create problems with your work schedule. Best advice: Consult a supervisor on how to proceed.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)

You might have just learned that someone close to you is keeping a secret. And, of course, the Cat's curiosity has gone into overdrive. But be patient. All is revealed soon enough.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Don't give up. The recognition citing the good work you recently did will come through. Meanwhile, an opportunity opens up that can lead to a lot of traveling later on.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

A financial crunch eases, but it's still a good idea to keep a tight rein on what you spend for nonessentials. Education becomes a major focus as the week winds down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Recent encounters with stressful situations could require some restorative measures to get your energy levels back up. Talk to your doctor about a diet and exercise program.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

New connections follow changes on the job or in your personal life. But keep your feelings reined in until these relationships have a chance to develop.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Pay more attention to your aches and pains, but avoid self-diagnoses. Seek professional advice to make sure these problems won't lead to something more serious.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

You love doing research and learning new things, so you'll be happy to know that education becomes a big part of your life at this time, and for some time to come.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Your Piscean penchant for doing things logically could be challenged by an equally strong emotional reaction to a new situation. Best advice: Keep the two factors in balance.

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JUMBLE

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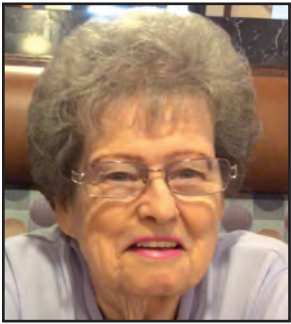
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Shirley Eleanor Wiess

1927-2017

Shirley Eleanor Wiess - age 89, of Grand Blanc, died Saturday, April 22, 2017. Private family services will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation (www.arthritis.org) or the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org). Mrs. Wiess was born December 18, 1927 in Detroit, the daughter of Hector J. and Frances (Kunkel) Bourdeaux. She married Norman Wiess on February 20, 1954 and he preceded her in death on July 1, 1996. She retired from Gardner Industries as their office manager and was a member of the St. John's Bowling team in Fenton. Surviving are: son, James (Pat) Wiess of Grand Blanc; daughter, Sharon (Gregory) Matkovich of Swartz Creek; granddaughter, Jessica (Albert) Yogues of NJ; three grandsons, Gregory (Joanne) Matkovich of FL, Jonathan (Meica) Matkovich of FL, and Mark (Jessica) Matkovich of CT. She was preceded in death by: her parents; and her husband. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Royal A. Smith

1939-2017

Royal A. Smith - age 77, of Holly died Saturday, April 22, 2017. Funeral services will be held at 2 PM Thursday, April 27, 2017 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, with Pastor Dean Dumbille officiating. Visitation will be from 4-9 PM Wednesday, April 26, 2017. Military honors and burial will be at 10 AM Friday, April 28, 2017 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Mr. Smith was born to Nelson and Olga (Botz) Smith in Lakewood, OH on June 27, 1939. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the US Air Force. Mr. Smith graduated from Olivet College where he earned a Bachelor's degree and a Master's Degree. He also earned a Master's degree from Oakland University. He was an elementary school teacher with the Goodrich Schools for 30 years, was a member of the NEA, was a member of the Missouri Synod, attending Trinity Lutheran Church of Fenton, and was a former deacon at Gethsemane Lutheran Church of Holly. He was known as a gentle giant, and he enjoyed family, crossword puzzles, and vacations. Surviving are his wife, Linda Zynda-Smith; daughter, Amanda (Jacob) Smith of CO; two step-children, Heather (Darrin) Cecil of Berkley and Todd (Natalie) Zynda of CA; three grandchildren, Oliver, Kaitlyn, and Nicola; and his sister, Linda Smith of OH. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Carolann Smith. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Disabled American Veterans. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

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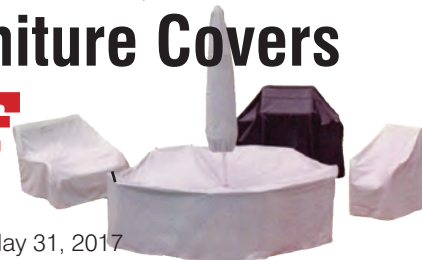


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