

Downtown Skypoint properties go on the market



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FILE PHOTO
The Red Fox Outfitters building has been added to the portfolio of Skypoint Ventures properties being marketed in downtown Fenton. According to founder and co-owner Phil Hagerman, the building may or may not be sold, but was added to the portfolio to bring more interest.

■Phil Hagerman explains reasons for buying and selling them within one year



Phil Hagerman

By Vera Hogan
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Phil Hagerman of Fenton Township, CEO and chairman of Diplomat Pharmacy, Inc. and founder and co-owner of Skypoint Ventures in Flint, is selling all of his city of Fenton properties.

Signs should be going up over the next few days.
They are being sold through Skypoint Ventures. Hagerman has just inked a listing deal with Colliers International, a South-field commercial real estate firm.
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Hypnotherapist charged with sexual assault of patient

■First-degree criminal sexual conduct, unlawful imprisonment and assault by strangulation

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Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton has charged a local hypnotherapist with three felony counts related to an alleged sexual assault of a 48-year-old patient under his care.

John Gary Tomlinson, 65, of Flint, was arraigned Wednesday, May 3 on one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, one count of unlawful imprisonment, and one count of assault by strangulation related



John Tomlinson

See HYPNOTHERAPIST on 18A

‘Chickens must go’ enforcement explained

■Township’s master plan wrongly predicted more subdivisions

By Hannah Ball
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When the Times broke the story last month about a

Fenton Township man having to get rid of his chickens, some community members reacted with outrage and many questions.

Michael Krause now has 13 days to find a new home for the chickens his
See CHICKENS on 21A

‘(Fire)Men in tights’



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Members of the Holly fire and police departments “strut their stuff” for a little humor for an upcoming fundraiser with local LuLaRoe clothing consultants. They are raising money for the children of Capt. Andy Greene, a 12-year veteran of the fire department who died April 9 from cancer. **See story on Page 6B.**

The State Bank doubles in size with acquisition

■Eight locations added in Saginaw County

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The State Bank, the largest bank headquartered in Genesee County, has just gotten bigger.

Fentura Financial, Inc., holding company for The State Bank, acquired

Saginaw County’s Community Bancorp, Inc., holding company for Community State Bank, as of Dec. 31, 2016.

The boards of directors of both banks approved the acquisition on March 24, growing the merged company to approximately \$680 million in assets, \$535 million in loans and \$580 million in deposits.

See THE STATE BANK on 18A

IN THE VIDEO:

Ron Justice, president and CEO of The State Bank and Fentura Financial, Inc. explains how the acquisition of Community Bancorp’s eight locations in Saginaw County will affect local customers and shareholders.



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“Nuclear power plants, landfills, pig farms, payday loans, porno bookstores, and strip clubs are all legal, but undesirable businesses. I don’t care about your opinion on the morality of marijuana, just keep its business out of Fenton.”



“Michael LaJoice’s crime was to capture revenues from credit union members to use on projects that benefited him as he saw fit. The DDA does the same exact same thing to local taxpayers. What’s good for the gander is good for the goose. The DDA is legalized theft and should be dealt with accordingly.”



“To the Fenton City Council, thank you for keeping medical marijuana facilities out of Fenton.”



COMMENT
OF THE WEEK

“Why did the chicken cross the road? To get out of Fenton Township.”

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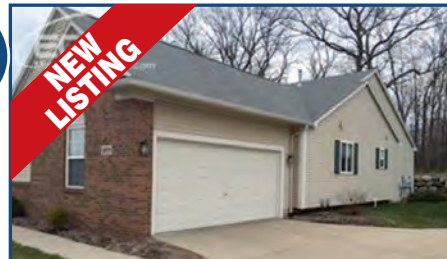
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A trucker's way of life

■ Local van lines driver relocates executive families across the country during the busy season of moving

By Sally Rummel

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When you're sitting up high in a tall cab of a huge moving van, you can see everything going on around you in full view — from the mom who's texting at the stoplight to the beauty of your surroundings when you're driving in the mountains.

Such is the life of veteran trucker Jerry Taylor, 48, of Rose Township, who has
See TRUCKER on 19A



“I moved Mr. Pulte from the Birmingham-Bloomfield area to Naples, Florida. I’ve moved a lot of millionaires, but this was my first billionaire.”
JERRY TAYLOR
Rose Township resident

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

Now is the busiest season for movers, like local trucker Jerry Taylor, who owns his truck and often moves executive class customers through North American Van Lines.

Solicitors can hit the streets in local cities again

■ Fenton and Linden charitable organizations breathe sigh of relief

By Vera Hogan

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Despite a ruling by Michigan’s attorney general last fall, the Fenton City Council has reversed its action taken in October 2016 by passing Ordinance 703, which will once again allow charitable organizations to solicit donations on public streets.

Last fall, the Fenton City Council decided to abide by Attorney General Bill Schuette’s opinion and outlaw all future requests to solicit donations on public streets.



At the time, Stephen Schultz, city attorney, said, the city does not want to be the defendant in a lawsuit where the jury is sitting across from “the widow.”

The Fenton City Council expressed its disappointment at the attorney general’s opinion, but agreed to abide by it.

Schultz said at the time that since Fenton is a home rule city, the Fenton City Council could go against Schuette’s opinion regarding city streets, but cautioned that doing so could put the city in a bad situation if someone was hurt or killed while soliciting on

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“This would be up to local jurisdictions to enforce.”

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Attorney General
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Social media and your health

A new study by the American Psychological Association says constantly checking your email, Facebook and Twitter can be hazardous to your mental health.

As my back home pal Moon Dimple would probably say, “Well, duh. Next they’ll tell us eating lard straight from the can is bad for you, too.”

It’s true that experts are always studying things that don’t need to be studied. But just to be sure, I called up one of the study’s chief researchers, Dr. Ima Navelgazer, for additional insights.

“So, doctor, how can email possibly be bad for you?”



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

“Well, for one thing, have you ever gotten an email from a deposed Nigerian prince?”

“Yes.”

“Well, I hate to break it to you, but he’s a phony. He doesn’t really want to deposit

\$10 million in your bank account.”

“He doesn’t?”

“No, the most I’ve ever heard of anyone getting is \$2 million, tops. It’s hardly worth your time.”

“Interesting. Are there other email hazards we should be aware of?”

“Yes, certainly. For instance, our crack researchers found that reading and responding to emails from your boss is definitely bad for you, and we recommend that you delete them immediately upon arrival without reading them. No one needs that kind of stress.”

“I’ll be sure to do that, thank you. Anything else?”

“Yes, you should be extremely careful about buying things online.”

“Ah, because of identity theft?”

“No, because the second you buy something online, ads for it start popping onto your screen.”

“That doesn’t sound so dangerous.”

“It can be if you buy something kinky for your girlfriend from Victoria Secret and your wife walks by.”

“I see. But what about social media?”

Is that bad for you, too?”

“It can be, yes. For instance, have you ever seen those needy, passive aggressive Facebook posts where someone says ‘I suspect no one reads my posts, so to find out who does, please respond to this one with ‘I do!’ or I’ll drop you from my friend list.’”

“Ugh, yes, I’ve seen those. They make me want to punch a flower.”

“You’re not alone. Our study indicates even nuns are 75 percent more likely to give their screen the finger when they read one of those posts. The only posts that are less popular, statistically speaking, are cliffhangers.”

“What are cliffhangers?”

“Those are the posts where people write ‘What a day!’ or ‘Pray for me’ so everyone asks them why.”

“I’m getting stressed out just thinking about it. But, doc, what about Twitter? Twitter can’t be possibly be stressful can it?”

“It can be if you follow Trump.”

Opinions offered in Come Heller High Water are the author’s alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email the Andrew at andrewheller@tctimes.com.

“Well, I hate to break it to you, but he’s a phony. He doesn’t really want to deposit \$10 million in your bank account.”

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I SEE THE new building that they want to put up in Linden. Don’t you think there has been enough damage done to Fenton? Why do the same to Linden? Please do not destroy Linden like they have Fenton.

‘WAR, WHAT IS it good for?’ Revolutionary War — Creation of the United States. War of 1812 — second war for American independence ended all threats to United States. Monroe Doctrine protected a whole hemisphere. American borders secure.

CONSERVATIVES AREN’T TELLING you not to get birth control, they’re telling you that others shouldn’t be paying for it. Quit whining, get a job, and pay for it yourself.

I FIND IT extremely hypocritical that Democrat liberals called the Republican Party the ‘party of no’ when Obama was in office. Now they are losing their minds that Trump is president and they are now the ‘party of never.’ The Democratic Party is the party of extreme intolerance to anyone with a different view.

TO FENTON CITY Councilman Dave McDermott, please run for mayor.

TO THE NICE lady in the black GMC Terrain that bought my lunch at the Fenton McDonald’s on Friday around 1:30. Thank you. What a kind thing to do,

it made my day. I will be sure to pay it forward.

TO THE ‘ALL men are sexual predators’ Hot line person. I won’t bother to respond as an individual man. Just let me plead with you to obtain psychological help immediately, and if you truly believe what you say — find a way out of whatever relationship you are in. You are obviously in harm’s way.

READING THE HOT lines is the highlight of visiting my parents in Fenton.

STILL SUPPORT TRUMP my friend. We would not be in the war situation at this time if the past President had not put his tail between his legs and did nothing. If we do not stand up for ourselves, they will run all over us. It’s just like a bully; unless you show resistance to the way you are being treated, it will continue.

HANNAH BALL, THE Catholic church does not have one budget. Each diocese has its own. The Vatican’s is \$300 million (less than many universities). It spends more on charity than any other organization. Its art and relics belong to the faithful, and can’t be sold. Not rich by your terms. The feds could never operate as efficiently for the poor, which is one reason why it should never tax churches. Try the Vatican website. Slate is ignorant and politically slanted.

AS A PARENT whose child left Linden, I can guarantee it had nothing to do a spit shine, lockers or Astroturf. It had everything to do with academics and what was and wasn’t acceptable behavior.

MANY THANKS TO Ameer Abdullah for donating his time to the NFL Field Day at Patterson Elementary. Also, Haley Day is such a blessing to our schools for coordinating this and for so many other things.

HEY FOLKS, WARMER weather is here, not that it matters, but the drag strip on East High Street has perfect conditions. Come and watch the high-speed traffic. Watch out baby strollers, dogs, kids on bikes, squirrels. Is it 25 mph residential or 50 mph?

HERE IS A bill coming up to reduce taxes all over the country, for all citizens, business and corporations. Citizens’ will go down on tax percentages, but they will have no deductions that they generally use to lower taxes.

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“I like the paper bags or if you have your own to bring.”

Connie Davis
Fenton



“I kind of don’t like either. I want just one giant, recyclable, eco-friendly bag. I want a huge one I can just throw over my shoulder.”

Justin Davis
Fenton



“I like paper and I bring my own bags. They don’t mind. I do it for the earth. When they wear out, I recycle them.”

Toby Pintacura
Fenton



“Plastic because that’s what they promote. I know paper is probably better but I don’t always do the right thing.”

Don Kirkwood
Fenton



“I like a combination of both because I use them for different things. I use paper for the crushables.”

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City says 'no' to portable toilets in park

By Vera Hogan

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It may cost extra to get married or host another event at the Mill Pond Park gazebo in downtown Fenton — that is if you want to use a toilet.

The Fenton City Council agreed unanimously Monday, May 1, to allow for the opening of the City Hall building for these occasions when the gazebo is rented.

The gazebo is rented in four-hour blocks, said Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki. The rental rate is \$100 per block, plus a \$100 deposit for cleanup. The deposit is returned if the renters clean up after themselves.

"Many times we are asked about the closest bathroom facility," said Czarnecki. "With city hall closed on the weekend the nearest bathroom is inside the Fire Hall Restaurant."

"While we have been told in the past the restaurant bathrooms are available, many people prefer not to use them for a variety of reasons," he added.

There are bathrooms at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, however, they are not always available, and it is a long walk to the center from the park.

Recently, a renter asked about bringing a portable toilet to their event. Their request was denied by Czarnecki who then asked the city council for their opinion.

Officials collectively voiced a negative opinion about the use of portable toilet facilities at the park, citing the closeness of the river, length of time before the "john" got picked up again,



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Brides and grooms, and anyone else renting the Fenton Mill Pond Park gazebo, won't be able to rent portable toilets for their events.

and the possibility of damage.

"That thing will end up in the river," said Councilwoman Cherie Smith. "It'll become a watercraft."

Instead, the council agreed with Czarnecki's recommendation to charge an additional fee of \$70 or \$100 to cover the cost of a DPW employee opening the city hall building during weekend gazebo rental events. That employee would be in charge of opening the doors, making sure the city hall bathrooms are clean, and locking the doors.

The DPW employees would be on an on-call rotation and be paid from the rental rate.

"We could utilize their gazebo deposit if the building is not cleaned up as we do if the gazebo is not cleaned when the rental is completed," Czarnecki said.

The council agreed this would be the best option. Actual fees will be determined administratively.

9-1-1 surcharge increase passes

■ 'Yes' voters win by a wide margin

By Vera Hogan

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With a voter turnout of 6.58 percent, Genesee County voters passed the 9-1-1 System Funding increase by a vote of 12,125 to 8,933 in the May 2 special election.

According to the Genesee County Clerk's figures, a total of 21,171 ballots were cast on May 2 of the total 321,663 registered voters in Genesee County.

Now that the ballot question has been approved, the per-device fee will go up from \$1.24 to \$1.86, which will generate \$2.6 million for county 9-1-1 operations.

Fenton City has its own 9-1-1 dispatch center. The surcharge increase will result in \$67,000 more in 9-1-1 surcharge revenue for the city.

Interim Police Chief Jason Slater said, "The Fenton Police Department would like to thank all who supported the 911 surcharge increase. We strive to provide the citizens of Fenton with the highest level of service possible. With this increase the city of Fenton will also see an increase to our share of the 911 surcharge monies. This additional revenue will assist us in maintaining technology which will aid emergency personnel in the efficient and prompt response in your time of need, now and in the future. We thank everyone for their continued support."

With the May 2 successful vote, col-

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The results of the May 2 special election regarding the Genesee County 9-1-1 surcharge increase was posted at tctimes.com and on the Times Facebook page at 11 p.m. May 2. As of Friday morning, May 5, there were more than 5,220 page views.

HERE'S WHAT A FEW OF THE READERS SAID IN RESPONSE:

Kevin: Thank you 911 and thank you Genesee County voters.

Dusty: Hopefully this extra \$0.62 a month doesn't derail your retirement. It's absolutely awful living in a democracy sometimes.

Thomas: Hi Troy, I recently moved south. I hate to burst your bubble, but we do have emergency services and 911 down here that do require and receive tax increases ...

Andy: Glad to see that it passed because the 911 operators have a very tough job, such as dealing with stressed out people in numerous situations.

Bethany: I can't imagine the stress of trying to talk a panicking person through trying to save someone else's life. It must take lots of patience and a huge heart!

lection of the additional funds will begin in November.

County Commissioner Drew Shapiro (District 6) said, "I think it is important that this was passed, not only for the city of Fenton, but for the entire area."

"I think it is crucial that our first responders have the equipment they need to stay safe, and continue their high level of service. I am pleased that the voters decided to stand with our police and firefighters, as I do," said Shapiro.

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Fenton Township buys new fire trucks

■ Fire fund to cover \$410,000 price tag

By Hannah Ball
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Fenton Twp.— The Fenton Township Fire Department is getting new trucks.

On Monday, May 1, the Board of Trustees approved the purchase of two new rescue squad trucks and one utility truck from Rosenbauer South Dakota, LLC, at the cost of \$410,000. Frontline Services, Inc. is the dealer.

Two mini rescues and one mini utility apparatus body costs \$253,290 and three Ford F-550 Chassis costs \$156,710.

The vehicles will be delivered during the first quarter of 2018.

“We have two rescues that are 2007 Pierce Contender 4x4 rescue squad trucks and they are reaching the stage of their life with being 10 years in service for running on all medicals. They are beginning to

become more cost prohibitive,” Trustee Mark Goupil said.

Fire Chief Ryan Volz requested the township replace these units as well as a third rescue unit. The township received four bids and went with the most cost effective bid with Rosenbauer South Dakota, LLC.

The township is selling the two existing rescue vehicles to Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC, a fire truck retailer. Goupil said the company finds other agencies that can use the trucks.

The bid from Brindlee was \$65,000 for both trucks as long as they deliver them by May 2018.

“The total vehicle cost for the three, with the subtraction of the \$65,000 ... will be \$345,000. There are adequate funds in our fire fund for that,” Goupil said.

The board approved the purchase and sale 5-0. Supervisor Bonnie Mathis and Trustee Vince Lorraine were absent.

“They’re more cost effective for us, they are smaller in size, they haul less manpower, which is what the chief is requesting.”

Mark Goupil
Fenton Township trustee

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I WATCH FOX News a lot. Neil Cavuto has never let anyone state their answers to his questions. He interrupts everybody. He has senators, congressmen, high officials and he totally treats them like kids.

I THINK LIVINGSTON and Shiawassee counties must not be getting their dirt roads material from Genesee County because theirs are fine and our roads are the worst I've ever seen.

IF YOU'RE LOOKING for the money, follow the light sentence for LaJoice. Follow the money.

WHAT KIND OF moron would call a one-page outline of a tax plan brilliant? It's just like Reagan's, which ended in a recession. Just like Bush one's was, which ended in a recession. Just like Bush II's was, which ended in a recession. That's all we need, another recession.

JEFF SESIONS REMINDS me of the Keebler Elf, all he needs is a little hat and a hollow tree.

YOU RIGHT WINGERS have got to realize it's not so much your hard work that brought you where you are, as to what family and what you were born into.

TRUMP MAY OR may not release false details about the JFK assassination.

Oswald's name on the CIA memorial wall has exposed the entire cover up.

IT LOOKS LIKE it's about time to clean up the chicken coops at the Fenton Township hall for the same reason you clean out chicken coops on a farm.

AS WE CELEBRATE the sixth anniversary of the killing of Osama Bin Laden, we should also recall that Obama killed our economy and he killed our dreams. He orchestrated the slowest economic growth and doubled our national debt.

PRESIDENT OBAMA TOOK in and placed over 165,000 minors throughout the country. Many of these young people have joined forces with the MS-13, a notorious gang from LA to New York City that's involved in crimes, murders, violence, rapes and terrorizing people

THE NEW DEMOCRATIC Party is one of disunity, destruction, obsession, incoherence, and obliviousness. They have no plan to fix Obamacare or redo our taxes, or to redo immigration plans and they want no restrictions on abortions.

YESTERDAY, ICE AGENTS arrested over 200 illegal immigrants from Florida to Texas. Many of whom were wanted criminals for murder, gang activity and sex related crimes.

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Netflix series about suicide concerns school officials

■ Experts warn viewers about dangers of depression

By Hannah Ball

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Suicide is not an easy topic to discuss, and mental health experts are warning parents about a Netflix show that opens with the aftermath of a suicide.

"13 Reasons Why," which was released March 31, is one of Netflix's latest hits, and it's gotten a lot of attention — good and bad. The show is about a high school student, Hannah Baker, committing suicide and leaving behind 13 audio tapes to classmates explaining why certain people led her to make that final decision.

A few schools, including Linden Community Schools, emailed parents to warn them about letting their children watch the show, which is rated "MA" for mature. The letter was copied from Davison schools, which also sent it out to parents.

The letter states, "We are concerned that many parents may not even be aware that their student is viewing this very deeply emotional series, which is rated MA for mature audiences. Even more concerning is how this series may affect our students mentally and emotionally."

"While the series is fictional, as we all know, young people especially can have a

hard time discerning fiction from reality. We fear that after watching this series that some students may see suicide as a heroic or romantic act. This is counteractive to the message we have continued to send to our students that suicide is never the answer and that there are healthy ways to cope when having suicidal thoughts."

Suicide Awareness Voices of Education (SAVE) has released talking points on the show, detailing the problems.

Hannah was able to tell her story through her audio tapes, which did two things. One was romanticize her suicide, which mental health experts warn against.

"Hannah's suicide (although fictional) is a cautionary tale, not meant to

appear heroic and should be viewed as a tragedy," SAVE stated.

The audio tapes also blame everyone around Hannah for her actions. Suicide

“While the series is fictional, as we all know, young people especially can have a hard time discerning fiction from reality.”

Letter to parents from schools



INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TIMES

Local schools are concerned about a Netflix series that shows a high school student's graphic suicide and the aftermath.

is never the fault of survivors, SAVE stated, and there are resources and support groups for suicide loss survivors. The show also does not show any alternatives to depression and mental health issues.

Jaclyn Grimm, 18, a high school student, wrote a column for USA Today,

where she said that she's dealt with depression and suicidal thoughts since middle school. Grimm said the show is dangerous because it shows someone gaining power through suicide.

She wrote, "There are no magic words or gestures that can make a suicidal person want to live. Teenagers should be aware of signs of depression and suicidal thoughts, but they shouldn't think their kindness can 'fix' anyone. That idea prevents depressed teens from getting help and places an enormous weight on the shoulders of people left behind."

She said people who think about committing suicide need professional help, not only kindness.

On the Times Facebook, staff asked if readers had watched the show and if so, what they thought of it.

One woman, Marcy Andrews Deffendall, said her 15-year-old daughter watched the entire series in one weekend, and Deffendall decided to watch it, too. She wanted to see why it was so controversial.

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Tammy: "I believe all kids should read the book or watch the show when they enter high school. The show not only delves into bullying and suicide it also shows the mental health effects that occur such as depression."

"Yes, it's hard to watch parts of it. However, you cannot put your head in the sand about what occurs in high school and how cruel it can be. Add into it the instant access to every moment of your life good and bad and it's hard to be a teenager today. All your mistakes are posted and snickered about instantly for all to see."

"It also shows kids that they are not alone. I do not believe it glorifies suicide as some have said. Instead I think it has shown how suicide affects those you leave behind. Also the show has done one of the best things so far and that is...getting parents, teachers, and students talking."

Tara: "I watched it with my sixth-grade daughter who heard about it from her friend and I'd watch it again with her. I don't see how anyone would think that it gives the message that suicide is heroic."

Ryann: "I thought it was very informative about suicide and how teens are feeling. It's good to see the bad side of the school system and not be another show that fakes everything. I enjoyed it and believe mature audiences should watch."

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WANT TO BE A NURSE?

■ It's one of the fastest growing occupations with many career path opportunities

By Sally Rummel
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Jami Andrews, 35, of Fenton, has always wanted to be a nurse, but life, marriage and children took her on the long route to her dream career.

Andrews originally started college for nursing right after high school, and then interrupted her educational plans after taking on a managerial position at Tim Horton's for 13 years. She went back to school three years ago.

Now a student at Mott Community College, she is on track to earn her Associate's degree in Nursing (ADN) this December, when she will officially have completed her studies as an RN. She's hoping to get into pediatrics or emergency room nursing at Hurley Medical Center in Flint.

"I want to help people in their most vulnerable time," said Andrews, mother of five kids, ages 18, 15, 13, 11 and 8. "I also want to show my kids that anything is possible in life if you put your mind to it."

"The hardest part of nursing school is trying to balance kids, work and school," she added. "There's a lot of studying involved." Andrews just recently finished her pediatric rotation, earning a 4.0, a perfect grade point average.

Andrews is not alone in her interest in nursing as a career. Nursing is one of the fastest growing occupations in the United States, and the need for nurses continues to grow, along with an aging population and technological advances.

In fact, the U.S. Department of Labor projects that the job outlook for nurses will increase by 19 percent by the year 2022.

More men than ever before are also choosing to go into nursing because of its flexibility, competitive pay and multiple career paths. The average emergency room nurse in Michigan makes a salary ranging from \$60,142 in Flint to \$74,167 in Ann

Arbor, according to Salary.com. There are so many different career paths associated with nursing, from licensed practical nurses (LPNs) to registered nurses (RNs) and nurses with advanced degrees, including nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists and nurse midwives.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES
SUBMITTED PHOTO
Jami Andrews will earn her RN degree in December, after studying to be a nurse for the past three years at Mott Community College.

“I want to help people in their most vulnerable time.”
Jami Andrews
Nursing student

Many nurses begin their careers as Certified Nursing Assistants, and then decide to expand their career goals into nursing.

LPNs typically earn certification in about one year, usually at a technical or community college setting. RNs can earn a degree in two to three years in an accredited nursing program, or through a four year Bachelor of Science degree at a college or university.

If you earn your BSN, you have many more options with higher responsibility and pay. It's also a stepping stone to advanced nursing positions that require a MSN (master of science in nursing).

Many hospitals require incoming nurse hires to be RNs, rather than LPNs. At McLaren-Flint, the minimum requirement is an Associate's Degree in Nursing (ADN) and a license to practice in the state of Michigan, according to Ellen Peter, marketing director.

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Ambulatory Nurse.....	\$64,000
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Certified Nursing Assistant(CNA) ...	\$26,000

Source: Salary.com



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO
National Nursing Week is being recognized this year on May 6-12. The American Nurses Association has designated 2017 as the "Year of the Healthy Nurse." This year's theme is "Nursing: the Balance of Mind, Body and Spirit."

TOP 10 NURSING SCHOOLS IN MICHIGAN:

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- Wayne State University
- University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
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- Northern Michigan University

Source: Healthassistancepartnership.org

LOCAL NURSES SAY WHY THEY LOVE THEIR CAREER



“I used to be a police officer and county paramedic. I went back to school to become a nurse for a second career. When I was on the road, I used to bring patients into the ER. Now I'm on the other side of the table. I love what I do. I absolutely consider the people I work with to be my family.”
Mark Goupil, RN, Fenton Township resident



“You never forget the most awful days as a nurse, but you also remember the good days and that outweighs the bad. Yesterday, a patient in a wheelchair remembered me taking care of him years ago and grabbed my hand and thanked me. That makes it worthwhile.”
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Police&Fire report

Several vehicles damaged in Holly

Holly police are investigating multiple damage complaints and are seeking leads to identify the suspect(s). On May 1, a Holly police officer was dispatched to a home in the 400 block of Hastings Street on a report of damage to a window of a vehicle. The owner said sometime overnight, an unknown person broke the rear window out of his Ford Focus. Police recovered a large rock from inside the car. A tail light was also damaged. A resident in the 500 block of Elm Street reported on May 1 to Holly police that her 2001 Impala, which was parked in her driveway, had been damaged sometime overnight. The rear window had been shattered. On May 1, Holly police were also sent to a home in the 400 block of Lakeview Street to investigate another malicious destruction of property complaint. The resident said when he was leaving for work at 5:15 a.m. on May 1, he noticed the back window of his vehicle was shattered. He did not see anything suspicious, however, he remembered his dogs barking around 3:30 a.m. Police recovered a small rock near the vehicle.

Items stolen from vehicle in Holly

On May 1, a 26-year-old Holly resident filed a larceny from auto complaint with Holly police. She said items had been stolen from her 2010 Chevrolet Equinox, which was parked in her driveway on Grange Hall Road. There were no signs

of forced entry. Reported stolen was loose change, a Garmin GPS and a wallet. The woman told police that someone had thrown eggs at her vehicle.

Vintage items stolen from Holly store

The Holly Police Department received a larceny complaint on April 28 from a Holly resident. The woman told police that a relative of hers was working at her store on Battle Alley while she was on vacation. The relative told her that there may have been a larceny from the store. She said a \$16 vintage pressure gauge box was missing. A store surveillance video from April 26 showed an unknown white female at 1:30 p.m. carrying this item around the store, place it in her purse and then leave the store without paying. The woman said she would print the still shot of the unknown woman hoping someone can identify her. If the suspect is found, the woman said she will prosecute.

Hit and run in Holly

At 3:22 p.m. on April 28, Holly police responded to a hit and run crash that had just occurred at N. Holly and Grange Hall roads. Upon arrival, police met with a 22-year-old Grand Blanc woman who said she had been driving northbound on N. Holly Road. when a white minivan-type vehicle leaving the Holly Foods parking lot, pulled out in front of her vehicle. The woman said she tried to miss the white van, but was unable and hit the driver's side. The van fled the scene southbound on N. Holly Road. A witness on scene told police that the suspect vehicle was a white Aztek. Police checked the area, but were unable to locate the Aztek.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

AFTER OBAMA AND the Democrats gave us the worst economy in 70 years, the worst job market in this century, it's so nice to see that Trump is increasing jobs in the automotive industry, steel, gas, pipeline, and other types of manufacturing jobs.

■■■■
I CANNOT FIGURE out why liberal Democrats want to protect a couple million illegal immigrant criminals who are involved drugs, gangs, murder, rape and other crimes.

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WITH FOSTER CHILDS, I think the man hit the subject right on the head. His article in the paper should be required reading for any parent, anybody who wants to raise kids. I think it started in the '60s.

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I THOUGHT THE money they were going to get from our car insurance, registration fees, and the gas tax would fix the roads. I knew it wouldn't. It's only going to pay for them to go on more vacations and play golf.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF Berkeley in California proves that college is an overrated pastime.

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THANK YOU TO the man who sacrificed his taco and the lady in the black and white dress who enabled us to return home with our German short-haired pointer on April 27 in the Fenton Industrial Park. His escape was short lived because of your kind gestures. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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THE PARENTS OF these two little 7-year-old girls who were mutilated by this doctor I saw on TV should be put to death and the doctors should be put to death and the hospitals hiding these doctors should be put out of business.

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IF THE LIGHT is red, why would you sit there and block the entrance to the expressway when you can't go anywhere anyway? That's against the law.

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SOMEONE IS KIDDING. There is no Trump tax plan. All he has done is make a list of the rich tax cuts he and his friends would like.

TURKEY TROPHY



Scott Caré and his son, **Colton Caré** each bagged their gobblers during opening week of the 2017 spring turkey season. Colton's was a 17-pound Jake with a 6-inch beard and Scott's was a 20-pound Tom, with an 11-inch beard and 1-inch spurs. They were hunting in Oakland County.



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News briefs

Wings and Wheels

The community is invited to Linden Airpark on **Saturday, May 20** to take part in the annual Wings and Wheels event. The event includes a pancake breakfast, art show, kids activities,

airplane rides and evening car show. The Linden Arts Council will also be hosting a fine arts show, living painting, refreshments, silent auction to benefit the Linden Arts Council scholarship. The Linden Dance Academy will perform dances at 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. Free airplane rides will be available to children between the ages of 8 and 17, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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PROPERTIES

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They include the North LeRoy Street mini-mall where Fenton Flowers & Gifts and Coldwell Banker Professionals are located, along with two other businesses. He is also selling the properties purchased from Michael LaJoice, at 225 W. Caroline, where LaJoice had intended to build a multi-million mixed use building called "Riverview," and the houses at 229 W. Caroline St., 125 S. Adelaide St., 219 S. Adelaide St. and 116 Mill St., and the downtown building at 108 S. LeRoy St.

LaJoice was recently sentenced to two prison terms for embezzling \$18 million from his former employer, a Clarkston credit union.

Hagerman has also included the Red Fox Outfitters building in the package of properties being sold to attract one or more developers.

Skypoint Ventures did own the property where Action Auto, a former gas and service station, once stood at the northwest corner of N. LeRoy Street and Silver Lake Road. That property was sold to Rhoads & Johnson and will be the site of a new mixed-use structure called the "Horizon Building." Groundbreaking is expected sometime this spring.

"When we bought that property we did not have plans to develop it," said Hagerman. "We didn't think it would be us but knew it needed a catalyst to change. We bought it, and paid to remediate and have it cleaned. We knew that we might have to hold onto it for a year, but by getting the work done, we turned it around very quickly to a developer to do something."

Hagerman said he is excited to see the Horizon Building when it is completed.

This has been Hagerman's plan for buying all of these properties in Fenton. "Selling them is moving forward with our strategy," said Hagerman. "We are not selling to get out of Fenton."

Hagerman said the only reason they bought the building where Fenton Flowers and others are located is to get Caroline Street put through.

"It breaks my heart not to have a downtown corner," he said.

Hagerman was told by city officials that they couldn't afford to buy the building that stood in the way of opening the street, so he made a deal. He would buy the building, then sell a third of it to the city (DDA) to tear down and get the street through. They agreed and that got the project started.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

The N. LeRoy Street mini-mall where Coldwell Banker Professionals, Fenton Flowers & Gifts and two other businesses are located are among the Skypoint Ventures properties now on the market in Fenton.

"Our work is done there. Now we want to put the property back into the hands of someone who can do something. It could eventually be a Cornerstone III or something," Hagerman said. "We never intended that to be us."

In regard to the LaJoice properties, that was a little different, Hagerman said.

"When it came up we looked at it and did some research. Right or wrong, we thought that property could end up in probate and be court-controlled and sit there for many years," he added. "A lot of people were asking us about it. We bought it in order to help the credit union raise cash quickly."

Hagerman said he envisions a developer buying the vacant property where "Riverview" was planned, not to duplicate those plans, but to have some kind of mixed commercial/residential use.

As far as the houses go, he said they are part of the area, right along the river, and could be a "beautiful area for townhomes or condos."

It breaks my heart not to have a downtown corner.

Phil Hagerman
Skypoint Ventures founder and co-owner

Regarding Red Fox Outfitters, Hagerman said they may or may not sell it. He said it's a beautiful building and the business there is thriving.

"Not all of the properties in the portfolio are going to be sold together," Hagerman said. "Because Red Fox is on such an iconic corner, we thought it might bring more

interest in the portfolio. If it attracts a big developer to Fenton... that doesn't mean we're going to sell it. We will decide if and when we want to sell it and under what terms."

Being a native of Fenton, Hagerman said he was doing what he could for the benefit of the city, adding "We never intended to be a real estate developer in Fenton."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THANKS TO YOUR article 'Restaurant servers,' I know now that servers prefer their tips be left in cash so that credit card companies cannot take a cut of the tip intended for the server. That is useful information.

WE SEND REPRESENTATIVES to Lansing to help make Michigan better by fixings roads, bridges, and more. They sit on their butts and argue about a penny increase in taxes while all this time they are losing six pennies for every dollar from merchandise via the internet. When are those people going to start using their heads for something besides a hat rack?

I'M A PRO-life liberal. Why won't the conservatives even discuss it? They own the SCOTUS, POTUS, senate and congress.

EARTH DAY IS April 22 because that date is the traditional Arbor Day. Gaylord Nelson was a World War II vet and a lifelong conservationist. Nothing to do with Lenin's birthday.

THE CITY OF Fenton needs to crack down on all the junk that people have in their yard. Where is pride of ownership anymore?

SNEAKING INTO A country doesn't make you an immigrant any more than breaking into a house makes you a part of the family.

TO THE IDIOT that claimed 'All men are sexual predators,' please check yourself into the nearest state facility. On second thought, that would be unfair to the other residents. Never mind.

OMG. QUOTE FROM April 30 front page text, bottom of page, 'All men are sexual predators.' May I suggest intensive psychotherapy?

YOUR SMILE MATTERS!

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

BITING FORCE

When your upper and lower teeth bite together they can exert a lot of pressure. Natural upper and lower teeth can produce upward of 240 pounds per square inch. This force allows us to adequately chew and digest the food we need for ideal health and nutrition. When teeth are lost most of this chewing power is lost as well. Studies show that the average bite force for those folks with dentures is often times less than 10 pounds per square inch. With minimal residual biting ability, denture wearers are unable to chew and digest their food as before. This can lead to poor nutrition and controlling of other disease conditions like diabetes and heart disease difficult. There is good news, however. I'm happy to report that the placement of special dental implant anchors under an existing denture can **GREATLY** increase the biting and chewing efficiency of a denture wearer. In fact, an implant retained denture wearer has virtually the same biting efficiency as they did when they had their natural teeth. This can greatly enhance their quality of life and improve their health and nutrition. If you or someone you know and love is a denture wearer contact my office today at **248-634-4671** to schedule a free, no obligation consultation and see if dental implants are right for you.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE BEAUTY OF Trump's border wall is that sometime in the future, liberals will cut funding for border security (again), but the wall will remain. Unlike agents and high-tech monitoring, the physical wall does not require constant budget reauthorizations.

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC Church is the world's largest charitable organization. The article in Sunday's edition once again paints the Catholic Church as the bad guy.

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IF YOU'RE GOING to call into the Hot lines, get your facts straight. The government makes twice as much money for your job support than your kids will ever see. Anyone that pays it, knows it.

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WISH ALL OF those elected U.S. senators and representatives, regardless of political party, would for once think about the American people, rather than their cushy career. Do your job!

■■■
ALL MEN ARE sexual predators? Seriously? Wow. Let me say that backwards. Wow.

SOLICITORS

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the roadway and a lawsuit filed as a result.

Since then, Michigan communities have been working on ways to legally allow charities to continue street solicitations in the future.

On Monday, May 1, Schultz presented another opinion to the council

before they passed Ordinance 703. He said the attorney general noted that the statute was "broadly worded" and "prohibits a person from using his or her body in a way that interferes with the normal flow of traffic on a public street. It was

SUMMARY

■ Expect to see people out on the streets of Fenton and Linden, trying to raise money for various charities.

Schuette's opinion that the Michigan Vehicle Code (MVC) and Uniform Traffic Code (UTC) prohibit solicitations in the street by civic and charitable organizations.

"However, the state is clear that a person shall not impede traffic 'without authority,'" Schultz said. Although the attorney general did attempt to incor-

porate this important element by citing the MVC and the Michigan Constitution, he did not consider or discuss to what extent a city may authorize soliciting activity itself."

Local control over roads is one of the powers that the Michigan Constitution specifically grants to cities.

"It is our opinion that the city can pass an ordinance establishing a permit process to authorize non-commercial soliciting in the street without being in conflict with the MVC," said Schultz.

Schultz said the city can adopt an ordinance that will allow, with conditions, civic groups to solicit donations from Fenton streets. There will be added controls such as requiring certain safety equipment, dictate days and times soliciting can occur.

Interim Police Chief Jason Slater said one of the things that will be prohibited are small stools in the street. The city may, however, require an orange cone in the street depending on the location. He said the police department will closely monitor these activities.

Since this was the second reading of Ordinance 703, the council was able to vote on it during the work session. It passed 7 to 1 with Councilwoman Cherie Smith dissenting based on safety concerns.

CITY OF LINDEN

The Linden City Council approved street solicitations for four local groups at recent meetings.

On Monday, April 10, the council approved requests from the Knights of Columbus Fenton Council #7418 and the Linden Lions Club to stand at intersections in downtown Linden to raise money.

The Linden Lions Club was at the intersection of Bridge and Broad streets on April 29, soliciting contributions for its white cane drive. Donations will support humanitarian projects such as Leader Dogs for the Blind, Michigan Eye Bank, Lions of Michigan Foundation, and other charities, according to a letter submitted by the Linden Lions Club.

The Knights of Columbus will be at the intersection of Bridge and Broad streets on Saturday, Oct. 7 to raise money for its annual Tootsie Roll drive, which benefits local mentally impaired people. They will

be collecting in Fenton, too.

At the Monday April 24 meeting, the council approved street solicitations for two more groups: the Shrine Paper Sale street corner collection on Saturday, June 3, and the project graduation street corner collection for Linden

High School seniors on Saturday, May 20.

Local municipalities have the power to allow charities to solicit money on public streets, despite Attorney General Bill Schuette's opinion.

Schuette's opinion stated that section 676b, MCL 257.676b of the Michigan Vehicle Code, prohibits a person from soliciting contributions, including on behalf of civic or charitable organizations, from the

occupants of vehicles if the person soliciting blocks, obstructs, impedes, or otherwise interferes with the normal flow of vehicular traffic upon a public street or highway in the state.

"No other statute or rule authorizes or permits the authorization of a person to engage in this activity," said Schuette in his opinion.

He said the Uniform Traffic Code provides that a person cannot stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride, employment or business from the occupant of any vehicle. A violation of the above laws constitutes a civil infraction.

In October of 2016, neighboring Fenton City Council decided to say "no" to charities wishing to solicit on streets, but recently reversed that decision.

Andrea Bitely, press secretary for the Attorney General's office, said Schuette's opinions are binding for state government, not on local jurisdictions.

"This would be up to local jurisdictions to enforce," she said.

Linden has allowed street solicitations for years. Linden Clerk Lynn Henry said there are approximately six groups that seek permission, and they only allow each group to solicit on the street once a year. Each person who participates must use cones and wear a safety vest.

Henry said Chuck McKone, Linden's lawyer at the time when Schuette issued his opinion, said Schuette's opinion is "just an opinion" and is not legally binding for them.

Reporter Hannah Ball contributed to this article.

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Attorney General Bill Schuette

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U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Marlee K. Buth graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. Buth completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Buth is the daughter of Jessica and Douglas Buth of Fenton. She is a 2014 graduate of Lake Fenton High School. She earned an associate degree in 2016 from Mott Community College.



Tri-county
fundraisers

Wounded Warrior fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. The fundraiser takes place from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 13 the St. John the Evangelist Activity Center, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton In addition to the spaghetti dinner, there will be a 50/50 drawing and raffle items. Call John for more info (810) 735-4891.

Calendar of
events

FRIENDS WITH NEEDS

Friends with Needs, a support group for those coping with mental illness, has announced that guest speaker Stuart Pigler, deputy district director for U.S. Rep. Mike Bishop will talk with guests **at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30.** The support group meets at Holly Presbyterian Church, 207 E. Maple St., Holly. For details, call the church office at (248) 634-9494.

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 28.

Senate Bill 163: Authorize "Choose Life" license plate

To require the Secretary of State to develop a "Choose Life" license plate, with profits from its sale spent on "life-affirming programs and projects."

Passed 108 to 1 in the House

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) YES

Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) YES

Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) YES

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) NO

Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES

Senate Bill 275: Ban police sex with prostitutes

To repeal an exemption that allows police to have sex with a prostitute as part of an investigation.

Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) YES

Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) YES

Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) YES

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) YES

Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES

Senate Bill 178: Authorize professional sports teams specialty plates

To authorize a specialty license plate for professional sports teams, including the Detroit Red Wings, Detroit Lions, Detroit Pistons, Detroit Tigers and the Michigan International Speedway. Proceeds from the sale of the plates would go to charitable organizations created by these entities. Note: The facilities used by these operations have all been beneficiaries of state subsidies.

Passed 33 to 3 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) YES

Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) YES

Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) YES

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) YES

Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES

Senate Bill 119: Transfer some state property to NMU

To transfer a piece of unfenced Marquette state prison land to Northern Michigan University, which will use it for a new forensic anthropology program. This is a field whose techniques are useful in crime and disaster investigations.

Passed 108 to 1 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) YES

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) YES

Upcoming Meetings

The Holly Village Downtown Development Authority will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 8 in the Holly Police Department Meeting Room.

The Holly Board of Education will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 8 at the Karl Richter Community Center.

The Lake Fenton Board of Education will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 8 in the Albert B. Martin boardroom inside the Administrative Offices building.

The Linden City Council will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 8

in Council Chambers.

The Holly Village Council will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9 at the Karl Richter Community Center.

The Tyrone Township Board of Trustees will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9 at the township hall.

The Holly Township Library Commission will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9 at 1116 N. Saginaw St., Holly.

The Holly Township Parks Commission will hold a meeting at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, May 10 at the Nature Center, 5142 E. Holly Rd.

The Fenton Township Planning Commission will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 11 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center.

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THE STATE BANK

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The State Bank's branch offices will double to 16 locations, including St. Charles, Montrose, Chesaning, New Lothrop, Burt, Birch Run and the Saginaw Loan Center. "It's our new Great Lakes Bay Region," said Ron Justice, president and CEO of Fentura Financial, Inc. and The State Bank.

"Fentura's acquisition of Community Bancorp will allow the combined company to promote community banking in a larger market area by expanding The State Bank's product lines and exceptional customer service reputation into the Community State Bank market," said Justice.

The State Bank is working with Fiserve, the nation's top financial services provider, in the conversion process. They are now working on signage and name changes. During the weekend of May 19 and 20, the operations of both banks will be merged into one.

This acquisition has been more than a

Community Bancorp had put itself up for sale at the same time we were looking for growth opportunities."

Ron Justice

President and CEO of Fentura Financial, Inc. and The State Bank

year in the making, according to Justice. "Community Bancorp had put itself up for sale at the same time we were looking for growth opportunities," he said. "We wanted it to be adjacent to our markets. They were open for the bid process.

We were the successful bidder."

Justice said he looks at this as a "real opportunity" for shareholders and customers alike. "Our lending department is very strong," said Justice. "It's important for our customers and shareholders to know we are growing and on the move. People can buy shares in

The State Bank. We love it when our customers become our shareholders."

Locally, The State Bank serves customers with multiple offices in Fenton, Linden, Holly, Brighton and Grand Blanc.

SUMMARY

■ The State Bank has acquired Community Bancorp's Community State Bank locations in Saginaw County, doubling its offices and strengthening its position as an independent community bank.

HYPNOTHERAPIST

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to an incident that occurred at his office in Grand Blanc Township on April 17, 2017.

According to investigative reports, Grand Blanc Township police officers were dispatched to Tomlinson's hypnotherapy office on Holly Road after a patient Tomlinson was treating reported that Tomlinson had sexually assaulted her while she was undergoing her fourth hypnotherapy session.

John Potbury, deputy chief assistant prosecutor with the Genesee County Prosecutor's Office, said three other women had made allegations against Tomlinson in the past. Only one of those three resulted in charges, however, those charges were later dismissed.

"Our office did review those allegations and did not find that there was enough probable cause evidence at the time to authorize any criminal charges," said Potbury. "To clarify, the victim in the present case was not one of the three prior individuals who came forward."

Since news broke on Wednesday, Potbury said other women have contacted their office and police, indicating that they would like to talk to someone about their past experiences with Tomlinson.

He posted the required \$25,000 cash bond and was released. His office can remain open.

A probable cause conference has been scheduled for May 9 at 8:30 a.m. in Genesee County 67th District Court.

Local attorney Michael Manley will be representing Tomlinson.

NETFLIX

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"I don't see it as glorifying suicide. I believe more so it addresses the harsh reality of what our kids can go through in high school. The constant pressure from parents, and teachers, but mostly from their peers. It strongly addresses bullying,

which despite our school's best efforts definitely still occurs," said Deffendall.

"The amount of sex and drugs in the show is a bit disturbing, but again, they are unfortunately exposed to these things in high school anyway. I personally think high school students can handle this series. Anything below that. NEVER."




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pretty much “seen it all” behind the wheel of his own moving van. “I can tell you right now, everyone’s texting. It’s not a fixable problem. It’s too popular and it’s going to get worse.”

A van lines trucker for 20 years, Taylor is an executive-class mover for North American Van Lines, re-locating mostly affluent customers with big homes and lots of valuable belongings, from the East Coast to the West Coast.

He recently moved a Walmart vice president with two semi-trucks, and a few years ago, moved his first and only billionaire.

“I moved Mr. Pulte (founder of Pulte Homes) from the Birmingham-Bloomfield area to Naples, Florida,” said Taylor. “I’ve moved a lot of millionaires, but this was my first billionaire. He had a lot of sculptures worth \$40- to \$50- to \$60,000 apiece. You wrap them well, just like everything else.”

All 20 of Taylor’s trucking years have been with moving companies. “I’ve never been a hauler,” he said “There’s more money in moving. I’ve got more flexibility, too. Freight haulers are out for two weeks, then home three or four days, then out again for two weeks. I’m home every week.”

That flexibility is very important to Taylor, a single father of a 13-year-old daughter.

It’s also a ton of work, literally. He packs, loads and unloads a houseful of furniture several times a day, stacking as many as eight families’ belongings all in his van, then transporting it all across the country.

He owns his own truck, and pays all the expenses of moving a family — from furniture pads and ramps to fuel, food, lodging and more. He also finds his own workers to help him unload. “I have helpers all over the U.S.”

Taylor is on the road most weeks Sunday through Friday, working crazy hours from May through September, the busiest months in the moving industry. He doesn’t work on Saturdays because he’s a Seventh Day Adventist, admitting that he’s lost work because of it, but would rather stand by his beliefs.

His home on the road is his truck, which contains a 12-foot sleeper with a huge bed, bathroom and shower, small stove and lots of storage. “Sometimes I sleep there, sometimes in a hotel, just depending on how much I’ve been in my truck,” he said.

His biggest challenge is finding parking for his truck at night, especially on the East Coast. “The eastern states are not truck-friendly. There’s nowhere to park.”

It’s also a maneuvering feat to get his huge van through winding subdivision roads, and he sometimes has to unload a family into several U-Hauls off-site to get

to their home.

He’s only had one accident in 20 years, driving through a snow/ice storm in Kentucky, trying to get home for Christmas.

“I was stopped at a truck stop for two whole days,” he said. “They shut the highway down. They opened it up again Christmas morning. I came up over a hill and a pickup truck slammed the back of my truck. The driver was hospitalized. According to law, I had to take a drug and alcohol test within four hours of the accident. I didn’t have any way to drive myself to a hospital for testing, so I paid two young guys \$60 to drive me and wait for me.”

“That’s just part of being a trucker — you get things done.”

Highway driving advice from an experienced trucker:

- Never be on a trucker’s rear end, or riding right next to them.
- It pays to be a very good defensive driver.

Biggest pet peeve: When people go slow getting on the highway, then they speed up. “We can’t stop on a dime,” said Taylor. “We have nowhere else to go.”



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CHICKENS

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family has kept for years after a motion failed in August 2016 that would have allowed them to keep the animals.

An online petition was created in support of Fenton Township allowing chickens. Krause said he thinks the support is great. They do not yet have a plan for the chickens.

Along with the support, many people had questions.

Why wasn't it enforced earlier?

One question was why wasn't the ordinance enforced in August 2016, when the decision was made?

Fenton Township Code Enforcement Officer Tom Hosie said the goal of ordinance enforcement is to obtain voluntary compliance with the ordinances.

"Enforcement action is the last resort when all other efforts to gain compliance have failed. That process sometimes takes time," he said. "In Mr. Krause's case, the tie vote was an unusual circumstance that required some legal research."

Hosie said there was also a bill sponsored in Michigan that would have affected the township's ability to enforce ordinances regarding urban agriculture. They waited to enforce the ruling in case the bill became law, but it did not.

Hosie said Krause had an agreement with the complainant to remove the roosters from his property, which would have lessened the impact of the violation greatly.

"The roosters crowing were the main issue for the complainant. Mr. Krause did not honor that agreement. The complainant has been very patient with this matter but has now asked that the ordinance be enforced," he said.

Why wasn't Krause's situation "grandfathered in?"

On the Times' Facebook page, people questioned why Krause's situation was not "grandfathered in" because he's had his chickens for decades. In order for this concept to take effect, John Tucker,

township treasurer and planning commission chairman, said the individual must have been continuously conducting the non-conforming activity before the zoning ordinance containing the restriction was adopted.

Krause's chickens have been illegal since day one.

"In Krause's situation, the zoning ordinance which does not allow chickens was in place long before he ever had chickens on the property," Tucker said.

"People also need to understand that we are not the chicken police. We don't have folks out running around looking for chickens on the lam. We are complaint driven and Krause was told to remove his chickens only because his neighbors filed a complaint about the 'illegal' chickens," he said.

Does the Michigan Right to Farm Act come into play?

A few commentators said Krause should be able to keep his chickens due to the Michigan Right to Farm Act. This is not true.

This act only has jurisdiction when the individual with chickens is acting within the law for commercial production of farm products from the property. Tucker said any commercial sales of farm products from residen-

tially zoned properties would be legal sales. However, people using chickens for personal use on property not zoned for farm animals would not trigger the Michigan Right to Farm Act.

Lot size also does not matter if the area is zoned residential. The Master Plan and zoning ordinance must be changed if chickens were to be allowed in residentially zoned areas.

"If urban agriculture is implemented in the revised Master Plan then size will likely matter as I'm sure it will be one of the conditions for keeping certain farm animals in residential districts. But until then, size does not matter," Tucker said.

Why was urban agriculture planned to be phased out?

Another point in question was why ur-

ban agriculture had planned to be phased out in 12 years when the Master Plan was developed.

Tucker said the Planning Commission was told that a minimum of 200 acres was necessary to conduct a successful farming operation. At the time, the township had few agricultural areas that size. Because the housing market was booming then, everyone assumed the larger agricultural parcels would be rezoned to residential for new subdivisions.

"Remember, this was well before 'urban agriculture' became a thing," he added.

There are multiple cases like Krause's. Another Fenton Township couple, Jen and Andrew Charlesworth, have had chickens for about a year on property zoned residential. They were told in August 2016 to get rid of their chickens, but then were told to wait due to a bill in the Michigan legislature that would affect the township's ability to enforce this issue.

Jen said she hasn't heard anything more from the township. She hopes the township will change the Master Plan to allow chickens.

Background

Fenton Township resident Michael Krause was told to get rid of his chickens in April. This is because neighbors have complained about Krause's chickens and roosters, and his property is not zoned for farm animals. In August 2016, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted (3-3 tie) whether to rezone Krause's property and grant him a special land use permit to keep his animals. The motion failed due to the tie vote.

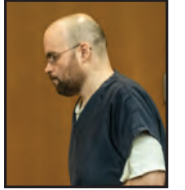
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Compiled by Vera Hogan

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Admitted embezzler sentenced to seven to 20 years in prison on state charges.



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Mitchell Shegos is headed to Cleveland (Browns) and Kenny Allen is headed to Baltimore (Ravens).

Fenton officials choose to 'do nothing'

The Fenton City Council has chosen to do nothing when it comes to five types of medical marijuana facilities. Doing so prevents them from getting licensed in the city. This article appeared at tctimes.com on Tuesday, May 2, and subsequently on the Times Facebook page where it garnered nearly 45,000-plus page views.

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Tigers remain hot, sweep Bronchos in Metro action

By David Troppens
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Fenton — There's no mystery any more.

After a fast start to the non-league season, people may have wondered if the

Fenton varsity baseball team was for real. When the Tigers started the Metro League season with four straight wins, they may have wondered the same thing. But as the season enters May, it's apparent the Tigers have proven themselves. The Tigers remain nearly perfect after sweeping a doubleheader against the Holly Bronchos at Fenton

High School on Wednesday. Fenton won the first game 5-0 and then won the second 8-3, upping their records to 6-0 in the Metro and to 13-1 overall.

"We have definitely changed throughout the years," one of Fenton's senior captains Jon Gillman said.

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Fenton's Blake Garrison

Bronchos keep on climbing, defeat Fenton

By David Troppens
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Fenton — It was a day that Holly senior softball players like Hailey Thompson will never forget.

During their varsity careers, the Bronchos had never beaten the Fenton varsity softball team in a Metro League game.

On Wednesday, the Bronchos swept a twinbill at Fenton High School, winning a pair of 7-6 contests. It's just another example of how the Holly varsity softball team is improving this year. The squad currently is 8-8 overall.

"It feels really good because they are our main rivals, so to beat them at something is re-

ally rewarding," said Thompson who hit a grand slam home run in the second game. "We feel more confident. We have three or four new players this year, so we have a lot of new talent coming up when we leave. It should remain a good program."

The first contest was tied at 1-all until Fenton scored two runs in the bottom of the fourth. With one out Hailee Prater singled and Michaela Willett reached base on an error. Chloe Billings drove in the go-ahead run with a fielder's choice grounder that got no one out.

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Holly's Lilly Raymer makes a tag of Fenton's Cheryl Hatch during the Bronchos' doubleheader sweep of the Tigers on Wednesday.



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Fenton's Miranda Campbell shields the ball from Holly's Payton Price during the Tigers' 6-0 victory on Wednesday.

Fenton soccer picking up the pace Win vs. Holly is team's fourth straight

By David Troppens

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Fenton — It was a slow start to the Fenton varsity girls soccer season.

The team struggled to score goals and struggled to get victories. But recently that hasn't been the case at all. The Tigers have scored 25 goals in its last four games, and is right in the middle of the Flint Metro League race.

Their season continued its upward swing against the Holly Bronchos on Wednesday, defeating Holly by a very convincing 6-0 margin.

"It was hard at first, but we are working together better as a whole," senior defender Miranda Campbell said.

"We learned how each other plays and we work together better. That's about it."

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Linden's pitching sparks twinbill sweep of Hornets

By David Troppens

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The Linden varsity baseball team's strong pitching is starting to shine through once again.

And this time Jack Shore was a part of that bright performance.

Last year's ace hurler has had to nurse his throwing arm for a good chunk of the spring, but he was able to pitch during Linden's twinbill with Kearsley.

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Lake Fenton boys track sweeps GAC foes

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton — The weather was cold and windy, but that didn't keep the Lake Fenton varsity boys track and field team from posting an impressive Genesee Area Conference Red Division sweep on their own home track Tuesday night.

The Blue Devils blew out area rivals Goodrich 94-42 and also

defeated Beecher 86-47 in dual action. In girls track action, the Blue Devils lost to both teams.

"We are having a strong season so far with a lot of potential for improvement over the second half of the season," Lake Fenton boys track coach Kyle Smith said. "Once we get some athletes back from injury I think we will start to see

how good we can be. The kids have been working hard every day and I think the results will continue to show that."

The Lake Fenton boys (3-1) earned overall firsts in 10 of the 17 events. Isaac Golson, Elijah Bourdeau and Thomas Mueller took part in three of them each.

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Lake Fenton's Morgan Reitano slides into the ball by the Durand keeper in the Blue Devils' 8-0 victory against the Railroaders on Tuesday.

Blue Devils derail Durand

By David Troppens

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Morgan Reitano didn't play high school soccer her freshman year. She played with her travel team instead.

But the Lake Fenton sophomore wanted to experience playing with her schoolmates this season. It's likely she's enjoying it quite a bit.

Reitano scored her first three-goal hat trick of her high school career, helping lead the Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer team to an 8-0 mercy-shortened victory against Genesee Area Conference foe Durand on Tuesday at Lake Fenton High School.

"I wanted to play high school

and have the high school experience. That's pretty much why I came out," Reitano said. "I am pretty much friends with all of the girls, so I wanted to come out and have that close bond as a team."

The Blue Devils are 8-1 overall and remain undefeated in the GAC. It's a squad which includes 10 freshmen and three sophomores, so maybe some of this success has been a little surprising. However, when one watches the team play, it's pretty apparent there is talent and plenty of depth on the squad regardless of the age of the players.

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Heat looking for another Metro title

By David Troppens

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Fenton — Ellie Reuchlein and her fellow FLAX Heat lacrosse tri-captains Skylar Parks and Natalie Miller have experienced a pretty interesting career during their four years at Fenton High School.

First off, when the trio were freshmen, the Fenton-Linden co-op girls lacrosse program didn't even exist. However, the team grew quickly and won a Metro League title in what was the first-ever league season in the sport in the Metro.

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Holly/Brandon's Kelsey Voyer (right) looks to find an open teammate as Fenton/Linden's Rachel Smith, Trinity Isenbarg and Skylar Parks defend her vigorously.

Fenton track teams keep up the pace vs. Linden

By David Troppens

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Fenton — It doesn't seem to matter who the Fenton track program faces in the Metro — the results seem to come out the same.

Competing against their rivals in cold and windy conditions, the Tigers defeated Linden in both meets.

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Fenton runners Avery Logan (back) and Alexa Keiser helped lead the Tigers to a first in the 3,200 relay.

The Lady Tigers won 99-38 while the Fenton boys won 102-35.

Many of the same suspects who have helped Fenton dominate meets this season did so again on Tuesday at Fenton High School.

For the boys, Zach West and Peter Kennings each won two individual events. West won the 100 (11.45) and the 200 (23.88) while Kennings won the 110 hurdles (17.52) and the 300 hurdles (45.04).

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Fenton/Linden Wolves complete busy week 1-2

The Fenton/Linden varsity boys lacrosse team has had its highs and lows during the last seven days.

The squad began the period with an 18-2 loss to Salem, but played a more competitive contest against Swartz Creek, losing it 13-7. Finally, the Wolves completed the week with a 20-0 crushing of Holly/Brandon on Wednesday.

Linden softball splits offensive slugfests

Linden captured a split in two games on Tuesday.

The Eagles lost the first game 23-16 and won the second game 19-13.

No, these were not a pair of football games; these were softball contests.

Linden also split a pair of games with Owosso by a pair of more traditional 7-3 verdicts. Linden won the second game by that score and lost the first.

PREP REPORT

BOYS GOLF

► **Holly 165, Fenton 169:** The Bronchos posted a big victory against Fenton with Danny Mathews earning medalist honors with a 37. Luke Harrington shot a 40 while Griffin Lamb and Noah Rooker shot a 43 and 45, respectively.

Patrick Conroy led Fenton with a 41 while Dylan Conte carded a 42. Brandon Diener and Braden Lapa each shot 43s.

GIRLS TENNIS

► **Flushing 8, Fenton 0:** The Tigers had three flights capture four game wins in the loss to Flushing. Jessica Pierce (No. 2 singles), Kasey Walsh (No. 4 singles), and Kara Piwowarczyk and Cheyenne Feltz (No. 1 doubles) won four games in their two sets.

TRACK & FIELD

► **Holly vs. Clio, Flushing:** The Holly boys defeated Clio 83-54, but lost to Flushing 82-55. The Holly girls defeated Clio 99-37 but lost to Flushing 107-33.

The boys had four overall first-place finishes. Jose Vivanco won the 800

(2:10.53) and also teamed up with Samuel Schneider, Emilio Gomez and Francisco Valdovinos to win the 3,200 relay (8:39.47). Riley Lewis won the 110 hurdles (17.56) while Ryan Beltz won the long jump (21-4 1/4).

The Holly girls had three overall firsts. Sara Johnston won the discus (97-0 1/2) while Isabelle Brown won the pole vault (10-6). The 1,600 relay team of Annah Charles, Josephine Tschirhart, Monica Ruiz and Samantha Tschirhart took the final first (4:29.17).

GIRLS SOCCER

► **Linden 8, Kearsley 0:** Madeleine Zayan and Abbey Page had two goals as the Eagles crushed Kearsley 8-0. Also scoring goals were Teresa Walterhouse, Erica Freeman, Alia Frederick and Taylor Acox. Acox had two assists while Frederick, Tayler Moraczewski, Erica Breitling, Julia Otman and Shelby Holscher had one assist each. Madison Paige earned the shutout in net.

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2 year 24k mile warranty on all customer pay repairs

10% OFF ANY REPAIR OR SERVICE UP TO \$80 OFF.

Please present at write up. Cannot be combined. Expires 5-31-17. FPTCT