

Five killed, three critically injured in crash

■ At-fault driver from Fenton hospitalized in critical condition

By Sharon Stone  
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Five people were killed and another three people are in critical condition at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor following an automobile crash Tuesday night.

Mother of suspected driver speaks out about crash

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Two Fenton men were among those killed, along with a woman from Oakland County, a woman from Macomb County and a man from Macomb County. Three people, including two Fenton men and a man from Oakland County are in critical condition following a two-car crash at the intersection of Argentine Road and M-59 in Livingston County. The crash happened at See CRASH on 14A

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Photo courtesy of Michigan State Police Brighton Post

Southbound Argentine Road car



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Greenhouses open for Mother's Day

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2016 NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

Locals explain how medical marijuana helps them

■ 'People need to move past the stigma — it is saving lives'

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In August 2016, a Linden man was told he may not live to see this upcoming summer because his cancer was so bad. John Lance, 51, was diagnosed with stage four colon cancer in March 2015.

"I had surgery to remove a tumor the size of a baseball, and started chemo every other week," he said. "Of course, my wife and I were scared to death, and went looking for any alternative treatments that we could find."

One of those treatments was cannabis oil.

"We found a lot of great information, and positive stories surrounding it," he said. Lance started taking medical marijuana oil made specifically to treat cancer and other medical issues. This past March, he had a clean scan.

See MARIJUANA on 19A

“I use the (cannabis) oil for treatment, and smoking. It helps with nausea and appetite.”

John Lance  
Linden resident

‘Blessing of the Bikes’



VIDEO

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Pastor Tony Brown of The River Church in Waterford delivers his personal testimony on how Jesus saved his life from addiction at the Hogs in Ministry 2017 Blessing of the Bikes on Sunday, May 7. More than 600 bikers came for the camaraderie and many had their bikes blessed by Brown. This is the 13th year for the Holly event.



Coming soon...a theater near you

SUMMARY

Hartland Township will be adding an Emagine Theater complex with 10 screens and an EMAX experience, with groundbreaking expected to take place this year.

■ Emagine Entertainment plans 10-screen theater in Hartland that serves alcohol

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Imagine this.

A new Emagine Entertainment movie theater will soon

be coming to a shopping plaza near you — Hartland Towne Square in Hartland Township on the north side of M-59, just 13 miles from Fenton.

The 64,000-square-foot theater will be built on undeveloped land south of the

Meijer store and will feature 10 screens, plus an IMAX-style screen, which the company calls an “EMAX experience.”

Setting this movie theater apart from nearby theaters, NCG Trillium in Grand Blanc

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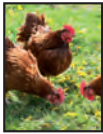
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As the amount of waste Americans produce continues to increase, the rate of recycling increases as well.

## The future of waste

■ Motivation, innovation and capitalism is what drives people to recycle more

**By Hannah Ball**

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While the amount of waste Americans produce continues to rise, so does the amount we recycle.

In 1960, Americans produced 88 million tons of waste, compared to 254 million tons in 2013, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). That is the latest year numbers are available.

The amount recycled and composted each year continues to rise as well. In 1960, 5.6 million tons of waste was recycled, and that number reached 87.2 million in 2013.

"The management of waste products continues to advance as social responsibility becomes increasingly important. Inventors, industry leaders, opportunists and entrepreneurs all continue to work toward technologies to increase and improve recovery of waste products," said Darren McDunnough, president and CEO of McDunnough Inc, a plastic recycler, processor, broker, and supplier of recycled material and services for the plastic industry.

While corporate waste is being recycled more, consumer recycling isn't where it should be.

"Post-consumer recycling, however continues to face challenges due to marginal participation rates. It is estimated that in the United States, recovery rates for plastics is about 9 percent. This is a dismal number," McDunnough said.

Americans produce hundreds of million tons of waste a year. The latest year numbers are available from the EPA show that of the more than 254 million tons of waste Americans produced in 2013, approximately 65 percent of that waste went to landfills. The other 35 percent was recycled or composted.

Conserve-energy-future.com attributes this rise to the growing population, increase in technology use, and increasing urbanization. More people contribute more waste, and with the rise in online shopping, there's an increase in demand for packaging materials.

Most of this waste goes to landfills. While many of these landfills, also

known as garbage dumps, contain liner systems and other safeguards to prevent the trash from polluting the groundwater, these liners may leak. This results in the surrounding areas being contaminated and causing air and groundwater pollution, which may result in health risks to the surrounding populations.

McDunnough said the economics in manufactured recycling are positive because companies are learning to better handle their scrap to reuse much of their own byproducts. One challenge in recycling is separation of materials.

"For materials to be utilized, they must first be identified, classified and separated by material type. The comingling and subsequent separation of different types of plastics is the greatest challenge post-consumer recyclers face," he said.

With people, the problem is motivation.

"Paper, cardboard, glass, metal, most plastics are all great candidates for recycling. When one

considers that most everything they use in their home or office consists of these products, it becomes quite clear that the problem isn't recycling, it's motivation and participation."

McDunnough said the U.S. is behind many European countries with recycling. "This is a nation of capitalism and where opportunities exist, money drives innovation. I am confident waste will be continued to be reduced as technology and end-uses improve and increase. I envision a day somewhere in the distant future when very few products are buried in a hole in the ground to be forgotten about," he said.

### BENEFITS OF RECYCLING

Recycling prevents the release of toxins into the air. In 2013, 87.2 million tons of material were either recycled or composted, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These methods of waste management are beneficial to the environment. With recycling and composting that much in 2013, it prevented the release of approximately 186 million metric tons of carbon dioxide into the air, which is the equivalent to taking more than 39 million cars off the road for a year, according to the EPA.

**"I envision a day somewhere in the distant future when very few products are buried in a hole in the ground to be forgotten about."**

**Darren McDunnough**  
 McDunnough Inc. president





**VIDEO**  
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Water Operator Gerald Flewelling tests for iron on April 27. He tests twice per week, and sends data back to the state. Flewelling had to learn on the job, and be certified to run the water plant, which services 5,000 village residents.

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## The science of safe drinking water

■ Holly water plant pumps up to 1 million gallons per day during the summer

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**Holly** — Water Operator Gerald Flewelling snaps on rubber gloves, standing before an array of equipment and the water plant humming behind him.

For the sake of his 5,000 customers, he'll test for iron, fluoride and chlorine, in three different tests, twice a week, and send samples to the state of Michigan.

After running all the tests, the water checks out as expected — the FDA-approved amount of naturally occurring fluoride, the right amount of chlorine, and no iron.

"A lot of people take it for granted," said Flewelling. "You turn your water on in the middle of night and it's there

for you. You have clean water and safe water. The thing that this plant provides is safety."

Water in Holly is not cheap — and it's a sore point for many residents, but they can rest assured that the facility they're paying for is top-notch.

This plant moves 300,000, to 400,000 gallons of water per day. Flewelling said during the summer it could push 1 million gallons per day.

The whole water system includes the plant with six enormous filters, two well-house buildings, four wells and two service pumps, which fill the water towers.

Water towers give better water pressure to residents with homes at higher elevations.

The entire system is operated and monitored by the computerized control panel, which looks like it belongs in a high-tech computer server room.

It has a digital readout, and takes readings from the radios equipped at the towers. Water towers are pumped up at night to get a better deal on electricity costs.

**“You have clean water and safe water. The thing that this plant provides is safety.”**

**Gerald Flewelling**  
Holly Water Plant operator

See **WATER** on 15A

## Moms helped shape best of 'Times'

■ Tri-County Times staff shares thoughts about their mothers

By Vera Hogan

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The Tri-County Times is fortunate to have a dedicated staff that is rich with talent and skills. Times employees also are kind-hearted, generous, supportive and sometimes, down-right funny.

These kinds of well-rounded individuals came from somewhere and we're guessing a lot of what they have they got from their mothers. So, we asked our employees to share with the community a nice sentiment about their moms. In no particular order, they said:

**Editor Sharon**

**Stone** said, "I feel truly blessed. I not only have my own mom, Barb Richey, living just five minutes away, I also have Theresa Stone, my mother-in-law of nearly 33 years, just 15 minutes away. These two women are beautiful, strong, and the best mothers anyone could wish for. They are an inspiration to me on a daily basis."



**General Manager Jennifer Ward** said, "My mother, Kathy Green, has always been my personal hero and I am so very proud of her. She has handled so many of life's unexpected difficulties with grace and faith and always comes out ahead. My sister and I are so lucky and blessed to be able to call her mom. My 'other mom,' my mother-in-law Marilyn, is like a best friend. I can't imagine my life without her. I am blessed to be surrounded by strong, influential women. I love you both so very much."

See **MOMS** on 20A



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Come *Heller* high water

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Don't people who vote Republican ever get sick?

I wondered about that this week as I watched President Trump and House Republicans high-fiving in the Rose Garden after passing a bill to undo Obamacare.

Presumably, the people who elected them were thrilled, too.

"No more Obamacare! Whoo-hoo! Isn't it great?!"

Yes. Great. Except for this: Millions and millions of people — 24 million, in fact, by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office's assessment of this bill's forerunner — will lose health insurance.

Presumably, half of those people identify as Republicans, or at least as non-Democrats.



Andrew Heller  
FEATURED COLUMNIST

So I ask again:  
Don't they get sick?

Aren't they ever injured?

Don't they grow old?

Don't they ever need care?

And if they don't, doesn't anyone they know

— their parents, their kids, their friends, their neighbors?

Or this: Haven't they ever lost a job and with it health insurance? Don't they worry about losing their life savings because of one illness?

Or can they all afford health insurance so to hell with anyone else? That doesn't seem very Christian.

But then I don't understand any of this, to be honest. I don't understand the GOP's glee at the notion of killing something that — while truly flawed — is helping people. Why don't they just fix it? Or better yet, pass universal health coverage, like most major nations?

I don't understand why replacing something that they perceive as "bad" with something that is clearly worse is a good thing.

I don't understand how grown men and women can — without a trace of shame — pass a bill without reading it after hounding Democrats for the past seven years for doing the same thing. Are they irony-challenged? Do they think we're stupid?

I don't understand why they equate "access" to health care with "the ability to afford health care." These are not the same thing. We already have universal "access" to care. We've always had that. We always will have that. What we don't have is

the universal ability to pay for it. I like to think people are smart enough to know the difference between the two, but so far that doesn't seem to be the case.

Above all, I don't understand why anyone would support a health care bill that allows insurers to charge more for pre-existing conditions.

Don't a lot of us have those?

It's largely a myth, by the way, according to the Washington Post's fact-checkers, that rape and domestic violence would be considered pre-existing conditions.

But it's not a myth that pregnancy, heart disease, cancer, mental disorders, Parkinson's disease, AIDS and a host of other maladies would be.

So I ask again: Don't Republican supporters have any of those illnesses? Don't they have babies? Don't they suffer depression? Wouldn't they freak out if they lost a job and their coverage then went to the Trumpcare exchange (and that's what it's going to be called from here on out) to buy a replacement policy only to be told, "Sure, but it's gonna cost you a lot more if you've ever been sick?"

Wouldn't that infuriate them? Wouldn't they think "How is right to charge someone more for being human?"

We all get sick, after all. None of us — except for the wealthy — can afford modern health care without insurance.

I think we can at least agree on that.

So tell me again how this bill is a good thing?

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.

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April 23 column on taxes

Dear Editor,

As for the income tax, Americans have it easy compared to other countries since we pay an effective income tax rate of 9.5 percent, according to the Tax Policy Center in Washington. The fact is that federal tax rates had fallen to the lowest in 30 years when President Barack Obama took office — and fell again in his first year in office. This information is from FactCheck.com.

Perhaps a better story would be how we have two effective tax rates in this country, one for the wealthy and one for the rest of us. The corporate gains tax is much lower than the income tax, so folks like Paris Hilton, who make their money from sitting by the pool and opening dividend checks, receive huge tax breaks. If you don't believe me, just take a look at Donald Trump's taxes if he ever decides to release them.

Chris Harbowy  
Holly

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IF ANY OF you are really interested in learning the facts around health care, I suggest you visit the Kaiser Family Foundation at kff.org. KFF is a non-partisan organization that provides clear, objective analysis of health care policy.

OBAMA'S FIRST 100 days were spent proving his citizenship.

I SPEAK FOR the vast majority of area residents when I say "thank you" to the Hagerman family for all they have done to improve our community and our downtown.

IN CASE YOU haven't noticed, our governing Congress is far more concerned with besting the other party than they are of doing what's best for America and Americans.

I VOTED FOR Hillary, and would again. Nonetheless, Stephen Colbert should be fired. If he had said what he said about Hillary, not Trump, the media would have had a meltdown. America is being ruined by the Liberals on all fronts. How sad.

THE KING MUST have the NY Times' fake version of Shakespeare. My version says, "If tyranny is to prevail, first kill all the lawyers." The hypocrisy goes both ways. If he tells the Bar Association the omission was inadvertent he could still keep his law license.

REALLY ENJOYED THE Times story on what's going on downtown. It took a lot of effort, ingenuity and money to completely re-design, renovate and rebuild it. Thanks are due to all involved, including the city manager and the entire staff at the city.

I WAS TRAINED to measure a man by this question, "Would I follow this man into battle?" For you Trump voters, look your sons and daughters in the eye and tell them to follow this man into war. I'll bet you can't — but you just may get the chance.

TO ALL OF you Obamacare haters out there, ask yourselves this question; what objective, measurable impact did O'care have on your daily existence? Here's a hint. None.

IT SICKENS ME to think that the new building is going into the center of my little city, Linden. Please don't follow Fenton. Keep our quaint town. The doctor should have to stick to the size around her. Put it to a people vote.

ON TUESDAY NIGHT, somebody didn't stop at a stop sign at Argentine and M-59. Now five people are dead.

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Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

How much should your mom earn for being your mom?

Question asked to second-graders at Patterson Elementary School in Holly

street talk



"I think it's giving your mom really good help like doing stuff for her and figuring out what your mom wants. \$100."

Skye Marshall  
8 years old



"I think my mom should earn when she helps everybody. She helps everybody. She helps clean up everything. I think she should earn \$2 billion."

Caelen Covell  
8 years old



"I think I should clean the whole house for my mom. She should make infinity dollars."

Mason Holland  
8 years old



"\$10 million. She's really nice and she gives hugs and kisses."

Allison Ladd  
7 years old



"She should earn \$1,000 because she works her butt off helping me and feeding me and taking care of me."

Olivia McDowell  
7 years old



"\$9,999,999. She takes care of me and my sister and the garbage. She puts it in the trash can and she takes care of all the stuff at home."

Dakotah Treece  
8 years old



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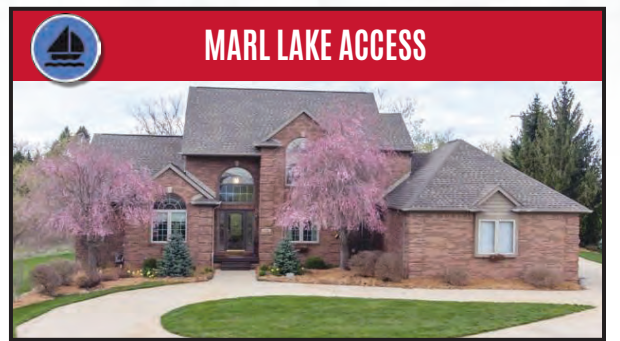
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## THEATER

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and MJR Digital Cinemas in Brighton, will be the serving of craft beer, wine and cocktails.

However, MJR Digital Cinemas in Brighton have applied for a liquor license and pending state approval, will be offering alcoholic beverages to movie-goers sometime this summer. Renovations, including leather reclining seats, are also in the works.

According to Hartland Township Planning Director Troy Langer, plaza owner Ramco-Gershenson Properties Trust is in the process of obtaining a liquor license. "They've applied for it. They're in the process," said Langer.

Developers have also requested a tax abatement, which has slowed down the process, according to Langer.

The project was going to break ground this spring, according to a February story in the Livingston Daily Press & Argus.

"I don't have the exact timetable," said Langer. "They're still proposing to break ground this year. They decided to pursue the tax abatement at the end of the process, so that's adding time."

Imagine Entertainment operates nine theaters in Michigan, Minnesota and Ohio, including one in nearby Novi. The company anticipates hiring about 100 employees, mostly part time.

**"I don't have the exact timetable. They're still proposing to break ground this year."**

**Troy Langer**

Hartland Township Planning Director

Our current movie theater options include:

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## New light bulbs will save Fenton more than \$31,000 per year

By Vera Hogan

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**Fenton** — The city has a chance to combine energy efficiency with saving money — just by switching light bulbs.

Consumers Energy is giving incentives through its Consumers Energy Small Business Energy Efficiency Program with the ATI Group, for communities willing to change all their different kinds of light bulbs to LED bulbs. They specialize in energy solutions, professional mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (M.E.P.) engineering services, and much more.

### Fenton water plant

"The water plant has a number of 400-watt metal halide and 4-foot fluorescent bulbs that if changed over could result in substantial savings," said Stephen Guy, water plant supervisor in a memo to Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki.

The total investment to the city of Fenton for the water plant would be \$22,908. The total project cost is \$42,466 with an incentive from Consumers Energy of \$19,558. The estimated energy savings is \$10,740 per year with a payback period of just over two years, according to Guy.

### DPW facility

The same type of offer was made for the exchange of light bulbs for the Department of Public Works (DPW) facility.

"For the DPW facility, the total cost for the program is \$44,879.47 to which the Consumers Energy program would pay \$16,600, leaving the city investment to be \$28,279.36," said Czarnecki in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland.

"They estimate an energy savings of \$9,861.79 annually, making the payback period 2.9 years."

Czarnecki said the incentives from Consumers Energy for this program are subject to change at any time. "It is uncertain if and when Consumers Energy may change the payback incentives or end the program altogether," he said.

### Street lights

Consumers Energy also has offered an option to the city of Fenton

of replacing 134 mercury vapor lights with equivalent output LED lighting. The charge to do this work is estimated to be about \$11,404. The savings in power consumption for the LEDs would be about \$927 per month. The estimated payback for the changeover would be one year.

Consumers also has given a cost estimate for converting all the high pressure sodium lights over to LEDs at approximately \$185,000. The power savings for this conversion would be \$2,087 per month, with a payback period of about 7.4 years.

Czarnecki recommended to the City Council that they approve entering into an agreement with Consumers Energy to convert the 134 mercury vapor streetlights to LED lights at a cost of approximately \$11,404.48, and hold off on the high-pressure sodium lights.

The City Council voted unanimously Monday, May 8 with the recommendations offered for the Water plant, DPW facility and replacing the 134 mercury vapor lights.

### Why LED lights

LED lights are up to 80 percent more energy efficient than traditional lighting such as fluorescent and incandescent lights. Ninety-five percent of the energy in LEDs is converted into light and only 5 percent is wasted as heat. This is compared to fluorescent lights, which convert 95 percent of energy to heat and only 5 percent into light, according to sepcosolarlighting.com.



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Chris Wilkinson,  
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- Stephen

**A:** Stephen, Anything I tell you at this point would just be a guess without hearing the vehicle run and knowing the history. First, if the shaking did not start until after the tune up then you need to look for a possible cracked porcelain on one or more of the spark plugs. Check to make sure the proper spark plugs were installed since sometimes they are cataloged wrong. Next, I would make sure when you are checking the plugs to pay attention to the coil boots as you remove the coils to make that they are seated properly and in good condition. If the shaking was present before the tune up then it is probably best at this point if you have a professional look at it. Some components are difficult to test and may take some specialty equipment to test. With the cost of parts for today's vehicles guessing is not a good way to go.

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# Fenton leaders continue education at seminars

## ■ Latest conference was the MML Capital Conference held in Lansing

By Vera Hogan

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It's relatively easy to qualify to run for public office.

To run for a seat on the Fenton City Council, for example, one only needs to be 18 years of age, not owe the city any money, be a resident of the city and be a registered voter.

Candidates don't have to have extensive knowledge in the beginning to make decisions on matters of importance — like a multi-million dollar budget.

Residents in the city of Fenton live in a Home Rule City that operates under the Council Manager form of government.

In the city of Fenton, Lynn Markland serves as the city manager, and Michael Hart, the assistant city manager.

One of the opportunities afforded the city council and administration is the ability to take advantage of educational conferences through organizations like the Michigan Municipal League (MML).

Recently, the majority of Fenton City Council members, along with Markland and Hart, attended the 2017 Michigan Municipal League Capital Conference, March 21 and 22 in Lansing.

Some council members shared what they learned.

**Mayor Sue Osborn** said, "I attended the session on legislative updates and one topic I found especially interesting was on assess-

ing and the big box stores and how some of the retailers are reducing the taxable value on their empty stores with deed restrictions."

Osborn said the class on medical marijuana and chance to talk with other elected officials about their challenges was informative.

**Councilman Scott Grossmeyer** said he found the General Session, where members from the National League of Cities gave updates on pending and passed legislation at the federal level and how it could impact Fenton, to be helpful.

Grossmeyer also took advantage of sessions to learn about housing trends, as well as wireless antennas and poles in rights of way. He also learned about upcoming technologies in telephone, internet, TV, and cars talking with each other and what companies want to place along roads to make them work.

Grossmeyer heard the autonomous vehicles talk, and said they spoke about how the combination of driverless vehicles and companies like Uber and Lyft will make the city require less parking and smaller roads. "This will change how we plan our community for the future," he said.

**Councilman Dave McDermott** said, "I

attended sessions on topics including dark stores, the decrease in state revenue sharing, changes to local economic development tools, and medical marijuana. There was also the opportunity to network with leaders from other communities, getting ideas on how they've addressed many of these same issues and others, like roads and sidewalks."

**Hart** said the sessions provided important updates on the many issues facing local units of government in the state of Michigan currently.

"It is productive as an administrator to glean what other units of government are doing to either address their problems or what best practices they are utilizing to better serve their residents/businesses," Hart said.

**Councilwoman Pat Lockwood** said, "I recently attended the MML 50th anniversary conference and attended several sessions including the most important, Municipal Finance Reform and the decreases that communities are experiencing due to the loss of Revenue Sharing, the impact of proposed legislation that will have a serious effect on our DDAs and their ability to retain funding.

Lockwood said she participated in a panel discussion on the changing landscape in Washington and the effect it may have on local communities, such as potential loss of funds for various needs.

Lockwood moderated and participated in a discussion on new voting machines that will replace existing machines. Those changes will begin in 2018.

"An extremely important session focused on the assessment of roads and bridges, and projections of repairs and maintenance, and what funding sources are and are not available," said Lockwood.

**Markland** said he has attended the MML Capital Conference for the last 30 years and has found each event informative, educational and thoughtful.

"I attended sessions on wireless antennas in the right-of-way, the future of DDAs and TIFs, Municipal Finance Reform, changes in Washington and the legislative update.

This particular conference cost a total of just under \$2,500, which included conference fees, hotel accommodations, meals and mileage.

Councilmembers Brad Jacob and Cherie Smith also attended.



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# Local woman may lose home because of scam artist

## ■ Military impersonator cons 63-year-old into selling house

By Vera Hogan

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Just when you thought you heard about every low-down scam that takes advantage of vulnerable people, another one comes along that defies comprehension.

Mary Rendon, 63, is a very recent victim of a scam that has left her \$11,000 in the hole. She now faces losing the house where she cares for her two granddaughters.

Her problems began when she met Herman. "I got a friend request from Herman through Facebook which I accepted," Rendon said. "I like to make friends so I thought there would be no harm."

"I have been a single mother and grandmother for over 40 years. For the past 15 to 16 years I have had no one in my life except kids," she said. "I wasn't really looking when Herman came along and he seemed sincere and real. We went from Facebook to Hangouts in Gmail because he said that is how he communicated best."

"He told me he was a master sergeant in the Marines based in Kabul, Afghanistan," Rendon said. "All communication was via Hangouts as they were in a war zone and under radio silence because the Taliban or ISIS could and would listen in."

"OK, that sounded right," she said.

After about month or so Rendon told Herman she had no money and hoped he wasn't looking for any.

"He stated he didn't need any of my money, that he was well to do and besides, the government paid all his expenses."

"After that was when he told me that he was developing feelings for me and could easily fall in love," she said. "It wasn't but a couple of weeks later that I got the 'I love you.' It took me longer to feel 'safe' enough to say it back."

"He told me that the only way I could see what he looked like was if he went into the control room, but 'no talk' because of radio silence," Rendon said. "I got that video, or real time early one morning. He was dressed in fatigues, had a shaved head and wore wire-rimmed glasses. He moved and even blew me a kiss. So I believed him, and thought this is so real."

It was a couple of days later that Herman told Rendon he wanted to come home but couldn't until she requested his leave from the Department of Defense (DOD). She contacted the DOD per the website he gave her (usa-armydod@usa.com). They in turn sent her a request form to fill out.

"I gave no Social Security number, no bank information," she said. "Then came the fees. The first \$1,000 was for processing fees, replacement for him fees. The next \$2,000 was for half of his flight," Rendon said. "At this point I was informed he was a 'quiet professional' under contract with the UN. My first thought was, wow he is an important man."

"The next \$5,000 was for insurance. Because he was such a vital part of the military, I had to have him insured before he left them. I believed all this because it made sense to me."

"So I sent the first \$2,500 from my tax refund. This is when he begged me to find the rest," she said. "He suggested I sell my home or borrow. I tried to borrow



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** I SUBMITTED PHOTO Mary Rendon, 63, faces losing her home because of a scam artist posing as a military officer.

first. My credit isn't the best so that was out of the question. So I sold my home. "He promised me that he was a man of his word and he would take care of me and the girls. We were planning on staying here in Michigan until the end of school. Then we would move to Florida where he was planning on buying a home. He even told me not to pack everything up because he wanted to help me."

"Wow, I had someone who loved me for me and not what I had, which was nothing," she said. "The next and last request from DOD was for \$3,000 for a diplomatic marriage certificate the UN required so there would be a next of kin on file. After the last payment is received he would be on his way home to me."

"He received his flight time per Kabul time and would get his actual flight information at the airport upon his arrival," Rendon said. "He contacted me before he left for the airport, got my phone number, said he would call me and then text me the flight information."

"Then he disappeared into thin air. No contact. I figured something happened to his phone or just could not contact me so I waited a couple of days before I started to call."

"My first call was to the Marine Division of the Department of Defense. They told me they have no Marines in Kabul at all, let alone one who was under contract with the UN. They then told me I was a victim of fraud."

See **SCAM** on 10A

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**HEY FENTON TOWNSHIP**, if you need to find a home for your chickens, I have room in my oven.

■■■■ **WORLD WAR II** was fought successfully with no 'whiz kids' with Pentagon authority, no target selections by the White House, no 'rules of engagement' from the attorney general or DOD, and no national security advisor devising plans for the combat effort. Compare that with Vietnam, Afghanistan, Panama, and Kuwait.

■■■■ **TO THE MIDDLE** age gentleman (I use the term gentleman loosely) who ran the red light Friday morning getting off the expressway at Owen Road. Are you proud of yourself for flipping off a woman? You lack manners and class. Learn how to drive before you kill someone.

■■■■ **IF ANYONE SEES** or hears of a 2007 Honda 450 dirt bike, black and red, with red spokes and custom decals, please contact the Genesee County Sheriff's Office or call (810) 735-8930. The bike was stolen and there is a reward. There is a lot of theft happening in the Linden area. Let's put an end to it.

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## WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following is what you missed in the **Wednesday, May 10, Midweek Times** of the Tri-County Times. To subscribe and receive both the Sunday Weekend and Wednesday Midweek editions, please call (810) 629-8282

### Linden gasoline leak could affect Shiawassee River

Leak from Beacon and Bridge will not deter development on Union Block property owned by Nicole Wax.



### Local Realtor to underwrite entrance fees

Wade Pyles' company will cover gate fees at Relay for Life event.

### Flint pair charged with crime spree

Three homes in Fenton Township invaded on April 28.

### Fenton City officials adopt new budgets

The Fenton City Council has adopted its amended 2016-2017 budget, and the proposed 2017-2018 budget.

## SCAM

Continued from Page 9A

Since then, Rendon has either called or emailed the FBI, the military investigative division, and now local police, which is the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

"The FBI won't touch me because I am a small fish; I did not lose a half million or more. I also found a website for quiet professionals and emailed them. They emailed me back, got all the information and told me that the military does not use quiet professionals in that capacity. They were the ones who told me to file with local police, which I did."

The authorities are assisting Rendon because "Herman" was impersonating an actual military person, a federal crime.

"Also they (scam artists) are more likely working out of Africa, which is why I never heard his voice," Rendon said. "That would have given him away."

Since Rendon sent her payments via MoneyGram and Western Union, authorities were able to track down the recipient of the funds she sent to the same woman in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in both cases.

"They will go after her, maybe I can recoup some of these funds I sent to her," Rendon said. "I am so excited Oakland County is going after these people for a federal crime. Now I just need to save my home."

On Tuesday, Rendon heard from the original USA site (usa-armydot@usa.com). They said he was back at camp with two bullet wounds and could not leave. They then requested she send more money so that Herman could have surgery to remove the bullets.

Not!

### Gofundme account established

Mary Rendon has established a gofundme account to raise funds to be able to keep her house. She needs \$7,000 to save it and keep her and her granddaughters off the street. She lives in a manufactured home, which has a far lower market value than a stick-built home. The account is under Mary Rendon and "This grandmother needs help ..." She asks that people share her story on Facebook or Twitter.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**THE LAJOICE SAGA** is not over. I agree with Vera Hogan. Where is the \$17 million? Find it please. I'm interested.

**OK MISS HANNAH**, now that you've unsuccessfully tried to downplay the significance of illegal immigrants in this country, print the number of Americans killed by illegals, whether it was an act of terrorism or not. Not to mention the economic impact they create.

**AS I WENT** into my front yard this morning, all I could smell were the

paint fumes from the corner of Torrey and Thompson roads. Fenton Township officers need to address the air quality.

**YOU ARE NOT** being kind by blocking the Silver Lake Road exit at U.S. 23 to allow people to exit or enter the highway; you are impeding the flow of traffic. You are not a traffic cop. I see many near accidents there because of people like you.

**WHY ARE HIGH** school students paying so much money on their prom events only to have their pictures taken with their tongues hanging out? It's very childish.

## Police&Fire report

### HOLLY TOWNSHIP HOME INVASION SUSPECT

The Michigan State Police Metro North Post is seeking information to identify an unknown suspect that had committed a breaking and

entering of a residence that occurred on April 29 off Elliot Street in Holly Township. The breaking and entering



occurred at approximately 3:30 p.m. The unknown person circumvented the alarm system on the property, broke the security door and entered the building. The suspect is described as a white male 25-35 years old, balding with brown hair on the sides, a short beard and mustache. He has a medium build, approximately 6-feet tall. The suspect was seen on foot, no vehicle was seen. At the time of the incident, the suspect was wearing jeans, a red sweater and white high top tennis shoes. Anyone with information identifying the suspect is asked to contact the MSP Metro North Post at (248) 584-5740.



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# Rotary Club gets visit from Tanzania, Africa

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The Fenton Rotary Club felt firsthand how widespread the organization is when a member of the Usa River Rotary Club in Tanzania, Africa came to visit.

The club and Linden Community Schools hosted Gilbert Maeda, who traveled approximately 7,952 miles to visit. He gave a presentation for the group at Spring Meadows Country Club where he talked about two projects. One focused on a school in the Arusha Region in Tanzania working with the Rotary to store rainwater for the school's cooking and drinking needs.

The second project was starting a bank for women to invest in, in an effort to get more local women into the business world. The woman can invest in the bank, become shareholders, and use those shares as collateral for loans.

"It's a project they are proud of and should help bring women more opportunities in the region," said Ed Koledo, Linden Schools superintendent.

Gilbert toured the school lunch program at Linden Middle School, and met



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | SUBMITTED PHOTO  
Linden Community Schools Food Service Director Debbie Brindle and Superintendent Ed Koledo, meet with Gilbert Maeda from the Usa River Rotary Club in the Arusha Region of Tanzania, Africa, to review the National School Lunch Program practices.

with the Food Service Director Debbie Brindle to learn about the National School Lunch Program and see the types of commodities public schools purchase from the federal government.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**DEAR CITY OF FENTON**, before you send nasty notices to residents about city ordinance violations they are unaware of, you may want to do what the police department does, ask the complainer if they have spoken directly to the resident or speak directly to the resident yourself. Use common courtesy.

■■■■  
**HEY VERA, GET** a grip on reality. City council did absolutely nothing to hinder citizen access to medical marijuana. Your assertion that, by not supporting the marijuana industry, council has blocked access is false. Your argument and opinion have no basis in reality.

■■■■  
**MR. PRESIDENT, YOU** underestimate the American people. We understand the legislative process. Your grandstand announcement on the health care bill was premature. Nothing is repealed and replaced until you sign a new bill, and that's not going to happen soon.

■■■■  
**PLEASE PUT THE** King back into the Sunday edition and get rid of Heller. Better yet, have the King in both the Sunday and Wednesday editions.

■■■■  
**TO THE FENTON** council who chose to 'do nothing' as far as legalizing marijuana, thank you. We don't need our town going to pot.

■■■■

**WHEN I SEE** the man-hatred opinions, I think something terrible must have happened to this woman. But hatred destroys oneself, not the person or thing it is directed at.

■■■■  
**AS THE REST** of the world and our children watch, I am, for the first time in my life, ashamed to be an American due to the hate-filled disrespect the liberal-left is demonstrating against our president.

■■■■  
**WHY IS MRS. LaJoice** not considered in this huge case? Did she not question her husband where all this wealth came from?

■■■■  
**AM I THE** only one worried about that leaning pine tree on Silver Lake Road next to the flower shop? It looks like it could fall on someone's car at anytime

■■■■  
**IN THE INTEREST** of getting rid of fake news, I think the Hot lines need to be fact-checked before printing. Lies, disguised as 'facts' belong in the Enquirer not TCT.

■■■■  
**CAN WE GET** more candidates for a new mayor? Anybody interested?

■■■■  
**CHAOS, CONFUSION AND** ignorance is the order of the day in America. Let's take down every statue, every monument in America that lets us know who we are, where we came from and why. Let's take every educational piece of art and everything down because it offends someone, doesn't it?



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**CRASH****Continued from Front Page**

10:40 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9.

The Michigan State Police (MSP) Brighton Post is investigating the crash, which they described as "horrific."

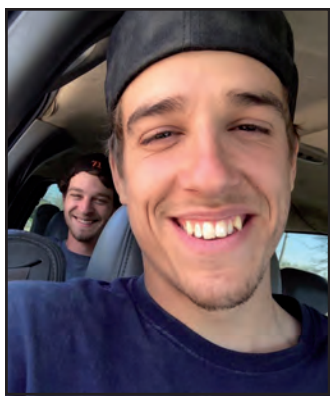
MSP reports that Matthew Carrier, 21, of Fenton, ran the stop sign on Argentine Road at the M-59 intersection and crashed into the other car traveling east on M-59. Carrier was driving on a suspended license, according to the Secretary of State.

Carrier underwent surgery at the University of Michigan Hospital where he remains in critical condition, along with his passenger Kyle Eugene Lixie, 23, of Fenton. Carrier's two other passengers, Justin Andrew Humberto Henderson, 18, and Preston Wetzel, 24, both of Fenton, were pronounced dead at the scene, according to Lt. Mario Gonzales, assistant post commander.

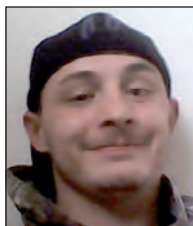
Candice Dunn, 36, a state probation agent from Oakland County, was in the car that Carrier's car struck. She, along with her mother, Linda K. Hurley, 69, of Macomb County and Hurley's boyfriend, Jerome Tortomasia, 73, of Macomb County, were killed in the crash.

Dunn's boyfriend, Albert Boswell, 39, of Oakland County, was driving the eastbound car and is in critical condition at U of M Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was driving on an expired license, according to the Secretary of State.

Dunn and the others in that car were on their way home from East Lansing where Dunn had just accepted the Michigan Department of Correction's 2017 Parole/Probation Agent of the Year.



**Matthew Carrier**  
(front), 21, critical condition  
and  
**Kyle Eugene Lixie**  
(background), 23,  
critical condition



**Preston Wetzel**, 24,  
deceased



**Justin Andrew-Humberto Henderson**, 18,  
deceased



**Candice Dunn**,  
36, deceased

Initial reports revealed that a car, driven by Carrier, traveling south on Argentine Road failed to stop at a stop sign and struck a vehicle traveling east on M-59, according to Gonzales.

Of the eight occupants in the two vehicles, five were pronounced dead at the scene and three were transported to the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor in critical condition.

The intersection remained closed until 4 a.m. Wednesday as a crash reconstruction team conducted their investigation.

During a press conference on Wednesday at noon, Gonzales said both cars were thrown and landed in the southeast corner of the intersection. Carrier's car caught fire and the other one rolled onto its side.

Investigators are still learning the factors leading up to the crash.

On Wednesday, Gonzales said overall, fatalities are up and police attribute these fatal crashes to drivers not paying attention, being distracted and driving too fast. He urges everyone to take driving more seriously.

"There's nothing worse than arriving at a crash and people are dead," he said. "This should have never happened."

Tommy Lutze of Oceola Township happened upon the crash before the police arrived. "I saw what looked like an SUV on fire, in the woods," he said. Another vehicle involved in the crash was nearby, and "mangled."

Other vehicles were already stopped, the drivers likely calling 911.

"I thought of it all night," he said. "Just awful."

Media editor Tim Jagielo contributed to this report.



Eastbound M-59 vehicle

Photo courtesy of Michigan State Police Brighton Post

**MATTHEW CARRIER'S MOTHER SPEAKS OUT**

Stephanie Lee Hopper-Allen of Fenton opened up about her son Matthew Carrier on Friday. She's not only scared for her son's future, she is grieving for those killed and their families.

"I feel so bad for those who died and their families," said Hopper-Allen. "I can't believe it. It could have been prevented."

Hopper-Allen said Matthew has been dealing with an array of mental health issues, including paranoid schizophrenia, obsessive compulsive disorder, bipolar, and manic depressive disorder. "He's had issues for a while," she said. "They've been switching his meds around and he's had problems with drugs and alcohol. He self-medicates, like a lot do with mental illness."

Although she reads all of the hateful comments on social media sites, she believes Matthew is a good kid, has a good heart, is very funny, and athletic. She said he wanted to go to college or go into the theater but he didn't go far with it. "He couldn't focus," she said.

Hopper-Allen said Matthew remains in critical condition, but stable. She said he could still die from his injuries. His eyes are open, but he is on a ventilator, communicates by giving a thumbs up or thumbs down, or taps on his stomach to indicate he's in pain. He does not remember anything from the crash and he has not been told that anyone, including his friends, were killed.

"He won't be able to handle the truth," she said. "He's been suicidal in the past and he won't be able to live with the guilt. I fear suicide for him for killing so many people."

"I'm really scared."

Hopper-Allen said she was told that Matthew was thrown 30 feet from the car. She said at this point, it is speculation that he was driving. She said police are not sure. She added though that police told her that Matthew's blood alcohol level that night was well above the legal limit and that he could have died from alcohol poisoning.

"I love my son, but if he drove, he has to be disciplined," she said. "I begged people to help me with Matt. I tried."

"I hope something good comes out of this. It has to. With so much mental illness and drug and alcohol abuse, something has to change."



HERE ARE A FEW RESPONSES ON THE TIMES FACEBOOK PAGE:

**Marnie:** How anyone survived is a miracle!

**Leah:** I feel it's insensitive to the family to release these photos. You hope it makes an impact and people will say yeah I need to chill out. But they won't, it's just getting worse out on the roads with the idiots and control freaks driving.

**Bryon:** "The Highway Don't Care" by Tim McGraw says it all. If you don't respect the road it will eat you. So many drivers take the responsibility too casual. Kids screw up, and this boy will have to live with his mistake forever. Perhaps behind bars, or permanently disabled. Is it worth it? Get serious about driving safe or suffer the consequences.

**Christina:** These pictures are not insensitive. They are unfortunately reality and should be used to teach our sons and daughters about being safe on the roads and making wise choices. I also showed these to my 21-, 18-, and 16-year-old and had a long discussion about it. This whole thing is so tragic and I pray for their families.

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**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | TIM JAGIELO  
Holly Water Operator Gerald Flewelling rinses a beaker between multiple tests for iron in the water.

**WATER**

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“Our objective here is to remove iron from the water,” said Flewelling. This is accomplished through filtering water through one of six blue cylindrical filters containing layers of charcoal, filter sands, torpedo sands and gravel. “Like a fish tank,” he said.

Arsenic is also removed along with the iron, after the water goes through chlorination and oxidation.

“There’s a lot of things to keep your eye on, and mind on,” he said. Flewelling has to be familiar with the hardware, the control panel, and the science behind the water chemistry. His cheat sheet for all the formulas for running tests is dizzying. Running a plant takes a strong handle on science and the math.

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**THOMPSON ROAD REGIONAL DOG PARK FUNDRAISER**

Organizers of the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park are raising funds for Phase 1. They are seeking “101 Donors” to make a contribution of at least \$100. Go to [www.TRRDogPark.com](http://www.TRRDogPark.com) for a form. Donors committing at least \$100 will be recognized on a memorial plaque at the dog park once fundraising is complete. Donations are tax deductible. Also, a “FUNdrasier” is planned for Thursday, May 18, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Fenton Winery & Brewery, 1370 N. Long Lake Rd. Event includes a three-flight sampler of FWB beer or wine and snacks. Tickets, available online at [101donations.eventbrite.com](http://101donations.eventbrite.com), are \$25 each. For event information, call Wade Pyles at (810) 629-0680.

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

**YOU JUST SHOW** how unreasonable and unintelligent you are when you put Donald Trump and science in the same sentence, and then you don’t believe in evolution or global warming. Go to school and learn something about your environment.

**JUST WHAT FENTON** needs, traffic is jacked with backups so the town gives the ‘go’ sign for beggars in the middle of this town mess. All I’d like is to get home safely from work.

**WHEN I HEAR** wailing and gnashing of teeth from the Communist revolutionaries in the lame-stream media and political establishment, I know Team Trump is on the right path.

**ABOUT THE WOODSTOCK** article, it was well written. However, what most people don’t realize is that Jimi Hendrix didn’t get to play until Monday morning, Aug. 19, 1969, due to rainy weather and other delays and only in front of approximately 40,000 people. Apparently, the ‘hippies’ were tired and went home or even had to go to work.

**TWO EAGLETS! LAST** year’s pair didn’t make it. This year they did. Al-

most ready to fledge. They are big and still feeding from mom and dad. Happy Mother’s Day, momma Eagle.

**WHEN A STRANGER** resides with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. ‘The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God. — Leviticus 19:33-34

**HOPING AND PRAYING** for peace in our nation, unity of all the world’s people, and good-natured interactions between individuals in our community. I’ll be smiling.

**THE IMPEACHMENT OF** Donald Trump is rapidly approaching. Trump praised FBI Director James Comey for his handling of the Clinton probe. Now he fires him on the basis that he mishandled it after Comey makes it known he’s also investigating Trump’s ties to Russia.

**RELAY FOR LIFE** entrance fee not waived by Fenton, but Fourth of July is. Fenton has lost my contributions for festivities. You should be ashamed. I’ll speak with my wallet.



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# Free family summer art events kick off May 19



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The family centered summer arts program entitled "Arts Are The Heart" will begin this year's four-part series on Friday, May 19, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

■ 'Arts Are The Heart' series runs May through August with butterfly theme this year

**By Sally Rummel**

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Don't be surprised to see butterflies fluttering around Fenton this summer.

Inspired by the metal butterfly sculpture purchased for the city of Fenton, the Fenton Arts Council picked a butterfly theme for their four "Arts Are The Heart" summer art events.

The series begins Friday, May 19 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. All events are free and open to all ages. There is no advance sign up required.

The May 19 event will feature the Prelude String Orchestra and an art camp for children to make collage butterflies. In addition, each of the art event dates on June 16, July 21 and Aug. 18 will include creation stations, art camps, music, dance, drama, exhibits, living statues, chalk artistry and more.

Some of the events will take place in the lower level of the community center, and others at Rackham Park, directly behind the building.

With butterflies as this year's theme, 14 local businesses have sponsored 12 butterfly sculptures which will be transformed into works of art by professional artists.

"We feel the butterfly represents the transformation that the city of Fenton has undergone in the last couple of years," said Joan Horcha, president of the Fenton Arts Council. The butterfly sculptures will be unveiled to the community at the Friday, June 16 event.

For more information on these family art events, visit [FentonArtsCouncil.com](http://FentonArtsCouncil.com) or their Facebook page. You may also call (810) 433-1237 or email: [info@FentonArtsCouncil.com](mailto:info@FentonArtsCouncil.com).

**“We feel the butterfly represents the transformation that the city of Fenton has undergone in the last couple of years.”**

**Joan Horcha**  
President of the  
Fenton Arts Council



## Free Family Art Events

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**June 16**

**July 21**

**August 18**

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### Friday, May 19

**Creation Stations:** Art, Music, Legos, Construction, etc

**Live Music:** Prelude String Orchestra (Youth) &  
Drumming Circle (bring your lawn chair)

**Art Camp:** Get creative ... collage butterflies

**Exhibit & Marketplace:** Artzy Project, Local Artists, & more

### Friday, June 16

**Creation Stations:** Art, Music, Legos, Construction, etc.

**Live Music:** Tie Dyed Giants (bring your lawn chair)

**Art Camp:** Get creative ... make symmetry butterflies

**Exhibit:** Youth Art & Butterfly Sculptures & Dedication

### Friday, July 21

**Creation Stations:** Art, Music, Legos, Storytelling, Dance, etc.

**Live Music:** The Erik McIntyre Jazz Trio (bring your lawn chair)

**Art Camp:** Get creative ... Art + Science projects

**Exhibit:** Community Artzy Project

### Friday, August 18

(bring your lawn chair)

**Creation Stations:** Music, Legos, Storytelling, etc.

**Live Music:** Fenton Community Orchestra Ensembles

**Art Camp:** Get creative ... make clay butterflies

**Exhibit & Marketplace:** Community Butterfly Art

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## News briefs



### LINDEN MASONS ANNOUNCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Linden Masonic Lodge recently hosted its annual Spring Awards Program and dinner, and three area 2016 high school graduates received a \$1,000 scholarship. Kailey Porritt, a 2016 graduate of Atherton High School, now enrolled at Eastern Michigan University, received the Linden Lodge Scholarship. Alyssa Linn and Nathaniel Wagner, both 2016 Linden High School graduates, received the Mary Huyck Scholarship. Alyssa is currently enrolled at University of Michigan-Flint, and Nathaniel Wagner is enrolled at Grand Valley State University. Linden Lodge Masons congratulate all three scholarship recipients not only for their academic achievements, but moreover for their contributions to community service in their respective communities. Pictured (from left) are Paul D. Fuller, co- coordinator, Kailey Porritt, Alyssa Linn, Nathaniel Wagner, and co-coordinator Scott Wogen.

## News briefs

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FLAG PLACING

On Friday, May 26, the Great Lakes National Cemetery Advisory Council will sponsor placing American flags at the gravesites of all veterans. The Holly VFW Post 5587 and the Holly VFW Auxiliary will co-host this event. Volunteers are desperately needed to place the flags at the grave sites. To participate, flag placement will start at 5 p.m. at the Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Road Holly. For more information, contact Fred Kelly at (248) 459-5719.

### MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

On Monday, May 29, at 1 p.m. a Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at the Great Lakes National Cemetery to honor veterans. The guest speaker will be Army National Guard, Col. Clark Barrett. On May 30, the Great Lakes National Cemetery Advisory Council in conjunction with the Holly VFW Post 5587 and the VFW Auxiliary will hold a "flag retrieval" event. Volunteers are needed to retrieve the American flags from the gravesites. To participate in this event, flag retrieval will start at 5 p.m. at the Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Road Holly. For more information, contact Fred Kelly at (248) 459-5719.

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### HOT LINE CONTINUED

**I AGREE WITH** keeping your home at least picked up. We are so tired of seeing out-grown toys still laying and rotting in the yard, tires and wheels and junk. Come on people, have some pride. Your neighbors don't want to look out at your garbage.

**SO, RIGHT-WINGERS** are a product of our family? Yes, I am. My coal miner grandfather died of black lung. My grandmother died in the 1918 flu epidemic, leaving five children. My mother wore potato sacks. I raised two children without health insurance. We never asked for government assistance.

**PEOPLE ARE SQUAWKING** to 'Let the chickens stay.' Wondering what's wrong with them. As an ex-Ortonville farm boy from the '50s, I can answer that. Chickens begin to crow at the crack of dawn and the undigested seeds in their droppings draw rats like crazy.

**I WORKED 42 years** in the auto plant. Was a union leader, team leader, and donated every week out of my check. Every time a Republican president was in office, I saw people, me included, get laid off.

## Super hero day



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

The May 6 national Free Comic Book Day brought comic fans out to BC Comix & Games in Fenton. Hannah Ball (left) of Argentine Township is dressed as Supergirl.

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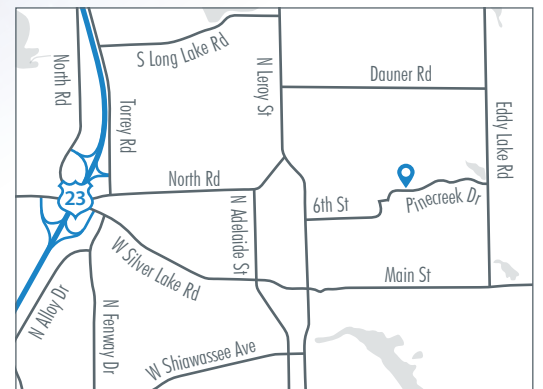


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## Why media use graphic photos

■ Some say shocking photos of deadly car crash are inappropriate

By Hannah Ball

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In 1975, there was an apartment fire in Boston. People were rushing out of the building, but there are only so many exits. Diane Bryant, 19, and her 2-year-old niece, Tiare Jones, got out on the fire escape to escape the blaze.

While waiting for the rescue ladder to reach them, the fire escape broke. They fell 50 feet, five stories, while the fire was still raging on. The little girl fell on top of the 19-year-old and lived. Diane died hours later.

Journalism ethics professors often use an image in their classrooms, taken by Stanley Forman, who was a photographer for the Boston Herald. The image captured the two girls falling through the sky, after the fire escape collapsed. By some stroke of luck, or curse, Forman captured the horrible event on film at the perfect moment.

The photo won a Pulitzer Prize in 1976 and was named the World Press Photo of the Year.

Here's the question professors pose—was it ethical for media to use that photo with the story? It's extremely graphic, and captures the moment right before a young girl died. Sure, we see graphic scenes in movies and television shows, but seeing these images in real life after a girl actually died is shocking. It forces people to accept its reality.

While everyone has their own opinion, and every news source has their own policy when it comes to handling graphic images, the answer most journalists arrive at is — yes. Using the image was ethical.

Because of that photo, because of how shocking and terrible the circumstances were, it forced the city to question whether their fire escapes were up to code. Boston officials rewrote laws regarding fire escape safety, in all likelihood saving a number of lives.

This is what we journalists hope will happen every time we use these these controversial and compelling images.

This is what the Times hopes to happen by publishing the graphic photos of the deadly Tuesday night two-car crash that left five people dead and three in critical condition.

The photos of those cars involved in that deadly crash are reality. People can see how mangled both cars are, how a roof was torn off one vehicle

and how a fire engulfed another. It makes people question if someone could survive all that.

That's what can happen when people are reckless behind the wheel, and the photos are meant to serve as a deterrent. While we don't yet know why the 21-year-old driver blew through the intersection at Argentine Road and M-59, the images should flash through everyone's mind when they're operating any vehicle at any time.

The images also force road commissions and municipal planners to question if that intersection is safe, and if anything can be done to make it safer in hopes that a crash of this magnitude won't happen there again.

The photos might be too graphic for young kids, but not for people who are old enough to get behind the wheel. Show the photos to your kids, your friends, your family, and share it on your Facebook to warn people.

This is reality. You can't shy away from it. This is why we publish these photos.



Hannah Ball

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**JAMES COMEY AND** the FBI are investigating links from Russians to the Trump campaign and now Comey is fired.

**SO YOU WORK** in healthcare. Have you had cancer, a heart condition, or been injured? Just because you work in an industry doesn't mean you know everything. I knew people who died because they had no healthcare. That would not have happened under A.C.A.

**WHAT IS THE** green sludge dumped on South Holly Road Tuesday morning from the Fenton City limits all the way to Holly?

**I DIDN'T REALIZE** that the city of Fenton had an indecent exposure problem. I for one am happy not to smell a portable toilet downtown. You Hot-liners are fools.

**IN REGARDS TO** your story about the wrestling coach, I believe there are more important messages to learn from this

matter, such as consequences for knowingly breaking the law. What are we teaching our kids?

**I KNOW THAT** the embezzler wants his case to be over, but can there be any doubt that (others) was not complicit in the scheme? How could (others) not see that the lifestyle didn't match the income?

**IN THOMAS DEFRANK'S** book titled 'Write it When I'm Gone,' he claimed surprise that the Warren report hadn't been leaked and if it ever is, very dark clouds will form over some people. Oswald's name on the CIA memorial wall speaks volumes about what Ford really knew.

**SO MUCH FOR** a transparent government. Trump has complete control of the investigation into his relationship with Russia. All that's left is the vigilant press and the one thing that haunts all politicians—leaks.

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MARIJUANA

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“I use the oil for treatment, and smoking. It helps with nausea and appetite,” he said. “I’m only doing a maintenance chemo now, along with the oil. I know that there are other things to treat, including chronic pain. People need to move past the stigma of it. It is saving lives.”

In order to get his medical marijuana card, he obtained a form through the state of Michigan. He took it to his doctor and had it filled out. He sent it back with a fee, which Lance said was around \$50.

Lance said the oil does get him high. “I only take it before I go to bed. I don’t really care for the high. I am a casual drinker, but haven’t done marijuana since college. I don’t have anything against casual use of it. From the research that I’ve done, alcohol is probably worse for you,” he said.

**“If they get stopped and they have their card, they think they’re good to drive. They’re not.”**

**Daniel Allen**  
Argentine Township  
police chief

What is medical marijuana?

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), the term medical marijuana refers to using the whole, unprocessed marijuana plant or its basic extracts to treat symptoms of illness and other conditions.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has not yet recognized or approved the marijuana plant as medicine.

Although, there are two FDA-approved medications that contain cannabinoid chemicals in pill form, more than 20 states have approved the plant medicinally, including Michigan.

One benefit of medical marijuana legalization could be a decrease in opioid use and overdose deaths, although not enough studies have confirmed this, according to the NIDA.

SUMMARY

■ Two local residents share their stories about why they use medical marijuana.

Cancer is only one reason people have medical marijuana cards. Cannabidiol (CBD) is gaining traction because scientists have seen the chemical effectively treat children with violent seizures. Breeding marijuana plants only for CBD oil is popular for medical use, but not for recreational use, because it lacks the intoxicating effect.

THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol) is the other recognized chemical in marijuana because of its ability to increase appetite and reduce nausea, as well as decrease pain, inflammation, and muscle control problems. THC does contain the intoxicating effect.

According to the National Institute of Health, recent animal studies have shown that marijuana extracts may help kill certain cancer cells and reduce the size of others. Scientists are also conducting studies about using marijuana to treat diseases like HIV/AIDS, multiple sclerosis, seizures, substance abuse disorders and mental disorders.

LISA’S STORY

Lisa Smith, 42, a resident of Tyrone Township, started using medical marijuana about two years ago after she was diagnosed with stage four breast cancer in 2013.

“I did a lot of research and decided to try it for my pain and no appetite,” she said. “I’m on opiates for pain, but it’s not working enough. The CBC/THC helps. It’s a natural plant. So much better than the manmade drugs that cost a fortune.”

Smith wasn’t one to smoke when she was a young adult, but now she’s thankful for it. She said people who have negative views on medical marijuana aren’t aware of the benefits, and that if they got cancer, they would research getting their medical marijuana card.

Smith currently visits a place called Bloom in Ann Arbor for her marijuana.

“It’s a very comfortable, clean, enjoyable experience,” she said. “I do hope in the future Fenton will do their own research on it. I would love to go to a place local and invest my money there.

But until that changes, I’ll be going to Ann Arbor.”

HOW DO POLICE HANDLE MARIJUANA?

Argentine Township Police Chief Daniel Allen said when they pull someone over who is impaired, police first conduct a field sobriety test without the preliminary breath test. If impaired, the person is taken into custody and police take them to the hospital for a blood test.

“We do a chemical test with a blood draw to ascertain what’s in their system,” he said. Allen said police are allowed to do a breath, blood, or urine test under state law.

Driving under the influence of marijuana is classified as an operating while impaired (OWI) or operating while under the influence of drugs (OUID).

“If they get stopped and they have their card, they think they’re good to drive. They’re not,” he said, adding that it’s illegal to drive while under the influence of marijuana with or without a medical marijuana card.

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The most popular method of consuming marijuana is smoking, but there are other options.

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Vapor pen

Smoking concentrates from a vapor pen is a popular way to consume marijuana.

Beverages

Cannabis-infused drinks are available to purchase in certain states.

Topical

Topical cannabis solutions, like lotions and salves, are also popular options.

Pills

Consumers can buy cannabis capsules as a way of consuming marijuana.

Source: [extract.suntimes.com](http://extract.suntimes.com), [leafscience.com](http://leafscience.com)

Getting the green light to get the green

In order to be approved for a medical marijuana card in Michigan, individuals must print out the MMMP application packet from [michigan.gov](http://michigan.gov). There are forms for people over 18, with an application fee of \$60, and under 18, with an application fee of \$85.

On the form, you must include your name, address, date of birth and other legalities. You must include information about your physician and what medical condition you have that could allow you to use medical marijuana.

One of the following conditions must apply in order to be accepted: cancer, glaucoma, HIV positive or AIDS, Hepatitis C, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Crohn’s Disease, agitation of Alzheimer’s Disease, or nail Patella.

If those conditions do not apply, an individual might also qualify if they experience cachexia or Wasting Syndrome, severe or chronic pain, severe nausea, seizures, severe or and persistent muscle spasms.

Applicants can also write down their condition, which must be approved by the Medical Marijuana Review Panel.

Once the form is finished, applicants must mail it to the Michigan Medical Marijuana Program. The address is PO Box 30083, Lansing, MI 48909.

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## MOMS

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**Mary Powell, graphic artist**, said this about her mother, Mamie Berta (deceased), "One of the best things we remember about our mom is how she loved to play cards with family and friends. We had so many good times and so many laughs. It was wonderful. My mom was kind, loving and fun. She loved to play cards and loved going to bingo. She loved being with all of her family and friends. She loved to make cakes for everyone. Most of all she loved being with her friends and family and serving her delicious cakes. She made the best spaghetti sauce and sour cream cake.

"My mom was known as 'Gramma' to many and many people considered her to be their 'gramma.' My mom treated everyone with kindness and love and was the best mom ever," said Powell

**Kathleen Smith, a classified ad representative**, said this about her mother, Charlene Nieporte. "My mom is the most beautiful, loving, strong and kind-hearted woman that I am so blessed to have as my mom. We have that mother-daughter bond that continues throughout the years. She is my inspiration, my best friend and confidant. People tell me all the time you are just like your mom, and I always say 'thank you,' that is the biggest compliment I could ever receive. I cherish every moment we spend together and look forward to many more. Love you Mom."



**Tiffany Marchand, marketing specialist**, said this about her mother, Michelle "Shelly" Smith. "My mom is the strongest person I know. Not only has she been there for me whenever I need her she is also a great caretaker for my father and my late grandmother, her mother, Maria. Your good deeds do not go unnoticed. I love you, Mom."

**Annette Rutkowski, customer sales representative's** mom is Tammy Harper. "There are not enough words to tell you what a special mother you are to all of us. Although I may not tell you enough, we appreciate everything you do more than you will ever know. You have worked so hard to make sure we have everything we need and you would do anything for any of us. I can only hope I will be half the person you are when I grow up. Thanks for always being my best friend, and a perfect role model. Happy Mother's Day."



**Jill Breitling, circulation coordinator and receptionist**, said she was in her early 20s when she lost her mother, Gloria Storer, to cancer. "I am very thankful for the close relationship we had and her many traditions that I've been able to pass down to my own family. There is not a day that goes by that I don't think of her. She will always have a special place in my heart," said Breitling.

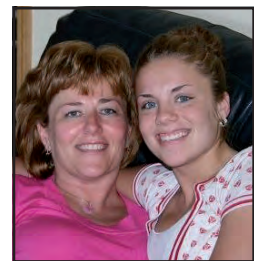
**Dave Troppens, sports editor**, said this about his mother, Phyllis Troppens: "When I think of my mom ... when we

were kids, one of the things that quickly pops into my mind is how much I, my two brothers and two sisters wanted and fought so she could be our room mother when we were in elementary school. We weren't the only ones. Our teachers and our friends in school would hope it as well.

Everyone looked at our mom as the 'cool mom.' She earned that title constantly. We truly were the 'Kool Aid' house where every kid in the neighborhood came when we were not at school — and she had to put up with not only her five kids, but the 20 others that came over every day.

"Now that we are in our 30s and 40s, while she doesn't have to deal with her crazy kids every day of the week, she's still around when we need her — or when she needs us — and that's always a comforting thought. I love you, Mom."

**Ryann McKinney, assistant composition manager**, calls her mom, Fern Shaffer, a rare gem. "She has taught me everything I know — from homeschooling me for seven years to teaching me how to garden, cook and so much more. I owe it all to her and I am so glad I get to call her my mother and best friend."



**Lorie Gavulic, graphic designer** had this to say about her mom, Clara Manzano, "I have the best mom in the entire world. She's been my biggest supporter, cheerleader and friend throughout my entire life. She never fails to put her family first (especially those grandkids) and has sacrificed in so many ways to make our lives better. As I grow older I am even more in awe of her selflessness and devotion. I'm so grateful to be her daughter! Love you, Mom."

**Marketing Director Terese Allen** wishes to thank her mother, Christine Heil. "Mom, thanks for being my biggest fan. For loving me, shaping me, and forgiving me for those teenage years. For believing in me, guiding and molding me. I am strong, confident, and independent because you taught me how to be. I love you past the moon, the stars and all the dead presidents. Happy Mother's Day from your favorite."



**Hannah Ball, staff reporter**, said this about her mother, Cheryl Ball. "Thank you, Mom, for being the amazing, selfless person you've always been. You always put my sister and me first, and if I grow up to be half as patient, understanding, caring and funny as you then I'll be more than happy. Thanks for helping me with my cosplays, teaching me how to sew and cook, and dealing with me when I'm irritated that things aren't going right. Thanks for giving me sound advice that I usually ignore at first, but then end up following because moms really do know best. (I don't know how you've put up with me for 23 years.) Thanks for being the greatest mom, best friend, and tag team partner when we're trying to convince dad to pick a new movie to watch On Demand. Love you forever."



## our town

# Meet AMY MOUNTAIN

- Mom of two daughters
- Flight attendant
- Member of The Rock Church

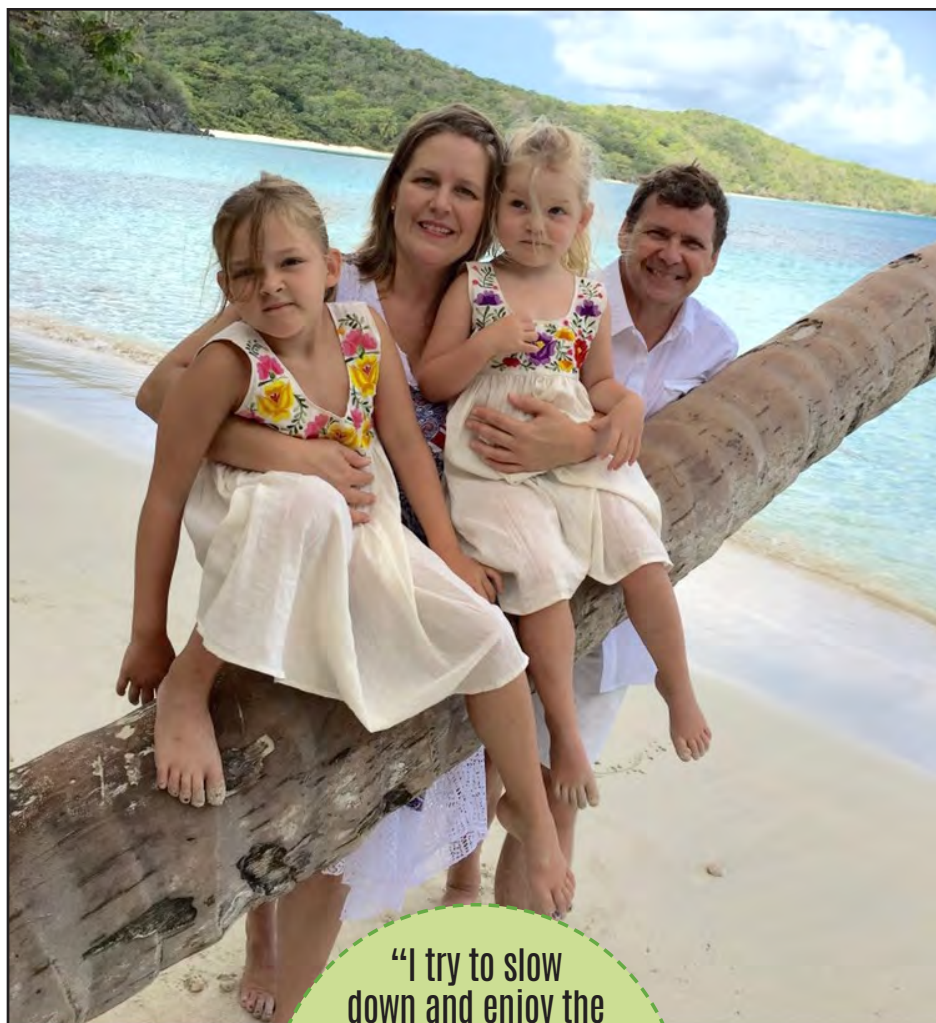
By Sally Rummel

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Flight attendant Amy Mountain, 41, of Byron, has been rooted in her small hometown where she grew up, and is now raising her own two daughters, Allison, 7, and Claire, 5 there. Her husband, Todd, 54, also works in the airlines industry, formerly as a commercial pilot. Her career takes her around the world. They attend The Rock Church in Tyrone Township.

**What are your hopes and dreams for your daughters?** Being a mother has been the most rewarding job ever. My hope for their lives is for them to be followers of Christ, to be successful and to be happy. I want them to get all they can in life. As a mom, I try to keep their eyes open to see there are lots to do and see, but if you choose the wrong path in life, it could all change quickly.

**How did you meet your husband, Todd?** We met about 14 years ago while working together at a major airline. Yes, it's one of those stories. I was the flight attendant and he was a pilot at that time. We've been married now for nine years in September.



"I try to slow down and enjoy the special times I have in being a mom, because I know I won't always be a mom of a 5- and 7-year-old."

AMY MOUNTAIN  
Byron resident

**Your job as a flight attendant takes you all over the world. How does that impact your family life?** Our wings have taken us many places for work and for pleasure. I've been flying for 21 years now, and have always been based out of Detroit. With my job, I usually fly anywhere from seven to 12 days a month, depending on what's going on that month. Thank goodness my job is flexible and my husband understands that I like to be home for the family. And it's nice that I can get away, too.

**Where do you usually fly?** My work days take me anywhere from a short hop to Chicago to a much longer hop to

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Amy Mountain and her husband, Todd, enjoy a recent vacation to St. John in the British Virgin Islands with daughters Allison, 7, and Claire, 5.

Amsterdam, which I have been flying to lately with a girlfriend of mine. My family and I are always up for travel if we have the time and extra money. We do go to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania a lot to visit family. Todd is originally from Harrisburg, we so always have lots of family and friends there that we enjoy seeing.

**Do your daughters enjoy traveling, too?** They already love to travel so we enjoy introducing them to other cultures and professions in life. Whatever they choose, I want them to know to do what makes them happy every day.

**What is the biggest challenge of being a mom?** You really have to keep in check with yourself; you don't have to keep up with everyone else and the fast-paced world we live in. You have to do what you feel is right for your family.

**How are you raising your own daughters differently than your parents raised you?** We allow ourselves to be a lot busier than they did. Lots of moms today work, still do sports, try to have their family eat healthy, have a garden, if not a farm and so on. I try to slow down and enjoy the special times I have in being a mom, because I know I won't always be a mom of a 5- and 7-year-old.

**How are you spending this Mother's Day?** Hopefully, relaxing and having lunch with my mom and sister's family. We may just make our own spa day out of it with all of us girls!

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**HAD A BLAST** at Stuffed Animal Story Hour at the Holly Library this week. What a wonderfully organized event.

**THE GREATEST PERSON** ever to walk the earth, some 2,000 years ago, told us of an age that would end when knowledge would be poured out upon the people to such an extent it would be overwhelming. He told us that chaos, confusion and ignorance would also be poured out.

**RECENTLY, WE MOVED** to Fenton and enjoyed the area, and your outstanding restaurants have much appeal to us. But there's not even one restaurant that

serves breakfast. I think we need a Bob Evans or a Cracker Barrel.

**IT IS DEBATABLE** whether or not health-care is a human right, but a country where no one has to worry if their friends and relatives can get needed care is certainly a better place than a country without that care. If that means no tax cuts, bring it on.

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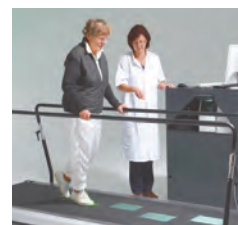
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# Eagles hurlers combine for no-hitter in Greater Flint tourney

By David Troppens

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The Linden varsity baseball team has won four straight Greater Flint Baseball titles in a row.

If Tuesday is any indication, the Eagles look like they want to make it five straight this year.

Linden pitchers Aaron Sarkon and Travis Klocek combined to pitch a seven-

inning no-hitter in a 2-0 quarterfinal victory in the Greater Flint Tournament.

Sarkon started, and tossed the first 2 1/3 innings, striking out four. Klocek relieved and tossed 4 2/3 innings of no-hit ball, striking out five. The pair combined for five walks issued.

The Eagles' offense did just enough to win the game, scoring a run in the top of the first inning and another in the seventh.

The first-inning

rally didn't start until there were two out. Nick Koan began it with a single and Sarkon followed it with an RBI-double, plating Koan. The way Sarkon and Klocek pitched, that run was enough, but Linden did add another in the seventh. With one out, Klocek helped his own cause with a double to centerfield. Courtesy runner Zach Horst scored on Cole Sarkon's RBI-single to left.

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Linden's  
Aaron Sarkon



## Times Sports

### Devils capture GAC title

■ Looking for perfect league season vs. Byron on Monday

By David Troppens

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Last season the Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer team had a strong squad.

However, they were kept from capturing a Genesee Area Conference title despite that talent. This season, the Blue Devils took care of business.

The Blue Devils captured the GAC title by crushing Mt. Morris 10-0 at Lake Fenton High School on Tuesday. With only a game remaining in the GAC season — a contest against Byron on Monday — the Blue Devils al-

ready have the title wrapped up.

The Blue Devils have also shown that they may have enough talent to win the Metro League. They beat Brandon 3-1 recently. Lake Fenton has already beaten Metro League foes Fenton and Holly this season.

"Winning the title this year was very important to us," Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer coach Spencer Quick said. "We felt last year that we did not play our best games in league play and let the championship slip away. We for our revenge last year by winning the league tournament."

In the victory against Mt. Morris, the Blue Devils even got their usual starting keeper a goal.

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Lake Fenton's Teyana Brown kicks a ball downfield during a recent game. Lake Fenton is undefeated in conference play.

### Fenton track programs complete perfect dual seasons

By David Troppens

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Anyone who wants to know why the Fenton varsity track programs have dominated Metro League dual action this year can find out one reason why by just watching the 100 meter dash events at each of the duals.

In Wednesday's dual with Clio and Swartz Creek, the Fenton boys ran over 40 competitors in the event, while the Fenton girls had 17 participate. What those numbers suggest is the number of members both teams have.

In an era where there are more spring sports than ever for athletes to join, the Tigers are getting their athletes to remain in track and field. And it's not only bulk numbers that matter — a lot of those athletes have plenty of talent as well.

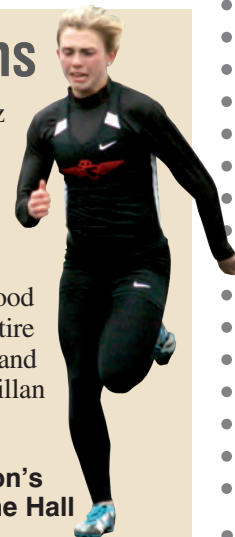
The Fenton boys won 11 of the 17 events in its duals with Clio (102-35) and Swartz Creek (107-30), earning a sweep. Meanwhile the Fenton girls earned a first-place finish in 14 of the 17 events,

also beating Swartz Creek 101-36 and Clio 115-22. Both teams will enter the Metro League meet with perfect 7-0 dual records.

"It was it was another good performance by the entire team," Fenton boys track and field coach Anthony McMillan said.

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Fenton's  
Madaline Hall



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Linden's Lauren Buerkel attempts to tag a Powers' player during the Eagles' split with the Chargers on Wednesday.

### Eagles' bats leading Linden to successful season

By David Troppens

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Linden — It's a roster which includes only two seniors, so when the varsity softball season began at Linden, it was fair to wonder just how good the Eagles would be this year.

About two-thirds through the season, it looks like the Eagles are doing just fine.

Linden is now 16-10 after splitting a pair of contests against Flint Powers on Wednesday. Powers won the opener 12-9 while the Eagles captured the nightcap 5-4.

If there is one thing the Eagles have proven this spring, it's that they can smack the ball. The squad already has over 20 home runs this spring, led by Liz Rakowski's nine four-baggers, one more than she already hit all of last year. That total is made all the more incredible considering she's been injured.

"I have a slight tear in my shoulder, so I've been hitting off the tee in between innings, working on my mechanics and making sure I can get my bat to the ball," Radkowski said. "Even though it is still tough to hit, I am getting through it. You have to do it for softball."

"Our offense has been very solid. I would say it has picked up a lot since last year," Rakowski said. "I want to say we've had 23 home runs as a team, along with a bunch of base hits. I think if we can clean up the fielding, we can be unstoppable."

Not surprising considered their youth that seems to be Linden's biggest bugaboo right now, defense. In the split against Powers, the Eagles had five errors, resulting in six unearned runs in the contests.

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Holly's Danielle Sink won her match against her Ortonville-Brandon opponent on Wednesday. Holly won the match 8-0.

## Holly's unbeaten streak grows to 116 Metro League dual matches vs. Brandon

By David Troppens

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The unbeaten streak keeps on climbing. The Flint Metro League's most successful athletic program of all time in league action, upped its unbeaten streak to an eye-popping 116 straight matches, defeating Brandon by an 8-0 score.

The last time the Bronchos lost a Metro League dual meet was a 5-2 loss to Fenton on Sept. 19, 1995. During that stretch, the fourth-ranked Bronchos

have made a habit of beating teams much like they did Brandon on Wednesday.

Holly (6-0 in the Metro) not only won all eight matches in straight sets, but only one flight managed as many as four game wins against a Bronchos' flight. That match came at No. 1 doubles where Holly's Megan Lesperance and Ruby Barrett defeated Bella Lauinger and Kerrigan Tomas 6-2, 6-2.

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### Holly boys track splits recent dual meets

It was a positive way to end the dual portion of the Metro League season for the Holly varsity boys track and field team.

The Bronchos assured themselves of a winning dual Metro season (4-3) by beating the Ortonville-Brandon Blackhawks 91-46 on Tuesday. The Holly girls had a tight meet with the Brandon women, but fell just two points short of victory, 67-65.

The Holly boys collected 12 of the 17 first-place finishes against the Blackhawks. Ryan Beltz had the biggest day, earning firsts in four events.



### Fenton Tigers win slugfest vs. Lake Fenton, 18-6

When Fenton and Lake Fenton's baseball teams collide this season, apparently you can expect there to be some runs scored.

The two teams combined for 24 runs in Fenton's 18-6 victory at Lake Fenton High School on April 26. They only managed 20 in the rematch on Wednesday, as Fenton won 14-6.

Incredibly still unranked, the Tigers improved its record to a gaudy 15-1 overall

with the win.

Lake Fenton trailed 4-0 entering the top of the fifth, but the Blue Devils responded with five runs and took a 5-4 lead. The Blue Devils opened the inning with an Andrew VanVeelen walk. Brenden Carr reached base on an error and VanVeelen scored on a passed ball. Jack Babbitt walked and Carr scored on an error, cutting the gap to 4-2.

### Bronchos split another doubleheader at Michigan

The Holly varsity baseball team has won two games at the University of Michigan's Ray Fisher Stadium.

For the second time this season, the Bronchos played at the stadium on Wednesday. For the second straight time, Holly left

with a split.

Holly won the opening game 4-2 but lost the second 11-1. Last time Holly played at Ray Fisher Stadium, Holly lost to Grand Blanc in the opener 7-6 but won the second game 7-6.

## PREP REPORT

### BOYS LACROSSE

► **Fenton/Linden 14, Lake Fenton/Goodrich 1:** The Fenton/Linden Wolves were led by Dylan Miesch who had four goals and five assists. Tyler Bourassa, Derek Delong and Josh Logie had two goals each while Zach Eakes, Bobby Temple, Josh Powell and Danny Pudduck had one goal each. Delong also had four assists while Bourassa and Temple had two assists. Logie had one assist. In goal, Joe Loria had three saves while Anthony Barnett had two saves.

► **Fenton/Linden 16, Swartz Creek 14:** The Fenton/Linden co-op lacrosse squad, the Wolves, got six goals from Derek Delong, helping lead the squad to the victory against Swartz Creek. Josh Logie had four goals while Dylan Miesch and Zach Eakes had two goals each. Tyler Bourassa and Bobby Temple had a goal each. Miesch had five assists while Bourassa had three assists. Delong, Danny Pudduck and Josh Logie had two assists while Temple and Eakes had on assist. In net, Joe Loria made 18 saves.

### BOYS GOLF

► **Holly 188, Linden 188:** The dual at Spring Meadows Country Club was decided by a sixth-man tie-breaker, meaning every shot in the dual mattered. The teams were tied, so the fifth golfers were compared. Holly's Jason Allmen and Jack Whitman each shot 51s. That meant the sixth golfers were going to decide the winner. Holly's Griffin Lamb shot a 51 while Linden's Devin Hubbard shot a 52. Holly's top scorers were Luke Harrington with a 45, Noah Rooker, 46; Danny Mathews, 48; and Matthew Moller, 49. Linden's top four finishers were Gabe Piesko with a 45, Ryan Montini, 46; Ian Mann, 49; and Aidan McCarthy, 50.

► **Fenton 174, Swartz Creek 186:** Fenton's Brandon Diener was match medalist with a 38, while Patrick Conroy and Dylan

Conte each shot 45s. Braden Lapa and Edward Farrell each carded 46s.

► **Holly 178, Brandon 193:** Holly's Griffin Lamb earned medalist honors at Heather Highlands with a 41. Luke Harrington shot a 44, followed by Danny Mathews (46) and Noah Rooker (47).

### GIRLS TENNIS

► **Swartz Creek 7, Fenton 1:** Fenton's sole victory was posted by Casey Walsh at No. 4 singles. She beat Sarah Hurd 6-3, 6-4.

### TRACK AND FIELD

► **Linden vs. Flushing, Kearsley:** The Linden girls defeated Kearsley 76-60, but lost to Flushing 98-39. The Linden boys lost to Kearsley 84.5-52.5 and also lost to Flushing 89.5-47.5.

Jessica Daul led the Lady Eagles, winning two events. She took first in the shot put (34-7 1/2) and the discus (102-1). Taylor Acox also placed first in the 100 hurdles (17.59). The boys had two firsts. Tyler Buchanan won the 1,600 (4:40.31) while Tanner Blaney won the 800 (2:04.91).

### GIRLS SOCCER

► **Fenton 0, Saginaw Heritage 0:** The Tigers (7-9-1) outshot Heritage 17-2, but couldn't score. Emma Evo, Lucy Foguth, Hanna Chapin, Miranda Campbell and Delainey Miesch played strong defensive games.

### BASEBALL

► **Holly 21-21, Flint Southwestern 1-0:** In the opening game, Wyatt Scribner had three doubles and drove in four runs. D.J. Tennis also had three hits, driving in three runs. Aaron Lockitski tossed a three-inning one-hitter, striking out four for the win.

In the second game, Scribner, Joe Eli, Cheyne Perry, Tanner Cavender, Daylin McCannaghey and Trey Ridgway each had two hits. Ridgway was the winning pitcher.



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