

# Trial begins for driver in Trooper Chad Wolf's death

■ 70-year-old has numerous court violations

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The 70-year-old man who's been charged in the death of Michigan State Police (MSP) Trooper Chad Wolf is currently facing a jury trial.

Charles Raymond Warren Jr. has been going through the Oakland County courts since October 2015,

after his vehicle struck Wolf two months prior. Since then, Warren has had pretrials in March 2016, April 2016, June 2016, August 2016, and most recently on May 12.

His jury trial began May 18 and is continuing. Warren's attorney is Southfield-based Neil Rockind.

Warren was charged on Oct. 23,



Charles Raymond Warren Jr.

2015 with reckless driving causing death and failure to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in death.

On the morning of Aug. 28, 2015, Wolf was on patrol driving his police motorcycle when he was struck by a vehicle pulling a trailer on I-75, near Dixie Highway. Wolf was dragged about four miles on the highway at speeds of up to 65 mph until Warren, the driver, pulled over at a rest area.

He then discovered Wolf.

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

Warren's driver's license had been taken away and his wife was driving on Oct. 29, 2015 when the couple stopped for fast-food after a doctor's

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## Expect heavy traffic this Memorial Day weekend

■ Lower gas prices account for fifth year of record number of holiday travelers

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Drivers who are hitting the road this Memorial Day weekend won't have to dig as deep in their wallets to pay for gas, or dodge too many construction zones to get to their destination.

Thanks to low oil prices, the price of gas is actually going down as we approach this holiday weekend. A gallon of regular gas fell 4 cents per gallon in the last week, with the average price of gas nationwide \$2.37, down from \$2.41, according to AAA.

Locally, the lowest gas price as of Tuesday morning was \$2.34 at the Marathon gas station in Fenton, and the highest was \$2.69, at both the Shell

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## Butterfly takes flight



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Midwest Sculpture Initiatives (MSI) of Blissfield moves "Stainless Steel Butterfly" to its new location, overlooking the gazebo downtown. This is one of four sculptures that have found permanent homes in downtown Fenton. Nine new sculptures were installed on Tuesday. See story on Page 6.



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As of this printing, the \$4.4 million Michigan Lotto ticket is unclaimed. There are approximately \$30 million in unclaimed winnings each year.

## Nearly \$30 million in lotto prizes go unclaimed each year

■ Still no word on \$4.4-million mystery winner from Smitty's

By Tim Jagielo

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What's it like to win \$4.4 million? Someone who bought a Classic 47 lottery ticket last week in Fenton will likely soon know.

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## Linden residents concerned about gas leak

Potential legal actions against gas station

By Hannah Ball

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Linden — A few Linden residents and business owners expressed their concerns about the Beacon and Bridge gas leak to the Linden City Council on Monday.

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“No, I wasn't a slave in the auto plant. I voted for Reagan. I made a ton of money and got my health care because of my union. The most generous loving people on earth are union people. We prove it with our checkbooks.”



“To the Hot-liners going after reporters Vera Hogan and Hannah Ball. These two do more for our community in a single day than you've likely done in your entire lives. How do I know? It's quite simple really. Those who can, do. Those who can't, complain and criticize.”



COMMENT  
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“There is no such thing as being 'pro life' and also being 'pro death penalty.' Hypocritical Republicans need to pick a side. Either all life is sacred and no one but God should decide issues of life and death or we humans can intervene. Pick one.”





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Second-grade students at Linden Elementary created "Mini Michigan," which is their interpretation of how a city should be built. They used boxes, construction paper, glue and other craft materials to build the police station, the school, and other structures.

## Young city planners create their ideal cities

■ Second-graders construct hospitals, government buildings, stores and more

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**Linden** — If it were up to second-graders at Linden Elementary, their city would have a college called Unicorn University and Hyatt Elementary would have a huge water park.

The youngest city planners unveiled their box city projects Thursday, May 11 at Linden Elementary, where they showed off their ideas to Linden City Councilor and Planning Commission member Ray Culbert and City Manager Paul Zelenak. Each school made its own city, which was laid out on the gym floor.

Second-grade teachers Sarah Mawhinney and Elizabeth Clarke organized the event and worked with the kids.

"Building this city truly is a fun project that helps children get a sense of what kind of characteristics go into a community. They needed to understand the basic parts of a community before planning to build their own city," Mawhinney said.

"Going through the democratic voting process to select the city name, as well as selecting plots of land to build on were very intentional activities to simulate real communities. This is an important and pretty creative activity to help guide our second-grade Social Studies curriculum in Linden."

Hyatt students named their city Eagle City and Linden Elementary students chose the name Mini Michigan.

Linden city officials talked with the children and told them what usually goes into a city, like residential areas, government buildings, stores, parks, churches, and other buildings. From there, the kids used boxes, construction paper, glue, tape and other craft materials to construct their buildings to create a city.

They designed hospitals, hardware stores, water parks, and other structures with their imaginations.

Culbert said it went "wonderful" this year. "I think the thing that amazes me is how smart the children are. They seem to know right away what belongs in a city and that's great... I had one kid that said, 'You know what our city really needs is WiFi. He said 'that's the most important thing.'"

“Building this city truly is a fun project that helps children get a sense of what kind of characteristics go into a community.”

Sarah Mawhinney

Linden Elementary second-grade teacher



## How to avoid computer viruses

■ Step one — avoid email attachments, even from friends

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As technology advances, so do computer hackers and viruses.

Computer users can run into scareware, trojans, and now more commonly, ransomware. This type of virus infects your computer and "holds it hostage" until the user pays a specified amount.

What does ransomware look like?

According to Fred Moses, Tri-County Times chief technology officer, "Ransomware will say 'all your files belong to us,'" followed by a request to send them money if you want control of your computer back.

If you see that message on your screen and you cannot control anything on your computer, Moses said, "You're pretty much out of luck at this point. Most of the time when you see a ransomware virus, by the time it's on your screen, it's a little too late."

Moses said do not pay the ransom, and to immediately take the infected device to a professional. "Make sure you've backed up your files, but don't pay the ransom. These people will continue to write ransomware viruses when people keep paying those ransoms. It might be

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“Most of the time when you see a ransomware virus, by the time it's on your screen, it's a little too late.”

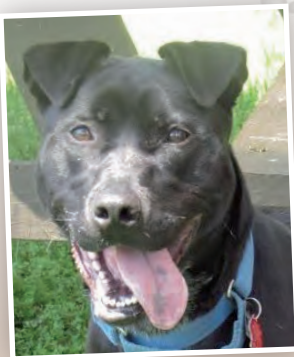
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# If I Were King...

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## How's it hanging

**H**ow's it hanging?  
Your flag that is.  
If you are like most people these days, it probably isn't. And that's too bad.

At this very moment, we have 2,133,068 active military personnel. Over 1,315,000 of them are deployed overseas in over 177 countries. Each of them would rather be home with their families for a fun-filled three-day weekend than on a military base several thousand miles away.

Doesn't seem like a big stretch to fly a flag from your home in order to show a little support for the people who are watching out for the bad guys.

Of course, that's not to say that the simple act of displaying a flag automatically elevates you to patriot status. That's no more true than the absence of a flag implying the *lack* of same.

But let me ask you a question? At this very moment, *do* you have a flag flying outside your home?

If not, why?

It likely isn't a financial issue. An American made flag kit, complete with a 3- by 5-foot flag, a pole, and a mounting bracket, costs about \$10 to \$12 and will last at least couple of years with a little care.

I suppose it could be simple geography. Maybe you live in an apartment building where it's not allowed.

Or maybe you don't wish to drill a permanent hole in your aluminum or vinyl siding.

But, I digress.

Patriotism is far more complex than just some abstract emotional attachment to real estate. It has an intellectual foundation as well that is based upon a deep conviction to America's founding principles — that we are indeed fortunate enough to live in the freest nation on the planet and that the freedom we enjoy will always have to be defended from those who would take it from us if

they could.

And that's why, for the royal life of me, I simply can't understand why there *isn't* an American flag flying outside every single home and business across the land.

We give credence and respect to Hollywood morons, while — unforgivably — we fail to give the proper respect to our most precious asset — the men and women of our armed forces. The simplest of acts — the flying of the American flag — sends the message that while we may not necessarily *always* agree with *everything* our leaders decide, we are united as one in support of our military troops.

Memorial Day is this coming weekend. Soon we will celebrate Independence Day. While we at home are enjoying family cookouts, sipping on a couple of cold beers or maybe sneaking in a round of golf, 1.3 million of our brothers and sisters will be thousands of miles from home sleeping fitfully on cots, eating C-rations and risking their lives daily.

I ask you once again, how's it hanging?

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“...show a little support for the people who are watching out for the bad guys.”



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**PEOPLE, STOP THROWING** your credit cards in at a gas pump and walking away. You're not supposed to leave your vehicle unattended while pumping gas. Not only can you not depend on the auto shut off. Then you drive off with the station's nozzle, creating a hug mess. A little common sense goes a long way.

**THE ALTERNATIVE TO** Trump would have been Hillary Clinton. Would you have asked your sons or daughters to go to war for her? She would leave any of them on the battle field and turn her back on them. Trump believes in the sanctity of this country, Clinton believes in the sanctity of herself.

**TO LEFTIST LOONY** claiming hard work will not benefit the 'poor little black boy from Ethiopia,' the World Bank reports average individual income (GNI) for Ethiopians has increased 400 percent since 2003. Your statement fails in the face of facts.

**TO THE FOLKS** who are new in town, we have several Coney Islands that would love to serve you breakfast, day or night. Clearly, you haven't been out much.

**I CAN'T HELP** but wonder how long before a motorcyclist will hit a deer and maybe die on Ripley Road. I have seen a deer cross the road twice in the last two days and motorcyclists speeding by at perhaps 60 MPH.

**THAT GUY IN** the white Chevy pickup the other day who passed on the right and then cut everyone off by the home heating store on Silver Lake Road, I've got a dash cam. The next time you pull that, I'll have your license and my next stop will be at the city police department.

**I AGREE. WHY** isn't she a suspect? She knew they were living way beyond their means.

**I CAME TO** the conclusion that people just drive like idiots and morons. Slow down, get off your phone and drive.

**TO THE PERSON** that said the King has the intellect of an 8-year-old, I hate to break it to you but that speaks volumes about you, my friend.

**BY NO STRETCH** of the imagination are you impeding traffic when the light is red. You can't go anywhere nor should you be blocking any driveway, parking lot, entrance or exit.

**THIS IS A** request to Saudi Arabia. President Trump plans to visit you soon. Would you please invite him to remain there? He would be very comfortable in a country where women have almost no rights.

**IT'S A SHAME** to see so many young children dying on TV in foreign countries. Most people in the U.S. have more food in their garbage cans than they have in their cupboards.

**DEAN WARMER MUST** have had the right-wing conservative scientist mind when he said 'going through life fat, dumb and stupid is no way to go, son.'

**SO SOMEBODY MAKING** references to Donald Trump is worse than calling President Obama the N word or comparing he and his wife to monkeys?

**WHEN OBAMA WAS** elected, protestors were seen with makeshift trees with black figures hanging from them. Now those same people are complaining about how protestors talk about Trump.

**TO MY NEW** neighbors in Holly. We've been respectful to you and you need to be respectful to us.

**WHAT'S THE UPDATE** with the empty restaurant on Lake Ponemah?

**BILL O'REILLY. ANOTHER** phony conservative exposed. Enough said.

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## What's your favorite food to grill?

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

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"It would definitely be chicken. I love to have it marinated. It's easy. It's very versatile. It usually pleases everyone."

**Keshia Furst**  
Linden



"I grill a lot. I suppose it's steak, probably a good New York strip or T-bone. Today, I'm grilling pork chops."

**Terry Merwin**  
Fenton Township



"I suppose burgers. We use a package of the classic burger mix with ground beef. I put a little Worcestershire sauce on it, and put hamburger seasoning on top."

**Julie Ilacqua**  
Fenton



"I'm going to say pork loin with chimichurri sauce. It's a new favorite. Otherwise, it's probably chicken."

**Gary Tower**  
Fenton



"I'm a red meat guy. I'm a fan of steak, like T-bone. It's definitely my favorite but not always the most affordable."

**Joseph Hedrich**  
Fenton



"I like chicken on the grill. I like marinating chicken with Italian or barbeque sauce. It's nice to try different varieties."

**Andrea Hedrich**  
Fenton



# Holly names new DDA director, assistant manager

■ Katy Hughes is a familiar face in the village

By Vera Hogan

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Katy Hughes, 38, has began her new duties as the village of Holly's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) director, and assistant village manager May 10.

Hughes is a 1996 graduate of Holly High School. In 2000, she graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication.

Hughes has 17 years of experience working in retail in the private sector and in government administration.

On her reasons to seek the DDA position, Hughes said, "I was working for the Michigan Department of State in a limited term position and my contract was nearly up. I was seeking a new career and when I saw that this position was posted, it felt like the stars aligned."

"I often volunteer for festivals and events in Holly; I enjoy being involved in the goings on. I love the small town feel where everyone knows each other and takes care of one another. People like the village of Holly for its feeling of 'home.' And I want to lead others to our town so that they, too, can experience that feeling."

"I am excited about working for the DDA and the village because I think that I can positively affect the future for the residents of the village by building

consensus, bringing people together, enhancing communication, and boosting economic development," Hughes said.

"I will use a well thought out, targeted approach while ensuring that we preserve the history and uniqueness of our community."

Village Manager Jerry Walker said, "Katy was an excellent candidate and I am sure will do a great job as the new DDA director, assistant village manager."

"She has extensive event planning, fundraising and grant writing experience and is a real 'people' person to boot." Katy has a long history of putting in countless volunteer hours so that should aid her when she is recruiting and encouraging others to volunteer."

Hughes has been married to Jason Hughes, former Holly Village president, for 13 years. They have one daughter, Olivia, who is 10 and a fourth generation Holly resident.

## Compensation

Katy Hughes will receive a \$52,000 annual salary, which is paid 75 percent by the DDA and 25 percent by the village as she will assist the village in the areas of planning and zoning administration and communications, which will also involve management of the village's social media and website outlets. She will receive up to 80 hours of paid time to cover sick, vacation and personal time, when needed, and health insurance. No other benefits were offered or expected.



Katy Hughes

**"I drive to and from work every day with a smile on my face."**

**Katy Hughes**

Holly DDA director and assistant village manager

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**THANK OBAMA FOR** Cuban troops showing up in Venezuela. I'm sure NBC, ABC, CBS, PBS, (Michigan Radio), MSNBC, the New York Times, and The Washington Post will eventually report this.

**HOW MANY OF** the Notre Dame white tassels (liberal arts) graduates that walked out on Vice President Pence had jobs? Because of that behavior, I doubt anyone would hire them.

**STAND UP FOR** America. We are in a civil war. The media, Democrats and

establishment Republicans are attempting to overthrow our elected government. These globalists are willing to destroy our country in order to stop Trump. Tell your congressman to support Trump's agenda to make America great again.

**DONALD TRUMP SHOULD** sue the liberal-left media for defamation of character. The settlement he gets from the claim could pay off the national debt.

**'HELL TO THE king.'** The people who sign their checks on the front are the same greedy people who created the people who sign their checks on the back.



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## New PSA shows fatal consequences

■ Fenton High School class produces powerful video in time for prom and graduation

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Rich Ashley and the students in his Advance Video Production class at Fenton High School have done it again — produced a powerful Prom PSA (public service announcement) aimed at showing teens the potentially deadly consequences of drinking and driving.

It was released in time for prom activities and upcoming graduation celebrations.

"We are very very proud of this PSA," said Ashley. "It took us about two months to produce it."

In addition to Ashley, 32 of his Advanced Video Program students were involved in the production.

"The idea for the PSA came from one of my students, senior Ryan Parks, and we all worked together to develop the story before myself and a couple other students wrote out the script," Ashley said.

"We had eight students act as producers and directors for the eight different scenes, and had students fill roles such as costume director, emergency personnel liaison, equipment managers, set director."

This year's PSA was, once again, a community affair. More than 54 actors and emergency personnel helped, including representatives from the Fenton Fire Department, Fenton Police

Department, STAT EMS, Flight Care of Michigan, Fenton Express Towing, and Fenton Auto Salvage.

The lead character is played by one of Ashley's student's uncle, Greg Sutton, who was a theatre major and is now a voice actor.

"He is not a firefighter or father, but did a great job portraying both," said Ashley. "The mother was actually played by the mother of the student of mine that played the daughter, and the son was also a student of mine."

"The son is FHS senior Brendan Triola, the daughter is junior Jessica Lynch and her mom's name is Jennifer Bogdanski. The news reporter is Karlie Saylor, who is the older sister of one of my students."

"We have received a lot of praise for how professional our PSA looks, and how powerful it is," said Ashley. "We were even told by quite a few people,

including a couple that are working on the set of the new 'Avengers: Infinity War' movie that is in production, that they 'can't believe how professional of a production this is' and that they think this PSA would be a great film to use nationally in an effort to curb underage drinking, drinking and driving and even to show how these kinds of accidents can impact emergency personnel."

This isn't Ashley's first PSA about the perils of drinking and driving. The following links can be found on the Tri-County Times website at tctimes.com.

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**IF THE CITY** of Fenton police would start patrolling and writing traffic violations, they would have plenty of money to fix the roads. Write some tickets instead of upping our taxes.

**I LOVE SEEING** all the businesses flying the American flag, but it saddens me so much when some of the businesses don't replace them when they become frayed and torn from the wind. Please show respect.

**TRAVELGATE. REALLY?**

**WHITEWATER.** Really? Vince Foster. Really? Reaching for straws. How desperate can you get?

**TO THE PERSON** who claimed that people don't die because they don't have healthcare, you're wrong because I do know a few people who have died because they don't have healthcare. Stop calling in the Hot lines if you don't have your facts straight.

**I REMEMBER BACK** when Obamacare was passed and Nancy Pelosi said that we had to get it passed so we could find out what was in it.

**IT'S NICE WHEN** people help others. Someone paid for my lunch at the drive-through at Mega Coney Island last Friday night. God knows who you are and he'll bless you. I'm sure that's not the only time you ever did that. Thank you.

**I LIKE THE** article Vera Hogan wrote on Clem. He's got a good attitude on life. Don't waste a minute of it. Maybe you'd like to play bingo at Bush Park behind St. John's Church. It's fun. It's at 6 p.m. on Friday. We'll help you.

**IF YOU DON'T** think Obamacare has helped your life, then you are either in

the dark, very stupid, or you haven't used the benefits that are in there that you're entitled to because you paid for them. Take a look at what you're missing out on before you end up dying.

**LET ME GET** this straight. You're getting upset about what people are saying about President Trump but you were never upset over what people were saying with disrespect to President Obama? I guess it's OK to disrespect the black president.

**I HAVE LIVED** in Argentine Township for 50 years and I need a building permit to make a doghouse? Are you kidding me? Give me a break you leeches.

**IN REGARDS TO** the Foster Child's May 3 column, I've become more and more fearful of a middle-age man who allows himself to be photographed wearing a crown and calls himself 'King.'

**TAKE A LOOK** at ABC's fall TV show lineup. There's one glaring omission and that is that there are no shows with the straight, white male. I refuse to be a part of ABC's propaganda machine.

**SO FORD MOTOR** Company indicates it's going to dump about 2,000 or 3,000 salary personnel before the year is up. When is Donald Trump coming to the rescue for all those people?

**HEY, BLEEDING HEARTS.** Guess what happens when you tear down history? I'm talking about the Confederate statues. Those were history. What are you going to do next? Take Grant off the 50? If you forget your history, you're inclined to repeat it.

**FOR MEMORIAL DAY,** I would like to honor and thank all of our military vets.



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## Downtown now adorned with mermaids, galaxies and cats

■ DDA funds another set of downtown sculptures for \$12,000

By Tim Jagielo

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**Fenton**— There are now 14 sculptures scattered about downtown Fenton in nine locations.

Nine are brand new rentals, which cost \$12,000 in Downtown Development Authority (DDA) funds.

Four sculptures are permanent purchases by the city, or downtown businesses.

Neesha Rao of Fenton likes the sculptures. She watched the installation of "Mermaid," at the river near the ramp to LeRoy Street, holding her child, Lucian. "It reminds me of when I lived in a big city," she said.

Like them or not, the sculptures draw praise, derision and always attention.

This is the fifth year the city has installed art like this. Most of the pieces are rented, but positive feedback has led to certain pieces being purchased. "Grateful Fred" next to City Hall is now owned by the city. The fish, "Pescado II," and "Stainless Steel Butterfly" are also owned by the city.

The Laundry purchased "Rubik's Cube," which rests near A Joyful Noise and The Laundry.

### New sculptures for 2017

**"Daddy Longlegs II"**

by John Parker

Location: Fenton Post Office

**"Mermaid"**

by Mike Sohikian

Location: Shiawassee River, near Fenton Fire Hall Kitchen & Taproom

**"The Librarian"**

by James Havens

Location: Jack R. Winegarten Library

**"Herding Cats #3"**

by Todd Kime

Location: behind Fenton Community and Cultural Center

**"The Phoenix"**

by James Havens

Location: In front of Fenton Community and Cultural Center

**"Aluminum Form with Base"**

by Ken Thompson

Location: 106 W. Shiawassee

**"The Parade"**

by Todd Kime

Location: Cornerstone building

**"Blue Sky Wedge"**

by Glenn Zwegardt

Location: The State Bank

**"Galaxy 2"**

by Ray Katz

Location: Red Fox Outfitters





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### Gerrymandering — Part I

“Gerrymandering” is an oddly spelled and sounding word and unlike many of the words in the English language, does not have its roots in words from another language.

Instead, it comes to us in part from the Governor of Massachusetts in 1812, one Elbridge Gerry, who signed a bill, which dramatically changed the election district boundaries of Massachusetts to benefit his own political party.

Afterwards the Boston Gazette printed a political cartoon of one of the reconfigured districts in Boston, which resembled a salamander.

Combining the governor’s last name with the word salamander someone came up with the term “gerrymander” to describe this political process and it stuck. The word has come to mean the establishment of electoral districts to benefit a particular political party or group.

The following is a thumbnail sketch of how it works.

Under the United States Constitution there is a census taken every 10 years to determine each state’s population.

One of the reasons is to determine how many of the 435 members of the House of Representatives each state will be allocated.

After the results have been tallied, each state is required to redraw its election district boundary lines to ensure that there are equal population levels for each district.

This also applies to state level election districts.

Michigan is in the majority of states where the legislature redraws the boundaries. There are checks and balances but generally speaking the party in the majority has the power to effect these changes.

Gerrymandering is typically a factor in creating the new districts, and sometimes the word has not enjoyed a good connotation.

As to checks and balances, these vary from state to state. In addition, any redistricting must pass constitutional muster under the equal protection clause and the federal Voting Rights Act.

An example of when this didn’t happen was seen this past Monday when the United States Supreme Court ruled that Republican drawn house districts in North Carolina were improper as too many African American voters were placed in two election districts thus minimizing the influence of African Americans in other districts.

In next week’s column, I’ll describe different types of gerrymandering and talk about the Whitlow case.

## GAS LEAK

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The leak, which was confirmed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in 2014, has since been stopped, but the gasoline in the ground and the fumes entering buildings continue to be problems.

Following citizens’ comments, Councilor David Franz asked City Attorney Mike Gildner “Where can we say enough is enough? What’s our legal situation to shut that business down?”

Gildner said they have two options. One is filing a lawsuit against Beacon and Bridge. He said that would be very expensive.

“The other option to shut them down, so to speak, the only option I’m aware of is to declare it a public nuisance, which is in essence, the same thing as a civil lawsuit.

We would have to have all of the environmental tests at our disposal. We’d have to have experts lined up.”

He said they have options but they might not be cost effective.

Recently, the DEQ sent two letters to the council, one in early May and one on May 22. Gildner said they conflict with each other, and they need to get a handle on where the DEQ stands right now.

“Until we really know that, it’s going to be...very difficult for the city to evaluate what you (the council) want to do moving forward,” Gildner said.

Kevin Begola, owner of Bridge Street Exchange on North Bridge Street where gas fumes were detected three years ago, said the leak has affected his business and personal health. He is currently in litigation with Beacon and Bridge.

He said the DEQ measured the amount of fumes in the air in his building, and found high levels of benzene, which is a known carcinogen. He might have to face the reality that he bought a building that was worthless, he said.

Begola also spoke to the Department of Health and Human Services.

“If it couldn’t be controlled, we would have limited access to the building and the possibility of closing down the building due to public risk,” he said. This is the second time this has happened.

He wants to pressure the council to take action.

“I cannot fight this by myself and need more help along the way. Three years have already passed without a single item being done to review the information by the gas station,” he said. “We cannot be

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Kevin Begola  
Bridge Street  
Exchange owner

reactive in all of our problems and let things get to a breaking point.”

Jack Furry, owner of the Linden Hotel, said he reached out to experts to help him understand the DEQ reports.

“In their opinion...it looks like the work that was done from 2014 to 2017 didn’t really matter much because it wasn’t done right. They tested wrong areas, the wells are not deep enough. They also, according to the

DEQ, have an obligation to contact the property owners that are affected and they haven’t done that. As far as I can tell, B and B has other problems in other locations,” he said.

B and B have a few violations against them, Furry said, and “they’re not a very worthy company.”

Linden resident Terry Wright said “After reading the DEQ letters and finding out that they’ve been investigating the pollution

problem for the last three years, it seems like nothing has really happened much.” Wright said the DEQ is finally addressing the problem because of the Union Block property.

The gasoline in the ground could have reached the Shiawassee River.

“Continued monitoring and sampling is planned to confirm the results and to evaluate the potential discharge to the Shiawassee River. Additionally, Brian Zuber, DEQ, Water Resources Division staff, is further evaluating the results and any potential impact to the river,” said David Labrecque from the MDEQ.

Zuber said they are still investigating.

## Police&Fire report

### JEWELRY STOLEN FROM HOME ON BEDINGTON DRIVE

On May 10, Genesee County Sheriff deputies responded to a larceny complaint from the 16000 block of Bedington Drive in Fenton Township. A 37-year-old Fenton Township woman reported jewelry stolen from inside her house during the time contractors were in her home doing an inspection and maintenance. This incident is currently under investigation by the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office.

### FRAUD COMPLAINT

On Friday, May 12, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office responded to a fraud complaint from the 4000 block of Owen Road in Fenton Township. A business owner reported a person known to her posted fraudulent advertisements on Facebook regarding sales and discounts at her business.

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# Get the 'buck' out of here

■ Keep those pesky deer out of your yard and garden this year

Compiled By Vera Hogan

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It's that time of year again, when the deer are eyeballing your yard and garden for their summertime buffet location.

Here are some tips to keep them away from your flowers, bulbs and veggies:

## Don't over-stock your garden with tasty plants

Springtime finds deer at one of their hungriest states. Does are nursing their fawns, and eager to gain back weight lost during the winter's freeze, every deer is looking to gorge on high-protein, moisture-rich plants. Think twice about growing large amounts of English ivy, lettuces, beans, peas, hostas, impatiens, and pansies. Fruit trees are prime targets, too.

## Plant pungent perennials as a natural barrier

The best line of defense lies in making your backyard less appetizing than your neighbors. Deer rely heavily on their sense of smell for feeding, so adding patches of strongly scented herbs — from garlic and chives, to mint and lavender can mask the appealing aroma of nearby annuals.

## Plant thorny, hairy, or prickly foliage

With deer, the sense of smell trumps touch. But that doesn't mean deer aren't



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bothered by certain textures mid-meal. Try incorporating fuzzy lamb's ear, barberries, and cleome near the plants that need protecting and where deer might find entrance into the garden.

## Out of sight, out of mind

Plant large, sprawling deer repellent varieties such as thick hedges of boxwoods or short needle spruces around the borders of your garden. If deer can't

see what's inside, they're less likely to take that leap of faith onto your property.

## Create levels

Deer aren't very good climbers so adding terraces or sunken beds can discourage them from coming into the yard. If your property is particularly woody and sprawling, consider stacking pallets around your property, which deer are afraid to walk or jump on.

## Don't underestimate the power of scare tactics

Deer are afraid of new, unfamiliar objects. Though they aren't always attractive, scarecrows, sundials, and other garden ornaments, especially those with movable parts, make deer skittish. Use them in combination with wind chimes or bright lights for added effect.

## Use a lot of homespun repellents to keep deer guessing

Some gardeners swear by hanging fabric softener strips and/or wrapped bars of soap such as Irish Spring from trees, both of which can confuse a deer's sense of smell. Others point to using hot pepper sprays, garlic and rotten egg mixtures, ammonia-soaked rags, and bags of hair and/or blood meal around the garden for the same reason.

## Predator urine

Predator urine, like coyote urine, is one of the best ways to frighten away un-

wanted deer and other small critters. The scent of an active predator in the area is a deterrent to most animals of prey. Coyote urine has long been used by gardeners, hunters and trappers alike.

## Avoid products that may be poisonous to people and pets

Whether you choose commercial repellents or homemade formulas, you wouldn't want to accidentally harm your family or other wildlife. Always choose humane formulas — never poisons.

## String fishing line around prized plants

Relatively cheap and easy when compared to putting up a fence, string a line of monofilament around your beds within the deer feeding zone, ideally 2 to 3 feet above ground. Just as deer can't comprehend the concept of glass, this clear, taut barrier also confuses deer, ultimately causing them to flee.

## Let the dog out as much as possible

Having a dog as a pet is extremely effective in deer management. No matter their size, their scent and bark are natural deer repellents so make sure the dog tags along while you're gardening or the kids are playing in the yard.

## Strategically place motion-activated sprinklers

Sprinklers with sensors will spray mist on passing deer. The sudden sound and moisture sends deer back off into the woods.

## Shine a light on it

Deer don't like bright lights so they'll often wait until nightfall to chow down. Installing a system of motion-sensitive floodlights will literally stop a deer in its tracks, though they do come to realize, over time, that the beam is harmless.

## Make a lot of noise

Deer don't like loud bangs or booms. You could set off firecrackers or create a tin can wind chime, but tuning a radio to the static in between stations might be your best bet.

## In conclusion

Deer are like people. The same thing that deters one deer won't always deter another, but doubling or tripling up on these strategies can only help. Putting a few of these tips into practice, before deer become a problem, is the best way to prevent damage to your vegetation.

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## Bridge Street in Linden to be repaved

■ The project, estimated to cost approximately \$1 million, is largely federally funded

By Hannah Ball

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**Linden**—The Linden City Council is planning to pave part of Bridge Street, from the Shawassee River heading south to city limits, near Simply Self Storage.

“We’re developing the timeline for that. When we do, we’ll start to have public information meetings about when the road’s going to be done, when the work schedule will start,” said City Manager Paul Zelenak.

This project also includes minor utility work on upgrading storm sewers

and the water main.

“We’re looking at starting in 2018,” he said.

Zelenak said designs are being created and that the project will go out for bid. The city will award the bid next spring and then they’ll start next summer on construction. It should be done next summer.

He estimates the cost will be approximately \$1 million to pave roughly one mile of road. According to meeting minutes from Dec. 12, 2016, the project is 90 percent federally funded.

Due to federal guidelines, the city must bid out the design engineering and construction engineering.

Public information meetings will take place this year and next year before construction starts.

“We’re looking at starting in 2018.”

**Paul Zelenak**  
Linden city manager

## LOTTO

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“Most are just stunned,” said Jeff Holyfield, director of public relations for the Michigan Lottery. “They’re coming in to collect an amount of money that’s going to change their life.” He said it’s interesting to work with these people.

As of this printing, there is a \$4.4 million lottery ticket, sold at the Smitty’s Exit 80 Sunoco in Fenton, which is so far unclaimed.

In 2016, \$889 million was contributed by the Michigan Lottery to the School Aid Fund, the highest in the past 10 years, and \$103 million more than 2015.

Both 2016 and 2015 were record-setting years for the Michigan lottery. Since its inception in 1972, \$20.5 billion has been contributed to the State School Fund.

Depending on the game, retailers will get a commission or bonus on the sale. In this case, Smitty’s Exit 80 will receive \$5,000 if the ticket is claimed.

There are different rules for claiming lotto winnings, and different rules on who has to make their name public after they claim their prize.

Drawing games, like the Classic 47, expire at 4:45 p.m. one year after the ticket was purchased. This player has until May 17, 2018 at 4:45 p.m. to claim a fortune.

Scratch-off games have different expiration dates, which are printed on the back of the card.

“Most players, we see them very quickly when they win that sort of money,” said Holyfield.

Unclaimed winnings go directly to the School Aid Fund, such as the \$105,000 prize from a ticket sold in Saginaw last year.

On average, unclaimed winnings hover near \$30 million each year. Approximately \$28.5 million went unclaimed in 2016.

Holyfield said that 98 percent of prizes are claimed, making it a small percentage of the contribution to the School Aid Fund. According to Michigan Lottery, \$39,559,481 in prizes were claimed last week.

What happens when you win?

When the \$4.4 million ticket is finally claimed, the winner will be allowed to remain anonymous due to state law.

“Most are just stunned. They’re coming in to collect an amount of money that’s going to change their life.”

**Jeff Holyfield**  
Michigan Lotto director  
of public relations



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Winning scratch-off lottery tickets expire at different times than lotto drawing games. The jackpots from unclaimed winnings are contributed to the State School Aid Fund.

According to Holyfield, Michigan is one of six states that allow winners of more than \$10,000 to remain anonymous about their winnings.

In his experience, some players really want to share their story, while others are extremely private. “It really is up to the players,” he said. Most recently, a Macomb County man claimed a \$149,855 Club Keno prize, and agreed to a press conference.

However, winners of multi-state games, like the Powerball Jackpot, and Mega Millions are required to make their name public as a condition of getting the money.

Prizes are claimed in different ways, depending on the amount of the winnings.

For prizes of \$600 or less, the funds are placed directly into the player’s lottery account.

For winners of more than \$600 and up to and including \$50,000, claims must begin online. A state ID and Social Security number are required. Once the claim has been approved, the funds are deposited directly into the player’s account.

Winners of more than \$50,000 have to file a claim online, and also go to the Lottery headquarters in Lansing.

For any winner of more than \$1,000, the lottery checks with the state treasury department to make sure the winner is current on taxes, child support and vehicle fees. If not, the winner will be losing more than just the federal 25-percent tax, and 4-percent state tax. On rare cases, they lose all of their winnings.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**ANYONE WHO GRADUATED** from the University of California Berkeley or Notre Dame should be really proud as any ‘Freedom of Speech’ lessons didn’t take.

**CONCERNING THE HOT** line about ‘a few scientific facts, or maybe Trump facts,’ maybe you could enlighten us all as to what exactly it is that you are talking about?

**BUSTED! PRESIDENT RECORDED** promising special consideration to Russia before his election. Obama promised, ‘After my election, I’ll have more flexibility’ to remove missile defense systems from Poland (March 26, 2012).

**TO THE HOT-LINER** comparing violent crimes by illegal immigrants to American crime — get a clue. Unlike crimes committed by Americans, 100 percent of violent crimes committed by illegal immigrants are preventable by simply enforcing immigration laws. Unfortunately, progressive ideology favors illegal immigrants ahead of American lives.

**I WANT TO** congratulate Coach Davis on the head coach position of Linden softball.

**IF YOU HAVE** ever been betrayed, bullied or sabotaged you should understand how our president must feel. He needs our help. The Democrats are blocking every effort.

**WHATEVER HAPPENED TO** that kid from the road warrior?

**AS AN AMERICAN** citizen, do you want our elected leaders to be loyal to their political party or to the American

people, to protect and enhance our lives? I cannot understand why today’s politicians choose to follow party lines even if their actions defy common sense.

**TO GRADUATION SOLICITOR** near Fenton House. You rudely asked for spare change; we politely ignored your request. You loudly thanked us for ignoring you. You’re welcome for the cash donated earlier, for ignoring your ignorance, and for the education I provide your child so they are not rude like you.

**TO THE HOT-LINER** thanking the man for paying the entrance fees for the Relay for Life. The company he works for, Berkshire Hathaway, was who paid the fees. So thank you to them for their generosity.

**STOP WHINING ABOUT** Obama. Republicans have the House, Senate and White House. It’s not Obama’s fault that no legislation of consequence has been passed and it’s not his fault that Trump admitted on national TV that he’s guilty of obstruction of justice. Who’s at fault? Look in the mirror.

**CROOKED HILLARY HAD** a private email server that the Russians hacked. Treasonous Trump gives them classified intelligence in person in the Oval Office. Lock him up.

**A 75-MILE-per-hour** speed limit? No thanks. I’ll continue driving 65 at the maximum. I get better gas mileage, a split second better reaction time to avoid potholes, and drive more relaxed.

**THE NEXT FOOL** who gets lost on my private dirt road, sliding brakes and spinning tires, gets a big surprise. Hint: it’ll cost you as much as it costs me to fill and grade it every week. Learn how to operate a machine.

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Holly's Katie Dewey makes a tag of a runner in a past Bronchos' game. Holly swept Brandon on Monday, meaning the Bronchos will be playing for a shot at the Metro League title against Clio on Thursday.

## Bronchos in middle of title hunt after sweep vs. Brandon

**By David Troppens**  
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The Holly varsity softball team has not won a Flint Metro League softball title since 1977.

In that season, the Bronchos tied Fenton for the league crown.

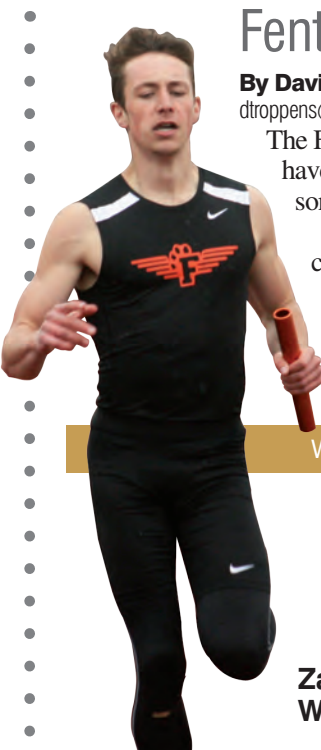
The Bronchos have a legitimate shot at capturing one on Thursday.

When Holly hosts Clio in a rescheduled doubleheader on Thursday, the Bronchos will have control of their own destiny toward capturing a Metro League championship.

Holly (14-15-1 overall) assured that on Monday by sweeping two pivotal games against the Brandon Blackhawks. Holly won the opener 5-1 and followed that contest with a 9-4 victory in the nightcap.

The sweep puts Holly at 9-3 in the Metro League race, tied with Clio. Clio swept its twinbill with Kearsley on Monday night, assuring the Lady Mustangs (9-3) have control of their own destiny for a league crown as well. Kearsley finished its Metro season at 10-4, waiting to see if the Hornets will share a piece of the crown with Holly and Clio or not.

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**Zach West**

## Fenton track teams qualify 14 entries into D1 state meet

**By David Troppens**  
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The Fenton varsity track programs have had outstanding regular seasons.

And now, some of that success is sneaking into the post-season.

The Tigers qualified individual athletes or relay teams for the D1 state meet

14 times at the Division 1 Milford regional on Friday. This means the two teams are going to be mighty busy at the D1 state meet being held at East Kentwood High School on June 3.

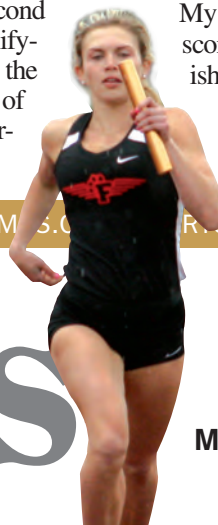
The Fenton boys placed second as a team with seven state-qualifying performances. Meanwhile, the girls placed third with seven of their own state-advancing performances.

"It was an exciting day for us," Fenton varsity boys track and field coach Anthony McMillan said. "Friday was a great example of how far we have come as a program. My first year in 2013 we scored five points and finished 16th at the regional."

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# Sports



**Madaline Hall**

## Tigers capture Metro League championship

Fenton on top of conference standings for the first time since 2005

**By David Troppens**  
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**Linden** — The Fenton Tigers knew this season could be special.

The squad looked at its members and saw some talent. But they saw more than that. They saw a group of individuals who wanted to work together as a team and in the process possibly bring Fenton varsity baseball back to the top of the Metro League mountain.

With two Metro League games remaining on their schedule, the Tigers have accomplished their goal.

The Tigers swept defending Metro League champions Linden at Linden's own field on Monday, earning Fenton's its first league outright title since 2000. The last time Fenton earned at least a share of a Metro League championship was in 2005, sharing it with Lapeer West. Fenton also shared it with Lapeer West in 2001, a season after the Tigers earned the outright championship in 2000. Fenton won the opener 1-0 and the nightcap 5-3.

The Tigers were as thrilled about beating their longtime rivals as much as they were earning the Metro League title on Monday. Immediately after the doubleheader, the Tigers still didn't know if they had more than a co-championship for certain. When Flushing split with Swartz Creek on Monday, that meant both teams had four losses, which means no matter what happens during Thursday's rescheduled twinbill with Brandon, the Tigers will be outright champions.

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DAVID TROPPENS  
(Left) Fenton's Troy Smigielski continued his outstanding season on the mound on Monday, earning the victory in the first game and the save in the second game against Linden. (Above) Fenton's Brock Henson tries to get to third under Linden's Jack Shore at third base.

## LF softball caps perfect GAC Red season, sweeps Corunna

**By David Troppens**  
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The Lake Fenton varsity softball team has been the Genesee Area Conference Red Division's power squad for quite a few years now.

And on Monday the Blue Devils proved they are still the leaders. Lake Fenton locked up the GAC Red Division title with a perfect 10-0 mark by sweeping Corunna 7-6 and 12-7 on Monday.

"I am extremely pleased with the results of our conference play this season," Lake Fenton varsity softball coach Amos Rinks said. "Ten-and-0 is the best

we have performed in conference play in a long time. We have a young team and though our goals have been made and met to win conference, as a coach in the back of your mind you wonder how a team so young might perform under pressure. They have made me proud."

Lake Fenton (10-0, 21-7) had to score three runs in the bottom of the sixth make a 6-4 deficit a 7-6 win. The rally started with a Alexis McMichael single and a Taylor Godlewski double. Kalani Lau followed with an RBI-single and an out later Olivia Tanner walked. After a second out, Haley McLellan responded with the go-ahead two-run

double.

"These young ladies have had their backs against the wall several times this year late in the game," Rinks said.

"Most every time we were in that situation the girls pulled through in the bottom of the seventh or in extra innings. Needless to say it has been exciting to watch but taxing on my hair follicles.

"Our defense this year has produced several double plays and our offense has produced several home runs but we have made many mistakes that typically occur more often with young teams. We are not perfect but we strive to get better every time we go to the field. That is all I can ask for from these girls. I have been very proud of them."

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**Lake Fenton's Erin Ezell**

## Eagles headed to Flint title game for fifth straight year

**By David Troppens**  
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Maybe the Greater Flint Baseball Tournament should change its name to the Linden Invitational.

It would be an adequate name considering this will be the fifth straight season the Linden Eagles are in the Division 1 championship game.

Linden earned that spot by defeating Grand Blanc 5-3 in a Friday semifinal, earning a chance for the team's fifth straight city tournament title.

"It means a lot to us," Linden varsity baseball coach Steve Buerkel said.

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# Fenton golfers win meet, league crown

By David Troppens

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It was a pretty good first season for Kurt Herbstreit as Fenton's varsity boys golf coach.

The squad completed a pretty dominant season in Metro League play, capturing its first league title since 2013 by winning the postseason tournament held at Fenton Farms on Monday.

Herbstreit also coached the Fenton girls to a league title in the fall.

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The Fenton varsity boys golf team celebrate capturing a Metro League title after winning the Metro's postseason tournament on Monday.



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Linden's Alia Frederick (right) and Taylor Acox (left) competed in the regional's 100-meter hurdle final. Frederick took second, breaking the Linden school record with a time of 15.54 seconds.

## Linden, Lake Fenton track performers qualify for state meet at regionals

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton's varsity boys track team qualified performers in five events for the Division 2 state track meet at the Williamston Regional.

Linden's program competed at the same regional and had three Lady Eagles' state-qualifying performances as well.

The Blue Devils finished fourth overall with 70 points while the Linden boys placed 10th. The Linden girls placed fifth while the Lake Fenton girls didn't score any team points.

Lake Fenton's Thomas Mueller and Linden's Alia Frederick were the area's top performers.

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Lake Fenton's Isaac Golson (front) and Remington Clements (back) run in a past race. The pair are two of the runners helping lead the 3,200 relay to a regional title.

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### Fenton softball sweeps Linden

**Linden** — The Fenton varsity softball team has had its difficulties in the Metro League this spring.

However, the Tiger's Metro season got quite a bit better on Monday.

Fenton swept the Linden Eagles 10-6 and 16-7 at Linden High School.

In the opener, Lin-



den led by as many as 6-2, but the Tigers scored at least a run each of the final four innings, earning the 10-6 win.

### Fenton soccer edges Linden, 2-1

**Linden** — No varsity soccer team approaches a game quite like the Fenton Tigers' varsity programs do.

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ing chances, eventually frustrating the Tigers' foes. Before you know it, the Tigers are leaving with a victory.

## PREP REPORT

### GIRLS LACROSSE

► **Lake Orion 20, Fenton/Linden 5:** The Fenton/Linden co-op squad was within 7-3 at halftime but were outscored 13-2 in the second half, resulting in the Division 1 playoff loss. The team's final record was 10-6, earning a second straight Metro League championship in the process.

### TRACK & FIELD

► **Holly at Lake Orion regional:** The Bronchos had two state qualifiers at the regional. Ryan Beltz took second in the long jump (21-4 3/4) earning one of them. Jackson Monty earned the other with a second in the pole vault (12-6).

The Holly girls didn't have anyone qualify for the state meet. Isabelle Brown (9-9) placed fourth in the pole vault while Sara Johnston also placed fourth in the shot put (33-6 1/4).

### BASEBALL

► **Lake Fenton 7-2, Corunna 6-1:** The Blue Devils (10-13) won the second game with Hunter Schramm leading the way with a six-hitter. He struck out five and walked one batter. Lake Fenton scored two runs in the third inning to earn the victory. One run scored on Bryson Nugent's bases loaded walk and another on Luke Tomczyk's RBI-ground out.

In the opening game, Lake Fenton tied the game at 6-all in the seventh and won it with a run in the ninth. Jack Babbitt singled in the run in the seventh. Andy Lyons provided the game-winning hit with one out in the ninth.

Babbitt, Nugent, Lyons, Christopher Stephens and Schramm had two hits each.

► **Linden at Clarkston Tournament:** The Eagles beat Cranbrook Kingswood 2-1 but lost to Clarkston 3-2 and to Lakeview 7-1. In the win against Cranbrook Kingswood, Brendan Buerkel's

RBI-single in the eighth broke a 1-1 tie, earning the Eagles the 2-1 win. John Miller went the distance on the mound, tossing eight innings of one-run ball. The run was unearned. He struck out seven and walked one.

Clarkston scored all three runs in the bottom of the sixth to earn the win. Aaron Sarkon tossed a five-hitter while striking out five, but took the hard-luck loss. Parker Mabe had two hits.

In the loss to Lakeview, Aaron Sarkon and Dustin White had two hits each.

► **Davison 8-4, Fenton 7-3:** The Tigers (18-6) lost both games of a doubleheader to Davison. In the 8-7 loss, Logan Benson led Fenton's offense with three hits. David Pietryga had two hits and two RBI while Nolan Lawrence had two hits.

In the 4-3 loss, Davison scored two runs in the bottom of the fourth to earn the win. Blake Garrison doubled to lead Fenton.

### SOFTBALL

► **Fenton 5-1, Oxford 4-8:** The Tigers' Natalie Thomas had a double, a triple and drove in three runs in the 5-4 victory. Logan Carter had an RBI-double. Chloe Billings was the winning pitcher.

In the 8-1 loss, Sara Eisenbeis had three hits with one being a double.

► **Holly at Michigan Challenge:** The Bronchos (12-15-1) lost to Carleton Airport 12-0 and Marysville 17-4, but did tie Troy Athens 4-4.

Madisen Beesley and Lilly Raymer had hits against Athens. Marissa Beck had a home run to go along with her two hits. She also had three RBI. Beesley had two hits.

In the loss to Carleton Airport Aubrey Jenkinson had a single.

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## LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

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### Senate Bill 337: Criminalize female genital mutilation of minors

To make it a crime subject to 15 years in prison to perform a clitoridectomy, infibulation, or other female genital mutilation on person less than age 18. Claims that the procedure is required by custom or ritual would be explicitly excluded as a defense to prosecution.

#### Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES  
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES  
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ YES  
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

### Senate Bill 98: Authorize Flint "promise zone" tax increment financing authority

To expand from 10 to 11 the number of "promise zone" tax increment financing authorities located in low income and "low educational attainment" areas, with the new one in Flint. These entities "capture" a portion of increases in school property tax revenue and use the money to partially subsidize college tuition for local students.

#### Passed 35 to 2 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES  
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES

Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ YES  
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

### Senate Bill 103: Revise school truancy and chronic absence rules

To prohibit a public school from suspending or expelling a child solely for truancy or chronic absence. Senate Bill 104 would require school officials to attempt to meet with a parent, and authorize legal action if other steps don't work.

#### Passed 28 to 9 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES  
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES  
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ NO  
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

### House Bill 4065: Let Corrections Department hire former prisoners

To repeal a prohibition on the Department of Corrections hiring former convicts. Individual hires would require permission from the department director.

#### Passed 104 to 3 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES  
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

### House Bill 4205: Limit state department rulemaking authority

To prohibit a state department from promulgating rules more stringent than required by federal standards, unless specifically required by state statute, or if the department director determines "the preponderance of the evidence" shows a need to do so. Republican Gov. Rick Snyder has vetoed a previous version of this proposal.

#### Passed 57 to 50 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES  
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

## TRAFFIC

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and Mobil gas stations off the I-75 exit in Holly, according to Gasbuddy.com.

Thanks, in part, to lower gas prices, a record number of travelers are expected to be on the road this holiday. More than 1.2 million people in Michigan will travel 50 miles or more from home this holiday — a 2.5-percent increase over the 1.1 million who traveled in 2016.

That means lots of traffic during the busy drive times of this holiday weekend, which extends from May 26-29.

Last year, there were five fatal traffic crashes, resulting in six deaths, during Memorial Day weekend, according to the Michigan State Police.

MSP troopers will be on patrol as part of Operation C.A.R.E. (Crash Awareness and Reduction Efforts) and the statewide "Click It or Ticket" safety belt mobilization throughout the holiday weekend. Michigan had the top seat belt use rate in the nation at 98 percent in 2009. In 2016, Michigan's seat belt use rate was 94.5 percent.

While May is a busy season for road construction throughout the state, the Michigan Department of Transportation

(MDOT) will lift traffic restrictions on a majority of projects statewide, beginning Friday, May 26 at 3 p.m. until Tuesday, May 30 at 6 a.m.

There will still be an active work zone, but no workers, at the I-75/675 junction, between exits 154 and 160 in Saginaw County.

"On Friday and Saturday, three lanes will open up northbound and on Saturday evening, the wall will be adjusted to open three lanes southbound (two lanes northbound) to accommodate holiday traffic flow," said Jocelyn Hall, communications representative for the Bay Region of MDOT.

"Traffic has already been heavy on weekends," she added. "Northbound gets really heavy on Fridays and southbound on Sundays. We're already seeing it."

For a complete list of all construction zones and road closures, visit Michigan.gov/MDOT or use the free MIDrive app, available for smartphones.

## Traffic has already been heavy on weekends.

Jocelyn Hall  
Michigan Department  
of Transportation

## SUMMARY

■ More than 1.2 million people in Michigan will travel 50 miles or more from home this Memorial Day weekend, making it a very busy holiday weekend for drivers heading north.

## TRIAL

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appointment because Warren reportedly hadn't eaten all day.

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

Warren issued this statement through his attorney:

"Michigan State Police Trooper Chad Wolf tragically passed away on Aug. 28, 2015. Our thoughts and prayers have been with Chad Wolf, his family and friends every day since this tragedy.

"My family and I appreciate all of those who have reached out to Chad Wolf's family and to my family ..." Warren, a real estate professional and antique book collector, has no criminal record.

According to records from Michigan Secretary of State's Office, he had at least 12 driving citations from 2007 to 2014, and his license was suspended from September 2008 to March 2010 with the stipulation that he could drive to work.

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

## VIRUSES

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a major pain, but you need to back up your files before it happens," he said.

Here are four ways to avoid viruses:

1. Moses said email attachments are the most common method hackers use to infect someone's computer.

"Don't open attachments from people you know or don't know," he said, noting that people need to be worried even if a friend or coworker sent something unusual. "Avoid email attachments."

Once someone opens an attachment with a virus, it's too late.

2. The type of computer you use plays a huge role.

"If all you need to do is web browsing online, maybe do not get a Windows computer, but get a Chromebook. If you can afford it, a Mac," he said.

Windows is a big target because it comes with many different programs, and is overwhelmingly used in work environments.

"If you're going to spend time writing malicious software, you're going to make sure it hits more," he said. "A Chromebook is really good to help limit exposure."

Using a Mac doesn't guarantee you can't be hacked, but it's not as big of a

target as Windows software. Moses also recommended only using a tablet or an iPad if you're only sending emails and browsing the web.

If you don't need a computer and can use someone else's when needed, you can avoid viruses simply by not owning a computer.

3. Moses said to make sure your anti-virus software is updated.

"There are few of them, but I don't have one that I use over the other ones," he said.

Bitdefender received the top gold award from toptenreviews.com in their annual Top 10 Antivirus Software review. The website looked at different programs' protection abilities, performance, and usability. Bitdefender costs \$38.99.

Kaspersky Lab came in second, and Norton Security came in third. Both cost \$39.99. Avira, a cheaper option at \$29.95, came in fourth.

4. Moses warned against scams and viruses that can start over the phone. People have been scammed when they receive phone calls from someone, claiming to be from Microsoft or the IRS. The person will say they owe an amount of money.

"Microsoft will not call you at all," he said. "If they call you, they are not really Microsoft. The IRS doesn't call you."



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HOROSCOPES

Horoscopes for the week of May 22, 2017

**ARIES**  
Mar 21/Apr 20  
Aries, as long as you keep trying your best, you will come out on top. Now you just have to have a little more confidence in yourself. Choose a motivational song as your anthem.

**TAURUS**  
Apr 21/May 21  
Try something new, Taurus. What is the worst that can happen? If you find you do not like the activity, then check it off your list and embrace a new opportunity.

**GEMINI**  
May 22/Jun 21  
Gemini, think about reconnecting with an old flame. Even if the connection is purely platonic, the stroll down Memory Lane might be good for you.

**CANCER**  
Jun 22/Jul 22  
Cancer, this week may be a turning point for you in your life. Although you feel ready for the changes that are in store, you may have to adapt a bit more once they're here.

**LEO**  
Jul 23/Aug 23  
Leo, even if you stumble, you will have an opportunity to regain your footing. Do not shy away from taking a few chances here and there. You can handle what's in store.

**VIRGO**  
Aug 24/Sept 22  
This may be one of those weeks when nothing seems to bother you, Virgo. The bad stuff just rolls off your back, and everything seems to keep you smiling.

**LIBRA**  
Sept 23/Oct 23  
Libra, weigh all of your options before making a major commitment. Once you move forward, you may not have much room to turn things around.

**SCORPIO**  
Oct 24/Nov 22  
Scorpio, someone is trying to tell you something but you may not be receiving the message just yet. Settle in and the message may dawn on you at a later time.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov 23/Dec 21  
Talk about big plans with someone close to you, Sagittarius. This person might have some wise words to share, or may just be the sounding board you need right now.

**CAPRICORN**  
Dec 22/Jan 20  
Mistakes are a key to learning, Capricorn. Don't let minor hiccups derail you from the larger plan. Otherwise, your momentum may get seriously stalled.

**AQUARIUS**  
Jan 21/Feb 18  
Confidence is the key to just about anything, Aquarius. This week you have it in abundance. At this point, you can probably sell ice to eskimos, so put your luck to good use.

**PISCES**  
Feb 19/Mar 20  
A career move may be imminent and it could be worrying you, Pisces. After the first few days, things will be smooth sailing.

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  - 1. Baby's first words
  - 5. Expression of creative skill
  - 8. Reddish-brown coating
  - 12. Spanish province
  - 14. Stinging insect
  - 15. Greek temple pillars
  - 16. Refurbish
  - 18. Cave-dwelling amphibian
  - 19. Millisecond
  - 20. Removes something
  - 21. Trendy
  - 22. The Buckeye State
  - 23. "Taken" actor
  - 26. Of the skull
  - 30. Made a mistake
  - 31. Malignant tumor
  - 32. Not night
  - 33. German heavyweight boxer
  - 34. Indicates weight
  - 39. Businessman
  - 42. Charged negatively
  - 44. Indian instrument
  - 46. Helps you know where you're going
  - 47. Written works
  - 49. Kate and Rooney's last name
- CLUES DOWN

  - 1. Challenge
  - 2. Assert
  - 3. A female operatic star
  - 4. Expression of sorrow or pity
  - 5. Resistance unit
  - 6. Attached a new backing canvas
  - 7. Method painting
  - 8. Branched
  - 9. Barefooted
  - 10. Beer mug
  - 11. Beloved Mexican dish
  - 13. Make better
- CLUES ACROSS

  - 17. One-time king of Troy
  - 24. Pie \_\_ mode
  - 25. St. Anthony's fire
  - 26. Reciprocal of a sine
  - 27. \_\_-rah skirt
  - 28. Notre Dame coach
  - 29. Computer hardware company
  - 35. Policeman
  - 36. Black tropical American cuckoo
  - 37. Popular basketball player Jeremy
  - 38. Electrocardiogram
  - 40. Cheese dish
  - 41. Prickly shrub
  - 42. Atomic mass unit
  - 43. Nostrils
  - 44. Enchantresses
  - 45. Emphatic typeface
  - 47. One of the Florida Keys
  - 48. Soft, fine material
  - 49. Moutainous tract in Jordan
  - 52. Breezes through
  - 53. Professional assn. for tech pros
  - 54. Class of comb jellies
  - 55. Formerly (archaic)

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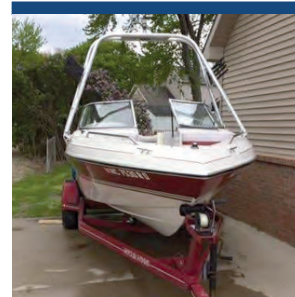
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Approved: 2017 Dust Control Program.  
Approved: Road Gravel Program Cost Participation Agreement.  
Approved: CDBG Cooperation Agreement Proposed Resolution 2017 - 08.  
Approved: Mental Health Month - Proposed Resolution 2017-09.  
Approved: 2016-2017 Budget Amendments - Proposed Resolution 2017-10.  
Approved: Policies and Procedures Amendments - Proposed Resolution 2017-11.  
Approved: Proposed Code of Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 32 Zoning, Article IV Supplementary Regulations, Section 32-164 Medical Marijuana.  
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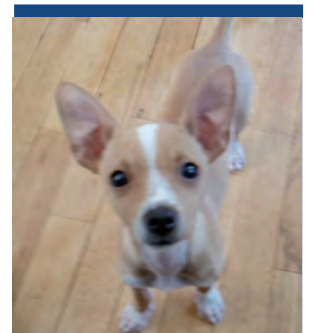
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## James P. Ham 1945-2017

James P. Ham - age 71, of Holly, died Sunday, May 21, 2017. Visitation was held 6-9 PM Tuesday, May 23, 2017 and will be held 6-9 PM Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Military honors and inurnment will be at 9:30 AM Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. He was born in Flint on October 16, 1945 to Olen and Flora (Harris) Ham. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the US Army and was retired from GM after 35 years of service. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Jim was a 30 year member and past-president of the Flint Bowling Association, a member and past-president of the Michigan State Bowling Association, a member of the Flint Bowling Hall of Fame, and a member of Amel-Schwartz Post #149 American Legion of Holly. He was an avid bowler and golfer, and he also enjoyed traveling and cars. Surviving are his wife, Dianne; four sons, Leon, James Jr., Daniel, and Jon (Sara); five grandchildren, Chase, Angeleena, Bennet, Vivien, and Violette; sister, Barbara Montrull; and two brothers, Richard and Edward Ham. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother-in-law Victor Montrull. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice.  
[www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

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