

Table for three?

■ Restaurants would be able to set limits on dogs in outdoor dining areas

By Hannah Ball
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Michigan is one step closer to allowing dogs on outdoor restaurant patios after the Senate passed Senate Bill 122.

Under this bill, restaurants could choose whether to allow dogs in outdoor

seating areas. Fenton and surrounding areas have multiple businesses with outdoor seating.

In a previous Times article, Mark Hamel, co-owner of The Laundry, CRUST, and El Topo, said this is a topic they've struggled with for years. He said thousands of people love their dogs and would bring them to restaurants, but there are people who prefer not to have them there when dining.

See **DOGS** on 19A



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Restaurants in Michigan are one step closer to being able to permit outdoor dining guests accompanied by their dog. Legislation is pending.



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16-year-old dog euthanized within three hours at shelter

■ GCAC director Paul Wallace declines to comment

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The story of the 16-year-old dog named Capone being euthanized at Genesee County Animal Control is making its rounds on the internet.

Todd MacDonell, a Linden resident, found him around noon on Tuesday, wandering around the streets by Sagebrush Cantina. "He was walking across the street. He had on an orange harness and obviously he was owned," he said. "I didn't know how long he had been roaming around. He was whining on the way

See **EUTHANIZED** on 15A



SUMMARY

■ This stray dog was brought into the Genesee County Animal Control Tuesday afternoon. The dog's owner is upset that he was euthanized within three hours.



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Veronica Pearson of Fenton and her son, Zack, 8, check out the Mary Alice (Boettcher) Durant display at the A.J. Phillips Fenton Museum during a State Road Elementary field trip on Thursday, June 8. Zack was excited because Durant and her husband, Ray, founded Uncle Ray's Dairyland in Fenton, a business he is very familiar with. See more photos on page 11A.

Driver in crash that killed five people released from hospital

■ State police to presenting report to prosecutor to determine possible charges

By Sharon Stone
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The two remaining Fenton men, Matthew Carrier, 22, and Kyle Lixie, 23, involved in a fatal two-car crash at 10:40 p.m. on May 9 in Livingston County where five people died have been

See **CRASH** on 11A

County commissioner denies allegations

■ Unidentified complainant claims Shapiro yelled racial slurs toward him over Memorial Day weekend

By Sharon Stone • sstone@tctimes.com

A Flint newspaper and Flint TV news station are reporting that a police complaint has been filed against County Commissioner

See **SHAPIRO** on 8A



Drew Shapiro

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OF THE WEEK

“I have decoded the Donald's latest cryptic tweet using my Little Orphan Annie decoder ring. It said drink more Ovaltine, make America great again.”



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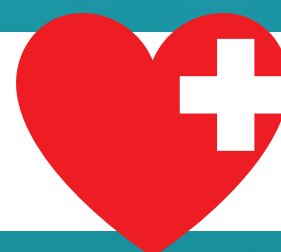
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SUMMARY

■ A new program that aims to help addicts is spreading across Michigan.

New program aims to help drug addicts, not jail them

By Hannah Ball

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“Hope Not Handcuffs” is the new motto at a few area police stations when it comes to handling people who are addicted to narcotics.

Argentine Township and the village of Holly police departments have officially joined the program, and if an addict goes to those departments seeking help, they will immediately be put into treatment. They will not be arrested.

Argentine Police Chief Daniel Allen said, “Basically, if someone comes into our office and requests help, that they want to get off an opioid or heroin, we contact the coordinator and the coordinator contacts an ‘angel,’ which is a person who gets that person placed into a treatment facility.”

Created by Families Against Narcotics, this initiative aims to help people who are addicted to drugs by placing them

directly in treatment programs as opposed to jail. People are placed in treatment for being addicted to heroin, opioid, meth, and for alcoholism.

June 1 was the first day of the Hope Not Handcuffs program in Genesee County, and as of June 1 at 2 p.m., five people had already signed up online.

Randi Novak, Hope not Handcuffs online coordinator for Genesee and Lapeer counties, said taking the online route is easier for a lot of people.

“I think people are still going to be scared to go into the police station. It’s pretty intimidating, especially when

you’re struggling with addiction issues,” she said. The Macomb County initiative launched Feb. 1, and they’ve put 216 people in treatment as of June 1. That’s approximately 54 people per month so far.

Once people sign up, an Angel volunteer takes them to treatment. Where they

go depends on their insurance. Novak said Michigan needs more detox centers.

“I’m sure there’s going to be a lot more growth and facilities to help these people,” she said. “You can’t arrest your way out of this problem. You can put them in jail but that’s not treating the problem. We’re trying to stop the whole domino effect of addiction.”

The program did not take long to launch in Genesee County. Novak first spoke with Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell on Valentine’s Day of this year.

When asked if she was surprised at the number of people who signed up on day one, Novak said her own son struggled with addiction and when she got him help, she opened up about it.

“I’m a nobody. When I was honest about my son, 233 people reached out to me,” she said. “You can’t really meet anyone who has not been affected by it somehow so I’m not surprised.”

Novak said she hopes this initiative will help create a society with more respect for police.

See **ADDICTS** on 11A

“I desperately hope this will be effective. I can’t wait for the day we can say ‘we helped someone.’”

Dave Cruickshank
Village of Holly
council member

Fenton Freedom Festival

JUST 23 DAYS AWAY

■ Dr. Robert Burek named Grand Marshal for this year’s Fourth of July parade

By Sally Rummel

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The 27th annual Fenton Freedom Festival is only three weeks away, so mark your calendars now to not miss any of the Fourth of July fun.

“We’re just finalizing the last minute details,” said Pat Lockwood, Fenton Freedom Festival chairperson.

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The Fenton Freedom Festival on July 4 draws thousands of people to downtown Fenton.

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Come *Heller* high water

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Sometimes it's not cool to be 'cool'

Usually by the time I get around to my annual advice column for graduating college seniors, the loftier concepts have all been taken. For instance, Mark Zuckerberg, the Facebook guy, told Harvard grads he got a girl to go out with him by telling her, "I'm going to get kicked out in three days, so we need to go on a date quickly."

Hillary Clinton told Wellesley seniors how long walks in the woods, organizing her closet and Chardonnay helped her deal with the election loss blues.

If I were in the crowd and my commencement speaker said that I'd think, "Is this a graduation speech or a group therapy session? Boo! Boooooo! Talk about us!"

But then I was always a rebel. Then, of course, there was Donald Trump sending Coast Guard academy cadets out into the world with the following words of wisdom: "Look at the way I've been treated lately, especially by the media. No politician in history — and I say this with great surety — has been treated worse or more unfairly."



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

matter, the Smith Bros. cough drop guys. (Google it.) Therefore, they shouldn't wear them. And if they do — if you do — for the love of god, inspect them after eating, would ya? Gross.

Skinny jeans. This should not be a trend in a nation as fat as America.

Vocal fry and up talk. Vocal fry is that raspy, back of the throat, lower-register thing so many people do in conversation, almost like they're growling at the end of a sentence. Imagine one of the Kardashian's talking. It's one part Valley Girl, one part baby talk. That's vocal fry. Up talk is when people end sentences on the upswing, like they're asking a question. Try it with that last sentence. See? Irritating.

Clark Kent glasses. For the love of Pete, can we be done with these? Please? They're not cool. They were never cool. They're only cool now because they were never cool. And they're now everywhere, which is the very definition of not cool.

Man buns. I've never seen one I didn't want to scissor.

Duck lips. Ditto.

Bro and brah. Bro is bad enough. Being called someone's "brah" makes me want to kick a blind nun's puppy.

So there you go, Gen Z. You have your marching orders.

Don't let me down, bras.

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THE LEFT HAVE become panaphobic.

IF YOU BELIEVE in God and that he created the Earth then you should be first in line to protect and preserve his creation. God gives us free will and He will not interfere with what we are doing. It is up to us to do the right thing.

HELLER WANTS THE people to rise up and defend the lying media. Did he happen to notice that the approval rating for them is lower than for Congress?

WHEN ENTERING THE downtown area of Fenton from the east, the first thing you see is a yellow magnifying glass that has 'Technicolor Barf' exploding from it. Nice artwork.

HEY VET, DID you do the same thing for Obama? He not only didn't serve, what did he contribute before, during and after his failed presidency?

CHARLES WARREN HAD previous driving violations and violated probation terms. He killed a husband, dad and father because of his recklessness, involuntary manslaughter at the least. Hope he suffers with guilt.

IN REGARDS TO the idiot who texted that every woman in Fenton texts and drives. I am a woman who drives in Fenton. I do not text and drive.

TO HOT LINE comment on Muslim families in Dearborn. What is your point? Mostly male children — you're an idiot.

IF YOU ARE pro-life, tell Trump to keep the birth control mandate. We have had the lowest abortion rate since 1970 because of it. Free birth control helps lower abortion rates. Fact.

TELL HELLER THAT the first amendment doesn't give reporters the right to report fake news.

FORTUNATELY NOT ALL men are sexist a-holes who think all females text while driving. For the minority of men and women who are so tempted by their phones, please pull over if you must. Your car is a dangerous and deadly weapon.

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

I AM EMBARRASSED that the conservatives are still handing over their lunch money to the liberal bullies. The liberal media, professors and protesters/rioters need to be stopped. If we can't stop the Democratic bullies at home how can we stop the ISIS bullies?

MAYBE I'VE JUST missed it, but I never see anything about illegal immigrants of any ethnicity other than Mexican being deported. I'd like some stats on that. Or am I being politically incorrect?

LOVE OUR SMALL town of Linden. Thank you Steve, from Linden Family Eye Care, for helping out in our emergency next door.

I DON'T KNOW how the residents of this area feel, but I feel safer with President Trump in office than when Obama lacked the backbone to put Americans first.

HOW MANY PEOPLE have to be murdered by Islamic terrorists before we take illegal immigration seriously? Liberal judges and leftists blocking temporary travel bans will have blood on their hands if an attack happens here. Ask the families of the murdered in England if a temporary travel ban is still a bad idea.

THERE'S NO DISPUTING the fact that the Secret Service is spending a lot more money flying Trump around in Air Force One, but unlike President Obama, Mr. Trump maintains a fleet of five to seven aircraft helicopters, small jets, very large jets for business and personal use. He was flying to Florida every weekend long before he was president.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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"I'm a dog lover and I would be OK as long as the dog is not aggressive. I'm all for that."

Jerry Brank
Argentine Township



"I would be OK with it. That's someone's favorite companion, might as well bring them along."

Nick Jordan
Hartland



"I would be OK with it. The owners know if the dog is good around people, so it's fine. They wouldn't bring it if it was skittish."

Laura Jordan
Hartland



"I had a dog, I think I probably would. I see a lot of restaurants doing it and I think it's a good idea."

Kyle Muehl
Linden



"I would mind it. I just don't think it's sanitary and I'd be worried about their behavior."

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FLEE AND ELUDE SUSPECT SOUGHT

Fenton police are attempting to locate a 24-year-old Howell resident following a fleeing and eluding incident on May 27. A Fenton officer on patrol at 3:30 a.m. heard squealing on U.S. 23. After entering the highway, she saw an SUV stopped in the southbound median at the Silver Lake Road overpass. The white 2003 Land Rover Discovery traveled southbound and exited at Owen Road. The back taillight was not working and the officer attempted a traffic stop. The Land Rover continued and headed west on Owen Road, running the light at Silver Parkway. The officer activated her vehicle's lights and siren, however, the SUV continued at a high rate of speed. A Michigan State Police trooper assisted and the Fenton officer was able to get the license plate information as they traveled southbound on Linden Road. Due to the high speeds and the dirt portion of Linden Road south of Bennett Lake Road, the chase was terminated. The case remains under investigation.

PHONY SCRIPTS UNDER INVESTIGATION

Fenton police are in the process of forwarding a fraudulent prescription case to the prosecutor's office for review. Sgt. Dave Reinfelder said they received a complaint from a local pharmacy on May 25. Police have learned that a 29-year-old Fenton man and a 38-year-old Goodrich man were manufacturing fraudulent prescriptions on a computer utilizing a Flint business as a doctor. They were obtaining hydrocodone with fake prescriptions. Through their investigation, police made contact with the suspects, who admitted responsibility.

FENTON POLICE LOCATE LARCENY SUSPECTS, STOLEN ITEMS

On Wednesday, June 7, Fenton police were advised to be on the lookout for a white Hyundai Sonoma with Florida plates at 1:30 p.m. An animal control employee saw a black man

and black woman looking in cars and sifting through a purse while in the Sagebrush parking lot and called 911. Their car was seen traveling southbound on North LeRoy Street. A Fenton officer spotted the car at the Exit 80 Sunoco, however, as the officer pulled in to the lot, the car exited onto westbound North Road. A traffic stop was made by the auto dealership on North Road and the officer made contact with the occupants, later identified as a 25-year-old man and 26-year-old woman, both of Lansing. The officer detected a strong odor of marijuana from the car, and broken glass inside the car. The man driving had no license and an outstanding warrant from East Lansing. Additional Fenton police officers and a sheriff's deputy arrived for assistance. During the traffic stop, police learned from dispatch that a woman's purse, a Coach wallet and Oakley sunglasses had just been stolen out of her car on Dauner Road after the window had been smashed. Due to the arrest warrant and no license, the couple's car was impounded and searched. During the search, police found a Coach wallet and Oakley sunglasses. Police went back to the gas station and located a woman's purse in the garbage. The suspects were detained overnight, interviewed and released pending further investigation.

Calendar of events

BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross and Suburban Propane are partnering to increase awareness of the constant need for blood donations. Eligible donors are invited to roll up a sleeve **Monday, June 12, from 12 to 5:45 p.m.** at the Fenton VFW. Those who come to donate can enjoy an on-site cookout and get a \$10 Visa gift card, courtesy of Suburban Propane. Suburban Propane and the Red Cross have worked together to raise awareness about the constant need for blood donations since 2012, and this is the third year they have supported the summer-long nationwide partnership. The VFW is at 1148 N. LeRoy St., Fenton.

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Scammer steals \$400 from couple, makes fake 911 call

■Victim's home then surrounded by police

By Sharon Stone

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A Livingston County couple is out \$400 but breathing a sigh of relief following a situation, which could have become dangerous had they reacted differently when Hamburg Township police officers responded to a bogus 911 call from their home.

It turns out that the couple was scammed and then pulled into a "swatting" situation with police.

According to Hamburg Township Police Chief Richard Duffany, the husband (victim) began receiving phone calls from a person who identified himself as a deputy from a county in the state of Washington on June 5. This person (scammer) said that the victim had an outstanding warrant in Washington and that he needed to pay \$1,500 to clear it up.

The victim had previously resided in Washington and the scammer had a great deal of personal information about him. The deputy's name given by the scammer, as well as other

names of officials in Washington given by the scammer, were all real names when the victim checked through various official government websites.

Based on all these factors, the victim believed that this was a legitimate phone call and he wired \$400, the maximum he could withdraw using his debit card, as instructed by the scammer.

On June 6, the victim began receiving more phone calls from the same scammer demanding the remaining balance of \$1,100. The phone calls became more threatening to the point that the victim realized that this was a scam. The victim confronted the scammer and hung up on him several times.

At approximately 1 p.m. on June 6, Hamburg Township police officers were dispatched to a domestic violence call. The address given was the residence of the victim. As officers were responding, they were advised

that a female caller (who it was later determined to be part of the scam) was saying that her husband was threatening her with a gun and then they lost contact with the caller.

Livingston County Central Dispatch called back the residence but the victim hung up on them when they identified themselves as the victim thought it was still part of the original scam. Several officers set up a perimeter around the home, under the impression that they were responding to a man holding his wife at gunpoint. Livingston County sheriff's deputies assisted.

After approximately 15 minutes, officers were able to get the victim and his wife to exit their home without further incident.

"In this incident, we had several officers responding to the scene of the 'woman being held at gunpoint' in an expedited fashion (emergency lights and sirens) in heavy afternoon traffic, which increases the risks to officers and other motorists."

Richard Duffany
Hamburg Township police chief

"We actually do have some decent leads on possible suspects that we are following up on but I don't want to get into specifics at this point in the investigation," he said. "This type of crime is obviously horrible for the victims but it also puts the police and general public at risk as well."

"In this incident, we had several officers responding to the scene of the 'woman being held at gunpoint' in an expedited fashion (emergency lights and sirens) in heavy afternoon traffic, which increases the risks to officers and other motorists."

"Additionally, upon arrival you now have several armed police officers setting up a perimeter around a house in what they think is a barricaded gunman situation while you have innocent people inside the house not knowing what is going on."

See **SCAM** on 17A



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TO THE PERSON who said to stop the gas leak we need to stop buying gas. How about our cars?

TO THE PEOPLE in the apartments off North Road on Poplar Street, your patio with all the flowers is just very beautiful. Enjoy it greatly.

TO THE MAN who gets nauseated every time Trump salutes because he dodged the draft, what about Bill Clinton? He was in Russia when he dodged it.

TO THE CONSERVATIVE that said that about Katy Perry on American Idol, I am a very strong liberal and I don't really know who she is and I have never seen American Idol in my life. So I question what idea you have.

MANY PEOPLE THINK the J in Trump's name stands for 'Jesus.'

I JUST WANT to comment on Donald Trump. I think he's doing a wonderful job. He's up against terrible opposition from people who have no regard for America. They just have a lust for power. The Democratic Party has been taken over by some nut jobs.

I'M WONDERING ABOUT Obama buying this mansion in Washington. I think it's \$4 million, might even be \$8 million. He made what, \$200,000 a year as president? How does he come up with \$4 million for a mansion,

HISTORY TELLS US the family unit forms the backbone of society. The moral fibers are our institutions, our schools, universities, volunteer organizations, and the like. Those fibers make up the fabric that reinforces and covers the backbone. History is a wonderful lesson.

TO THE PERSON who commented about driving the speed limit on Hickory Ridge Road, thank you. This area is also a agricultural area. Please watch for farm tractors through the summertime as we'll be out sharing the road with you.

COME ON, PEOPLE don't eat dogs. They do however eat chickens. Get a grip for God's sake.

WHAT A GREAT newspaper, from the Hot-liner saying beauty is in the eye of the beholder to advertisements for local doctors of optometry. Tri-County Times, everything in one place.

SHAPIRO

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Drew Shapiro, 28, of Fenton. The newspaper reported Thursday that it obtained the police report by submitting a Freedom of Information Act request.

An unidentified complainant is alleging that over the Memorial Day weekend, Shapiro yelled ethnic slurs to him from his pontoon boat on Silver Lake at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 27.

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office is investigating. No charges have yet been filed against Shapiro.

When asked about the allegations, Shapiro said Friday morning, "Alleged complaints from individuals with obvious bias and motive won't keep me from doing my job."

"I don't comment on spurious allegations. You'll have to speak to my attorney."

Shapiro was elected as county commissioner for the sixth district in November 2016. Prior to his elected position with the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, the 2006 Fenton High School graduate served on the Fenton Board of Education as president from 2012 to 2016.

News briefs**DENTAL/VISION POLICY TO SAVE CITY \$9,000**

Because city of Fenton employee health care costs will increase by 16 percent this year, administrators are looking at ways to offset the increased cost by looking for other opportunities for dental and vision insurance. City Manager Lynn Markland presented an option to the Fenton City Council at its work session Monday, June 5. He said Tom Rupp from Brown & Brown Insurance has worked with the city on the issue and received a quote from Unum vision and Unum Dental that will save the city about \$9,000. Rupp was at the meeting to answer questions officials might have. He said the new coverage will be comparable to what employees have now. Based on employee selection from last year, the total cost for insurance will be approximately \$71,454, Markland said. The city council will approve the change at its Monday, June 12 regular meeting.

MICHIGAN VOTES**LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY**

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, May 26.

Senate Bill 363: Let state pay more for road salt from Michigan company

To allow the state pay up to 8 percent more for road salt from the Detroit Salt Company. The bill would exempt these transactions from regular lowest-bidder contracting rules. Note: While Detroit Salt's mine is in Michigan, it is owned by a Canadian holding company.

Passed 36 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

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Jacob not seeking re-election

■ Fenton councilman to take time off for family

By Vera Hogan

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Fenton Councilman Brad Jacob has decided he won't run for re-election this November. He is coming to the end of his second, four-year term in office.

"I'm not running again because of recent changes in my life, which include getting married," he said. "There also have been some changes at my work. I'm looking for time to make some adjustments in my personal life and I need to take time for my family."

Jacob said he plans on his continued involvement in the Fenton community and has applied to serve on some boards and commissions.

"And I'm not saying I'm not going to run again," he added. "I plan on running for office again in the future."

Of his time in office, Jacob said his most proud of the non-discrimination ordinance that is now in place.

On Monday, June 9, 2014, the city voted unanimously to adopt a broad non-discrimination ordinance, which aside from sex, race, age, nationality, color, marital status, physical or mental disability, also covers sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.

"We want everyone to feel welcome, treat people fairly, with respect," he said at the time. "It's added protections that everybody in the room already enjoys."



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Fenton City Councilman Brad Jacob, (right) who proposed the non-discrimination ordinance in 2014, addresses council before making the motion to vote for the new law. Jacob has decided not to seek re-election in November.

Jacob said he wishes the council could have found a way to fund the repair of more local streets.

"I support the upcoming millage vote," he said. "I also wish we would have opted in on medical marijuana dispensaries." Jacob said he always comes down on the side of prohibiting fewer activities. "We need to keep government under control when it comes to our personal lives. Only exception to that general rule, however, would be to civil rights."

Jacob, who pulled petitions to run for re-election before making his recent decision, said he sincerely thanks everyone who supported him by signing his petitions. "I really appreciate them coming out for me," he said.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■
THE DEMOCRATS HAVE no respect for the American taxpayer. The Democrats would be happy with the status quo — high taxes, high regulations, high spending and high debt.

■■■
KATY PERRY SAID that the answer to global terrorism is that we need to love each other and we need to hug each other. This is what is causing more global terrorism and is going to get more people killed.

■■■
I WAS IN shock when I was at the pawnshop and how they were treating a customer who said he was a veteran. They disrespected him.

■■■
I SEE THAT the city of Fenton is going to name the DPW building the Bland building. I think they should spice that name up a little bit, try to think of something 'less bland.'

TO THE PERSON who left the note about William Kershaw, thank you for finding that for us and the situation has been taken care of.

■■■
PRESIDENT OBAMA CUT our missile defense system by 50 percent and now it is up to President Trump and the Republicans to rebuild our missile defense system. This is a real threat to the world coming from North Korea as opposed to a theoretical threat of climate control.

■■■
SOME WOMEN HAVE such strong maternal instincts that they view even a fertilized egg as a baby. That is incorrect. The path between conception and birth can be very difficult. If the abortion options become illegal, many women will go to great lengths to avoid pregnancy completely.

■■■
HILLARY CLINTON IS also like-minded. It's time you pull off the dog. Enough is enough. Let Donald Trump run this country and get some things done with the nation.



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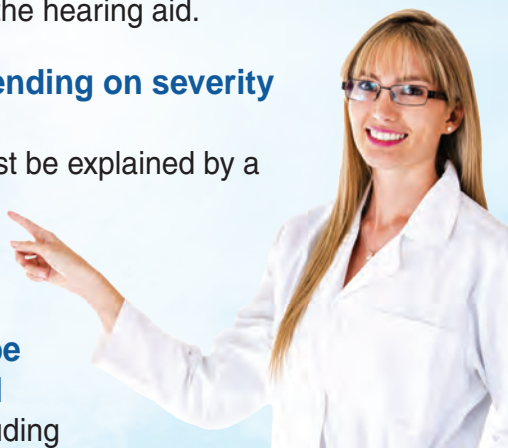
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Are you and your live-in sweetheart breaking the law?

■ 1931 law prohibits a man and women living together 'lewdly and lasciviously'

By Hannah Ball

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A couple who's living together without being married is technically breaking the law.

According to a bill from 1931 that's still on the books today, "Any man or woman, not being married to each other, who lewdly and lasciviously associates and cohabits together, and any man or woman, married or unmarried, who is guilty of open and gross lewdness and lascivious behavior, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or a fine of not more than \$1,000."

The law might not be on the books for too much longer, however.

On March 9, Michigan Senators Steven Bieda, Rick Jones, Joe Hune, and Curtis Hertel introduced Senate Bill 0222, which would repeal this old law. The bill was referred to the Committee on Families, Seniors, and Human Services.

Bieda (D-Dist 9) said one of his pet projects he's been working on is finding old provisions that are not enforced or would now be considered unconstitutional. While doing his research, he came across this old bill from the '30s.

"At the time, cohabitation was frowned upon. Society has changed quite a bit. More than eight million currently cohabit. It's a very popular living arrangement. Fifty years ago, only 10 percent of couples who got married were living together before wedlock. Now it's 65 percent," he said, quoting Pew Research numbers.

Only two states currently have laws against cohabitation: Michigan and Mississippi.

Bieda said one reason to change the law, besides making the states look like the backwater regions of the nation, is

"Some folks here are very socially conservative but it's already not enforced. The biggest thing is the tax issue."

Steven Bieda
Michigan senator



METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS

Senate bill 0222 was recently introduced in order to repeal an old law that makes it illegal for couples to live together unmarried.

a practical one.

"There is an IRS policy that states dependent exemptions may not be claimed if cohabitations are illegal under state law.

That person would have to pay more in tax law," he said. "Some folks here are very socially conservative but it's already not enforced. The biggest thing is the tax issue. Think about the taxpayers."

Senate Bill 0222 is a reintroduction bill. Bieda presented the Senate with a bill that would have repealed the old provision last session, but it didn't become law. He's hoping

Senate leadership will decide to bring the bill to a vote.

"If the leadership decides they want to do it, they can put it up for a vote," he said.

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CRASH

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released from the hospital.

According to Lt. Mario Gonzales, assistant post commander of the Michigan State Police (MSP) Brighton Post, their investigation continues and accident reconstructionists are analyzing all the data for their report. Once everything is completed, the report will be submitted to the Livingston County Prosecutor's Office for review of possible charges.

Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the crash, according to the MSP.

Carrier and Lixie were hospitalized following the crash, which happened at the intersection of Argentine Road and M-59. An injured man from the second car, Albert Boswell, 39, of Oakland County, has also

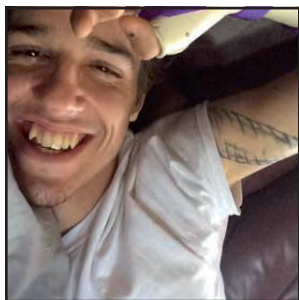


Photo of Matthew Carrier from a June 3 post on his Facebook page

been released from the hospital.

MSP alleges that Carrier ran the stop sign on southbound Argentine Road at the M-59 intersection and crashed into a car traveling east on M-59. Carrier's license was suspended at the time of the crash, according to the Secretary of State.

Killed in the crash were Justin Andrew Humberto Henderson, 18, and Preston Wetzel, 24, both of Fenton. These two men were passengers in Carrier's car, according to MSP.

Also killed was Candice Dunn, 36, of Oakland County, her mother, Linda Hurley, 69, of Macomb County and Hurley's boyfriend, Jerome Tortomosa, 73, of Macomb County. These three individuals were passengers in the car driven by Boswell. Boswell was driving on an expired license, according to the Secretary of State.

FESTIVAL

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The official celebration is on Tuesday, July 4, but the activities actually begin Monday, July 3 with a full slate of evening events.

Madeleine Welch, 2016 Freedom Festival Queen, will crown her successor at the official kick-off Silver Lake Ski Show at 7 p.m. at Silver Lake Park. A King will be crowned also, and each will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

The Grand Marshal Adult Reception, honoring this year's honoree, Dr. Robert Burek of Fenton, will be held at 8 p.m. at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. He is a former superintendent of Fenton Area Public Schools. He and his wife, Sally, reside in Grand Blanc.

“Bob Burek was the unanimous choice for Grand Marshal. His positive impact on the Fenton community through his volunteer work and successful 10 years of service as Fenton Schools superintendent clearly indicates his leadership and love of this community.”

Pat Lockwood
Fenton Freedom
Festival chairperson

A new event this year will be a concert on July 3 at 7 p.m. by the Fenton Community Orchestra and 30 members of the Limonest France Youth Orchestra at the back lawn of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

Other traditional festival events will be returning, including the American Legion Pancake Breakfast, Fenton Firecracker 5K Race & Fun Run/Walk, arts and crafts, the 10 a.m. Grand Parade, Rotary Rubber Duck Regatta, Lions Chicken Barbecue, Kiwanis Children's Games, music and entertainment on the back lawn of the community center and more.

One of the most exciting events is the Fireworks Show that lights up the sky along with patriotic music at 10 p.m. at Silver Lake Park.

ADDICTS

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“It's going to cut down on crime. It's going to cut down on parents having to make funeral arrangements for their children. It's going to do a lot of good things,” she said.

Allen said the people who sign up for the program want to kick their drug habit.

“The whole attempt is to try to reduce the recidivism of drug abuse. It's a cycle,” he said. Drug addicts will commit crimes, like breaking and entering, to feed their drug habits. By getting these people help instead of jailing them, police are expecting to see a decrease in crime.

“It's about time” they have a program like this, Allen said. “When it comes to this topic, law enforcement has been reactive. This is a proactive approach,” he said.

Village of Holly Councilor Dave Cruickshank said Holly Police Chief Michael Story was on board from the beginning, and jumped right into it.

Cruickshank said it's a waste of money

“You can't arrest your way out of this problem.”

Randi Novak
Hope Not Handcuffs
online coordinator for
Genesee and Lapeer
counties

to put people in cages for nonviolent drug crimes, and that all communities have drug problems. He said ever since the Federal Drug Administration made it law that people can't use narcotics for longer than 30 days, the heroin problem has gotten worse everywhere.

“Our fire chief and EMS chief were saying since the change, they've had an uptick in Narcan uses,” he said. Narcan is a medicine emergency responders use to save someone who overdosed on a narcotic.

Cruickshank said when they talked with Ferndale officials about their program, an officer told them they once had to use Narcan three times on one man in one day.

“If it saves one life it's all worth it,” he said. I desperately hope this will be effective. I can't wait for the day we can say ‘we helped someone.’”

You can sign up to be an Angel volunteer or enter treatment at familiesagainst-narcotics.org/hopenothandcuffs.



Immersion into Fenton history

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

(Top) On Thursday, June 8, Constance Foley, treasurer of the A.J. Phillips Fenton Museum, talks to State Road Elementary second-graders about the history of the city's most famous names, such as Fenton, Le-Roy and Adelaide. (Bottom) Dressed in pioneer wear, students took pictures of artifacts from Fenton's history with their smartphones and cameras.



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Spotlight on:

MARIANN'S FAMILY HAIR CARE

• New family friendly hair salon opens in Linden

By Sally Rummel

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Mariann Vernasco, 45, opened Mariann's Family Hair Care at 114 S. Bridge St., Suite A, behind Linden Florist.

'Look for my blue door,' said Vernasco, who offers haircuts, clipper cuts, color, hi-lighting and low-lighting, permanents and facial waxing, with walk-ins and appointments available.

How did you get interested in cosmetology?

I've always enjoyed playing with hair and I enjoy people, so it was a good fit for me. I attended the Brighton Institute of Cosmetology.



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Mariann Vernasco finishes a cut, color and style for Nancy Nelson of Fenton on Thursday, June 8. Mariann's Family Hair Care opened on March 27.

What sets your business apart from other salons?

I like to listen to my clients, really listen. I want to hear what is driving them crazy about their hair, or what they don't like about it. Then we can come up with a plan together to get their hair to how they want to wear it. Sometimes clients

want a whole new style and others just want to be able to manage the style they have. I love hearing, 'My hair does just what I want it to do!'

How did you accomplish opening your salon, and doing it without debt?

Lots of prayer. My husband has been very supportive and helpful in getting this off the ground. I was able to find a space that didn't need many improvements. We built a back bar area, which we made from a re-purposed countertop and barn wood. I love it, as it all has a retro look and feel.

What's your goal for the future?

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Compiled by Vera Hogan

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In Boat and boat owner involved in hit and run located

A 12-year-old Fenton Township girl is recovering from injuries after being struck by a speedboat Sunday evening, June 4, on Lake Ponemah.

Fenton council tackles liquor license requests

Fenton House restaurant and two gas stations to receive local approval.

Linden's Taco Bell final site plan approved

Exiting patrons won't be able to turn left onto West Broad or Hyatt Lane.



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up, could have been thirsty or scared. He was getting up and down on the seat in my work truck. He obviously wasn't that bad, he was moving around."

On Love for Louie, a lost and found page for pets, MacDonell posted a photo of Capone in his car, asking if anyone could identify him or if they knew the owners.

MacDonell dropped Capone off at 1:15 p.m. at GCAC. While at work, he got a message from someone who knew the owners of the dog. MacDonell called GCAC and gave them the owner's information.

Marissa Mayberry, ex-girlfriend of the owner, was Capone's mom for a few years. "We lived together for years, he didn't harm a soul. As a mother of an elderly dog, I just don't understand how they can make that decision," she said.

When they called at 4 p.m., Mayberry said Capone had already been euthanized. She said the GCAC said Capone was unstable and they were worried he wouldn't make it around the other dogs.

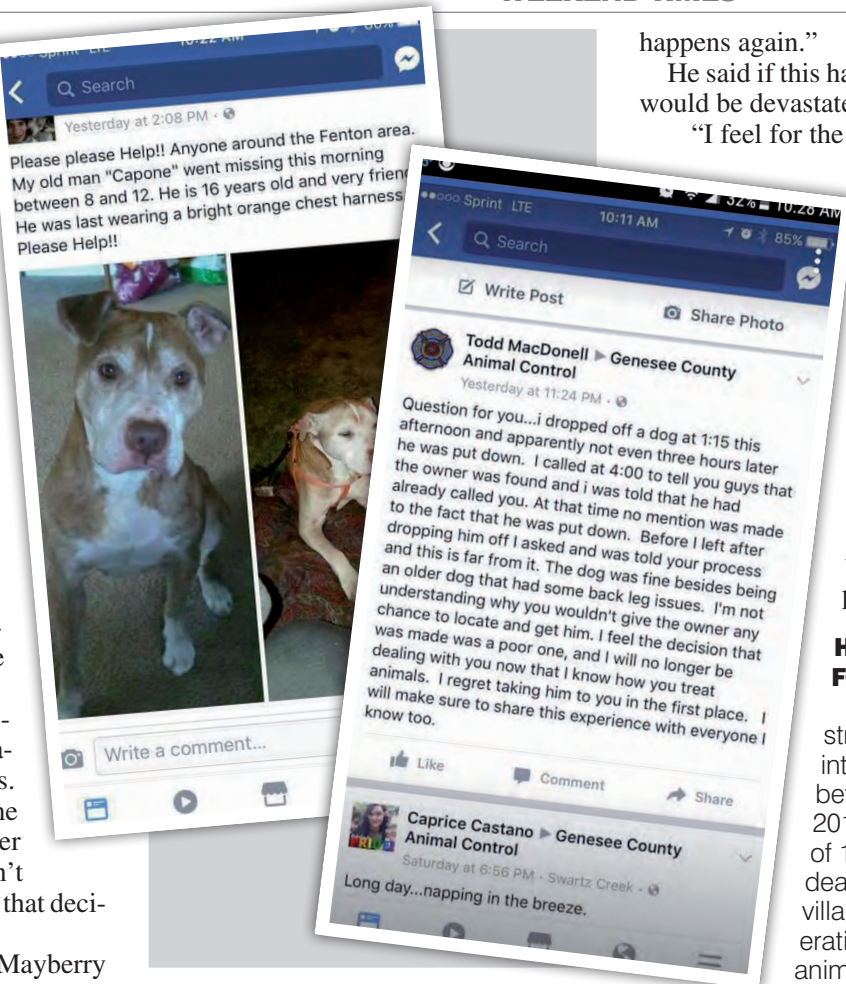
"They were worried his heart would give out. But it was 70-something degrees out and he was wandering along for who knows how long. Any dog would be scared to death," she said.

A friend of the owners contacted MacDonell Wednesday through Facebook and told him that the dog had been put down Tuesday night.

"I found that surprising because he was alive when I dropped him off and when I called at 4, they didn't allude to" the dog being put down, he said, adding that he expected a longer holding period. (See sidebar)

"It was obviously upsetting. It was a very friendly, a very loving dog," he said. He said he hasn't talked to the owner personally, but he's heard that he's not in any condition to talk to anybody about it.

MacDonell private messaged the GCAC as well to express his displeasure. A manager called him on Wednesday, he said, and explained that the dog was old and in a lot of agony.



"That was what swayed them to put him down," MacDonell said.

He hopes this situation will encourage pet owners to get their animals chipped and make sure they wear up-to-date tags.

"I didn't expect any of this, I just wanted to make sure I could raise awareness that I felt that what had happened was not right," he said.

MacDonell posted screenshots of the posts on Facebook and they now have almost 1,000 shares.

The Times reached out to GCAC Director Paul Wallace and he apologized for not being able to comment.

Genesee County Commissioner Drew Shapiro said, "As a dog owner myself, as a longtime owner of a rescue dog, I'm personally appalled that this

took place in a Genesee County facility. It is one of my main campaign promises, to continue reforms on GCAC," he said. "Although it's come a long way, this is just a testament to the fact that much more improvements and oversight needs to take place.

"I'd like to make it my personal mission to make sure nothing like this ever

happens again."

He said if this happened to his dog, he would be devastated.

"I feel for the owners of the animal and would just hope that I'm able to influence the shelter in a way where this will never happen again. I'd be more than happy to work with the owners to try to ensure that this never happens again and I wish there was something that could be done to change what's already happened," he said.

HOLDING TIMES FOR STRAYS

Holding times for stray animals brought into shelters varies between states. Until 2016, Public Act 224 of 1969 stated that, "A dealer, a county, city, village, or township operating a dog pound or animal shelter shall not sell or otherwise dispose of a dog or cat within four days after its acquisition." If the dog or cat has evidence of ownership, like a collar, the operator of the pound or shelter shall notify the owner in writing and disposition of the animal shall not be made within seven days from the date of mailing the notice.

However, on Jan. 19, 2016, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD)

sent a letter explaining that in 2014, an organization challenged MDARD's reliance on Public Act 224 to establish mandatory hold times. The organization questioned whether the hold times found in the act applied if an organization did not sell animals for research.

After reviewing statutory language and talking with lawyers, the MDARD determined that they do not have authority to enforce hold times as written in Public Act 224. The act only applies if the shelter is involved in the sale of dogs and cats for research.

"MDARD AID (Animal Industry Division) believes that these hold times are in the best interest of animals and animal owners and without them, dogs and cats may not be readily returned to their owners," the letter reads.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE 36 percent of Americans who support Trump while wrapping themselves in the American flag. You have done more to damage America in the last five months than Al Qaeda, the Taliban and ISIS have been able to do in 16 years.

ON MAY 31, I received a letter from Debbie Stabenow telling me that she voted against Neil Gorsuch on April 7. She said that it was not in Michigan's best interest. It's time for a new senator.

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“It was obviously upsetting. It was a very friendly, a very loving dog.”

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In April, the Fenton High School Ambassadors, under the direction of Brad Wright, competed at the WorldStrides music festival in Williamsburg, Virginia. After two performances the Ambassadors were awarded Gold ratings in both Show Choir and Vocal Jazz. The Ambassadors also won the Adjudicator Award as well as a trophy for outstanding choir at the festival. Two of the Ambassadors also received Maestro Awards for outstanding solo performances. They are Samantha Campbell and Emily Hayes.

Dr. Nandi to host first PBS special

■ Learn five-step program for longer, healthier, happier life

Renowned Detroit physician, Dr. Partha Nandi, and creator/host of the internationally syndicated, Emmy award-winning medical lifestyle television show, Ask Dr. Nandi, hosts his first national PBS special, "Be Your Own Health Hero," launching on Thursday, June 15 at 9 p.m. on Detroit Public Television (DPT).

Nandi is married to Kali Nandi, formerly of Fenton.

In this one-hour special, Nandi shares his simple yet powerful five-step formula for a longer, healthier and happier life.

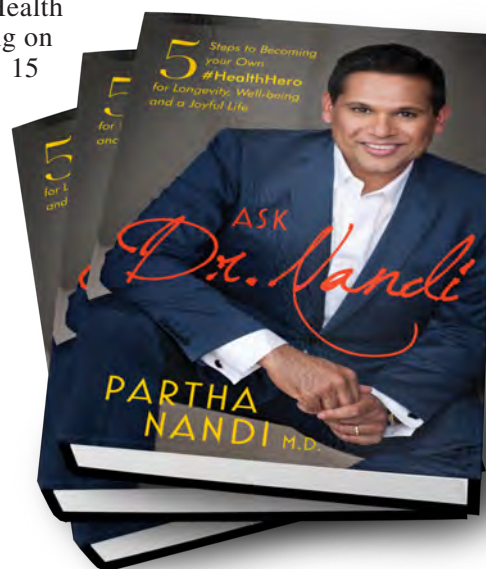
"Too many of us are limping through life...either literally, suffering from poor health, or figuratively, suffering from lack of joy and purpose," Nandi said.

In Be Your Own Health Hero, Nandi shares the best practices from his background in Western medicine and Eastern philosophy, laying out a system that promotes longevity, enhanced brain function, a boost in energy and more passion for life. Everyone has the power to elevate his or her overall

well-being with a few key changes in everyday lifestyle. Through this program, you will not only improve your health in a traditional medical sense, but also through a positive mindset, enhance your life as a whole.

"When you visit doctors, they'll likely concentrate on your numbers: BMI, blood pressure, cholesterol level,"

Nandi said. "But they will not ask what drives you, how engaged in the world you are, or what you like to do. Questions about your purpose in life, however, might just be the best guide to the state of your health."



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5K Rave Run is safe family event

■ Utilizes \$100,000 in equipment to create unique nighttime run experience

By Tim Jagielo
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Fenton — After a tension-building countdown, nearly 200 runners charged across the starting line under a rain of colored powder shot from cannons.

As the sun set, darkness settled over the 5K Rave Run course, which was lit along the way by multiple generators, while dance music pounded in the distance.

The second annual Rave Run was hosted by The Freedom Center. The event was created by Fenton Challenge, an outreach ministry of The Freedom Center, which seeks to fill different needs in the community.

In surveying the community, they found that residents wanted more time with family and more physical activity, among other things.

Co-founder JD Wiegand said there is also a need for evening activities for teens and young adults, to help deter destructive behavior. "So we decided, what's the best thing for young people to show up to, and that was the rave run," he said.

The race kicked off at approximately

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Once the color run was complete, participants were invited to a rave, hosted by The Freedom Center. Brett Carleton (right) of The Freedom Center controls the multiple lights and projectors through an iMac workstation on stage.

9:15 p.m., traveling down Freedom Trail, then along Shiawassee Avenue, Donaldson Drive and back up and down the new 1.1-mile truck road re-christened "Freedom Trail."

Everyone was cheered across the finish line and younger participants were invited to the rave afterward.

Richard Ortwine of Fenton enjoyed his run. He came out with five other family members, including those from metro Detroit. They were decked out like stars-and-stripe faeries with wings, magic wands and bobbing antennae.

None were competitive runners, but all had fun. Gail Horner-Pearson of West Bloomfield said it was her first run, and she found the tough "heartbreak hill" to be the toughest.

Sara Ortwine of Commerce Township said their times were under an hour. "That's all that matters," she said.

And that's all that matters to the organizers — that participants have fun in a healthy family friendly environment. There were no prizes and times were not recorded.

Freedom Center Senior Pastor Jim Wiegand said all the dollars to participate are put back into the race itself. He said \$100,000 worth of equipment is rented, and used to put on the race with the lighting and PA system, and the professional audio/visual show for the rave.

JD said the whole event requires up to 100 people, including volunteers and city personnel to make happen.



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Runners on Shiawassee Avenue are splashed with colored powder by volunteers.

SCAM

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"In this scenario you have great potential for things to go bad quickly. Thankfully, the victim and his wife were cooperative with the officers, followed the instructions of the officers on the scene and remained calm while at the same time the officers acted in a professional manner and in accordance with department procedures, which resulted in a safe conclusion to this incident."

The victim wrote about his experience on his own Facebook page saying, "They said these kinds of calls bringing out law enforcement in large force are becoming more and more common and it is referred to as 'swatting.' Unfortunately, it is just another situation putting our law enforcement people in harm's way along with our citizens."

"Anyway, it has been an interesting 24 hours."

Advice from police:

- 1. No police department** will ever attempt to have you "clear up" a warrant, post a bond or pay a fine over the telephone.
- 2. If you receive** a call from someone reporting to be a police officer and you are suspicious about their true identity, please ask them for their name and the name of the police department for whom they work. Then hang up and either call that police department (using a phone number from a reliable source) or call your local police department and ask that they help you verify the legitimacy of the officer.
- 3. Call your local** police department and report if you are the victim of a scam attempt.

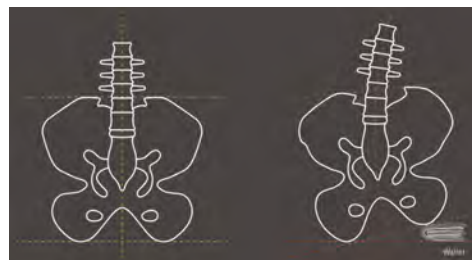


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2016 Rave King Gabe Mullins belts out a laugh during the rave on Friday, June 2 at The Freedom Center.

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FIRST ADELAIDE STREET PROPERTY FORMERLY OWNED BY MICHAEL LAJOICE HAS BEEN SOLD

The first of the LaJoice properties on Adelaide Street in Fenton has been sold as of Tuesday, June 6 by Skypoint Ventures, the real estate holding company of Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman. The buyer is Aubuchon Investment Holdings, LLC, owned by Tracy and Scott Aubuchon, who opened REJUV AVE in Dibbleville in 2012. The couple plans to demolish the current structure at 116 Mill St. and build a customized, upscale dedicated skin spa. Their existing spa, at 403 S. LeRoy St. in downtown Fenton, will continue to operate as normal during the design and construction of their new location, according to Tracy Aubuchon.

Upcoming Meetings

Fenton City Council will hold a public meeting at **7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 12** at Fenton City Hall.

The **Holly Board of Education** will hold a public meeting at **7 p.m. on Monday, June 12** at the Karl Richter Community Center.

The **Lake Fenton Board of Education** will hold a public meeting at **7 p.m. on Monday, June 12** in the Alberta B. Martin boardroom in the Administrative Offices building.

Linden City Council will hold a public meeting at **7 p.m. on Monday, June 12** in Council Chambers.

Father's Day is 'SUPER BOWL OF GOLF'

■ Now's the time to reserve your tee time at local courses for this popular holiday activity

By Sally Rummel
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With this week's warm weather leading up to Father's Day on June 18, golf is in "full swing" in the tri-county area.

Many families will be firing up their grills for lunch or dinner and loading up their golf clubs for a round of golf among several generations on this traditional holiday.

"Father's Day is the Super Bowl of golf," said Chris White, owner of Fenton Farms Golf Club in Fenton Township. "It's kind of like hallowed ground. It's almost a guaranteed sell-out. I encourage people to get their tee times in a week in advance. We have an 80-cart fleet and I'll have to pay attention to make sure we don't run out."

Golf and Father's Day are two events/activities that go together as well as many other "pairs," like bread and butter, peanut butter and jelly, etc.

This holiday offers a unique opportunity for dads and young people to spend quality time together, while being active outdoors. It's a lifetime sport that can create years of memories of being together as a family.

More than how well you play golf, this "gentleman's game" teaches lessons for all ages about sportsmanship and respect. It's a game that values honesty, etiquette, respect, hard work and other life lessons.

It's also a lot of fun. Kids can get into the game early with local leagues, including the Flint Junior Golf League, which begins at the end of June and runs through July 31-Aug. 1.

Many local golf clubs have their own programs, including participating in a program called "Youth on Course," which provides life-changing opportunities to play golf for \$5 per round and learn life skills for kids from age 6 to 18.

"It's a way of encouraging the next generation of golfers," said White, who offers



METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS

Golfing and Father's Day go hand-in-hand, as generations spend time together outdoors enjoying a shared activity, and maybe a little healthy competition.

the program at Fenton Farms. "Participating golf courses are then subsidized by the national organization."

This holiday offers a unique opportunity for dads and young people to spend quality time together, while being active outdoors.

It's a lifetime sport that can create years of memories of being together as a family.

"Father's Day is kind of like Christmas for a golf course," said Nic Thompson, director of golf at Hartland Glen Golf Course. "You see lots of dads and their kids of all ages, young kids, teens and adults, sometimes even three generations.

It's the one time of year the kid will be paying for their dad."

Thompson said they'll expect up to 300 golfers that day, spread out over their 36-hole course. "Although it all comes down to Mother Nature," she said.

“It's almost a guaranteed sell-out.”

Chris White
Fenton Farms
Golf Club owner

HOT LINE CONTINUED

BIG CITY OF Fenton, getting what it wanted. On the map. Guns, murder, car chases, bank robbery – every day it's something new. Isn't it wonderful to be a part of Flint? Just couldn't leave Fenton alone.

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GIVEN PRESIDENT TRUMP'S punitive attitude toward our allies, the intel world

may cheer when North Korea achieves its goal and lays a bomb on the U.S. Trump is not making America great. He is making us obnoxious.

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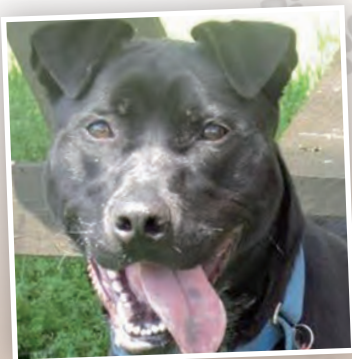
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DOGS

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"We would not be opposed to letting people dine with their pets but the owners would have to take responsibility for the behavior of their pet and be willing to leave if they became disruptive, which could be challenging — we live in a society where we feel entitled to do what we want regardless of the policies of the establishment," he previously said.

Hamel said they have a large group of "Leader Dogs" that visit The Laundry frequently, and they've never caused problems. Senate Bill 727, which is the same as Senate Bill 122, was introduced and passed in the Senate in September 2016. No action was taken on the bill and it had to be reintroduced after the election.

Senator Dave Robertson voted for the bill in 2016 but against the bill this year. "On the morning of the vote I received an email from the director of the Oakland County Health Department expressing concerns about the legislation," he said. "We had not much opportunity, myself and Senator O'Brien, to look at the bill and at any differences that might have existed."

State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) voted in favor of the bill both times it was in the Senate. The first time he voted for it, he said, "I felt it was a good compromise that allowed businesses and local officials the ability to decide what is best for their situation. We've heard from a number of people who would like to have the option of bringing their pet with them when they go out to eat outdoors, and there are other places that have successfully implemented policies like this."

Before allowing these animals, restaur-

rants must tell their local health department of their decision.

If dogs are allowed on outdoor patios, here are rules that must be followed:

The dog must be accompanied and controlled by a customer at all times.

The dog cannot enter through the establishment. A separate entrance must be provided from the exterior of the food service establishment to the outdoor dining area if needed. The outdoor area must be maintained to be free of dog hair, dander, and other dog-related waste and debris.

"Surfaces contaminated by the waste created from the dog's bodily functions are immediately cleaned and disinfected," according to the bill. Furthermore, an employee who touches or cleans waste from the dog's bodily functions must wash their hands.

"The dog is not allowed on a seat, chair, or customer's lap, or allowed to contact a tabletop, countertop or similar surface

in the outdoor dining area," the bill reads. Dogs would also not be allowed to contact reusable tableware, unless the tableware is dedicated to the dogs.

Dogs would not be allowed where food is prepared, and the dog must not be unattended. Customers who bring dogs must be 18 years or older, and the dog must be kept on a leash.

The restaurant has final say on what dogs are allowed. Under Senate Bill 122, the restaurant may establish a limit on the size of the dog and type of dog and any other limitation on what dogs are allowed. They can also deny entry or kick out any customer and the customer's dog.

The owner of the dog is responsible for any injury or damage done by the dog to the restaurant to another person.

Surfaces contaminated by the waste created from the dog's bodily functions are immediately cleaned and disinfected. Senate Bill 122

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IT AMAZES ME, the level of disgusting behavior by the liberals. The profanity used to describe President Trump. The outrage shown by the liberals when Obama was president when someone said the slightest thing, shows how outraged they were.

OBAMA REQUIRED FULL health coverage for women. He saved women \$1.4 billion for birth control, the first year, and resulted in the lowest abortion rates since 1973. Stand up for women's health. If men get Viagra, women should get contraceptives.

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PRESIDENT TRUMP DID not bow to the king of Saudi Arabia, nor did he apologize to anyone for America's greatness. He stood tall. He represented America with a strong, firm voice and what a contrast to the weak Obama.

BILL NYE 'THE Science Guy' has no degree in any science. He's an entertainer. Science is not a consensus. 'Man Caused Global Warming' had to be re-branded as 'Climate Change' because of man-caused made-up 'facts.'

Charlie Finally Says Goodbye to Red Devil

The time has come for Charlie to hang up his pizza paddle at Red Devil in Holly. For those of you who don't know, Charlie isn't just the older man you see tending to the pizza oven and cutting your pizza into those perfect slices. He is also co-owner of Red Devil along with his brother Tony and has been since the first day Red Devil opened for business in 1973. For those of you who remember way back then, Charlie was not part of the day to day operation but more of a silent partner because his first love was construction. Charlie worked most of his younger adult years as a Foreman in underground construction laying pipe and operating heavy equipment.

For the past 30 years though he has been an important part of Red Devil arriving early in the morning to make the sauce and dough. And they sure need dough! There's dough for the pizza, dough for the pizzelli's, dough for the sub sandwiches and of course, the dinner rolls. Charlie took great pride especially in making sure the dinner rolls were properly rolled and that the dough



would rise just right so the customers would enjoy his perfectly round, soft rolls.

So now it's time not only for Charlie to say goodbye to Red Devil and his partnership but also goodbye to some nice employees he has met along the way. Life sure will be different for Charlie not having to go to work anymore but he will have plenty to do at home caring for his 5 acre homestead and plentiful vegetable garden. He will definitely have more time to spend with his family and they couldn't be happier.

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Big upsurge in lower peninsula tick population

■ Tick-borne diseases a threat to both humans and pets

By Sally Rummel

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With the death of an Indiana toddler last Sunday from Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever after a tick bite while camping, more attention now is focused on the threat of disease spread by ticks, especially as the tick population is growing in Michigan and expanding southward.

You don't have to go up north to get bitten by a tick this year. Ticks and tick-borne diseases are expanding across the state, according to Michigan State University entomologist Howard Russell. If that trend continues, he said that deer ticks will spread pretty much throughout the southern part of Michigan.

Also known as the blacklegged tick, this insect is already well established in Michigan's western Upper and Lower Peninsulas, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

The idea that ticks are spreading farther south in Michigan was confirmed when a man fell ill last year from a tick bite in Washtenaw County. Lyme disease is the most commonly reported tick-borne

disease in Michigan, transmitted by the blacklegged/deer tick.

The tick season got off to an early start this year, with February's unexpected warm spell, causing many ticks to emerge. Typically, the risk of human infection by a tick bite is greatest in late spring and early summer, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

With this in mind, the MDHHS is encouraging southeastern Michigan residents to protect themselves from ticks as warm weather approaches.

Protect your pets, too, because dogs and cats can come into contact with ticks outdoors and bring them inside. Topical flea and tick treatments are recommended and a Lyme disease vaccination is available.

You won't typically feel a tick bite, so it's important that you inspect yourself, family members and pets at the end of the day if you've been outdoors, even in your own yard.

Ticks feed by inserting their mouthparts painlessly into the skin of a host, including mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians. Most ticks prefer a different host animal at each of their four life cycles. Ticks can't fly or jump, but many tick species wait in a position known as "questing."

They hold onto leaves and grass with their legs outstretched, waiting to climb on the host. When a host brushes the spot where a tick is waiting, it quickly climbs aboard. After the tick finds a feeding spot, it grasps the skin and cuts into the surface, inserting its feeding tube. A tick will suck the blood slowly for several days.

Sites favored by ticks are the waistline, thighs, armpits, hairline and head, but may be found in any location on the body.

If the host animal has a bloodborne infection, the tick will ingest the pathogens with the blood. Small amounts of saliva from the tick may also enter the skin of the host during the feeding process. If the tick contains a pathogen, the organism may be transmitted to the host in this way.

After feeding, most ticks will drop off and prepare for the next life stage. At its next feeding, it can then transmit an acquired disease to a new host.

Prompt removal of a tick from the host's body can prevent transmission of tick-borne diseases, including Lyme disease. Studies have shown that removing an attached, infected tick before 24 to 48 hours significantly reduces the risk of acquiring the disease.

To remove a tick from your body or your pet:

Grasp the tick firmly and as close to the skin as possible. With a steady motion, pull the tick's body away from the skin, straight out slowly, making sure its mouth parts are removed.

Flush the tick down the toilet. Thoroughly cleanse the area and apply an antiseptic.



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Typically, the risk of human infection by a tick bite is greatest in late spring and early summer.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

WARNING

Do NOT douse an attached tick in peppermint oil, nail polish remover or any other substance. A Facebook video showing that method has been viewed more than 31 million times. While it seems like an easy way to get rid of a tick, it actually goes against the goal of getting rid of the tick as quickly as possible — not waiting for it to detach.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) specifically warns against these kinds of folk remedies. Not only do they not work well, but they leave the tick on your skin longer than necessary, increasing the risk you'll contract a tick-borne disease, if the tick is carrying one.

While there are plenty of tick-removal tools you can buy, the CDC says all you really need is a pair of fine-tipped tweezers.

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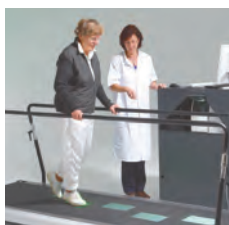


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Erica Breittling is one of the key players on Linden's strong defense this season.

Linden's defense has been stellar throughout season

By David Troppens

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Fenton — In the last couple of contests Madison Paige has been one of the most lonely players on Linden's varsity soccer team.

It's not that she isn't playing. She's the Eagles' starting keeper and she never leaves the pitch.

However, while she's on the field she's not seeing that much action. And that's because the Eagles have been pretty darn impressive on defense during their state tournament run.

In Linden's three district contests and its regional semifinal game, the Eagles have allowed just one goal, earning shutouts against East Lansing, Fenton and, most recently, St. Clair in a 5-0 verdict on Wednesday in the regional semifinals at Fenton High School.

Against St. Clair, the Eagles' net was hardly threatened, resulting in just two Saints shots all game long, with none on goal. In the district final, Fenton did have its chances, attempting 12 shots, but only two ended on net. Against Haslett, one shot did end up in the Linden net, but Paige made five other saves, helping the Eagles to the 2-1 victory. While Paige deserves a large part of the credit, she quickly credits those in front of her, making her job much easier.

"They all do a great job," said Paige, who will be playing at Anderson University (South Carolina) in the fall.

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Tri-county baseball players participating in all-star games

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It's amazing what happens when teams have successful seasons.

The Fenton varsity baseball team captured a Metro League championship, were ranked for the first time ever in Division

I and posted a final record of 27-9 this season, and some postseason honors are coming their way.

Fenton varsity baseball coach Shawn Lawrence will be coaching two all-star games with his share of Fenton athletes on the teams this summer.

He'll be coaching the South Team

in the third-annual North-South All-Star Game at Midland's Dow Diamond on June 19 at 4 p.m. He will also be coaching the Gold Team at the Mott Bruin Classic All-Star Game to be held at Flint's Whaley Park on June 21 at 6 p.m.

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Eagles headed to regional title game

■ Linden crushes St. Clair 5-0 in regional semifinal

By David Troppens

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Fenton — The Linden varsity girls soccer team did just about everything a squad could do to dominate a regional semifinal contest.

The Eagles dominated possession, and held that possession on their opponent's side of the pitch nearly the entire 80 minutes of the contest.

That possession also resulted in an overwhelming 33-2 shot advantage, including neither of St. Clair's shooting attempts being on the net. Heck, the Saints didn't even manage a shot in Linden keeper Madison Paige's direction during the second 40 minutes.

Finally, the Eagles' dominance showed up on the scoreboard with the Eagles capturing a 5-0 win, earning the team a trip to the Fenton High School regional championship game played against the defending Division

2 state champions Pontiac Notre Dame Prep on Friday. The results of that game can be found in Wednesday's publication or at tctimes.com.

The Eagles made St. Clair look like a JV team at times the way Linden overwhelmed its foes with its possession game, resulting in the easy regional semifinal win.

"I don't think we played our best today but I liked how we kept going," senior Sam Hawkins said. "We didn't give up and we didn't play down to our opponent. We decided to keep going."

"I'm excited for the girls," Linden varsity girls soccer coach Kevin Fiebernitz said. "I don't think we played our best. I thought we were rushing a little bit."

The Eagles' performance assured one thing. The Eagles' seniors have now advanced further than they have during any of their seasons on the varsity soccer squad. Their freshman year the team advanced to the regional semifinals but lost. This year, they've

earned a spot in the regional championship game.

"As a freshman this stage right here was as far as we got, so going to the regional final game is definitely new and it's exciting for our team," Hawkins said. "I think we have a chance to go all the way this year."

"It's really exciting," senior keeper Paige said. "I want to go as far as I can. I just want to go all the way. This just shows how hard we chose to work and the way we

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Linden's Taylor Moraczewski (above) prepares to kick a ball in the Eagles' 5-0 regional semifinal victory against St. Clair. (Left) Taylor Acox prepares to play a ball during another portion of the contest. Linden played in the regional title contest on Friday. Check tctimes.com for more details.

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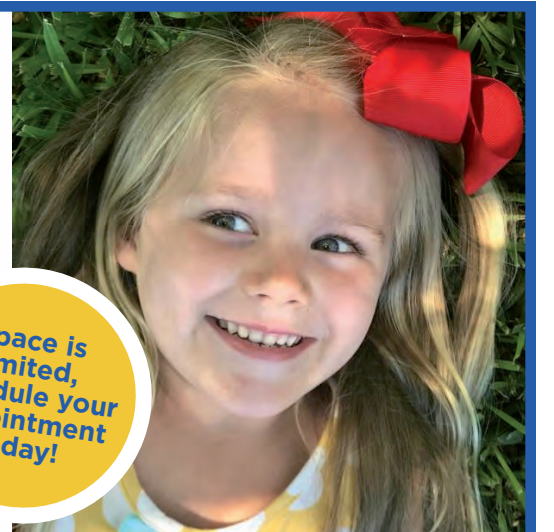
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Eagles preparing for Vehicle City Gridiron Classic

■ Linden to open 2017 season at Atwood Stadium

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Flint — The recent trend in Michigan prep football has been the opening-week celebrations where many games are scheduled at a major facility throughout the day.

Fenton competed in one at Grand Valley State University last year and will be participating in one at the University of Michigan this fall. The Detroit area has one as well, and now the Flint area has one. And when the inaugural Vehicle City Gridiron Classic is held on Thursday, Aug. 24, at Flint's historic Atwood Stadium, the Linden Eagles will be a part of it.

Linden will begin its season with a 4 p.m. contest against Metro League foe Flushing at Atwood Stadium, played in between a 1 p.m. contest pitting Goodrich against Bendle and a 7 p.m. game between Carman-Ainsworth and Grand Blanc. The Eagles are excited to be involved.

"Judge (Duncan) Beagle reached out to us and wanted to know if we would be interested in playing in the first Gridiron Classic. We had a home game, so we were definitely interested. From there, it was other people putting the pieces in place so it would be an option. And here we are, after a couple of months of planning later, putting this thing together."

The event organizers hosted a press conference at Atwood Stadium on Tuesday morning to publicize the event. Each team had coaching and player representa-



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Linden's Zac Brown, Josh Abernathy, Eddie Grode, Cade Dickson and Avery Jacobs attended Tuesday's press conference concerning Linden's involvement in the Vehicle City Gridiron Classic to be held Aug. 24 at Flint's Atwood Stadium.

tion at the stadium, on its reasonably new turf field. Officially opened in 1929, the stadium has great historical importance to the Flint and the surrounding area. In recent years Kettering University has upgraded the field, improving areas where the facilities needed them while keeping the historical integrity of the venue intact. Since renovations were completed the facilities have slowly become a fabric to Flint and area communities once again.

The Gridiron Classic is another step in that direction.

"This is a historical venue. When you look around at the names — you see Mark Ingram on the scoreboard — they are some great names for a proud and prideful city. And Kettering has done a wonderful job with the turf. The stadium looks awesome."

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Linden's Eric Freeman (left) tries to get by a St. Clair defender in the Eagles' 5-0 regional semifinal victory on Wednesday.

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really want it."

Linden dominated from the start, but it did take nearly 13 minutes to score the game's first goal. It was scored by Lauren Gocha with 27:16 left in the opening half. That lead eventually grew to a little more comfortable 2-0 margin when Madeleine Zayan crossed a ball on a corner kick to Hannah Wabel for the goal.

"All I had to do was just stay there and let it bounce off of me," Wabel said about the goal.

Leading 2-0 at the half, it seemed all Linden needed was a third goal in the second half to ice the game. The Eagles got that additional goal. With 28:12 remaining Zayan crossed a ball to the far-side post to Alia Frederick, who scored easily.

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La Forza Soccer celebrates area athletes headed to college teams

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The tri-county area has certainly become a hotbed for prep soccer.

One just has to look at some of the recent success. In 2015 the Fenton varsity girls soccer team advanced to the Division 2 state championship game, while the boys advanced to the state semifinals last fall. Both Linden programs have had success in the past, being ranked in the state frequently. This season's girls team played in a regional championship game on Friday. Lake Fenton's girls also are the Genesee Area Conference champions and remain a strong Division 3 school. And, of course, Powers has had many strong trips in the women's tournament in recent years, with many of those players also coming from the tri-county area.

So it should come to no surprise that many of the athletes the La Forza Soccer Club relies upon is that talent in the tri-county area to create success within its program. And in turn, the athletes themselves are having success.

Some of that success translates into college opportunities. La Forza

has athletes from each of the tri-county schools headed to play soccer at the next level in the fall. The list includes Fenton's Abby Quesnelle, Linden's Maddie Zayan, Lake Fenton's Ashlyn Skidmore and Holly's Darius Reynolds. Other athletes from Metro League schools include Swartz Creek's Halie Kish and Flushing's Kayla Gerhardt.

"It's great for La Forza Soccer to be able to work with these driven athletes that put in the extra work to get them to the next level," club director Mike Gilmour said. "We have had over 20 local soccer players move on to college programs this year and last, and we are very proud of all of them."

Fenton is the organization's hometown community, and it has been around since 1994. Many of the coaches within the program also work with the area schools. Some of the area prep coaches and assistant coaches who are involved with La Forza include Matt Sullivan, Spencer Quick, Mark Diskin and Seath McVey.

"The athletes in this area definitely have a great work ethic, and determination to succeed," Gilmour said.



Fenton's Abby Quesnelle

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