



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | TIM JAGIELO  
Despite being blind, Harvey Dent finds his way around using his nose and ears. The puppy has been under the care of Adopt-A-Pet employees, including Anjela Sullenger, since late spring.

# Adopt-A-Pet seeks home for tortured puppy

■ ‘Amazing little guy’ was blinded, burned, abused by Flint owner

**By Hannah Ball** • hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792  
Adopt-A-Pet is seeking a special home for a special puppy after its former owner, Predrick Derrell Hurt, 44, of Flint, burned him on April 5 and abandoned him outdoors. Hurt was arraigned on one count of animal torture in district court on May 4 and pleaded guilty on June 1 in Genesee County Circuit Court.  
**See TORTURED PUPPY on 10A**

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# Driver faces life in prison for crash that killed five

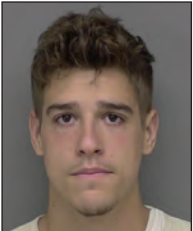
■ Fenton man charged with 19 felonies

**By Sharon Stone**  
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The Livingston County Prosecutor's Office has charged Matthew Carrier, 21, of Fenton, with 19 felonies connected to a car crash that killed five people

and injured three in Livingston County on Tuesday, May 9. He was arraigned Wednesday morning, July 12. Carrier is facing five counts of second-degree murder, five counts of operating a vehicle while

intoxicated (OWI) causing death, two counts of OWI causing serious injury, five counts of driving with a suspended license causing death and two counts of driving with a suspended license causing serious injury. Bond was denied and he remains lodged in the Livingston

County Jail. A preliminary exam has been scheduled for Aug. 2. According to the Michigan Penal Code, second-degree murder is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for life, or any term of years, at the discretion of the court.  
**See DRIVER on 16A**



Matthew Carrier

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The Linden City Council is considering an ordinance that would prohibit front-yard parking.

## Linden considering outlawing front yard parking

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**Linden** — This is the third time in two years the Linden Planning Commission has discussed creating an ordinance that would make it illegal to park in a front yard within the city. Linden City Councilor David Franz brought the issue back to the council in March, and noted how people would

park in their grass and mud and track the dirt along the roads. City Planner and Zoning Administrator Adam Young presented a potential zoning ordinance, at the Tuesday, July 11 meeting that set proposed parameters for where people can park on and around their driveway. People would be able to park right next to their driveway.  
**See PARKING on 7A**

## Lawyer argues Fenton Township chicken ordinance ‘unconstitutional’

■ Zoning conflict goes to court

**By Hannah Ball**  
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A Fenton Township resident has been charged with a misdemeanor for violating a zoning ordinance by keeping chickens in his yard on Grove Park Road. Andrew Charlesworth is scheduled to be arraigned in Genesee County District Court Monday, July 17. The Charlesworths have kept chickens for over a year.  
**See CHICKEN on 18A**

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“I have a very good friend who lives in North Korea. I asked him what it was like to live in North Korea and he responded, ‘Well, I can’t complain.’”



“God bless Kid Rock if he actually does run for Debbie Stabenow’s Senate seat. She has been in congress for far too long. Her decisions are based only on party priorities and do not reflect the desires of any conservatives. KR is young, open-minded and popular.”



“So glad Farmers Market season is here. We went to the new location in Linden and loved it. Can’t wait to hit Fenton’s next week.”



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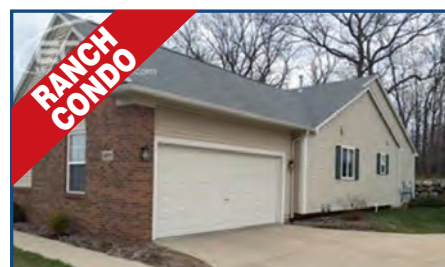
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# Your grocery store of the future

■ Online ordering, curbside pickup, meal kits, delivery — coming soon to local stores

By Sally Rummel

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Everybody eats, but not everybody cooks or grocery shops in the same way.

While a home-cooked entree has always been the gold standard of the dinner table, times have changed for today's busy families.

Today, take-out and dining out have replaced many home-cooked meals as a new generation of younger adults has grown up with fewer role models in the kitchen.

Many of these young people have been the main purchasers of subscription meal services like Hello Fresh and Blue Apron.

See **GROCERY STORE** on 14A

“The two VG's Grocery stores in Fenton are slated to offer online ordering and curbside pickup, beginning in 2018.”

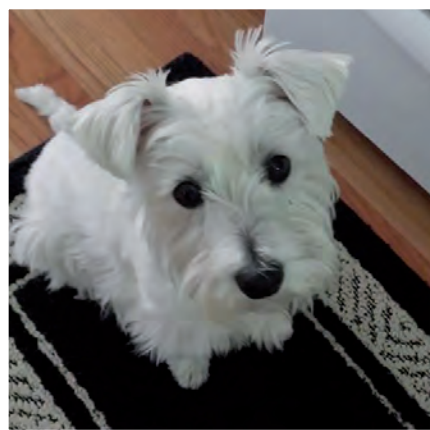
Bill Arkwood

VG's Grocery district manager



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Later this summer, shoppers at Alpine Marketplace in Linden will be able to order their groceries online, and pick them up curbside at the store. Local grocers are adapting to today's changing shopping trends.



**Roxy**  
DOG WINNER

## Cutest pet contest WINNERS

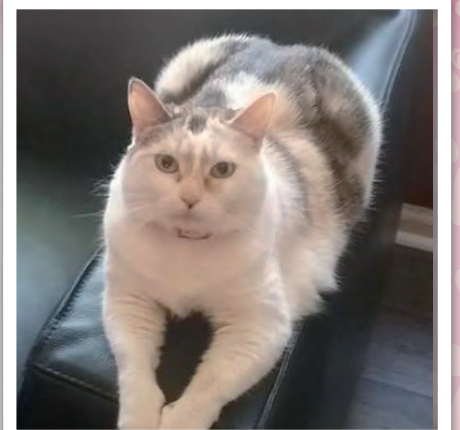
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Last week, the Times' Facebook was overrun with photos of dogs in viking hats, dogs with light sabers, cats licking dishes, cats getting into trouble and animals posing for the camera.

Our cutest pet competition took place from June 30 to July 7. We asked our readers to post photos of their cutest pets on our Facebook page, and they did not disappoint. Within a week, there were 73 comments and dozens of animals entered.

See **WINNERS** on 21A



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CAT WINNER

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Senator Kid Rock?

**R**ap rocker Kid Rock hinted this week he might run for Congress from Michigan. I doubt it'll happen, though. A newspaper buddy of mine thinks it's just a publicity stunt to sell his next album, which he thinks will be called "Kid Rock for U.S. Senate." That would be a pretty clever gimmick that would sell a lot of albums, so I tend to agree with my friend. I also doubt that — are we supposed to call him Kid or Rock or Mr. Rock? — he would want the steep pay cut associated with being a senator. They only make between \$174,000 and \$191,000, not including kickbacks and bribes. (That was a joke, I think.) But say he runs. Is it crazy to think he'd win? Not really. Yes, he'd be running against Sen. Debbie Stabenow, who seems entrenched, assuming of course he could first defeat rocker/lunatic Ted Nugent in the primary, who is also rumored to be considering a run. But this is a nation where fake wrestlers (Jesse Ventura), bad actors (Arnold), cheesy actors (Reagan) comedians (Al Franken) and reality show TV stars (Trump) have been elected to high office. So why wouldn't Michigan elect a rapper? We've been a fool for lesser things. (Rick Snyder.) (Rooting for the Lions.) (Coney dogs.) I don't care for Mr. Rock's politics. He's pals with Sarah Palin, after all, which tells me everything I need to know about him. But I do think we need more people in Congress from different backgrounds. As of 2015, about 40 percent of them were lawyers. As the old joke goes: Q: What do you call a lawyer with an IQ of 100? A: Your Honor. Q: What do you call a lawyer with an IQ of 50?



Andrew Heller  
FEATURED COLUMNIST

A: Senator. So why not him? He'd certainly liven up the place if he won. As the first rapper/rocker in Congress, I think it'd be a hoot the first time he stood in the well of the Senate and said, "Dudes and dudesses, this is, like, bogus, man. And frankly it's also a bit bawitdaba, da bang, da dang diggy diggy, if you know what I mean, and I think you do." (Oh, don't write me nasty notes. I know he's probably a lot more intelligent and adult than his image, but he's always reminded me of the Spicoli character played by Sean Penn in "Fast Times at Ridgemont High.") There's also this: Can you see him suddenly switching to a suit and tie? I can't. But if he were forced to by Senate rules, I suspect he'd still wear sunglasses and his usual fedora, and I seriously doubt he'd cut his hair. Mitch McConnell would get the vapors. And what about this? Say Kid Rock runs and becomes Sen. Rock in 2018, then wrestler/actor Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson — whose fans want him to run for president in 2020 — enters the race as a Republican and wins the primary. If The Rock asked Kid Rock to be his running mate, we could end up with an all Rock White House. And you thought America couldn't get any weirder.

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**THE G20 PROTESTORS** in Germany are touting that they are anti-globalization, anti-capitalism. They're also against commerce, business and money. They are comprised of socialists, fascists, Communists and now Mayor Bill DeBlasio.

**PRESIDENT OBAMA ALLOWED** as many as five million illegal immigrants to stay in the U.S. and avoid deportation. He also ordered the release of 36,000 criminal aliens, saying they could not be held. Thanks to Trump and the Republicans for passing Kate's Law and passing the immigration plan to keep us safe.

**THE KING'S** column about response to occasional terrorism attacks was an affront to all Americans. Everyone should get a fair trial, no matter what their crime.

**WHAT HAS HAPPENED** at the Holly library? It used to be such a warm and welcoming place. Now it seems so cold, nobody is happy.

**TO THE PERSON** with the \$20 a month cable bill. It won't stay \$20 for long, trust me. That was just to suck you back in.

**I GUESS IT'S** fun to be acknowledged for a bright and shiny new building, a new road, new benches, but deep down, it takes lot of effort behind the scenes to make a city thrive.

**CHEERS TO FOSTER** Childs. No way should America give any recognition or tolerate any acts of terrorism in our country by any individual or group upon innocent victims. Rid this country of them and those related to them. Rights of any kind should be eliminated from such people and their acts.

**IT'S THE GRASS** cutters' dream time of year, when the grass slows down but the weeds don't and the trees start drooping.

**NEW TO VOTING?** Stop by your city or township office. Ask for a demonstration of the voting procedure in your precinct.

**THERE WAS A** time when late-night comedy could appeal to a broad demographic of people in America, whether it was stupid pet tricks or having celebrity guests chat about the latest tinsel-town fluff. But now they actually believe that we care about their opinions on serious policy matters? Now that is funny.

**YOU KNOW WHY** I love the Tri-County Times? They are so conservative that they can't even spell marihuana properly! I'm proud to call them my hometown paper!

**I BET THE** people who watch the hateful, biased, Trump-bashing CNN also read The National Enquirer. CNN is an un-American media source that is trying to pit Americans against its president. The viewers who watch this fake news are gullible, brainwashed victims.

**NATIONAL HEALTH CARE** that covers everyone would solve many cultural and business problems. Young people would be more likely to marry and establish families if they knew maternity bills would be covered. Small businesses would have a chance of survival if overworked business owners were not at the mercy of health insurance companies.

**WHAT DID GENESEE** County Road Commission do? Sell all their graders to Livingston County? This is crap. People are driving through my yard, trying to miss the bumps. Why don't they come out here and maintain our roads?

**I SURE CAN** tell Robert Cole's not around anymore. Nowadays when you go to the township hall with a problem and they go 'that's not my job, that's not my concern, that's not what I do.' Well what do I do?

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It's National Ice Cream Month — what's your favorite flavor?

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"Vanilla. I just like it plain. I bought some yesterday actually."

**Berta Baird**  
Fenton



"Black cherry from Stroh's. It's either that or brittle pecan."

**Wendy Wagner**  
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"Butter pecan. I like it by Hudsonville because it's made in Michigan."

**Mike Bemis**  
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"I really like the new Ben & Jerry's 'One Love' flavor. It's fire."

**Blake Hitchcock**  
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"Mine is strawberry cheesecake."

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## Police&Fire report

### CAR STOLEN RECOVERED IN BURTON, SUSPECTS ARRESTED

On July 6, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to a larceny and auto theft complaint in the 4000 block of Island View Drive in Fenton Township. A 53-year-old Flint woman reported her car stolen from a relative's residence on Island View Drive. The homeowner also reported items stolen from inside and outside of his home. The owner of the vehicle also reported the home invasion complaint to Burton police. The stolen vehicle was recovered in the city of Burton by Burton police. Two suspects, Scott Will, 47, of Flint and Amanda Williams, 32, of Flint, were arrested by Burton police. Both suspects were

lodged in the Genesee County Jail. Will and Williams were charged with second-degree home invasion, auto theft, and receiving and concealing stolen property. Will was also arrested on an absconding warrant from Michigan Department of Corrections. Will is currently in the Genesee County Jail and is being held without bond due to the parole violation. Williams is currently in the Genesee County Jail and is being held on a \$7,500 surety bond.

### FISHING GEAR STOLEN

On July 8, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to a larceny complaint in the 6000 block of Byram Lake Road. A 67-year-old Fenton Township man reported fishing gear stolen from his boat sometime overnight. This complaint remains under investigation.

### DRUNK DRIVER ARRESTED ON MOFFETT DRIVE

On July 8, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to an OWI complaint in the 14000 block of Moffett Drive in Fenton Township. A 21-year-old Fenton Township woman was arrested for suspicion of drunk driving after crashing her vehicle on Moffett Drive. The driver was treated and released at Hurley Hospital and lodged in the Genesee County Jail.

### MAN'S IDENTITY STOLEN

On July 9, On July 8, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to a fraud complaint in the 16000 block of Horseshoe Trail in Fenton Township. A 53-year-old Fenton Township man reported his identity stolen and accounts set up in his name that he did not authorize. This complaint remains under investigation.

### DRUNK AND DISORDERLY AT CAMP

On Sunday, July 2, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to a disorderly person complaint in the 10000 block of Fenton Road in Fenton Township. A 47-year-old Oakland County man was arrested for being drunk and disorderly while at a camp in Fenton Township. The suspect was lodged at the Genesee County Jail and released on an appearance citation.

### PURSE, CREDIT CARDS STOLEN

On June 29, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to a larceny from a building complaint in the 3000 block of Ponemah Drive in Fenton Township. An 82-year-old Fenton Township woman reported her purse stolen from her house and that her credit cards were used. This complaint remains under investigation.

### DRUNK AND DISORDERLY AT BEACH

On Monday, July 3, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to a disorderly person complaint in the 15000 block of South Linden Road in Fenton Township. A 26-year-old Flint woman was arrested for being drunk and disorderly while at Clover Beach Park. She was lodged at the Genesee County Jail and released on an appearance citation.

### FENTON MAN ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT WITH FIREWORKS

On Monday, July 3, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to a felony assault complaint in the 3000 block of West Thompson Road in Fenton Township. A 25-year-old Holly man was struck in the face with a spent fireworks cartridge. James Rice, 24, of Fenton, was charged with felonious assault and lodged in the Genesee County Jail. Rice is currently out on a \$5,000 general 10-percent bond.

### JET SKI STOLEN FROM REPAIR SHOP

On Wednesday July 5, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to a larceny complaint in the 14000 block of Torrey Road in Fenton Township. A 24-year-old Flint man reported his Jet Ski stolen from a business where the Jet Ski was being serviced. This complaint remains under investigation.

### NAVIGATION DEVICE STOLEN

On July 6, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to a larceny from a motor vehicle complaint in the 13000 block of Lake Shore Drive in Fenton Township. A 67-year old Fenton Township woman reported the navigation device stolen from her vehicle sometime overnight. This complaint remains under investigation.



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THE FOUNDING FATHERS never meant for the media to be used like that? Alexander Hamilton literally founded The New York Post in 1801 to trash talk his rivals. The paper is still in circulation today. Favoritism and bias have always been a part of American media, and it's always been the consumer's job to sift through it.

EIGHTY PLUS DEGREES, 80-percent humidity. Nothing like Michigan in July.

TO THE LOW-life bottom feeder that hangs out at Eagles Wooden Park. Listen, there are trashcans all around that park every 20 feet and you decide you want to dump your trash in the middle of the parking lot? That's ridiculous. Get a life. Did no one raise you with any manners or abilities to be a decent human being?

IT'S BEEN CONFIRMED. Linden City Council and all its constituents and their little cronies are off their rockers. I thought it was OK for this Taco Bell to go in by Mickey D's across from Alpine. If that's the case, why are they putting a new roof on this house that sits on the lot? People can't think straight or what?

CALLING SOMEONE A moron because you disagree with their views is, in itself, moronic. Sensible rebuttals work much better than name-calling.

THIRTY-SIX PEOPLE in Holly Township are without power on July 10 at 11 a.m. It is now 10:30 p.m. and they don't have a clue.

IS DREW SHAPIRO the only county commissioner that cares about these animals in the shelter? I thought the board was animal friendly. Boy was I wrong.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHIEF Slater. As a lifelong Fenton resident, I couldn't be more satisfied with the City Council's choice. I'm positive Chief Slater, along with the rest of the Fenton Police Department, will continue to keep Fenton a safe place to live and raise families.

I WILL BET you a buck that we end up with a dollar store at the Big Boy/Pizza Hut site.

FENTON CITY PLANNING Commission should be ashamed to allow the removal of the landscaping at Bob Evans restaurant. It has lost the consistency and harmony of all the businesses on the block. Why bother getting developer approval when you allow this to happen?



## PARKING

Continued from Front Page

way away from their house. A few planning commissioners indicated that they did not like this.

Planning Commissioner Jennifer Scott said, "We looked at aerial shots and this is exactly what people are doing." She said people are parking along the empty driveway, and the proposed ordinance would not fix that.

Councilor Ray Culbert raised the issue of encouraging people to park too close to their neighbor's lot line. Young said people can park close to their neighbor's lot if that driveway is an improved surface.

A lot of the discussion focused on how the commission should define a driveway. Planning Commissioner Lynne Drewett said they need to start with defining a driveway. She said Flushing has a "perfect" definition for an ordinance.

Drewett read Flushing's definition of a driveway, which states "anything located on a partial lot or limited area, specified construction and maintenance to improve ingress and egress from the road or street onto a site or circulating about the site. In order to be considered a driveway under this section, an area must be surfaced with concrete, asphalt, brick, solid concrete blocks, four inches of gravel, or be properly graded for drainage and must maintain a good condition."

"Right now we have no definition of what a driveway is so it's a free for all," she said.

Chairperson Bill Swor said adopting an ordinance would fix the aesthetic problems. He said the houses that don't have a lot of front yard space are the same houses that are parking vehicles on their front lawns.

Commissioner Brad Dick agreed. "You look at houses on Tickner or 10th Street, all those houses are built lot line to lot line and the driveway is on the lot line already and they're not going to be able to have another parking structure," he said.

Culbert said the problem is multiple families living in a single family residential home.

"Some of them are allowed, some of them are not allowed," he said.

Zelenak said one of the biggest things is keeping people from parking directly in front of the house. He said the most likely area they would be able to park is along the driveway, and they could make it a requirement to improve that surface.

The commission might make the requirement that a driveway be an improved surface. This means the driveway has to be made out of concrete, gravel, asphalt, or other approved materials. An improved surface would not mean grass or dirt.

Culbert said once you make it a requirement that the driveway be an improved surface, it eliminates a lot of problems, like drainage. He said he could accept gravel driveways.

Commissioner Libby Elliott said, "I think the most important thing that a lot of people miss is you move into a town to be with people, your community, so you need to respect the ones around you. If you don't, move to the country."

This would not apply to special events, like a graduation party or the Fourth of July. The commission reaffirmed that parking on and blocking the sidewalk is illegal.

Young said he will tweak the proposed ordinance and bring it back to the commission.

ing the fall of Communism in Russia. They were playing both sides but got caught on one side.

**YOU KNOW, FENTON**, Linden and surrounding areas, you approve a few of these medical marijuana facilities, they make good money off them, they help cities, they help put money into the roads. Approve a few of the facilities and your problems will be pretty much all solved. Have a good high.

**“I think the most important thing that a lot of people miss is you move into a town to be with people, your community, so you need to respect the ones around you. If you don't, move to the country.”**

**Libby Elliott**

*Linden planning commissioner*

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**WHENEVER CAUGHT, THE** GOP claims Trump and his family are inexperienced. Apparently, ignorance of the law has become an excuse.

**BE KIND, FOR** everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about.

**RUSSIA WAS AN** ally during World War II and they've been a friend of the U.S. dur-

## Swanson Funeral Home shut down

■ LARA investigators find deplorable conditions including unrefrigerated bodies

Gov. Rick Snyder's office issued a press release Wednesday, July 12, regarding the shutdown of Swanson Funeral Home in Flint.

Due to multiple violations of Michigan's Health and Occupational Codes, the Prepaid Funeral and Cemetery Sales Act and other state statutes, the Dept. of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) has summarily suspended the mortuary science establishment license of Swanson Funeral Home, Inc. in Flint, and the individual mortuary science license of its manager O'Neil D. Swanson, II.

A formal complaint, an order of summary suspension and an order to cease and desist were issued by LARA's Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau (CSCL) in conjunction with the Michigan Attorney General's office.

Several investigations by state inspectors found deplorable, unsanitary conditions and violations that included:

- Maggots on the floor of the facility's garage and garage door
- Unrefrigerated human bodies stored in the un-air-conditioned garage, some for more than 90 days and up to five months
- The building smelled of decomposing bodies
- Unsanitary preparation room without equipment or supplies necessary for embalming
- Blood and fluid-stained casket pillows



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Swanson Funeral Home of Flint has been shut down by the state for what investigators are calling deplorable conditions.

were laying in the hallway

• A failure to register as a "producing facility" and submit a Medical Waste Management Plan, under the Medical Waste Regulatory Act

• Repeated violations of standards and laws enforced by the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration affecting the handling, custody, care, or transportation of a dead human body

• A failure to register to sell prepaid contracts or maintain a contract with a registrant under the Prepaid Act

"Michigan residents trust funeral home directors, owners, and their establishments to follow the law especially when dealing with the death of a loved one," said CSCL Director Julia Dale. "We will continue to aggressively hold every funeral home in Michigan to the highest standards of public health and safety when providing final arrangements."

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**SINCE WHEN CAN** you bring your dogs into any store you please without a service dog vest? On June 12, around 10 a.m., a lady came out of a Fenton grocery store with her

little dog on a leash. That is disgusting.

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**WITH THE REAGAN** doctrine, Reagan helped to restore our military to bring pressure to end the cold war. We restored our economy with tax reform and creating 16 million new jobs. He created an age of prosperity and an economic boom that lasted for 20 years.

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**HAVE YOU NOTICED** how the Democrats have run away from their nightmare healthcare plan called Obamacare,

which has left 27 million Americans without healthcare.

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**RUSSIA WANTED HILLARY** Clinton to win the election. It all started with the corrupt uranium deal, which took over 25 percent of America's uranium. The Clinton Foundation profited millions from Russian donations and Bill profited by making millions on speeches.

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**THE REPUBLICANS CANNOT** be trusted to humanely reform the Medic-

aid program. That political party never seems to put much effort into anything other than fighting wars, making rich people richer, and getting themselves reelected. The Democrats at last try to help the poor.

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## GET YOUR TASTE BUDS READY FOR TASTE IN FENTON

■ New Wednesday, Aug. 2 date, addition of food trucks create more excitement this year

By Sally Rummel

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Get your taste buds ready for one of Fenton's biggest and most exciting events of the year.

The new mid-week date of the 2017 Taste in Fenton will be Wednesday, Aug. 2, on the grounds of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. This popular event moved away from Thursday nights because of parking issues on the same evenings in downtown Fenton as the Farmers Market and Concerts in the Park.

New this year will be the addition of three food trucks to the dining options, which will include 15 to 20 local restaurants.

"We've expanded into the parking lot with three food trucks," said Matt Sherrow, event chairman. "Watch for Halo Burger, Bangkok Peppers and new Chamber member, Mama K's Café."

Taste in Fenton offers more than just a showcase of local restaurants. Many family friendly activities will be returning, including the beer stein-holding contest, kids zone, adult pie eating contest and kids' doughnut

eating contest.

This year's musical entertainment will be "Lolly & the Pops," a blues band frequently featured at Beale St. Smokehouse BBQ, according to Sherrow. A DJ will be on hand for sound and announcements.

Reserved tent seating will be available for either an eight-person table at \$500 or a four-person hi-top table for \$250. Each person at the table will receive a \$10 strip of tickets, and enjoy reserved seating.

A shuttle will provide convenient transportation between the event site at the community center and the overflow parking in the lot next to the Chamber office.

Car raffle tickets will be for sale at Taste, with the drawing at the end of the evening. The winner will have their choice of a 2017 Chevrolet Silverado Crew or a 2017 Chevrolet SS Convertible or a \$30,000 cash prize. There will be 10 secondary prizes of either an Apple Watch or \$250 cash. Raffle tickets cost \$100 each.

Taste in Fenton tickets will be available online until 12 a.m. on Aug. 1, the day before the event, for a reduced fee of \$10 per strip of 10 tickets, by visiting fenton-chamber.com. Online tickets can be picked up at the Chamber office at 104 S. Adelaide St., Fenton or at the Will Call tent on the day of the

event. Tickets purchased on Aug. 2 will be \$15 each.

Taste in Fenton involves many business sponsorships, including main event sponsors The State Bank, the City of Fenton and VG's Grocery. Other sponsors include Dort Federal Credit Union, Douglas Water Conditioning, Animal Health Clinic, JD Michel Salon, Behind

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# TORTURED PUPPY

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Named “Harvey Dent” by Genesee County Animal Control, based on the Batman character, the mixed breed puppy sustained severe burns all over his head and the left side of his body.

Harvey received most of his medical attention at GCAC. Assistant Deputy Director Renea Kennedy called Fenton Adopt-A-Pet Director Jody Maddock about taking in Harvey.

Maddock said she couldn’t say enough nice things about the veterinarian technician who took him and took care of him.

“His eyes were so painful that they had to remove both,” Maddock said. Parts of his ears had to be surgically removed because they were burned so badly.

On his left side, his shoulder all the way to his hind end was severely burned. “It looked like someone had sprayed him with lighter fluid,” she said. “His back left

“It looked like someone had sprayed him with lighter fluid.”

Jody Maddock  
Adopt-A-Pet director



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Despite his abuse, Harvey Dent is a typical happy puppy, said lead animal caregiver Anjela Sullenger. She added that he’s good with people, cats and other dogs.

leg was one of the more severe spots. It had affected his thigh so much that chunks were missing, muscle was missing.”

When Adopt-A-Pet received him in early May, he was in a lot of pain. He had

trouble walking for a while and his skin was inflamed.

“It was absolutely horrific. When he walked in, three of us cried it was so overwhelming. He was completely shut

## “He’s just an all-around amazing, little guy.”

Jody Maddock  
Adopt-A-Pet director

down,” she said. “He was so scared.” They kept him on pain medication so he was comfortable, and a mild sedative because he’s a puppy and wants to play. Maddock said they didn’t want Harvey to hurt himself.

Harvey no longer needs pain medication. “Since we removed his eyes, he’s become a different dog. They were really hurting him. He’s so much more playful, he’s so much more confident. He’s become a lot more vocal,” she said. “He lets us know what he wants.”

When he first lost his sight, he was unsure of his steps. They used a toy monkey that squeaked to make noise and let Harvey know where to walk. Now, Maddock said he listens to the sound of your voice to know when he might run into something.

“He learns his surroundings very easily,” she said.

Maddock strongly recommends that the family that adopts Harvey have a second, young dog so Harvey can still play. He’s also great around cats and kids.

“He’s just an all-around amazing, little guy,” she said.

“I think that’s absolutely disgusting that’s all he got,” Maddock said regarding Hurt receiving two years probation. “I’m in full support of making our laws stronger for convicting people for what they’ve done.”

He put a life through so much trauma, Maddock said, and his comment was “well, he’s just a dog.”

“Animals feel just like people. Animals feel pain, they have emotions. If anyone wants to deny that, I would love to have them come visit us at the shelter,” she said.

Maddock doubts Hurt will pay any of the medical expenses he was ordered to pay. Adopt-A-pet billed him for \$1,800 but they haven’t received any response. Maddock said they are accepting donations to help pay for Harvey’s medical expenses.

Anyone that may want to consider adopting Harvey should email Maddock first at jodydogger@gmail.com to set up an appointment.

## Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell speaks out about tortured puppy

Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell held a press conference May 9 and said that the puppy’s injuries included open wounds and potential thermal or chemical burns. Thermal burns could be sustained from scalding hot water to fluid and lighting the fluid. Chemical burns are anything chemical.

Pickell said Hurt claimed he first saw the injuries after the dog spent the night in his fenced yard. Hurt told police he cleaned the open wounds and left the following morning. He did not seek medical attention because he was “just a dog,” Pickell said.

Genesee County Animal Control seized the dog.

Hurt was sentenced to two years probation and is not allowed to own a dog. He is responsible for paying Harvey’s medical expenses, \$1,867 in restitution and additional court fees of \$198.

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On Wednesday, July 12, Bill Carr Signs installs the new sign commemorating the late Les Bland for his years of service as director of the Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW). The Fenton DPW building is now officially known as the "Leslie P. Bland Public Works Facility." Here, Jim Niestroy of Bill Carr Signs grabs the 'S' and

## Fenton public works building renamed Leslie P. Bland Public Works Facility

By Vera Hogan

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The Department of Public Works (DPW) facility on Alloy Drive now bears the permanent name Leslie P. Bland Public Works Facility.

The sign was installed by Bill Carr Signs of Flint on Tuesday, July 11.

The honor was bestowed upon Bland at his 70th birthday party given by his family at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center on May 13.

At that party, the city surprised him with the unveiling of an artist rendering of the sign that is now on the Public Works building in the Fenton Business and Technology Park.

Bland was visibly moved and said he was surprised by the gesture.

Sadly, Bland was never to see the sign installed. He died suddenly and unexpectedly on Sunday, June 18.

"When I found out at my dad's birthday in May that they were naming the building after him, it was such a shock and a well-deserved honor for him," said his daughter, April (Bland) Ahmad last week.

"Now that he has passed, Andrew and I can go to his building and see his name any time and be reminded once again of his greatness," she added. "That building is going to be a place where we can pull

in late at night when Andrew and I are having a hard day or just missing my dad more than usual. We can just sit there and look at his name and talk to him and be forever reminded of how much he loved his family, his town and the job that he had and the 'guys' he loved. We the Bland family are beyond honored that we can go there and honor him and grieve him at the same time."

Bland was an employee of the city of Fenton for more than 41 years when he retired in 2011.

According to current DPW Director Dan Czarnecki, "The idea of naming the Public Works Facility after Les was something several of us at DPW have thought about and discussed quietly for several years. We took it to City Council and they agreed."

After retirement, Bland did not quit working for the public. He was elected to serve on the Fenton City Council, which he did for four years. Before his death, he was planning to run for City Council again in November.

A rededication ceremony has been set for Friday, July 21 at 12 p.m. In addition to other family members, Bland's son Dan and his family from Arizona are expected to be in town for the dedication.

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**WHAT'S THE MATTER** with deer nibbling on your flowerbed or vegetable garden?.

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**CATS AND DOGS** at restaurants? I've heard enough of it. I'm just waiting for frog legs at the Fenton Hotel.

■■■■  
**I JUST READ** the King's column and it was very good. I agree with him. The terrorists? We don't call them that. I think we should just flat out call them murderers, because that's what they are. They're not people trying for religious or anything else.

## News briefs

### Fenton Township hires Realtor to handle dozens of properties

On Monday, June 10, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted 6 to 1 to hire local Realtor Ed Constable of Tremaine Real Living Real Estate in Fenton to provide services relating to the marketing and sale of approximately 30 properties owned by Fenton Township. Clerk Robert Krug cast the dissenting vote, with no specific reason given at the meeting. Constable, 28, of Fenton Township told the board that his team is accustomed to servicing a large volume of properties and currently has more than 45 active listings and more than 20 properties under contract.



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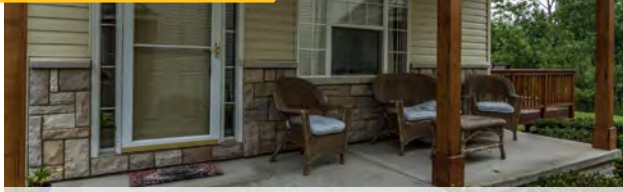
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2393 DAVIS ST, FENTON

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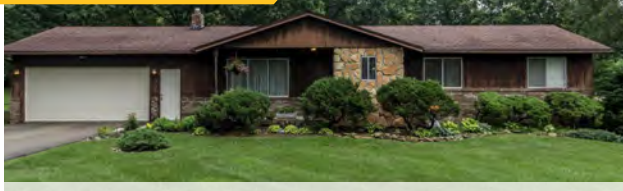
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16304 STAGES ISLAND, LINDEN

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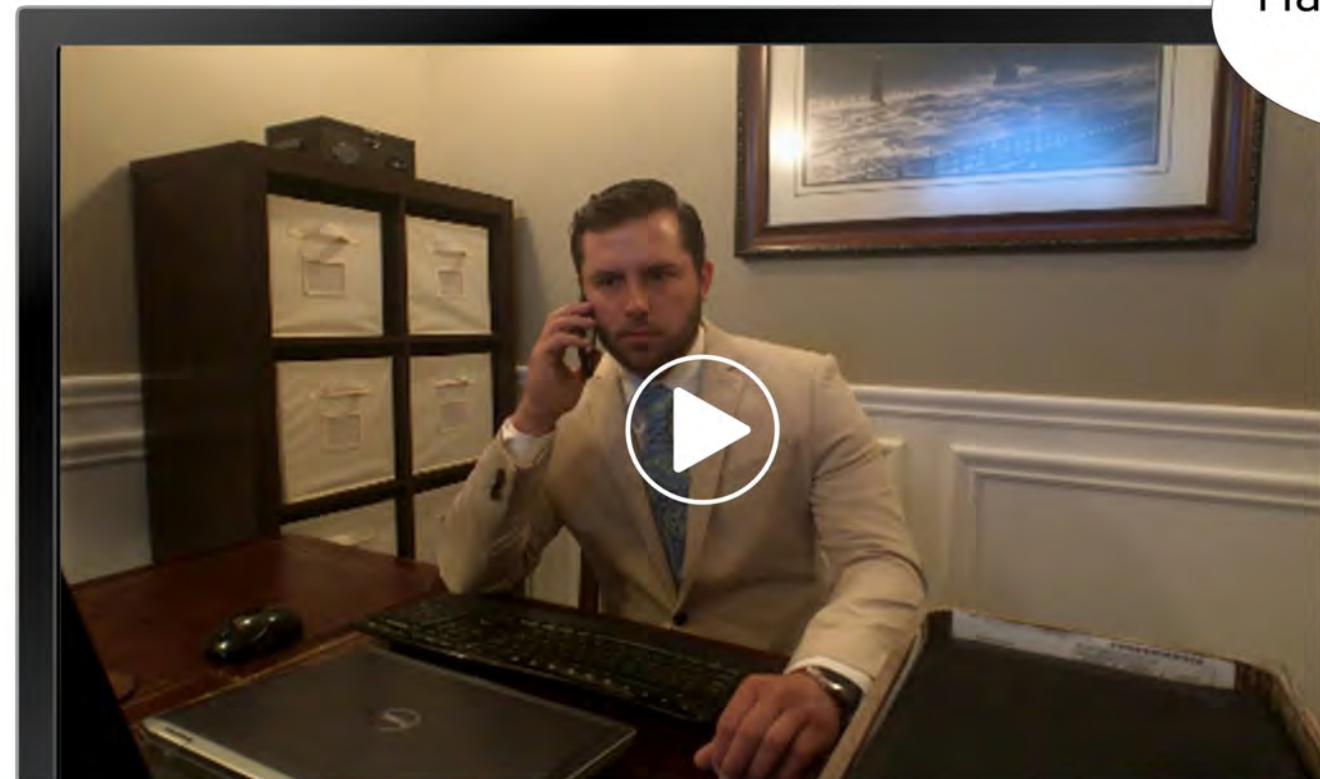
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Jake Worthington  
Agent

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Favorite Song: **I Believe I Can Fly - R. Kelly**  
Favorite Sports Team: **Pittsburgh Steelers**  
Favorite Thing About Michigan: **It's Shaped Like A Hand**  
Fun Fact: **My Nickname Around The Office Is State Farm**



THIS WEEK'S ANSWER:  
Does Jake prefer Pepperoni or Ham  
on his Rocco's Pizzeria Pizza?  
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With online ordering, Alpine Marketplace will save your previous order for referencing in the future.

## GROCERY STORE

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These are marketed to people who want to cook healthy meals at home, but need some instruction and don't want to spend time shopping for ingredients.

The grocery store of the very near future will soon be offering services to make these daily chores more convenient, especially if you don't have much time or are not very confident in your cooking abilities.

With online retail giant Amazon's recent purchase of up-scale grocery retailer Whole Foods, local grocery stores are making their own plans to remain viable and profitable in the future.

Alpine Marketplace in Linden is taking a proactive approach by setting up a system of online ordering and curbside pickup and delivery, set to be operational by later this summer.

"Younger families are looking for these services," said store owner Marvin

**“Younger families are looking for these services. I just want to be on top of these trends. I know where the industry is heading.”**

**Marvin Yono**

*Alpine Marketplace in Linden owner*

Yono. "I just want to be on top of these trends. I know this is where the industry is heading."

When ordering groceries online, Yono said the new system will save your last grocery list with items you've ordered in the past, then you can add other items. "It's for anyone who is pressed for time," said Yono. "We'll bring your order right out to your car. Depending on the demand for delivery, that might be available, too."

Alpine will also be re-facing its exterior and doing some interior work, to accommodate these changes.

The two VG's Grocery stores in Fenton are slated to offer online ordering and curbside pickup, beginning in 2018. "We're test marketing the concept in our Grand Rapids market right now," said Bill Arkwood, district manager for VG's Grocery, a division of Spartan Nash, VG's parent company.

VG's Grocery has already responded



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

To make trying new flavors easier, VG's Grocery carries the "Culinary Tour" brand, for unique new flavors for recipes.

to the need for easier food preparation with the roll out this past week of its new private label products, Culinary Tours.

"These are foods from around the world that help you create meals with recipes and all the ingredients included," said Arkwood.

Customers will find these items as soon as they walk in the door of the store.

Also new is the Open Acres private fresh label brand of prepared cut-up produce items. "They're available in our Produce Department as a meal kit or as individually prepared fresh produce items ready to use in your own recipes," said Arkwood.

Many of these new products and services are also in line with the more healthy way that many people are trying to eat, emphasizing fresh, perishable foods over the center-store pre-packaged items.

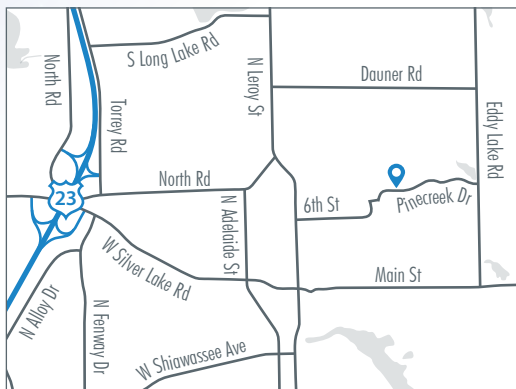


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## Flint man rocks 'America's Got Talent'

## ■ Johnny Manuel receives standing ovation from audience and judges

**By Hannah Ball**

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Flint's got talent.

That's the word after a recent "America's Got Talent" episode aired with a Flint man, Johnny Manuel, 32, wowing the audience and judges, and ending his last note with a standing ovation.

Manuel told the judges that he's been singing most of his life and signed into a record label when he was 14, but it didn't go anywhere.

He belted out Whitney Houston's "I Have Nothing," from the 1992 movie "The Bodyguard." The well-known judge, Simon Cowell, was seen clapping at the end, impressed by the performance.

The 12th season of the show is still airing auditions. Cowell, model Heidi Klum,



Johnny Manuel sings Whitney Houston's "I Have Nothing" on "America's Got Talent" on June 27.

TV host Howie Mandel, and recording artist Mel B are judges this year. Tyra Banks is this season's host.

Fans of the show, and Manuel, can watch the performance on YouTube, and follow Manuel as he advances in the show on Tuesday nights on NBC at 8/7 central.

## DRIVER

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The Michigan State Police-Brighton Post responded to the crash, which happened at 10:40 p.m. at the intersection of M-59 and Argentine Road. Responders described the crash as “horrific.”

Alcohol was suspected.

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

Kyle Lixie, 23, of Fenton was a passenger in the car Carrier was driving and was seriously injured. Justin Andrew Humberto Henderson, 18, and Preston Wetzel, 24, both of Fenton, were pronounced dead at the scene, according to Lt. Mario Gonzales, assistant post commander.

The driver of the car traveling east on M-59 was Albert Boswell, 39, of Oakland County. He was driving with an expired license, according to the Secretary of State. He was seriously injured but has since been released from the hospital.

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

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

Days after the crash, Stephanie Hopper-Allen told the Times that her son, Matthew, had been dealing with an array of mental health issues, including paranoid schizophrenia, obsessive compulsive disorder, bipolar, and manic depressive disorder.

"He's had issues for a while," she said. "They've been switching his meds around and he's had problems with drugs and alcohol. He self-medicates, like a lot do with mental illness."

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

## CHARGES AGAINST MATTHEW CARRIER

- Five counts of **second degree murder** — maximum penalty of life in prison
- Five counts of **operating while intoxicated causing death** — maximum penalty of 15 years in prison
- Two counts of **operating while intoxicated causing serious injury** — a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison
- Five counts of **driving while license suspended causing death** — maximum penalty of 15 years in prison
- Two counts of **driving while license suspended causing serious injury** —maximum penalty of 5 years in prison

## PAST ARRESTS FOR MATTHEW CARRIER

**GENESEE COUNTY  
67<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT**

Improper plates .....	12/1/16
Possession of marijuana.....	12/1/16
Drove with suspended license ....	12/1/16
Minor in possession of alcohol.....	6/6/16
Breaking and entering.....	6/6/16
Larceny .....	4/12/16
Parks, use of hours .....	3/28/16
Trespassing .....	3/26/16
Minor in possession of alcohol....	3/26/16
Retail fraud.....	3/9/16
Public disturbance .....	5/26/15
Speeding .....	4/3/15
Noise violation .....	8/15/15
Disorderly disturbance.....	8/15/15
Drive with suspended license.....	4/3/15
Careless driving.....	5/10/14
Purchase/consume alcohol.....	4/20/14
Disorderly person .....	4/20/14
Operating impaired .....	4/20/14

**OAKLAND COUNTY  
52-2 DISTRICT COURT**

Speeding .....	6/5/14
Reckless driving .....	5/3/14
Failure to report a crash .....	5/3/14



## Macklin Mechanical specializes in clean air, climate control

■ Local company headquartered in Fenton is more than just a 'heating and cooling' expert

By Sally Rummel

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Did you know that the indoor air that you breathe in your home is actually more polluted than the outdoor air?

From paint to pets, mold and bacteria, cooking residues and smoke, the air inside your home can be more harmful to your health than outdoor pollution.

Wayne Macklin, owner of Macklin Mechanical Company in Fenton, understands the importance of providing local families with clean, purified air, and has the knowledge and equipment to change the quality of life for many families, especially those facing asthma



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | SUBMITTED PHOTO  
Macklin Mechanical Company is a proud dealer of Bryant heating and cooling equipment.

and allergy issues.

"This is why I named our company Macklin Mechanical," said Macklin, who has been in the HVAC industry for almost three decades. "We do so much more than just heating and cooling."

Macklin Mechanical opened its Residential Division Showroom and main company headquarters at 1147 N. LeRoy St. in Fenton last year, seven years after Macklin founded his own company.

Macklin has been working with his family's HVAC business for almost three decades. "My dad taught me how to do things right the first time," said Macklin. "I learned all about safety from him and how to be very thorough in every aspect of the business."

His work experience has taught him first-hand the importance of air purification and climate control on the residential end, and sheet metal fabrication, welding, ventilation, paint sprays booths and more on the commercial end. The commercial sheet metal custom fabricating business is located at 4023 Old U.S. 23 in Brighton.

This local company specializes in service, maintenance and replacement systems.

Macklin Mechanical takes a holistic approach to your whole house, to improve the comfort and overall air quality in your home. "That's why we ask a lot of questions," he said. "We want to know if your upstairs is hotter than your downstairs or if



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The family owned and operated Macklin Mechanical Company participated in this year's Freedom Festival Parade with their own fleet of vehicles and many family members and staff proud to represent their business.

one room is always colder than another. We know that you'll be living with the system we install for up to 20-25 years, so we want it well-matched to your family's needs."

Macklin Mechanical will not only ask about your heating and cooling needs, but also wants to know about a family member who has asthma or allergies to mold. "We have products that can literally capture and kill mold and dangerous bacteria," said Macklin.

As a dealer for the reputable Bryant line of heating and cooling products, Macklin Mechanical offers a number of high-tech, high-efficiency systems. He can also install other makes and models by company request.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of installing today's residential systems is the "smart technology" available for WiFi

connectivity and zone control heating and cooling.

"Some of the new energy-saving products are the fun part of the things we do," said Macklin.

Macklin Mechanical continues to be a family business. Macklin's wife, Shawn, works in accounts payable and marketing. His oldest son, Riley, handles all sales and estimating. His son-in-law, Chad Gardner, is a field foreman and Shawn's aunt, Kim Piedra, is office manager.

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# Bundy brothers soar in state trap-shooting competition

By Vera Hogan

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Some day they plan to follow their father's footsteps and pick up dental tools — but for now Parker and Spencer Bundy are sticking to their guns.

The Bundy brothers are members of the Fenton High School trap shooting team, a group started by Spencer a couple of years ago.

Earlier this year, Parker, 16, became the Michigan state champion in high school trap-shooting competitions. Spencer came in second place.

According to their mother, Tracy Bundy, the state finals took place, as they do every year, in Mason, Michigan.

For those who may be unaware, trap shooting involves clay targets that are launched in the air. Upon hearing the shout "pull," shooters begin firing.

Tracy said a lot of dexterity and coordination is required to become a good trap shooter.

Twenty-two Michigan high schools participated in this year's competitions, which take place from March through June. Although more than 20,000 students nationwide participate in trap-shooting competitions, there are no national trap shooting competitions at this time said Tracy.

The Fenton High School club boasts 23 members, including one girl, Hannah Doyle, and practices weekly at Linden Sportsman's Club. They have coaches who volunteer their time, including Doc and Ginny Abraham, Pat Kelley, Fuzz Eplett and Kevin Johnson.



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Parker (left), 16, and Spencer Bundy, 18, are members of the Fenton High School trap shooting team. Parker became the No. 1 Michigan State Champion in this year's competitions. Spencer took second place.

Parker will be a junior at Fenton High School in the fall, while Spencer graduated this year. Parker has future plans to become a dentist. His brother will be seeking a career as an orthodontist.

Tracy said competitive shooting is a huge passion for her sons, as is hunting of every kind, which they do throughout the year with their dentist father, Dr. Jeff Bundy.

## FUNERAL HOME

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This is not the first time Swanson Funeral Home has faced violation charges. Please see link for the November 2016 story by the Detroit Free Press included with this story at tctimes.com.

## CHICKEN

Continued from Front Page

Charlesworth's attorney Michael Manley said, "This is complete government intrusion" and questions whether a township has the authority to criminalize a zoning ordinance violation.

Fenton Township has received backlash in recent months for giving violation notices to residents who keep chickens illegally. Multiple families have faced the township for keeping chickens when their property is not properly zoned for farm animals. The ordinance is complaint driven, meaning the township only steps in if a neighbor has a problem with the animals.

"It's selectively enforced," Manley said. He added that the zoning ordinance is unlawful and vague, and it needs to be clarified.

"We think the law is unconstitutional. It's subject to many interpretations. It's not specific. We don't think you can criminalize a zoning ordinance violation," he said. "It's one of the most confusing laws I have ever read. We will fight this law tooth and nail."

Manley said there are a hundred other people in the township who keep nontraditional pets.

"Since when do we charge our citizens with a crime for having a chicken?" he said.

Residents in the city of Fenton can have chickens, but not roosters. Manley said the Charlesworths do not have roosters, which are loud, and he said they keep the yard clean.

"If chickens were crowing and having a dirty smell, there's a problem," Manley

said. "But if they're not any type of problem the government should not be telling people every little thing they can do and not do within the confines of their home."

Manley said the township officials have been very professional and said the situation is not personal.

Fenton Township Attorney Jack Belzer said, "Factually, I don't think there's any dispute on any side. There's nothing for the township to prove. We'll just have to respond."

He said at this point it's speculation what arguments Manley will bring to the courtroom. Belzer said they will argue the validity of the zoning ordinance.

If the judge rules the ordinance is invalid, Belzer said that would allow everyone in the township to have any kind of animal mentioned in the ordinance, including buffalo and chickens. Belzer said he could appeal the decision and go to Genesee County Circuit Court and the Court of Appeals.

"If they kept the chickens and the judge says the ordinance is valid, they could get a ticket every day," he said, adding that they would have a few options in that case. The township could also go to Genesee County Circuit Court and get an injunction, or the court could put them on probation.

Belzer said it is common for municipalities to criminalize zoning ordinance violations. He said violating the ordinance is a 90-day

misdemeanor with up to a \$500 fine and two-year probation.

"It's not like they can't have chickens anywhere, it's just in certain zoning areas," he said.

**“It's not like they can't have chickens anywhere, it's just in certain zoning areas.”**

**Jack Belzer**  
Fenton Township attorney

**“Since when do we charge our citizens with a crime for having a chicken?”**

**Michael Manley**  
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## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**WHOEVER IS PICKING** flowers out of my flowerbed, I thought you might want to know there is poison ivy in there. If you would just ask, I might even give you a bouquet. Thank you.

**115 TO 120 degrees** out in Texas and California. It's called global warming, not Fenton warming. It's here. Grow up. Take some science classes and understand what the devil is going on.

**DO YOU REMEMBER** before Trump came along our biggest national embarrassment was Snooki and Jersey Shore? I'd sure like to go back to those days.

**MITCH MCCONNELL MISSED** his calling. He should be in Hollywood make-up after creating the Trump healthcare bill and putting lipstick on a pig.

**BEING THE KIND-hearted** Democrat that I am, and feeling sorry for Ted Cruz. I emailed him and reminded him that Lee Harvey Oswald's name is on the CIA's memorial wall and he should be proud of his father's alleged meeting. To my surprise, he answered me.

**CHIEF SLATER ISN'T** just good for Fenton, he's good for the whole area. He knows the townships, he knows the other villages and cities, he knows the county. We have a really good police chief coming in.



## Holly considers medical marijuana facilities

■ Village Council doing its homework before making a decision

By Vera Hogan

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On July 11, the Holly Village Council held its second study session on the matter of whether to allow medical marijuana facilities in its community.

The first study session was held on June 13. A public hearing will take place at the Aug. 22 Village Council meeting. "I don't believe we'll be voting then," said Councilman David Cruickshank. "We'll probably be voting on it in September after the council has had more time to think about it."

Cruickshank said about 35 to 40 people were in the audience. According to one audience member, 13 people spoke publicly. Eleven of them were against allowing medical marijuana facilities and two spoke in favor of it, he said.

During the study session Tuesday, three attorneys from the Cannabis Counsel PLC in Detroit, presented comprehensive information regarding medical marijuana, including a handout with more than a dozen links to studies showing that the passage of statewide legalization laws do not increase teen access or use.

A second handout provided information on the financial benefits of a medical marijuana market, which is estimated to be about \$711.1 million per year. In addition to the ability to charge \$5,000 per medical marijuana facility license, there is a 3-percent excise tax at the retail sale point that has been estimated to generate \$21.3 million in revenue.

Of those funds, 25 percent are divided among municipalities, depending upon how many licenses a municipality grants. The remaining percentages go to the counties where facilities are located, their sheriff departments, a small percentage to the state for law enforcement training purposes and a small percentage to the Michigan State Police.

If Holly Village were to allow medical marijuana facilities, the community would not only get \$5,000 per license issued, they would also receive a significant amount of funds via the 3 percent excise tax.

"That could fix a lot of roads," said Cruickshank.

Additional handouts were provided to dispel the alleged myths that marijuana is a "gateway drug," or that marijuana use causes a decrease in educational performance, brain damage or lower quality of life.

They also provided studies that say

marijuana does not significantly change driving performance and that there is no significant elevated risk of accidents because of use of cannabis.

"It should be noted, however, that 'buzzed' driving, which includes alcohol and drugs, is treated the same criminally in Michigan.

"The council is split at this point," said Cruickshank on the consensus of the elected body. "There are a few of us all on board and a couple that are dead set against it."

Councilman Robert "Bob" Allsop is one of the naysayers. "He unsuccessfully attempted to make a motion to kill any further discussion," said Cruickshank.

Councilwoman Suzanne Heiple is leaning against it, he added. Everyone else on the council is still open to considering it or in favor of it.

Cruickshank said Nick Klempp of the Holly

Area Community Coalition also made a presentation. "He also had study after study saying the complete opposite (of first presenters)," he said.

"Most people are forming the argument that it will hurt kids," said Cruickshank. "Things get so convoluted during these discussions and it becomes opinions versus facts."

One argument is that it is too easy to get a medical marijuana card.

"I hear it is easy," Cruickshank said. "My only experience is that my mother attempted to get one when she was diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer. She was denied because her physician would not sign the forms. He said it was too late in the process. She wanted it to help her get through chemo.

"On the other side of things, I hear you can have the snuffles and get a card," he said.

Chief Michael Story also gave a small presentation Tuesday night. The data he shared showed there was a "small uptick" in crime around dispensaries in Colorado. He did not make a recommendation one way or the other. "He was just warning that we need to be prepared if we do allow it," said Cruickshank.

Cruickshank said he doesn't blame people for their opinions because the negative stigma involving marijuana use was a long time coming.

"The only thing that's going to happen after using marijuana is that the Cheetos will go missing and Netflix will stay on for six hours," said Cruickshank.

"Why not keep it local. Why make people who need medical marijuana go to Davison or Flint to get it," he said. "Let's make it appropriate for our town."

**“On the other side of things, I hear you can have the snuffles and get a card.”**

**David Cruickshank**  
Holly Village councilman

## WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following is what you missed in the **Wednesday, July 12, Midweek Edition** of the Tri-County Times. To subscribe and receive both the Sunday Weekend and Wednesday Midweek editions, please call (810) 629-8282

### Slater named new Fenton police chief

Jason Slater, a 22-year veteran of the Fenton Police Department, was appointed by the City Council on July 11 to serve as the city's next chief of police.



### Linden likely to reject medical marijuana facilities

Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter has recommended to the City Council that the city opt out when it comes to allowing medical marijuana facilities in the city.

### Family returns from vacation to find home destroyed by fire

A fire destroyed a garage, truck and home in Argentine Township on Seymour Road Monday, July 10. No one was home at the time of the fire.



## Ask Andy THE REAL ESTATE EXPERT

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Watch Andy answer these questions & more online at [www.AndyAlger.com](http://www.AndyAlger.com)

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## YOUR SMILE MATTERS!

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

### GOLD OR PORCELAIN

When restoring badly decayed and broken teeth, often a crown is placed. Time was that gold was the "gold standard" and most crowns, especially those for back teeth were made of gold. Gold has been used for restoring teeth for centuries even Egyptian mummies have been found with gold restoring their teeth. Gold has many useful properties that make it good for dentistry. Gold is biocompatible and non-allergenic. It's strong and easy to work, cast and shape. Also, the reason gold is considered a precious metal is because it does not tarnish which enables gold to withstand the hostile oral environment for years. But gold also has some non-ideal properties. Gold, because it's a relatively scarce element, is very expensive. And gold is metallic and not a natural looking restorative material.

Porcelain crowns, on the other hand, are much more life-like in appearance. Historically there has been a problem with porcelain crowns being able to withstand and hold up well over time in the mouth especially in the back teeth. With time the porcelain would sometimes break and the crown would need to be replaced. Porcelain crowns have always worked relatively well for front teeth but because the bite pressures are so much greater, porcelain crowns were not considered a good treatment option for back teeth. Now, with advances in porcelain material science and technology; crowns made of advanced E-max or Zirconium porcelain are just as strong and last as long as gold crowns on back teeth. In fact, just a few years ago it was reported that for the first time that more teeth are now restored with life-like, all-porcelain crowns than with gold. In my practice I very rarely place a gold crown these days. The vast majority of the time I am recommending a life-like all-porcelain crown which my patients appreciate much more than the metallic look of a gold metal crown in their mouth. I see this trend continuing to rise.

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## our town

# Meet DALLAS GATLIN

- Executive director at Carriage Town Ministries
- Retired General Motors executive
- Fenton city resident

*Dallas Gatlin, 63, moved to Fenton with his wife, Nola, a registered nurse, after their four kids were grown. They live in a 1860s-era home on Adelaide Street and enjoy many of Fenton's downtown activities. He was invited to become executive director at Carriage House Ministries in Flint after retiring from GM and has led this gospel rescue mission for almost eight years.*

**How did you get involved with Carriage Town Ministries?**

As I approached retirement from GM, I explored different leadership opportunities with World Vision and Samaritan's Purse as a place to land next. I'm not good at sitting and I'm not a great golfer. A God-choreographed meeting



**"My mother told me my name was inspired by the J. Dallas Dort name in Flint history, but the truth is, we had eight kids in our family and I was number six, so it's likely they had simply used all the other names."**

**Dallas Gatlin**  
Fenton resident

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Dallas and Nola Gatlin are pictured here with five of their seven grandchildren.

with a Carriage Town Ministries board member led to this position — I'm only the fifth executive director in Carriage Town's 67-year history. **What skills from your GM career did you bring with you to Carriage Town?**

My experiences in leading GM operations taught me about teamwork and efficiency, what happens when you have it and when you don't. I learned you can't do anything really important without a great deal of help from other people who bring valuable skills and experiences to the enterprise. A lot of people in Flint, Genesee County and our hometown of Fenton help us with this daily mission.

**How do you feel you can make a difference for people at Carriage Town?**

We've made being a redemptive productive community an important part of our DNA. Our residents are encouraged to serve the mission and the neighborhood and are not turned out after breakfast to wander the streets. They have lockers, identity and value. Our culture is grounded in the notion that everyone is a personal project of God Almighty. You are His idea — and if God says you have value — then without question, you do.

**What is a typical day like for you?**

My priorities are God, family and Carriage Town. I wake up at 5:30 a.m. and pray at 6 a.m. I spend the rest of the day with people, trying to remind myself that I am a 'Jesus student.' My day is a classroom and He is my teacher. I operate from the assumption that everyone I meet is a personal project of God — His idea, and so am I. This helps a great deal in deciding what to say and do around people and when I am alone. If I had to choose between home and Carriage Town, home and family would win — my wife, my children, my grandbabies, but Carriage Town wins out before everything else.

**What would you like people to know about Carriage Town?**

Many folks who visit are very surprised

at the friendliness and cleanliness here.

Homeless men and

women are just like you and me, but without homes. They've made mistakes like us and suffered misfortune like us, but something was magnified, some factor threw them over the edge. They lost or never achieved a dependable income stream. They have no social support structure. We offer an opportunity to be safe, get situated and give it another go. We also work on prevention. In addition to basic shelter, our health screening clinic provides a place to see volunteer health professionals, including Fenton's own Dr. Rachor (dentist) and his network of volunteer dentists.

**What leisure activities do you enjoy?**

I love to read and write, and walk with my best friend and bride, Nola. I love to spend time with my grandkids — four of our seven grandkids live right in town so we can meet up for Music in the Parks and other things going on. We just had two new grandchildren born this past week. When not attending our home church (Central Church of the Nazarene) or another church on behalf of Carriage Town, we love to slip into the 11:05 a.m. service at Fenton United Methodist Church.

**Where did your name Dallas come from?**

My mother told me my name was inspired by the J. Dallas Dort name in Flint history, but the truth is, we had eight kids in our family and I was number six, so it's likely they had simply used all the other names.

**What is something most people don't know about you?** I take guitar lessons

at A Joyful Noise Music Studio with owner Corey, who is a great teacher, by the way. He didn't hesitate for a minute taking on a 63-year-old lifelong student, intent on learning 'Stairway to Heaven' before I go there.



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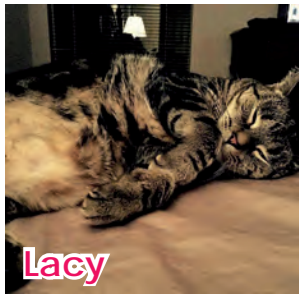


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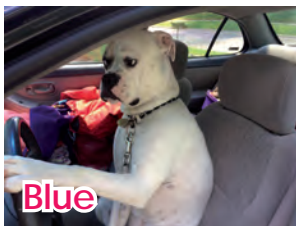
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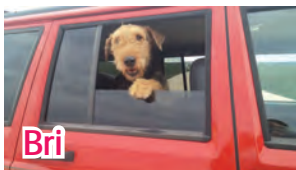
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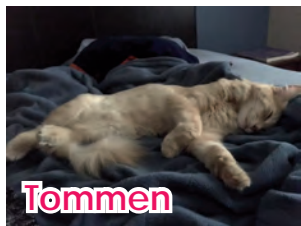
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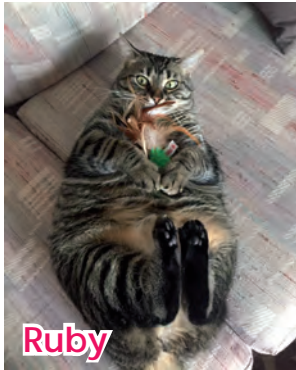
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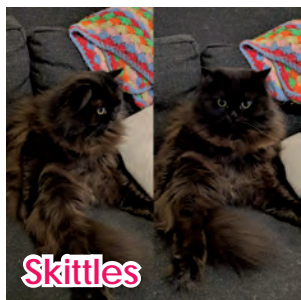
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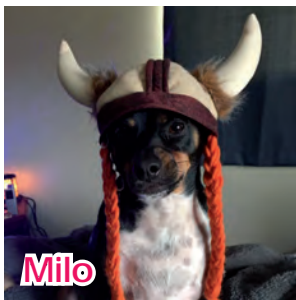
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## WINNERS

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The dog and cat with the most likes won the respective competition. Here at the Times, we believe all animals are winners but two animals did receive more likes than the others.

In the dog contest, 4-year-old Roxie won with 50 likes. Owner Sharon Campbell said Roxy is a West Highland White Terrier. Campbell wrote, "She loves raw carrots and cheese so the kitchen is her

favorite spot. She also loves doggie day care."

In the cat contest, 2-year-old Lucy emerged victorious with 11 likes. Owner Kortney McQuarters said the breed is unknown. She wrote that Lucy is "...a troublemaker with a big heart. Enjoys cuddling, tormenting our fellow animals, and lounging on the furniture when she knows she is not supposed to."

Congratulations to Roxie and Lucy, and thank you to all who entered their animals.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■  
**THANKS TO OUR** free press, every time Trump tries to divert attention from Russia the press is ready for another big news drip about Russia.

■■■  
**TO THE MAN** in the Fenton T-shirt who helped to park and tie up boats at the Moose last week — you are a valuable

member of the community and should be named official Harbor Master.

■■■  
**'IF EVOLUTION IS** a theory?' Of course it is, since there is no solid evidence to prove it. Maybe you should take a course on it. The dictionary defines opinion as a belief or conclusion held with confidence, but not substantiated by positive knowledge or proof. Sounds like evolution to me?

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# Sports

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## David's Dabblings

A few thoughts about the area's sports scene and others not dealing with sports at all.



## LF wrestling tops the Tri-County's Top 16

By David Troppens

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Finally, we are to the final six teams in our Tri-County Top 16 for the 2016-17 school year.

During our first eight years of doing this poll, only four different sports have earned the top spot. A cross country team has won four times and a wrestling team twice. The last two seasons have enjoyed different sports on top — during the 2014-15 school year Fenton girls soccer the top team while in 2015-16 it was Linden baseball.

This year's poll was mighty tough as four of the teams advanced to the state semifinals before bowing out of their team state tournament. Two others finished in the top 10 at their state meet. How do you create separation in a field like this? Well, we are going to try to do it right now.

**No. 6 – Fenton boys track:** The Fenton boys won all seven of its Metro League duals and then captured the Metro League meet title by 197.83 points ahead of the rest of the field. That was a pretty impressive regular season to say the least. They followed that up by taking second at regionals, qualifying a strong group of performers to the state meet. While there, the team placed seventh with Dominic Dimambro keeping the 3,200-meter state championship at Fenton for a second straight season. Wow, and this team was sixth?

**No. 5 – Linden girls soccer:** This is the highest Linden girls soccer has ever finished in the Top 16, and it took a historical season to do it. Linden's regular season was



### TRI-COUNTY TIMES

DAVID TROPPENS

The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team (above) earned the No. 1 spot in the 2016-17 Tri-County top 16 Poll, while the Fenton varsity volleyball team finished at No. 2 in the poll.

pretty impressive, earning the squad a spot in the state's top 10 for most of the season. However, the Eagles were unable to win the Metro League title, which kept them from moving higher than No. 5. Once the state tournament began they earned a district title, avenging a couple of losses to Fenton in the process. They won their first regional title ever and played in a state semifinal

game, losing to Marian 2-0.

**No. 4 – Fenton boys soccer:** Just like Linden girls soccer, the Fenton boys advanced to the state semifinals for the first time in school history as well. Prior to advancing to the state semifinals, the Tigers earned a co-Metro League title and, of course won a district crown. In districts the

See **TOP 16 on 23A**

## Fenton baseball helps community

By David Troppens

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As a varsity baseball coach, it's Shawn Lawrence's job to help teach the sport to his players, hopefully guiding the Fenton Tigers to successful seasons.

He did that during the spring, leading the Tigers to a Metro League championship and a 27-9 overall record.

However, Lawrence looks at baseball as an educational opportunity beyond the baseball diamond. In recent years he's expanded their educational opportunities by

doing community cleaning projects.

What started with helping clean Fenton's Oakwood Cemetery a few years ago, has expanded to still doing that project, but also helping out people in need within the community at their homes.

So now not only did the Tigers spend the spring batting, pitching and fielding, but all three teams also spent time become members of the community by helping out their community.

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The Fenton varsity baseball team works on cleaning up a yard for an elderly resident during the late spring.



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Tigers had to beat Linden in a shootout. In regional action, Fenton beat Cranbrook Kingswood and Notre Dame Prep, earning the spot in the state semifinal game. In the semifinals, Fenton lost to Dearborn Divine child 2-0.

**No. 3 – Holly girls tennis:** The Bronchos must be wondering what it takes to finish No. 1 in our Top 16 poll. Holly girls tennis has been in our final 16 all but one of the nine years we’ve done the poll, and have finished as high as No. 3, twice.

Holly has elevated the program to greater heights in recent seasons, easily dominating the Metro League for a league championship. In fact, the Bronchos posted a perfect Metro League Meet, recording flight champions at all eight flights at the event. At regionals, the Bronchos earned a regional championship, amazingly accomplishing the same feat at all eight flights.

At the state meet, Holly finished in a tie for fifth, recording 16 team points. Four Holly flights advanced to the semifinal round of their flights at the state tourney. Holly girls tennis is more than a regional power now, they are a state power.

**No. 2 – Fenton volleyball:** The Tigers are always a strong program, ranking in each of our Top 16 polls we’ve created. However, the Tigers usually are in the bottom half of the poll. The last three years they’ve ranked 16th, 16th and 15th. Last fall, the Tigers upped their game, creating Class A school history in the process.

Fenton had a strong regular season, capturing the Metro League championship. Their biggest competition was Linden, who pushed the Tigers to one of the most thrilling volleyball contests anyone will



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The The Holly girls tennis team (above) finished No. 3 in our Tri-County Top 16 Poll, while the Fenton boys soccer team placed fourth in our list of top squads during the 2016-17 school year.

ever witness. Linden challenged Fenton once again for a Class A district crown, but Fenton moved on and captured that title. Then in regionals, the Tigers beat state-ranked teams Eisenhower and Clarkston, earning a spot in the state quarterfinals. While there, Fenton beat Midland, earning the Tigers their first-ever Class A state tournament invite. The run ended in the state semifinals against the state’s eventual state champions, Novi.

**No. 1 – Lake Fenton wrestling:** Last year on the Lake Fenton wrestling Facebook page, we linked the story when Lake Fenton wrestling finished No. 2 in our Top 16 poll. It wasn’t good enough for the program as we are assuming it was probably head coach Vance Corcoran who suggested No. 2 isn’t their goal. Well, this year, the

team moved up one notch and earned the No. 1 spot in our poll for the second time ever (Lake Fenton wrestling was No. 1 in 2010-11 as well).

The Blue Devils won the Genesee Area Conference regular-season title and also won the GAC meet. That was a great start to the season. They also ended up winning a team district title and a team regional championship, eventually advancing to the state tournament where the squad ended up losing in the D3 state semifinals. Individually, the squad also had their share of success, earning two three-time state champions —Trent Hillger and Jarrett Trombley.

Put together the individual and team success, and Lake Fenton wrestling was a very worthy No. 1 team for the 2016-17 school year.

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think I’ve ever seen anyone physically dominate a football game or a wrestling match like Hillger did. The funny thing is the first I knew about Trent was from his dad, David Hillger, prior to his prep career. David was a trainer at Holly High School and he mentioned a couple of times how his son was a pretty good wrestler. I thought at the time, this was just a dad pumping up his son. I soon found out if David did anything, he undersold Trent.

The other is **Alia Frederick**. Her mom, Klari Frederick, has provided photos for us over the years, and talking to Klari has made it easier for me to take notice of Alia’s athletic career. I remember when I saw compete in a road race one summer. She did well and I thought to myself how she’d be a great runner for the cross country team. She eventually joined the team and had an outstanding cross country career. She also ended up having an outstanding track career, specifically the hurdle events, but it was in soccer that she was most fun to watch play. One second she was near her team’s goal box and another setting up a goal with a cross. She helped lead the Linden girls soccer team to a state semifinal this spring.

Two more soccer players stick out. The first is Fenton’s **Tori Bailey**. At under five feet, she was a lot like Xiong, she go everything she possibly could out of her body. You’d wonder how the heck this petite athlete could physically compete, but you quickly realized it was the other girls on the pitch you had to feel sorry for. She

figured out ways to win 50-50 balls I never expected her to win. She was skilled and unselfish. The other is **Mary-Kathryn Fiebernitz**. She was a physical star among her peers when she played at Linden. She could have a mean streak, but that mean streak could result in some awesome memories when she’d lead the team to a victory.

Another favorite athlete that clearly sticks out is a little girl who usually competes at the Wednesday Night Races at the Park at Linden County Park, 10-year-old **Molly Katic**. Molly has Cerebral Palsey, making running a challenge. But instead of that keeping her from running with her siblings, Molly runs every week. She occasionally falls, but always gets back up. Molly recently competed in the Wings of Mercy 5K run at Linden Price’s Airport and completed her first 5K race. Keep on running Molly! I can’t wait to see you compete when you are in high school.

Finally, one athlete ranks higher than everyone else in my book. Minus a couple of columns, she hasn’t made many of my stories, but no area athlete has had a more positive impact on my life than my wife Anna. Anna is a runner and can be found at the Wednesday races and a bunch of other area road races every year. I cheer her on when I can, probably embarrassing her while I yell her name from a quarter-mile away. Anna ran while a member of Linden’s cross country team back in the day, and now has me running with her. I can’t come close to beating her, but I do feel good that I’m able to support her

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etery and now we have the varsity kids go to senior’s homes and help them out,” Lawrence said.

One of the seniors helped out this spring was Harold Krueger. Krueger said he was shocked when he saw the team working.

“I pulled into my driveway and was amazed by what I saw. My entire yard was cleaned up and ready for spring,” Krueger said.

“Many thanks to the varsity baseball team who came voluntarily to weed, rake, mow and to make life easier for me. I am so grateful for the kindness of these young men.”

“One of the things we’re trying to build is the community pride within the kids,” Lawrence said. “We want them to take pride in the community and help out the people in the community. We want the community to see the kids in a positive light.”

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Fenton wrestling program’s golf scramble slated for July 22

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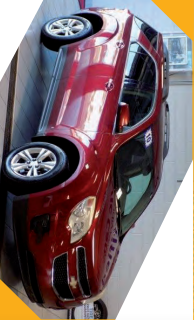


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