

# Would you fly Allegiant Airlines?

■ Major carrier at Flint Bishop blasted on '60 Minutes' for poor safety record

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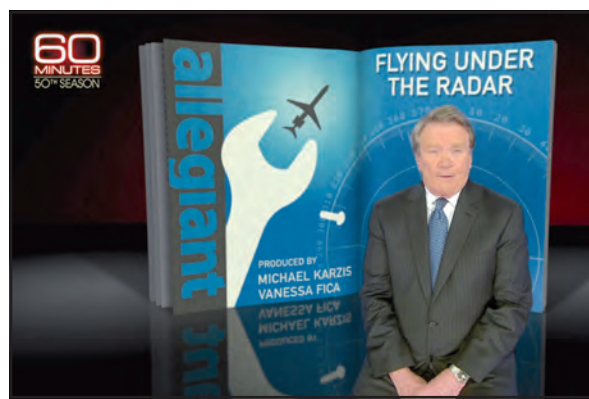
One of the worst airline disasters to have happened recently didn't take place in the

sky — it took place in front of the camera of CBS-TV's "60 Minutes" on Sunday night with a scathing report of the safety record of Allegiant Airlines.

Allegiant Airlines is described as an ultra-low-cost airline based in Las Vegas, with 99 planes flying to 120 destinations, including Flint and Grand Rapids.

CBS-TV's "60 Minutes" aired the segment on April 15 after a seven-month investigation into Allegiant Airline's safety record, citing reports from the Tampa Bay Times, which for years had been investigating Allegiant's alleged history of aborted takeoffs and in-air mechanical problems.

See **ALLEGIAN** on 20A



## SUMMARY

■ Allegiant Airlines has been in the news a lot this week, as it answers allegations about its alleged poor safety record following a segment on CBS-TV's "60 Minutes."



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## Cause of January fire deemed 'undetermined'

■ \$700,000 house was nearing completion at time of blaze

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No one will ever know what caused the Jan. 26 fire that destroyed a \$700,000 home under construction on Carmer Road in Tyrone Township.

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said, "After completing our investigation and working with the multiple insurance companies involved and their independent investigators we have ruled the fire 'undetermined.'

"What that means is we were not able to find a conclusive cause for the fire," he said.

See **FIRE** on 6A



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | FILE PHOTO  
Multiple fire departments responded to the structure fire in Tyrone Township on Friday, Jan. 26. The Fenton Fire Department arrived at 5:17 p.m. and cleared the scene at approximately 10:30 p.m. There were no injuries, and the cause of the fire is not determined.



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | TIM JAGIELO

Gerych's grower Doug Doemer hangs a basket of petunias in a greenhouse building, which primarily houses city of Fenton planters that will be hung downtown in the coming weeks. He enjoys the warm greenhouse environment during the cold weather.

See story on Page 9A

## Two contaminants found in Michigan fish

■ Area lakes to be tested this summer for harmful chemicals

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As summer approaches, the Genesee County Health Department is preparing to test certain beaches for E. coli levels.

However, E. coli is only one measure of health for a body of

See **FISH** on 19A



## Holly schools might ask for \$25 million bond in November

■ Survey results to reveal how community feels about funding issues and Master Plan

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Holly Area Schools (HAS) might ask the community for a \$25-million bond, paid over the course of 20 to 25 years — depending on community survey results.

See **\$25 MILLION** on 16A



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Holly Area Schools Superintendent David Nuss

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“People, take a good hard look at the drugs your doctors prescribe. Ask yourself, do I really need them? When growing up did you see mom and dad needing all these drugs? Most people don't need them.”



“I think that it would also be a good idea to close the track and football field to the public during football games and track events. Large crowds are present during the games and they represent a much larger danger for crazies than moms and senior citizens walking during the school hours.”



“Yes, the lottery does provide funding for the schools. The problem is when the lottery money goes to the schools the other funding is removed. So, the schools are not receiving any extra money.”



## COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“California recently mandated LGBT indoctrination for elementary school children, beginning with kindergarten. Parents aren't allowed to opt out of transgenderism classes, even for 5-year olds. The schools didn't notify parents because the class wasn't considered sex education. Cuckoo, cuckoo.”





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A rain garden is a garden of native shrubs, perennials, and flowers planted in a small depression, which is generally formed on a natural slope. It is designed to temporarily hold and soak in rain water runoff that flows from roofs, driveways, patios or lawns.

## Take your planting skills outside this Earth Day

■ A rain garden and new trees are beautiful as well as practical

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There are many things that can be done to help protect the environment, not just on Earth Day, April 22 but every day.

Those things include conserving water, leaving your car at home and walking or biking to work if you can, recycle and compost, and make your home more energy efficient to name a few.

There are many other things we can do to help the environment, and give a boost to the food we need to sustain ourselves as humans through practical gardening.

### Build a rain garden

One way to conserve water and enjoy a lush landscape is through a rain garden.

Rain gardens allow rain water runoff (i.e. from your roof or from a

See **EARTH DAY** on 13A

# The man behind the digital scoreboards

■ Tyrone Township resident trains pro sports team officials on digital 'sign language'

By Sally Rummel

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A Tyrone Township man gets the very best seat in the house at every baseball game he attends, and he actually gets paid to watch the game.

Adam Kaminski, 29, is a control systems specialist for Daktronics, a company that manufactures LED scoreboards for major and minor league stadiums throughout the U.S. and worldwide. Daktronics also builds digital scoreboards for high school and college gymnasiums, as well as roadside LED highway signs.

At today's sporting events, scoreboards are more than just "stat keepers." They're as much a part of the excitement of the stadium experience as what's happening on the field or the court.

"My passion is for the live event, putting on a show for people to experience," Kaminski said. "It's all the action behind the scenes. The happy part for me is seeing something come out of nothing. It's the ability we have to inform, entertain and amaze the spectators in the stadium."

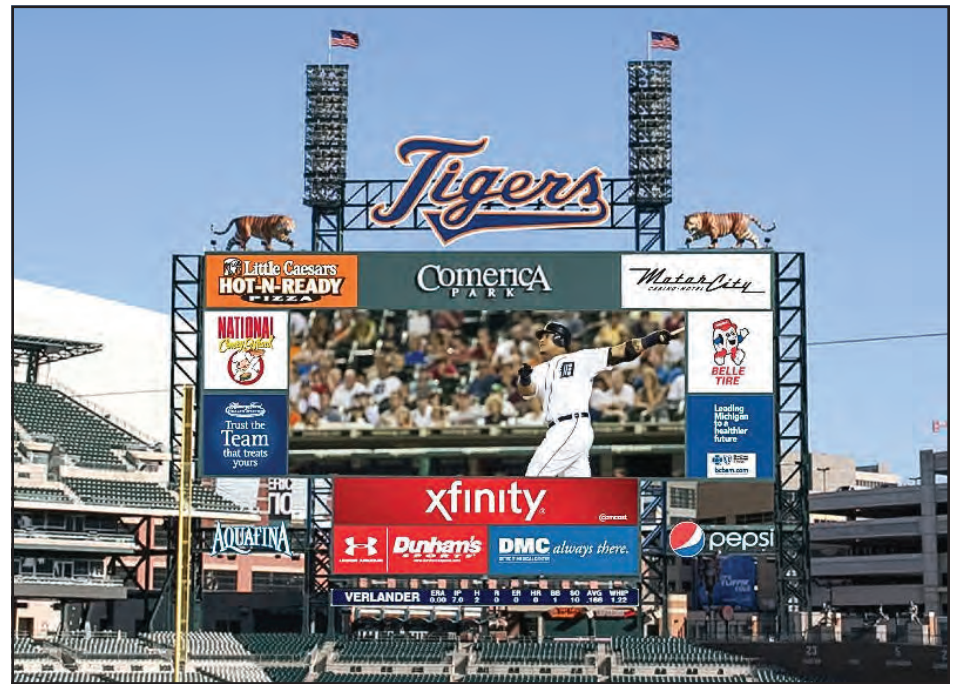
He realizes how big the stakes are for these scoreboards, as stadiums have to compete with huge home TV screens to draw people in for games. "Stadiums have to up their ante and stay ahead of the curve when it comes to entertainment," Kaminski said.

Kaminski makes sure that stadium staff knows how to operate their newly installed digital scoreboards, maximizing the appeal of the game for spectators. "I train them on their new equipment, then I'm there for the first time installation and for the fire-up, then for support for the next few games," he said.

It's a dream job for Kaminski, who admits he's more nerdy than sporty, but he keeps up with the fundamentals of the games, especially baseball and football. "I grew up as a Red Wings fan," he said.

**“My passion is for the live event, putting on a show for people to experience.”**

**Adam Kaminski**  
Trainer for stadium digital scoreboards



DAKTRONICS

The Detroit Tigers centerfield scoreboard is one of Comerica Park's main information and entertainment centers.

After graduating from Troy Athens High School, he majored in broadcast and cinematic arts at Central Michigan University and began his career at Daktronics as an intern during his college senior year.

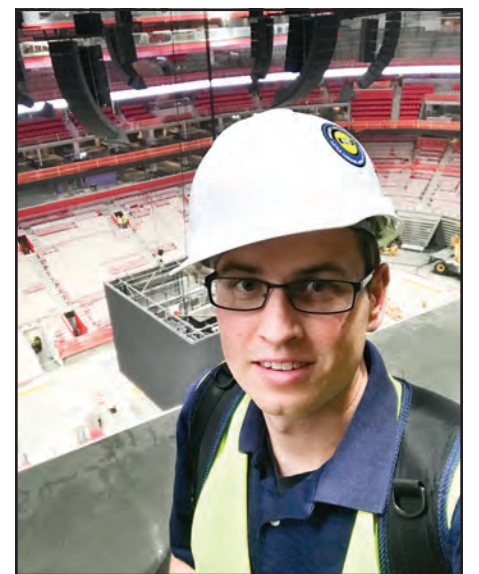
Spring and fall are his busiest seasons;

spring because of baseball and fall because of football, immediately followed by arena winter sports like hockey and basketball. Kaminski has traveled to England and as far as New Zealand to service accounts. Closer to home, the Great Lakes Loons, Detroit Tigers and Cleveland Browns are some major customers.

He spends almost half of his workweek flying from one major or minor league stadium or arena to another. He'll also train staff at many high schools and colleges that use Daktronics equipment.

"I spent opening day at Dow Diamond with the (Great Lakes) Loons," Kaminski said. "That installation has been kind of my baby since the get-go."

See **SCOREBOARDS** on 21A



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Adam Kaminski of Tyrone Township, control systems specialist for digital scoreboard manufacturer Daktronics, helps pro sports teams learn the operation of new digital scoreboard systems. Here, Kaminski works with a new system at Little Caesars Arena in Detroit last year.

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# Come *Heller* high water...

The weather in Michigan this April has made just about everybody crazy. After five long months of winter glop already, a sixth seems like some kind of sick punishment. Everyone is tired of it.

Except for the incessantly positive people, of course.

I ran into one of these ridiculous creatures the other day.

“God, I’m sick of the weather,” I grumbled. “Can you believe this? Worst April of my life. I swear I’m moving to Florida.”



Andrew Heller  
FEATURED COLUMNIST

She smiled and said, “Oh, c’mon, it’s not that bad. It’s actually kind of pretty out, don’t you think?”

I eyed her suspiciously.

“Are you nuts?” I said.

“Snow in November, December, January, February and March can be pretty. Snow in the middle of April is a crime against humanity!”

“Ah, but that’s the beauty of living in Michigan — we are blessed with four beautiful seasons.”

“Yeah,” I said, “but the problem is you can get one of them in any of the other three. I had crocuses coming up, dammit. They’re now under a foot of snow.”

“We can’t pick the weather but we can pick our attitude about it,” she chirped.

Incessantly positive people love using this line to show you how calm and superior they are. But I’ll bet you a million they swear and fume when the dog poops on the rug, just like the rest of us.

So I said, “That’s the dumbest thing I’ve ever heard. Are you’re telling me you never, ever get upset by crappy weather?”

“That’s what I’m saying.”

“And you’re fine with winters that stretch into June?”

“Yup. When God gives you snow, make snow angels.”

“And you’ve never once been perturbed when you shovel the driveway and it’s covered again half an hour later?”

“Never. Besides, even if the weather did bother me, complaining about it doesn’t do any good.”

Ah, that’s where she’s wrong. I wouldn’t expect the obnoxiously positive to understand, but whining and complaining about the weather is, in fact, a great stress reliever.

According to a scientific study I just made up, people who air their grievances about the weather are 95 percent less likely to punch solid walls or holler at small children.

On the other hand, the same study found that smug people who never express frustration with the weather are 78 percent more likely than normal people to snap after one too many cloudy, drizzly days.

“The problem with excessively positive people,” says a psychologist friend of my mine, “is they’ve repressed decades of perfectly normal gripes about Michigan’s crappy weather. One day they’re just going to blow.”

I mentioned this to my Suzy Sunshine friend and she said, “I’m sure that won’t happen to me. Although now that you mention it, it does bother me a teensy bit that my kids will be in school until July because of all the snow days this winter.”

“And I have to admit I was a tad annoyed when the snow killed my tulips. I mean, c’mon, it’s April, for crying out loud. Did we *OFFEND* someone? Do we need to sacrifice a *GOAT* to the weather gods or something? For the love of Mike, it’s May in two weeks and we’re *STILL* using the snow blower! That’s it, I’m moving to Florida!”

Eventually, they all come over to the dark side.

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“Snow in the middle of April is a crime against humanity!”

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REGISTER A KAYAK and canoe? What's next? My lawn tractor? More greed from our government.

YEAH, I SAID it before I'm sorry to say, but I'll say it again. You move out here thinking it's beautiful in the country and then all of a sudden you start complaining about horse manure or cow manure. Deal with it or go back to the suburbs. Thank you.

MY WIFE AND I recently took a vacation down south. We drove all through the mountains in Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina. We drove through some of the poorest, most rural places this country has, and did not see any roads as bad as State Road. It's embarrassing.

TO THE FOOL who hit the two dogs on Seymour at 5:30 p.m. Thursday before the dangerous curve. Just want you to know that one dog died. The other one had surgery but also died. You didn't even stop. You had to have known you hit two dogs. Remember, what goes around comes around.

AS JAMES COMEY was politicizing, demoralizing and incompetently running the FBI, Donald Trump was running multiple businesses within his empire, creating many jobs and much wealth for many people and for himself.

MICHIGAN IMPOSED THE pension tax to replace the revenue lost from reducing the business tax.

I ABSOLUTELY WOULD love to have my wife, mother, daughters, and granddaughters to meet with President Trump. It would be an honor to meet and speak with the man who is working so tirelessly to make America great again. Now if you would have asked the question but with Bill Clinton, I would have an entirely different answer.

YOU WERE REALLY that upset over a hat? Calm down and grow up.

TO THE 'COMMENT of the Week' on April 15. Is it legal to have a sign like this? You are joking, right? If I worked there I would take that as meaning he is paying you and you need to take your job and do it to the best of your ability. He is explaining what he expects, and if you have a problem with that, you need to leave.

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TO THE PERSON talking about leaving a female in the same room with Donald Trump. You are apparently a liberal that has been lost for a long time and have no common sense whatsoever.

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“Probably Aruba. My husband and I have been going there for 18 years, so it’s a special place to us.”

Rosalie Reber  
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“Aruba, because I’ve been going there for 24 years. I really love it. I actually have some time shares there.”

Connie Cislo  
Fenton Township



“Probably Hawaii, I’ve never been there before and it sounds great. My friends have been there, and they tell me about it.”

Curt Elmon  
Tyrone Township



“Italy, because I’ve never been there and that’s my heritage.”

Suzy Burke  
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“Somewhere warm, maybe in the South Pacific. My wife and I are actually celebrating our 56th anniversary.”

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# From classroom to safety room in just 90 seconds

■ With tornado season ahead, schools test safety plans

By Tim Jagielo

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**Lake Fenton** — When the warning siren started promptly at 12:57 p.m., Wednesday, April 11, the staff and students at West Shore Elementary School knew what to do.

Anyone in rooms with windows filed out into the hallway under the direction of staff and volunteers. Some of the children protected their ears from the blaring alarm as they walked into large office storage closets and restrooms.

Once everyone was settled, Principal Sonya Shaughnessy gave them the “all clear,” and they returned to their classrooms.

West Shore Elementary was among most of the schools in the state to participate in the tornado drill, coordinated by the Michigan State Police (MSP), Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, and was part of Severe Weather Awareness week, from April 8 to 14.

According to the MSP, there are 10 to 15 minutes of warning time for a tornado to develop, and they are more likely to occur in the late spring and early summer.

At West Shore Elementary, it took approximately three minutes to move 450 students from their classrooms to safety and back, following standard procedure, and only 90 seconds to get many of them from the classroom to a safe room.

Linden Elementary School Principal Vicki Makaravage said it also took approximately 90 seconds to get her students from



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The entire tornado drill at West Shore Elementary took approximately three minutes. Here, young 5s teacher Morgan Reeves (top) and Katie Sabourin (bottom right) keep students calm before returning to their classrooms.

the classroom to a safe room. She said there is a map directing the staff and students, and they run the drill twice per year.

Fenton Area Schools Superintendent Adam Hartley said they are planning a drill at a different time, as the April 11 date interfered with state assessment.

It is standard procedure for students and staff to leave areas with windows, and enter interior halls and rooms such as storage areas and restrooms.

For the Holly Middle School procedure, all students and teachers leave their classroom to enter the hallway area or an interior room. “This puts all of our staff and students in a location where there are at least two walls separating them from the weather outside,” said Principal Eric Curl. “All students turn and face the walls, we remind students to look down and cover their heads in case of falling debris.”

Lake Fenton Community Schools (LFCS) Superintendent Julie Williams said they take the advice of law enforcement, as to where students and staff are safest during a tornado.

During her years in LFCS, she can’t recall these plans being called upon during a real-life tornado. “I am knocking on wood and hoping I never have to,” she said.

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## FIRE

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The blaze destroyed the 4,300-square-foot home under construction, but nearing completion.

The fire took place during the late afternoon hours of Friday, Jan. 26.

“When the first crew arrived they had a fully engulfed garage and the home was about 25 percent involved at that time,” Cairnduff said in January. “They used defensive operations only at that point, which means we fight the fire from the outside, due to the advancement of the fire. We had strong winds off the lake that were feeding the fire,” he said.

Multiple departments were called, including Fenton Township, Hartland,

Mundy Township, and NOCFA (North Oakland County Fire Authority) to help haul water to the scene.

Additional responding agencies included the Livingston County Sheriff’s Office and paramedics, and the city of Fenton and Fenton, Linden, and Argentine township fire departments. The road was closed to allow the responders to work.

“We used a fire hydrant at the high school to fill the tankers,” he said. “We used about 50,000 gallons of water to finally extinguish the fire.”

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■■■■ **ANOTHER JOKE HOT** line, 'listen to the youth,' as if they know anything. Most don't know the three branches of government nor can they name them. They seem to know nothing about the Constitution, why it was written and what the first 10 amendments and are what they are all about. Instead of lowering voting age, raise it to 21.

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**'MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.'** MANY people wonder what the mission actually was, and how can we be sure it was accomplished? Chemical agents have been used in Syria at least six times during the past year. The U.S. has responded twice. How has the mission been accomplished this time?

■■■■ **LET ME GET** this straight, you have a point of view, and anyone who disagrees with that is lying or spreading fake news? And you are the only person who can distinguish between that? Wrong. Merriam-Webster defines 'point of view' as a position or perspective from which something is considered or evaluated.

■■■■ **I FIND IT** shameful that liberals opposed to President Trump only talk about issues other than the state of our country. They can't argue the fact that measures of how the country is doing are positive. They want to impeach Trump, so they really don't care about this country at all.

■■■■ **WHAT A TREACHEROUS** drive into work today, Tuesday, April 17 where I-75, from Baldwin Road to Detroit, was an icy mess. Bridges were iced over. What a nightmare. Why wasn't the road salted, Oakland County?

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■■■■ **WHAT IF THERE** was collusion? We will never know for sure.

■■■■ **WHILE CHECKING THOSE** aircraft engines take a look at shrinking those window sizes. It wasn't the engine alone that killed that poor woman.

■■■■ **STATE ROAD WILL** never get fixed. The powers that be in Tyrone Township used the money to give themselves huge raises for working four days a week.

## Police&Fire report

**YOU'VE BEEN PHONE SCAMMED**

On April 18, a Holly police officer was dispatched to a pharmacy in Holly to investigate a fraud complaint. A man told police that earlier that day he received a call from a man claiming to be an IRS representative. The caller told him he must pay \$1,800 for tax evasion or risk going to jail. The man went to a store in Grand Blanc to get \$100. The caller transferred the man to another person who told him he needed to have the money placed on a Google Play card. The man went to the CVS pharmacy in Holly where he purchased two \$500 Google Play cards. In all, \$1,100 was withdrawn. The man provided the verification numbers on the back of the cards to the caller. The caller then told the man they needed another \$1,500. When the man told the caller he could not do that, the caller swore at the man and announced that he had just been phone scammed out of \$1,100 and hung up. The man was advised to contact his credit union to stop payment on these transactions. The man said the caller had an accent of someone from India.

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**DOMESTIC ON DOOLEY DRIVE**

Deputies were dispatched to the 5500 block of Dooley Drive in Fenton Township on April 4 to investigate a domestic assault and battery complaint. The incident remains under investigation. If anyone has any information, contact 810-257-3422, D/Sgt. Harrington.

**MDOP ON DOOLEY DRIVE**

Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 5000 block of Dooley Drive in Fenton Township on April 7 to investigate a malicious destruction of property complaint. Deputies arrived on scene and observed a 2016 Chevrolet with its driver side window smashed. The incident remains under investigation. If anyone has any information, contact 810-257-3422, D/Sgt. Harrington.

**BREAKING AND ENTERING ON FENTON ROAD**

Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 14000 block of Fenton Road in Fenton Township on April 12 to investigate a breaking and entering complaint. Deputies arrived on scene and found unknown suspects had attempted to make entry through the ceiling. The incident remains under investigation. If anyone has any information, contact 810-257-3422, D/Sgt. Harrington.

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# Like stepping into the tropics

■ Comforting and colorful, greenhouses get you out of the gray Michigan weather

By Tim Jagielo

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**Fenton** — Inside the greenhouses of Gerych's, the fans hum and the fountains bubble, and everything is focused on living, green plants.

On Wednesday April 18, well into spring, it's 38 degrees and overcast outdoors.

While winter weather persists, there are places to escape the dreary gray skies and biting wind — greenhouses.

Flowers are just starting to come in, and Mother's Day is a month away.

The forecast for this week-end calls for temperatures in the 60s, and sunlight, but Michigan residents may not be quick to trust such promises — nor expect the bliss of actual spring weather to last.

Locally, there are several options, including Bordine's Nursery and Carlson's Greenhouse in Mundy Township, among other greenhouses.

On Wednesday, the staff at Bordine's was still filling the salesroom floor in preparation for their 2018 Spring Garden Expo on Saturday and Sunday.

**“Stepping into the greenhouse after being outdoors is like being transported to somewhere tropical.”**

**Lisa Murphy**  
Michigan State University  
greenhouse coordinator



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Amanda Smith, Bordine's Nursery greenhouse supervisor, arranges petunias at the Mundy Township location on Wednesday, April 18.

Already out are petunias, pansies, dahlias and daisies.

Greenhouses average 65 to 70 degrees, with a less dry environment, and cleaner air due to the natural air-scrubbing ability of plants.

Michigan State University Greenhouse Coordinator Lisa Murphy describes the greenhouse as “Warm, humid and breezy... Stepping into the greenhouse after being outdoors is like being transported to somewhere tropical,” she said, but added, “Come summer, the greenhouse is torture after 11 a.m.”

She also acknowledges that the air inside a greenhouse is likely cleaner due to the plants.

At Gerych's, there are eight active greenhouses and many are open to the public. This includes the wedding venue room and the decorative room with cherubs and chandeliers among the plants. “It's warm and cozy,” said Doris Knight, of greenhouse design.



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# Bullies — they're not just kids

■ Adult bullying also a problem, especially in the workplace and on elected boards

By Vera Hogan

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Although you don't hear about it as often, adult bullying is a serious problem.

According to [bullyingstatistics.org](http://bullyingstatistics.org), one would think that as people mature and progress through life, that they would stop the childish behavior. This is not always the case and adults can be bullies, just as children and teenagers can be bullies.

The goal of an adult bully is to gain power over another person, and make himself or herself the dominant adult. They try to humiliate victims, and "show them who is boss."

There are several different types of adult bullies:

## Narcissistic Adult Bully

This type of adult bully is self-centered and does not share empathy with others. Additionally, there is little anxiety about consequences. He or she seems to feel good about him or herself, but in reality has a brittle narcissism that requires putting others down.

## Impulsive Adult Bully

Adult bullies in this category are more spontaneous and plan their bullying out less. Even if consequences are likely, this adult bully has a hard



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Adult bullies are not interested in working things out and they are not interested in compromise. They are more interested in power and domination.

time restraining his or her behavior. In some cases, this type of bullying may be unintentional, resulting in periods of stress, or when the bully is actually upset or concerned about something unconnected with the victim.

## Physical Bully

While adult bullying rarely turns to physical confrontation, there are, nonetheless, bullies that use physicality. In some cases, the adult bully may not actually physically harm the victim, but may use the threat of harm, or physical domination through looming.

## Verbal Adult Bully

Words can be quite damaging. Adult bullies who use this type of tactic may start rumors about the victim, or use sarcastic or demeaning language to dominate or humiliate another person. This subtle type of bullying also has the advantage — to the bully — of being difficult to document. However, the emotional and psychological impacts of verbal bullying can be felt quite keenly and can result in reduced job performance and even depression.

## Secondary Adult Bully

This is someone who does not initiate the bullying, but joins in so that he or she does not actually become a victim down the road. Secondary bullies may feel bad about what they are doing, but are more concerned about protecting themselves.

## What can you do?

There isn't much you can do about an adult bully, other than ignore and try to avoid, after reporting the abuse to a supervisor or person in authority.

Adult bullies are not interested in

working things out and they are not interested in compromise. They are more interested in power and domination. They want to feel as though they are important and preferred, and they accomplish this by bringing others down.

The good news is that, if you can document the bullying, there are legal and civil remedies for harassment, abuse and other forms of bullying. But you have to be able to document the case.

Source: [bullyingstatistics.org](http://bullyingstatistics.org)

## ARE YOU A BOSS, AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, AND A BULLY?

In an article by Paul Wolf in [govloop.com](http://govloop.com), "There has been a great deal of attention focused on the issue of bullying among children.

"The news media frequently highlights cases of bullying among children that at times result in a child that has been bullied committing suicide.

"Bullying among adults especially in the workplace also happens more than it should and is drawing more attention.

"From my experience becoming an elected official no matter how low on the political ladder, often brings out the worst in people. It is amazing what just a little bit of power can do to some people."

Wolf added, "Meghan Casserly has put together a great series of slides under the title '12 Signs You Might Be A Bully.' ([govloop.com](http://govloop.com)).

"It should be required reading for all new leaders in government, and in particular elected leaders.

"I really do respect how difficult it is to be an elected official and there are some great elected officials that are hard working, innovative and treat people well.

"There are many elected officials, however, that I have encountered and worked with who, according to the list put together by Ms. Casserly, are bullies."



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# 6-year-old helping to fight hunger

■ 'Super Can Man' hopes to reach new goal by collecting food and money

By Hannah Ball

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One person cannot solve world hunger, but one 6-year-old is trying to help hungry people in Michigan by collecting non-perishable food items and money for the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

Liam Senton, a kindergarten student at Holly Elementary, has put on his cape and boots for the second year as "Super Can Man" for his effort to collect food for hungry people. Last year, he raised \$300 and collected more than 700 canned donations. This year, Liam's goal is \$500 and 1,000 canned goods.

"He wanted to do 10,000 cans and I convinced him that he should just do 1,000 and even I thought that was pretty ambitious but we're almost there," said his mother, Michelle Senton. She added that her son was "very excited" about the fundraiser.

Liam is partnering with his mother's workplace for the VIMcares Let's Can Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 12, which is the day they will count their cans. So far, they've collected 782 cans and raised approximately \$400.

"It's going good," Liam said. "I do want more cans but this is a good batch of cans."

The event, which will take place in the parking lot of the Vascular Institute of Michigan in Flint, will feature inflatables, food, vendors, games, a silent auction. All the proceeds will go to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. The Flint fire and police departments will make an appearance, along with representatives from the Flint Firebirds hockey organization.

"The Holly Lanes offered to help Liam reach his goals by donating space for his Birthday Bowling for Cans Kick-off on April 10. It was a huge success," she said. "We had people from the Holly community come out and bring cans. In addition, all his friends invited to the event did not bring gifts but canned food. The Holly Lanes also gave a \$200 donation to the Food Bank."

"Super Can Man" will make an appearance at the annual Holly Cruise Night on Wednesday, May 9, collecting cans. Liam addressed his entire school during the Friday announcements at Holly Elementary with a representative from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

"His school, Holly Elementary School, has been instrumental in his desire to help the hungry in our community. They are a Leader in Me Lighthouse School and this program really encourages volunteerism, and being a leader in the community," she said.

**"I do want more cans but this is a good batch of cans."**  
Liam Senton  
Holly Elementary  
kindergarten  
student



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Liam Senton, 6, is pictured here with his brother, Calvin, 14, and mother, Michelle Senton. Liam is also known as "Super Can Man" because he raises money and collects canned goods for the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

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# What was original intent of Bill of Rights?

■ Freedom of speech, the press and right to bear arms are particularly hot topics today

By Vera Hogan

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The Bill of Rights, a document signed in 1791, bears the same weight and authority when it comes to the rights of U.S. citizens, as it did 227 years ago — but some of the original intent has been lost during these modern times.

According to the [billofrightsinstitute.org](http://billofrightsinstitute.org), “The first 10 amendments to the Constitution make up the Bill of Rights. Written by James Madison in response to calls from several states for greater constitutional protection for individual liberties, the Bill of Rights lists specific prohibitions on governmental power.”

Since 1791, however, the country and nearly everything about it has obviously changed. Citizens need to understand the original intent of the amendments considering the colonial times in which they were written — especially as it re-



lates to freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

Freedom of speech is likely the most abused in today's society. How is that amendment relevant in our contemporary world of Facebook and internet news? The United States Supreme Court takes its reasoning back to “original intent.”

This amendment is the reason why Americans proudly go around saying “This is America. I can say whatever I want.” The First Amendment includes the freedom of speech, which means the government cannot control what its citizens can and cannot say. Is there a limit to this, so-called freedom? Yes, there

is. A well-known example of a limit is that someone choosing to yell “Fire!” in a crowded theater, when there is no fire, could cause mass confusion and possibly injuries or death.

Technically, the person who yelled “Fire!” has the right to say so. But this is where the original intent comes in to clarify our rights.

According to an article in [theseaburytimes.com](http://theseaburytimes.com), “The term original intent refers to what the founding fathers were thinking when they wrote the Constitution of the United States of America. When James Madison wrote, in the Bill of Rights, that people have the freedom of speech, he meant that people could be able to criticize the American government without the fear of being imprisoned. It was never his intention to protect one person's right to cause harm arbitrarily by yelling “Fire!” where there is none.”

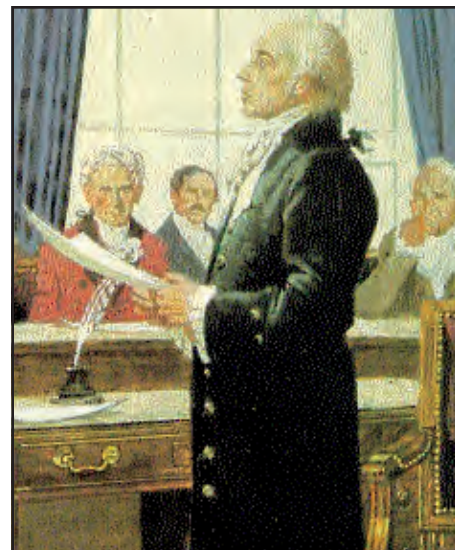
Unless he was psychic, James Madison could not possibly have predicted the internet and social media. He would never have intended to protect the rights of those distributing sexually abusive material, child predators, bullies and others bent on harming people, and more.

Amendment II guarantees the people the right to bear arms. It is another freedom we've lost sight of when it comes to original intent versus today.

It was the belief at that time that everyone had a right to protect their families and property. They also had a right to hunt for food. And, if it became necessary, citizens could be called to arms if needed to defend their communities, or become a well-regulated militia if needed.

In 1791, there were no police stations, sheriff's departments, state police, National Guard or the four branches of the military. There was no calling “911” in an emergency. It was the people, who were called upon to protect themselves, their families and property, and communities.

While people still have the right to bear arms for a variety of reasons, it was not the original intent of the second amendment to commit heinous crimes and cause mortal harm to innocent people.



James Madison reads his proposed Bill of Rights in the First Congress.

Below is a list of all the Bill of Rights. Today, it is the responsibility of the United States Supreme Court to interpret the Constitution with the Founding Fathers' original intent in mind, in a modern fashion.

## Bill of Rights

### Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

### Amendment II

A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

### Amendment III

No soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

### Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

### Amendment V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

### Amendment VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

### Amendment VII

In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

### Amendment VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

### Amendment IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

### Amendment X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.

Source: [billofrightsinstitute.org](http://billofrightsinstitute.org)

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## CATCH OF THE WEEK



**Addie Thomas**, 12, of Grand Blanc, caught this 44.5 pound king mackerel in Treasure Island, Florida on April 4. Addie is the granddaughter of Guy and Karen Hazzard of Fenton. She is pictured here with the boat captain in Treasure Island.

## Police&Fire report

### OVERDOSE ON PONEMAH DRIVE

On Thursday, April 5, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 3300 block of Ponemah Drive in Fenton Township for an overdose. Deputies arrived on scene and used Narcan to revive the patient. The patient was transported to Genesys Regional Medical Center.

### DOMESTIC ASSAULT ON TORREY ROAD

On Thursday, April 12, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 13000 block of Torrey Road in Fenton Township to investigate a domestic assault and battery complaint. The incident remains under investigation. If anyone has any information, contact 810-257-3422, D/Sgt. Harrington.

## News briefs

### Team Aiden 5K run set for April 28 to raise funds for family of heart transplant teen

The Fenton area community is invited to support the Bill and Lori Saunders family of Deerfield Township, whose son, Aiden, 13, recently underwent a heart transplant at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Neighbors are organizing a Team Aiden 5K run for Saturday, April 28 at 7468 Driftwood Dr., Lake Shannon. The event kicks off at 11 a.m. with a 1-mile Superhero Kids Fun Run/Bike event, followed by a 5K Run/Walk at 11:30 a.m. Food and refreshments continue from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. "It's a Lake Shannon event so it will be fun," said Bill Saunders, father of heart transplant teen, Aiden Saunders, 13. "He's doing great, completing schoolwork at home, getting physical therapy and occupational therapy." A \$30 racer fee will include a Team Aiden wristband and event T-shirt. Registration deadline is Saturday, April 27 on [Runsignup.com](http://Runsignup.com).

## EARTH DAY

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driveway) to be collected and eventually be soaked into the ground. According to [onegreenplant.org](http://onegreenplant.org), plants in rain gardens are native plants that are adapted to wet areas, but can also handle dry spouts. They have deep roots and therefore can pull water from deeper in the ground, not just the surface. And because they utilize native plants, they don't require fertilizer or much maintenance.

Rain gardens are extremely beneficial, because they prevent water from going into storm drains and surface water. During heavy rain storms, erosion, flooding, and water pollution can all occur due to heavy precipitation.

In addition, since you are avoiding the use of biocides and fertilizers, you are preventing pollution into local waterways.

### Plant trees

Trees are like the lungs of the planet, according to [cleanairgarden.com](http://cleanairgarden.com). They breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen. Additionally, they provide habitat for birds and other wildlife. To see how much trees are essential



to the planet and to humans, check out the following statistics:

- **CO2 is one of the major contributing elements to the greenhouse effect.** Trees trap CO2 from the atmosphere and make carbohydrates that are used for plant growth. They give us oxygen in return. According to [ColoradoTree.org](http://ColoradoTree.org), about 800 million tons of carbon are stored in the trees that make up the urban forests of the U.S. This translates to a savings of \$22 billion in control costs. Mature trees can absorb roughly 48 pounds of CO2 a year. The tree in turn releases enough oxygen to sustain two human beings.

- **Trees reduce runoff and erosion** by storing water and breaking the force of rain as it falls. The USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) reports that 100 mature trees can reduce runoff caused by rainfall by up to 100,000 gallons.

- **Trees also absorb sound and reduce noise pollution.** This is especially important for people who live near freeways. In some cases, a well-planted group of trees can reduce noise pollution by up to 10 decibels.

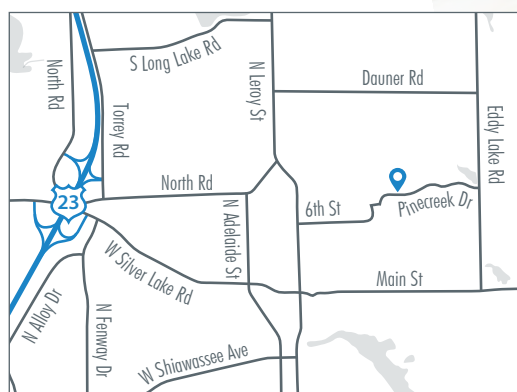
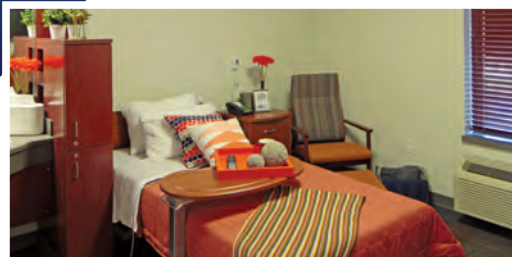
- **Planting trees can also help cool your home in the summer.** The Arbor Day Foundation states that the overall effect of the shade created by planting a healthy tree is equivalent to 10 room-size air conditioners running 20 hours a day.

- **In the winter, trees can act as wind-breaks for your home and will help you save on heating costs.** The Journal of Horticulture claims that saving on heating costs can reach as much as 25 percent.

- **Trees shade buildings, streets, and homes.** If enough trees are planted in cities, the overall microclimate improves and total energy use for heating and cooling is reduced.

Sources: [Onegreenplant.org](http://Onegreenplant.org); [cleanairgarden.com](http://cleanairgarden.com)

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# Pepper spray is self-defense option for all

■ Can cause temporary blindness, severe burning and difficulty breathing — for assailant and user

By Hannah Ball

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If you're walking home alone at night, or in a near-empty parking lot at a big store and you get a gut feeling you could be in danger, you might feel safer carrying a weapon.

Not everyone feels comfortable carrying a gun for self defense. That's where pepper spray comes in.

Pepper spray, which is also known as OC spray because it contains oleoresin capsicum (OC), an oil derived from hot peppers, is a non-lethal weapon. When used on an assailant, it will inflame the eyes, nasal passages and respiratory tract temporarily to distract someone for the user to get away. It causes excessive tears, burning pain, difficulty breathing and temporary blindness.

Genesee County Undersheriff Chris Swanson said, "If a citizen has the desire, the training and the mindset to carry personal protection gear, they should be allowed to do so under the law."

Holly Police Chief Michael Story took a more cautionary tone.

"Use them at your own risk," he said,

adding that the user can often get hurt from the spray due to the wind or if it's pointed in the wrong direction. "I'm not a proponent of selling this over the counter ... it's too easily abused, too."

Police pepper spray is usually between 2 and 5 million Scoville units, which is the measure of how hot it is. For reference, Sriracha Sauce is between 2,500 to 8,000 Scoville units.

According to asecurelife.com, it's important to practice using a test canister because not everyone uses it correctly. Some people will fumble in the haste to get it out and spray themselves instead.

Swanson said, "I was at a talent show last week at the University of Michigan-Flint when an excited attendee accidentally hit the OC spray on their keychain, which stopped the show and cleared the auditorium. It's an aerosol so it will impact many people."

At the sheriff's office, officers carry FOX pepper spray, which contains 10 percent OC. Swanson said it works "really good."

A bill recently passed by the Michigan House of

Representatives and Senate would allow pepper spray to be sold with 18-percent OC concentration. It passed 88 to 21 in the House and unanimously in the Senate.

Swanson said he's not sure why they would want to increase the amount.

**“If a citizen has the desire, the training and the mindset to carry personal protection gear, they should be allowed to do so under the law.”**

**Chris Swanson**  
Genesee County undersheriff

## Features to consider

**Range** — look for pepper sprays that can cover a large distance. However, with longer distance comes fewer shots overall.

**Number of shots** — The more shots you can get out of canister, the better. It's recommended by asecurelife.com to test the canister at least once a year to make sure it works properly.

**Spray type** — A stream pattern is similar to a water gun. It has the longest range, which is approximately 10 feet. This pattern requires accuracy.

A fog pattern covers a wider area and has a range of up to 25 feet. Bear repellent sprays use a fog pattern because of the coverage. However, there is the risk of hurting yourself and you have fewer shots.

A foam pattern, which sprays like shaving cream, is better for indoor use. You need to have good aim. The range is only about 4 to 6 feet. A gel pattern is similar to the foam pattern, but the range is longer at 10 to 15 feet. There is little chance of hurting yourself with this pattern.

**Safety feature** — most spray canisters have a flip top or sliding mechanism to prevent someone from accidentally using it. A flip top is more reliable.

**Size** — Smaller canisters are better for joggers and smaller purses. For something in the home, look for a bigger container.

**Ingredients** — Check the OC percentage. Many sprays also contain tear gas and UV dye to identify the attacker easily.



## TOP THREE RECOMMENDED PEPPER SPRAYS

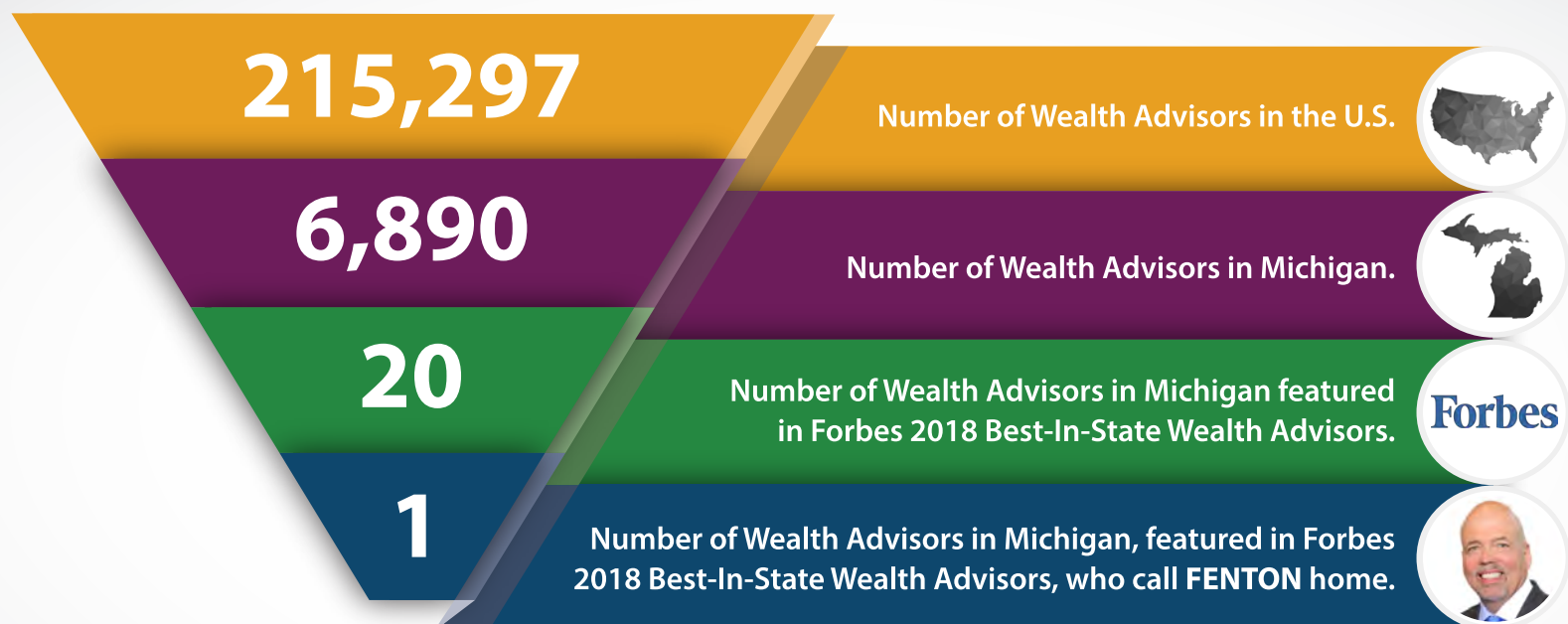
• **SABRE Red Pepper Spray-Runner: \$12.99.** This spray comes with a hand strap, more than 35 shots, range of 10 feet, UV dye and a four-year shelf life.

• **Fox Labs Mean Green H2OC: \$19.99.** The spray contains high-strength formula, a range of 12 to 15 feet, 16 to 18 shots, flip top safety feature, a large nozzle, and green permanent marker dye that will stain the assailant's face.

• **Fox Labs Flip Top Stream: \$16.99.** This spray has a range of 17 to 20 feet, a large nozzle, 16 to 18 shots, UV dye, flip top safety feature, and high-strength formula.

Source: asecurelife.com

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# 'Looking through the eyes of the puzzle'

■ Once wheelchair-bound, Linden grad is inspiration for families coping with autism

By Hannah Ball

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One Linden graduate who didn't talk until he was 6 years old because of his severe autism now travels the state speaking about the disorder.

Josh Stokes, 27, was wheelchair-bound when he was a child. He couldn't walk or talk for years. His mom raised three children by herself and they didn't have enough money for medication or therapy. The doctor told his mom he should be put in a home because he wouldn't be able to do anything.

"My mom said 'hell no' and I ended up proving everyone wrong," he said. His mom has been a huge inspiration.

His condition slowly started to get better. When he was in eighth grade, his friend signed him up for wrestling and Stokes said he was "terrified." But, he joined the team.

"Ever since then, I loved it and I'm still doing it today," he said. "Once I started wrestling, my progression got so much better."

Stokes, who also played football in high school, attributed his progression to more human contact and social interaction. Now, people can't tell he has autism.

The Linden graduate's journey speaking about autism started his junior year of high school in his abnormal psychology class when he discovered he liked talking about it. Public speaking became a prospect and when he transferred to Eastern Michigan University in 2014, he did an assignment on autism.

"I decided to tell more about how it feels to be autistic rather than telling what autism is through textbooks," he said. "After my presentation, I got a standing ovation, and people were amazed the professor gave me a 110 percent on the presentation. Growing up, I never thought my story was as special as everyone else thought."



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | SUBMITTED PHOTO  
Linden graduate Josh Stokes, 27, travels the state, speaking about his experiences with autism to help others understand it better.

He was invited by a professor, who runs the Autism Spectrum Disorder program to speak in her master's level class, and after that, his email "blew up" from organizations asking him to speak. Stokes, who's also a caretaker for a severely autistic young adult, gave a presentation at his alma mater, Linden High School, to a packed room. His presentation is called "Looking through the eyes of the puzzle."

"After the presentation was over, many people in the crowd had tears rolling down because many of them said, 'I now understand my child because of you,' A few other people became involved after they heard of what I was doing and ended up creating a beautiful song called 'Perceptions' which made the number 12 spot on the top 100 country iTunes list," he said.

Since then, he's been hired for speaking events across the state. In April, he received roughly 14 to 16 offers.

Stokes' goal is to help people who don't have autism understand what it's like to live with it. He describes what sensory overload feels like, what to do when someone has a meltdown, and more.

**"I want to help parents, siblings, or other people who know someone with autism understand what it is like to have autism so they can understand that individual's 'world.'"**

**Josh Stokes**  
Linden graduate

"Anything they're afraid to ask, they ask me," he said. "I want to help parents, siblings, or other people who know someone with autism understand what it is like to have autism so they can understand that individual's 'world.'"

Many parents "freak out or become scared" when they learn their child has autism, Stokes said, but "With the right tools and encouragement, we can do anything and I am a great example of that."

Something people don't understand about autism is that every case is different.

## SUMMARY

■ When he was a child, a doctor said he should be put in a home. Now, Josh Stokes, 27, said people don't even realize he has autism.

with autism have similar traits, but we are all unique in our own special way," he said.

More information is available on [lookingthroughthepuzzle.com](http://lookingthroughthepuzzle.com).

## Business briefs

### DAVID SCOTT RANKED AS A TOP MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR IN THE NATION

The State Bank is proud to congratulate David Scott for ranking as a *Scotsman Guide* 2017 Top Originator. Scott was ranked No. 108 in Top Dollar Volume for closed mortgages in 2017 with more than \$115 million in closings, as well as No. 68 in units closed at 427 units. *Scotsman Guide*, the leading resource for mortgage originators, released its ninth annual Top Originators rankings on April 1. To be eligible for initial consideration, originators must have had at least \$40 million in loan volume or 100 closed home loans for the 2017 calendar year. Craig Johnson, senior vice president of lending, said. "We are very proud of David's accomplishments since joining The State Bank. His results this past year are a testament to his personal mission to provide exceptional, over the top, and unexpected customer service every time and to every customer." Scott has been with The State Bank for five years, with his office based out of the company's headquarters in Fenton, where he also resides with his wife and two daughters.

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**IS CNN A Trump news station?** All they report on is President Trump. They are promoting him, even if it is negative news.

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**CLIMATE CHANGE AND** weather are one in the same thing. Since the beginning of time, they have both been with us.

■■■  
**'NEED ANOTHER \$825** for unexpected expenses?' I keep getting texts like this trying to engage me. I'm not responding but want to know if others are having this problem.

■■■  
**I WISH PRESIDENT** Obama would have said this when he left office. I apologize for the dozen scandals, all of which I ignored, for delivering the worst economy in 70 years, for allowing ISIS to be created, for my weak immigration policy, and hurting the U.S. military. I apologize for eight years of being the worst president in history.

■■■  
**WHAT'S THAT OLD** saying? April showers bring May flowers. Now it's snow showers bring May snow piles and April's ice showers bring May's ice cold.

## \$25 MILLION

Continued from Front Page

Recently, HAS surveyed the community for a possible bond and long-term master planning. "Presently, we are communicating a follow-up survey with our community," said Scott Roper, assistant superintendent, who will take over for David Nuss as superintendent on July 1.

He said the overall results will be available in approximately two weeks.

If placed on the November 2018 ballot and approved by voters, it would be used for facilities maintenance and equipment replacement.

Nuss made his first appeal to the public at the State of Holly event in February, asking for funds to help make repairs and fill funding gaps.

Specifically, he mentioned the leaking boilers at the high school, which need to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$350,000 to \$500,000.

Like previous bonds, this would continue the current millage rate at 8.5 mills.

The Times will update the story when survey results are made available by HAS.

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### Background

In 2003, a \$22.5 million bond was passed, which according to a Times article published June 2003, continued the previous mills levied on each household.

The district proposed an approximately \$9 million sinking fund in 2012 and 2013 for facilities upkeep and repair, but voters struck down the measure.

# LOOKING BACK

at this week in

## NATIONAL HISTORY

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### APRIL 22

**1970:** Earth Day, an event to increase public awareness of the world's environmental problems, is celebrated in the United States for the first time. Millions of Americans, including students from thousands of colleges and universities, participated in rallies, marches, and educational programs. On April 22, 1990, the 20th anniversary of Earth Day, more than 200 million people in 141 countries participated in Earth Day celebrations.

### APRIL 23

**1969:** Sirhan Sirhan is sentenced to the death penalty after being convicted in the assassination of politician Robert F. Kennedy on June 6, 1968. In 1972, Sirhan's sentence was commuted to life in prison after California abolished the death penalty.

### APRIL 24

**1980:** An ill-fated military operation to rescue the 52 American hostages held in Tehran, Iran ends with eight U.S. servicemen dead and no hostages rescued. During a military mission to save the hostages, three of eight helicopters failed, crippling the crucial airborne plans. The mission was then canceled at the staging area in Iran, but during the withdrawal one of the retreating helicopters collided with one of six C-130 transport planes, killing eight soldiers and injuring five. The next day, a somber President Jimmy Carter gave a press conference in which he took full responsibility for the tragedy. The hostages were not released for another 270 days.

### APRIL 25

**1989:** James Richardson walks out of a Florida prison 21 years after being wrongfully convicted of killing his seven children. Special prosecutor Janet Reno agreed to the release after evidence showed that the conviction resulted from misconduct by the prosecutor. In addition, neighbor Betsy Reese had confessed to the crime to a nursing home employee.

### APRIL 26

**1913:** Thirteen-year-old Mary Phagan is found sexually molested and murdered in the basement of the Atlanta, Georgia, pencil factory where she worked. Her murder later led to one of the most disgraceful episodes of bigotry, injustice, and mob violence in American history.

### APRIL 27

**4977 B.C.:** The universe is created, according to German mathematician and astronomer Johannes Kepler, considered a founder of modern science. Kepler is best known for his theories explaining the motion of planets. As a university student, he studied the Polish astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus' theories of planetary ordering. Copernicus (1473-1543) believed that the sun, not the earth, was the center of the solar system, a theory that contradicted the prevailing view of the era that the sun revolved around the earth.

### APRIL 28

**1789:** Three weeks into a journey from Tahiti to the West Indies, the HMS Bounty is seized in a mutiny led by Fletcher Christian, the master's mate. Captain William Bligh and 18 of his loyal supporters were set adrift in a small, open boat, and the Bounty set course for Tubuai south of Tahiti.

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**HOT LINE** CONTINUED

**MAYBE THE LINDEN** school board should take a lesson from the Fenton school board regarding campus security by reconsidering the decision to put a regional bike path through the middle of the three school buildings on the Silver Lake Road school complex.

**I USED TO** like late-night TV and Jimmy Fallon. I used to like comedy but now it's nothing but politics. Change the channel from Jimmy Fallon to Jimmy Kimmel and I get more political. It's not funny and I don't like it.

**I WISH MORE** people in our country were like that beautiful woman, Barbara Bush. I'm sure her family will miss her dearly.

**LIKE THE HOT** line, 'Welcome to Fenton, like our litter?' I've got one better. Out-of-town people walk their dogs into the city of Linden and just let them poop all over and then take their dog back home to their well-groomed yard.

**IT WAS GREAT** that someone who's an insurance agent actually called and tried to explain that life insurance rates in Michigan are out of control. It's obviously not the insurance companies' fault, it's the accident chasing attorneys' fault.

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**TO THE PERSON** who wrote about leaving your home open to allow anyone access like our borders. You should have gone one step further and agreed to pay for their health care, food, housing, education, etc.

**TRUMP IS THE** most Godly president in decades? You don't read the same Bible I read, that's for sure.



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Hartland Glen Golf Course is one of the first public golf courses in Michigan to offer the use of GolfBoards — a lightweight, battery-powered board that "surfs" around a golf course. It's another option beyond walking the course or riding in a traditional cart.

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**tctimes.com****Golfers, get 'on board'**

■ New GolfBoard adds excitement to the game and allows golfers to 'surf' the course

By Sally Rummel

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Imagine gliding across the rolling hills of your favorite golf course, with enough speed to feel a breeze, while not having to schlep your clubs across your back or ride out the game in a cart.

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Scherff said GolfBoards add to the fun of the game, no matter what your age. "They're easy to use, fun to ride and offer the most unique golfing experience possible," he said.

Most people do find this lightweight, battery-powered board very easy to ride and maneuver. There are two speeds, high

and low, and a shift for forward, reverse and park. You steer by leaning to the left or right.

The GolfBoards come with a cooler, which holds a six-pack, plus a cup holder in the front for your favorite beverage. "There's a place for your bag up by the handlebars in the front," Scherff said.

One of the advantages of using a GolfBoard is that it speeds up the pace of the game a bit, since you're only going to your own ball, not riding a cart to everyone's ball, plus you can get closer to your ball for the next shot.

It's also much easier on the turf than a heavier golf cart. At only 115 pounds, it has 30 percent less impact on the grounds and reduces turf damage, even on dewy or damp conditions. "We don't rent them out in the rain, however," Scherff said. There's also very little maintenance to a GolfBoard, which means less downtime and more playing time.

In order to rent a GolfBoard, golfers have to be

at least 16 years old with a valid driver's license.

"We do a little tutorial before you take it out the first time," said Scherff. "It's also a good idea to call ahead to reserve a GolfBoard, since we only have four. The cost of rental is just \$10 more than the cart fee."

GolfBoards just might attract a whole new generation of golfers. "A GolfBoard provides players with the same independence and freedom as walking, but with much greater speed and excitement," says the GolfBoard website.

**“They’re easy to use, fun to ride and offer the most unique golfing experience possible.”**

**Steve Scherff**  
Hartland Glen Golf Course  
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**FISH**  
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water. How do you know your lake is safe to swim in? Can you eat the fish?  
The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) works to monitor the state's waterways and take measures to ensure they are safe to use. Joseph Bohr, aquatic biologist for the Water Resources Division of the DEQ, said the DEQ samples fish from a variety of lakes every year.  
"The Fisheries Division of the DNR collects most of the fish samples we analyze, and the lakes we sample are largely based on their survey plans. We do add other lakes and rivers to our sampling plans if there are sites where we have special concerns or problems, or if water bodies are brought to our attention by the public," he said.  
The DEQ annually asks the public for suggestions of what surface waters to monitor, and they are reviewed.  
"Most of the constituents of gasoline and engine exhaust are very volatile and more likely to evaporate and disperse in the air than to affect fish, although I'm sure some contaminants remain in the water," Bohr said. "Those types of contaminants don't tend to build up in fish tissue but certainly could affect the overall lake health if they are present at extreme levels."  
Bohr said mercury is one contaminant found in all fish to some degree.

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**Joseph Bohr**  
*Department of Environmental Quality aquatic biologist*

There are two other chemicals of concern in Michigan fish. Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), which is now a banned industrial oil. PCBs are found in some fish from certain waters, along with dioxins, which are contaminants produced unintentionally during chemical manufacturing or by plastic incineration.  
The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services publishes fish consumption advice based on this DEQ data. For Genesee County lakes, carp, largemouth bass, and smallmouth bass are classified as safe to eat.  
"We've only tested a small percentage of the lakes in the state, but based on the data we have the DHHS put out statewide advice due to mercury for most fish, and PCBs for carp and catfish — that advice should be followed for lakes that haven't been tested," he said.  
**Monitoring local lakes**  
The DEQ has a cooperative lakes monitoring program (CLMP) that allows volunteer citizens to monitor indicators of water quality in their lakes. Volunteers tested Lake Fenton in 2017, Marl Lake in 2015, and Silver and Byram lakes in 2014.  
The 2017 Lake Fenton results show that the body of water has average levels of chlorophyll-a, spring phosphorus and summer phosphorus. There is little data available for Silver Lake.  
The limited data available for By-

ram Lake show that the transparency slightly increased since 1974. Data for Marl Lake show a fast movement toward lower nutrients in the lake since 1973.  
**SUMMARY**  
■ With summer coming, it's time to start thinking about the health of your lake and whether you want to eat the fish you catch.  
**E. Coli**  
Only 10 Genesee County beaches are monitored for E. coli by the DEQ, including the city park beach on Silver Lake, Clover Beach on Byram Lake, Camp Copneconic, Hasler Lake beaches, Kelly Lake, and Lake Callis. None of these locations exceeded standard E. coli levels in 2017.  
Areas not monitored include beaches on Lake Fenton, Lake Ponemah, Lobdell Lake, McCaslin Lake and the Linden Mill Pond. The Silver Lake marina also is not monitored.

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

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**A DEMOCRAT ASKED** if we would trust our wives or daughters in a Trump, White House. Kennedy had 13 affairs while in the White House. Johnson bragged that he had outdone JFK. Clinton chased anything and was accused of rape. Yes, I'd take my chances with Trump.  
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## ALLEGIANT

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The Tampa Bay Times reported that Allegiant's planes were four times as likely to make unexpected landings after mid-air mechanical issues as other U.S. airlines in 2015. This information was based on their analysis of an obscure Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) document called a "mechanical interruption summary report."

60 Minutes followed with its own investigation of reports filed with the FAA, detailing 100 mechanical problems that reportedly took place from January 2016 to October 2017.

Public reaction after the show was swift, with Allegiant's stock prices falling more than 5 percent by Monday morning, after having also fallen 8 percent on the preceding Friday, with news of the upcoming report.

Allegiant Airlines CEO Maurice Gallagher sent a video to Allegiant mobile app holders and to those who contacted the airlines directly for a response. He called the 60 Minutes report

"inaccurate and a misrepresentation of fact, including biased sources and outdated data."

Locally, at Bishop International Airport, Allegiant Airlines operations are running as scheduled, said Craig Williams, airport director. Currently, Allegiant flies to Orlando/Sanford, Tampa/St. Petersburg and Punta Gorda/Ft. Myers.

Williams said that Allegiant Airlines is Bishop's fastest-growing carrier and has the highest load factor — meaning that they have the most people flying them, per seat available. "It's a percentage of filled seats per available seats," he said.

During the month of March, 8,029 people flew on Allegiant flights from Flint Bishop.

"In the last two years that Allegiant has served our region, we have not experienced any known safety issues, diversion or emergency landings with any airplanes coming to or leaving the airport," Williams said. "They continue to be a valued part of the air service portfolio at Flint Bishop."

Local travel agents from Superior Travel and Travel Brokers both said they don't recommend Allegiant Airlines because of past performance issues, delays and lack of customer service.

"It's not because of 60 Minutes," Diane Roberts of Superior Travel said. "It's their reputation."

Lisa Essett of Travel Brokers said they prefer to use other major carriers that offer more flights, because of the high possibilities of a cancellation or delay on Allegiant. "You might not be able to get another flight for several days, and that could ruin your vacation," she said.

**“In the last two years that Allegiant has served our region, we have not experienced any known safety issues, diversion or emergency landings with any airplanes coming to or leaving the airport.”**

**Craig Williams**  
Bishop International  
Airport director

## Safety is an issue for all airlines and the flying public

By Sally Rummel

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Allegiant Airlines isn't the only airline making news this week. Southwest Airlines had two incidents that forced them to make emergency landings, and one resulted in a passenger fatality.

A bird strike forced a Southwest Airlines pilot of Flight 577 from Nashville to Phoenix to make an emergency landing on Wednesday morning, April 18, safely landing the plane at Nashville International Airport. No injuries were reported, according to a story by Associated Press.

Bird strikes are fairly common, but the chances of an accident happening as a result are quite rare. According to Businessinsider.com, there were 160,894 bird strikes between 1990 and 2015. Only .025 percent (40) of those strikes resulted in an accident.

The bird strike incident that has received the most attention was the case of US Airways Flight 1549, when the airplane, an Airbus 320, made a miraculous unpowered landing in the Hudson River after being hit by a flock of birds shortly after takeoff from LaGuardia Airport in New York City.

Not a single casualty was reported, which is why this event became known as the "Miracle on the Hudson," and was even made into a movie, "Sully," starring Tom Hanks as pilot Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger.

The first Southwest Airlines incident happened the day before, on Tuesday, April 17, when an engine blew at 32,000 feet and the plane was struck by shrapnel that smashed a window, sucking a woman partially out the window. She later died, and seven others on that flight were injured.

The deceased woman was identified as Jennifer Riordan, who was the first passenger killed in an accident involving a U.S. airline since 2009.

Southwest has about 700 planes, all of them 737s, including more than 500 737-700s like the one in Tuesday's accident. It is the world's largest operator of the 737, which is the best-selling jetliner in the world and has a good safety record, according to an Associated Press report.

According to safety experts at Airlineratings.com, the Australian airline Qantas is one of the safest airlines in the world, but since most tri-county residents will be flying domestically, these were the airlines that landed a spot on the annual review in 2016:

- Alaska Airlines
- Hawaiian Airlines
- United Airlines

Plus, low-cost airlines JetBlue and Virgin America, which was bought by Alaska Airlines.

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MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, April 18, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

**How one man scammed \$24 million from lotteries**

Biggest lottery scam in U.S. sends two to jail, results in class-action lawsuit.

**Downtown Fenton continues to grow**

Owners of Rejuv Ave. Skin Spa in downtown Fenton will be moving down the street, Mill Street that is, when they finish construction on their new building at Mill and Adelaide.



**Record-breaking snow**

April snowfall pushes past 2013-2014 record.

**Stolen trucks found in Detroit**

Fenton police believe the two separate thefts are connected.

**A look back at 1968**

A new law, the "Fair Housing Act of 1968" prohibits discrimination for any reason.

**Fenton schools kick off safety lock fundraiser**

Donations of \$30,000 sought for lockdown devices for three buildings.

SCOREBOARDS  
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He has also spent a lot of time this season at Wrigley Field with the Chicago Cubs, a special treat for him.

"That's one of the most high profile teams I've worked with," Kaminski said. "As the oldest standing ballpark in the National League, Wrigley Field was the last stadium to go to a digital scoreboard. We worked hard to make it look older rather than modern."

As for Detroit pro sports teams, the Tigers have full baseball scoreboard staffs and are pretty self-sufficient. But he does work more often with the Red Wings hockey and Pistons basketball staffs.

The thrill of walking out onto the court, on the field or ice never gets old, he said. "Our goal is to tell the story for the crowd and the facility. It's just a different medium using a scoreboard," Kaminski said.

SUMMARY

■ April is one of the busiest months for Adam Kaminski of Tyrone Township. He trains staff at major and minor baseball stadiums across the U.S. on how to operate their digital scoreboards.



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Adam Kaminski, 29, worked with the Saginaw Spirit minor league hockey team at the Dow Event Center, teaching arena officials how to use their new digital scoreboard in 2016.

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JUST READ WEDNESDAY'S 'The King' column. His intolerance of people who are different is sad an ignorant. The self-righteousness and feeling of superiority of the conservative right-wing man will bring down the Republican Party.

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# Holly's Anderson makes his first PBA Tour victory a major

**By David Troppens**  
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Andrew Anderson has competed in at least one Professional Bowlers Association event each year for four seasons, and is on his second season as a full-time pro.

The Holly graduate had some solid success, cashing in 11 of those 25 events,

and earning a spot on Team USA while placing third at the PGA Tournament of Champions. But Anderson now has a new top highlight when it comes to his bowling career. Anderson, 22, won the United States Bowling Congress Masters on Sunday, earning his first-ever PBA Tour title at the Oncenter Convention Center located in Syracuse, New York.

"This is surreal," Anderson said. "You think about it all the time, how cool it would be to hold up that trophy, and it's unbelievable. I can't believe that just happened."

Anderson won the championship match against Alex Hoskins, 213-199, earning the \$30,000 top prize. The championship match was broad-

cast live on ESPN. Anderson took the lead in the title match with four consecutive strikes starting in the fourth frame. However, he suffered an open frame in the eighth frame, giving Hoskins a chance to come back in the match.

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Fenton resident Jesse Anderson finished 20th overall at the Boston Marathon on Monday.

## Fenton's Anderson joins Boston Marathon elite, places 20th

**By David Troppens**  
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The last thing Jesse Anderson was thinking about was a high finish when he completed the Boston Marathon on Monday.

In fact, he was just happy he finished the event.

"It was the definition of the battle of attrition out there," Anderson said. "Even for Boston's standards, it was a very tough marathon. It was 35 to 40 degrees with a wind chill in the 20s, it was raining nonstop and there were wind gusts from 15 to 20 miles an hour, and they got stronger, over 30 miles an hour right in our face at the hardest part

**See ANDERSON on 23A**

## Blue Devils, Eagles battle to a split decision

**By David Troppens**  
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**Linden** — It was a day two area rivals collided, and both teams were able to leave with a positive experience.

For the Lake Fenton varsity baseball team, wins against Linden haven't been commonplace, but the Blue Devils got one on Thursday, earning a 4-3 victory in the opener.

In the second game, the Eagles got their revenge as Jeff Metzger and Travis Klocek combined to pitch a no-hitter, leading the Eagles to a 3-1 victory.

The Blue Devils (1-4) had their moment in the sun first, earning their first victory of the season against their neighbors. The big star for Lake Fenton was

Brenden Carr, who collected two pivotal RBI-hits, leading the Blue Devils to the victory.

In the second inning, Carr hit an RBI-double to left field, plating Luke Tomczyk. Tomczyk walked to reach base. Carr was thrown out at third trying to go for third base, but by then, the run had scored, giving Lake Fenton a 1-0 lead.

"It was a 3-2 count," Carr said. "I fouled off a few and then I hit it, I thought it was gone. But it wasn't."

Linden tied the game up with a run in the bottom of the second inning. A single by Metzger set up the rally, as he scored on a Lake Fenton error off of Nick Koan's bat.



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Lake Fenton's Cameron MacNeill tags out Linden's Drake McLaughlin during a doubleheader split between the two squads on Thursday.

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## Fenton/Linden co-op squad rebuilding around young players

**By David Troppens**  
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**Fenton** — The Fenton/Linden co-op varsity girls lacrosse program is in its fourth season, and remains incredibly healthy.

The program has a varsity and a

JV team with a combined 32 players listed on the two rosters.

There is one thing the team lacks, however. That is seniors. After having a strong senior lineup a year ago, only three are listed on the 18-player varsity roster.

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Fenton/Linden girls lacrosse player Lara Kemp (back) plays defense in the Heat's loss to Davison on Wednesday.

ter. So while the program remains extremely healthy, it's possible the team will have some learning moments this season as well. And with the poor spring weather, it hasn't been the greatest season to get quality experience for the 17 freshmen listed on the two rosters needed by practicing outdoors

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## Lacrosse programs at LF, Holly continue growing

By David Troppens

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**Holly** — If you can think of it as weather condition during Michigan springs, it seemed to happen during the LakeFenton/Goodrich girls lacrosse match against the Holly/Brandon squad.

It was cold and windy at times. The girls also played through what was mostly hail a couple of times during the contest.

But the teams didn't seem to mind. Both third-year programs seemed happy just to get back to action. In this contest, it was the Lake Fenton/Goodrich co-op that came away with the victory, earning a 14-3 win at Holly High School.

"I'm very proud of their effort," Lake Fenton/Goodrich girls lacrosse coach Katie Sabourin said. "Like I told them, I was very proud to be their coach today."

Both programs are in their third seasons and are now varsity teams instead of just clubs. Progress at each school is



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Holly's Sierra Webster (left) and Lake Fenton's Kara Foust battle for a loose ball during a varsity contest between the Lake Fenton/Goodrich co-op and the Holly/Brandon co-op.

being made. However, this season's winter weather during spring has made it tough for the progress to be tremendous so far this season.

"The weather has been crappy," Holly/Brandon girls lacrosse coach Kristen Lupro said.

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## Linden track and field program experiences perfect Metro start, defeats Holly and Brandon

By David Troppens

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It was a perfect start to the Metro League track season for the Linden Eagles. Both teams captured two victories in their opener at Brandon High School on Wednesday.

The boys beat Brandon 84-53 and Holly 89-47, while Holly beat Brandon

78-59. In girls' action, Linden beat Brandon 81-56 and Holly 87.33-49.66. Holly lost to Brandon 76-60.

The Linden boys were dominant, earning firsts in eight events, and sweeping the top three positions overall in one event.

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## ANDERSON

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of the course.

"When I finished my thought was surviving because I was in a bad way."

But Anderson, 28, did more than just survive. He thrived. The Fenton resident and Fenton High School cross country coach placed 20th at the Boston Mara-

thon, finishing the 26.2-mile race with a time of 2:29.19.

"When I saw a text that told me I was 20th, I thought it was a mistake," Anderson said. "It was not on my radar to do that well. I thought maybe I could sneak in the top 50."

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## PREP REPORT

### SOFTBALL

► **Fenton vs. Walled Lake Central:** The Tigers lost a pair of contests 21-0 and 13-9.

Fenton varsity softball coach Ken Brant said the squad struggled defensively, resulting in many unearned runs for Walled Lake Central.

► **Holly vs. Davison:** Holly lost to Davison 16-6 and tied Davison 4-4 in a shortened second contest.

### GIRLS SOCCER

► **Fenton 3, Brandon 0:** The Tigers opened the Metro League season impressively, defeating the hosting Blackhawks. Lauren Murphy scored the first goal off a Chloe Wagner assist just 10 minutes into the contest. Before the half was over, Hannah Clarke scored off a Kirty Foor corner kick. Shelby Murphy scored on a rebound after Murphy's initial shot.

### GIRLS TENNIS

► **Holly vs. Clio, Kearsley:** Holly opened the Metro League season with two 8-0 victories in demanding weather that included sleet.

Lauren Lesch earned the most exciting victory of the day, earning a 7-5 final set win in one of her matches.

► **Fenton JV vs. Kearsley:** Fenton's No. 2 singles player Kara Piwowarczyk Catherine won as did the No. 1 doubles team of Sarasee Kiran and Abbey Lamb.

### GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

► **Fenton vs. Swartz Creek, Flushing:** The Tigers (2-0) won both Metro duals, beating Swartz Creek 80-53, and Flushing 81-56. Alexa Keiser and Cassandra Campbell each won two individual firsts. Keiser won the 1,600 (5:42.11) and the 3,200 (12:08.13) while Campbell won the long jump (15-0) and the 300 hurdles (49.68). Jessica Bright also took first in the discus (72-10) while Cambria Tiemann won the 800 (2:34.15). Two relays also took firsts. Lauren Bossenburger, Vien Strum, Campbell and Tiemann won the 1,600 relay (4:26.21) while Kaitlin Bayer, Keiser, Avery Logan and Tiemann won the 3,200 relay (10:30.00).

### BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

► **Fenton vs. Swartz Creek, Flushing:** The Tigers defeated Swartz Creek 101.66-35.33, but lost to Flushing 77.66-59.33.

Samuel Deardorff won two events — the 1,600 (4:46.84) and the 3,200 (10:11.48). Other individual winners for Fenton were Chase Setzke in the long jump (21-0), Peter Kennings in the 800 (2:10.55) and Noah Maier in the pole vault (11-0).

### GIRLS LACROSSE

► **Fenton/Linden 11, Ovid-Elsie 0:** The FLAX Heat scored six goals in the first half and another five in the second to earn the victory.

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## Bats dominate in split vs. Lake Fenton, Linden

**Linden** — What happens when you have two strong offenses playing at a softball field that has a strong wind blowing out toward the outfield fences?

Typically a lot of runs end up being scored. That was the case when Lake Fenton travelled to Linden (5-1) for a twinbill on Thursday. The teams combined to score 57 runs in two games as they split the doubleheader.



## Holly baseball opens Greater Flint event with victory

The Holly varsity baseball team had no troubles advancing to the next round of the Greater Flint Baseball Tournament, defeating Carman-Ainsworth

9-4 in five innings on Wednesday.

Holly (4-0) trailed 1-0 after one inning, but scored three runs in the second to take the lead for good.

## Bronchos' offense scores 31 runs vs. Blackhawks

The Holly varsity softball team has no troubles hitting the ball. The Bronchos showed that on Thursday, scoring 31 runs in a doubleheader sweep against Brandon.

The Bronchos led 16-13 entering the bottom of the seventh inning of the first game, but Brandon tied it up with three runs in its seventh.

## Holly girls soccer improving, falls 2-1 vs. Swartz Creek

The Holly varsity girls soccer team played well enough to win the contest.

The Bronchos possessed the ball the

majority of the game and also took plenty of shots. However, Holly feel just short, losing a 2-1 contest at Swartz Creek.

## Holly baseball splits two games against Brandon

The Holly varsity baseball team lost to Brandon 6-3, in the first game but answered back with a 3-2 victory in the nightcap.

In the second game Holly scored a run in the second inning and two more runs in the sixth inning.

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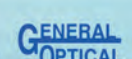
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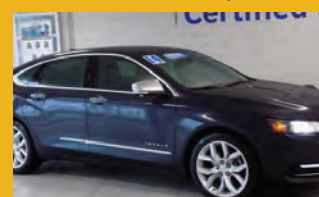
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