Homeowners currently paying **16 Genesee County millages**

■ More could be added in upcoming elections

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By Vera Hogan vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823 With another primary election looming ahead, voters will be asked to approve the "Genesee County Arts, Education and Cultural Enrichment" millage on Aug. 7.

If approved, Genesee County taxpayers will have another .96 mills (.96 for every \$1,000 of taxable value) added to their annual tax bills. Homeowners with a taxable value of \$50,000, for example, will pay another \$48 for the new millage.

As the value of your home increases, which has been occurring steadily in today's real estate market,

the higher your taxable value will be and more taxes you will pay.

Voters also will be asked to renew a couple of the existing county millages on Aug. 7. One is the MTA millage where .40 mills are being collected for every \$1,000 of taxable value. This millage will expire after this year's levy. A renewed millage See MILLAGES on 15A



A Fenton home valued at \$200,000 is paying a total of \$4,150.12 per year in winter and summer taxes.



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Recreational marijuana on November ballot

If passed, the growing and sale of pot could be legal in Michigan

By Tim Jagielo

tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795 Legal recreational marijuana could become a reality in Michigan in the near future — if Michigan voters say "yes," in November.

In late April, the Michigan Board of Canvassers certified a successful ballot initiative by The Coalition to Regulate Marijuana like Alcohol. This group gathered 365,384 signatures - 112,861 more than necessary.

The act will appear on the Tuesday, Nov. 6 ballot, for voters to decide. See MARIJUANA on 7A

We could see, and should see, a lowering of the abuse of alcohol and opioids. 77

Denise Pollicella Cannabis Attorneys of Michigan founder, managing attorney



This mom's on a roll



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Jamie Noll of Holly ties the laces of daughter Gwendolyn, 16 months, at the Karl Richter Community Center on Thursday, May 10. Noll, who is pregnant with her sixth child, teaches roller skating to the community, including all of her four older children, who started skating when they were very young. See story on Page 16A



GOne of our two political parties is advocating lowering the voting age to 16.

What adult would advocate for 16-yearolds to be capable of making an informed voting decision? Go ahead, guess which one."

L Stop blaming the schools. You have responsibilities and equity in your



child as well. Why don't you make sure the kids learn something instead of sitting around playing video

games or out roaming the streets and taking drugs? Why don't you take some responsibility? Why don't you step up? It's a team effort. It's your child."

L It doesn't matter whether it is newspapers, TV news, radio, maga-



erates like Facebook are making the decisions about what every single American sees, hears

and reads. They focus especially on indoctrinating students.³

2016 NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

How pharmaceutical ads influence our prescription choices

■Patients could be taking medication they don't need

By Hannah Ball hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

TV is littered with commercial advertisements for medications that carry a long list of side effects. These advertisements may annoy viewers, but they may have changed the

way physicians prescribe medication.

"Often the whole story is not being told to the consumers. It's often misleading," said Partha Nandi, M.D., FACP of these advertisements.



Partha Nandi, M.D., FACP

Some ads only show the drugs or medical procedures, like a cosmetic procedure or a weight loss supplement, in a positive light. "Lots of people could potentially be taking medicine not useful for them," he said.

See MEDICATION on 12A

44...about 75 percent of physicians surveyed believed that DTC ads cause patients to think that the drug works better than it does, and many physicians felt some pressure to prescribe something when patients mentioned DTC ads. 77

U.S. Food and Drug Administration



66 The term 'working mother' is a redundant phrase.

zines or the internet, just a few gigantic conglom-

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Erin Mathias and her children eat lunch outside at CRUST in Fenton on Wednesday, May 9.

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If you put

tables and

chairs out there.

people will flock

to it. **77**

Holly Nachtigal

CRUST marketing director

Outdoor dining is more popular than ever

■Local restaurants embrace this global trend of dining 'al fresco'

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 As temperatures rise this spring and summer, tables begin to appear outside

of restaurants to give winter-weary diners a chance to enjoy food and drink under the sun.

Dining "al fresco," which means "in the cool air," is one of the best ways to enjoy Michigan's legendary, yet fleeting summer weather. Whether it's a rooftop bar, beer garden, ice cream stand, patio or terrace, outdoor dining has become one of the strongest restaurant trends in the U.S. and is very noticeable in the tri-county area.

"Sidewalk cafes have been in Europe forever," said Holly Nachtigal, marketing director at CRUST in Fenton.

CRUST has always offered casual "grab and go" outdoor seating, but has made a new commitment to dining service outdoors this spring. Five tables sit out front along Caroline Street, reserved with signage for patrons desiring that option.

"It's far and away people's first choice," Nachtigal said. For casual diners simply desiring a coffee and pastry outdoors, there are small tables along River Street for that purpose. The Laundry in Fenton

was one of the first sitdown restaurants in the area with outdoor seating. Not long after opening in 1998, owner

Mark Hamel added a brick patio, not for table service but to expand his small restaurant's seating.

When The Laundry expanded 11 years ago and added the Biergarten, Hamel added more outdoor seating which can now accommodate about 30 patrons.

Perhaps the newest outdoor dining space belongs to the Fenton Hotel. Owner Nick Sorise opened his covered outdoor patio for the first time last Thursday, May 3.

"The first two groups of diners who came in that day went outside," said Sorise. "Everyone's doing it. You have to stay relevant in this business. I'd imagine people will come just to sit outside. Some people just want that venue."

The Fenton Winery & Brewery in Fenton Township has lots of outdoor eating seats in its beer garden and courtyard area.

See OUTDOOR DINING on 18A

New restaurants coming to former **Big Boy site**

By Tim Jagielo

tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795 On Owen Road in Fenton, the

Owen Shoppes across from Walmart continue construction. Cinderblock walls have been erected, forming the outline of the new multi-unit building to be completed this summer.

This is the former site of Big Boy and Pizza Hut, which were demolished late last year.

At this new site, Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Reilly said there are approved plans for a Starbucks with a drive-thru on the east end and a Pizza Hut on the other end of the complex. While a sub shop has been suggested, Reilly has received no such plans.

Reilly said the former Bob Evans building across the street will be "The Meeting Place," a family restaurant.

There are no plans for the Ruby Tuesday building, to date, despite the old Big Boy sign sitting near the building. "Pay no attention to the sign, I have received no plans for this building," he said.

Reilly said that he receives numerous inquiries, but most fail to materialize.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO The Owen Shoppes on Owen Road in Fenton are under construction, and will eventually house a Starbucks and Pizza Hut, among other businesses.



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WEEKEND TIMES

If I Were King...

Wise sayings about Mom

• A mother is a person who, upon seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.

• Mirror, mirror on the wall, I became my mother after all. • A suburban mother's role is

to deliver children obstetrically once, and by

car forever after. • The moment

a child is born, the mother is also born. She never existed before. The woman existed, but the mother, never.

FOSTER CHILDS

•Definition of a sweater: garment worn by a child when its mother is feeling chilly.

• A mother never quite leaves her children at home, even when she doesn't take them along.

• If evolution really exists, how come mothers only have two hands?

• Mothers are fonder than fathers of their children because they are more certain they are their own.

• Don't ever tell the mother of a newborn that her baby's smile is just gas.

• A mom forgives us all our faults, not to mention one or two we don't even have.

• The word 'mother' is a verb, not a noun.

• Mom — the person most likely to write an autobiography and never mention herself.

• It's not easy being a mother. If it were easy, fathers would do it. • All mothers are working mothers.

• A man loves his sweetheart the most, his wife the best, but his mother the longest.

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• Life doesn't come with a manual. It comes with a mother.

• Birth is the only time when you

cry and your mother smiles. • Pregnancy and childbirth make

a woman a mother, but all the days that follow are what makes her mom.

• Mothers of little boys work from son up, until son down. • Mothers

and daughters are closest when daughters become mothers. • No matter

how old a

still watches

her middle-

44 A mom forgives us all our faults, not to mention one or two we mother is. she don't even have.77

for signs of improvement.

aged children

• A mom's hug lasts far longer than when she actually lets go. • The only woman I ever truly loved was another man's wife ... my mother.

• Throughout history, there was never a great man who had not a great mother.

• A mother is the only person in your life who has no ulterior motives. Her only motive is love.

• If at first you don't succeed, do it like your mother told you.

• The one thing my mother never taught me was how I would cope without her.

• Only your mother will tell you the whole truth and nothing but the truth, even if she has to lie to do it.

Opinions offered in If I Were King are the author's alone and do not neces-sarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email the King at king@tctimes.com. Some content adapted from the internet.

WHEN YOU'RE DRIVING your car, you're the captain of the ship. You should be aware of what's going on around you and you should have your ship under control. If you cannot do that, you're liable to run into a dog, an old person or a kid that runs into the road. You had better park your vehicle.

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UNEMPLOYMENT RIGHT NOW is 3.9 percent, the lowest level in over 18 years. This is all due to the brilliant economic plans set forth by President Trump to improve jobs and lower taxes.

THESE ARE THE people Trump has helped: health care workers, manufacturers, construction, small business owners, fishermen, farmers, workers in oil, gas and coal, plus our military, law enforcement and border patrol. Most hard working Americans are benefiting from the Trump economic revival plan.

I DON'T KNOW what channel you're watching, but I saw plenty of coverage of the Toronto guy running over the people with that truck.

YEAH, I LIVED through both Clinton's and Nixon's ordeal. Nixon's was far worse than Clinton's was. He tried to steal an election and cover it up.

YOUR LOTTERY ARTICLE should address how the school funds are allocated. The poorest areas of our state get little of that money. We've forgotten

the good arguments made by the losing side of the lotto debate. It's a machine that makes the poor poorer. How is that loving our neighbor?

IT'S ONLY YOUR religious freedom when you try to push your religious beliefs on someone else.

MORE THAN A butterfly garden, what would bring people to downtown Fenton? Stores that stay open past 6 o'clock.

ALL RESIDENTS OF Fenton should tour the streets that are east of North LeRoy and north of Main Street. Then go drive down State Road to State Road school. Then ask yourself 'Why are city leaders spending \$30,000 toward a butterfly garden?'

IS IT TRUE that State Road School employees are getting complete damage coverage for broken springs, shocks, bent wheels and blown tires for coming to work on State Road?

WHERE DO PEOPLE get the idea that the postal service loses money delivering Amazon packages? The postal service actually makes money delivering those packages.

I KEEP READING about the corruption in the Obama administration in the Hot

lines. Perhaps the writer would be so kind to let us know where they get their facts, I would like to be as informed as they appear to be.

THE LIBERALS BELIEVE that waterboarding is cruel and unusual punishment. They think the tactics for questioning should be standing in a corner for a long time.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



Compiled by Gracie Warda, intern

What are your thoughts on Boy Scouts changing their name and allowing girls? | Street talk



"I don't mind it. It's not a bad thing for boys and girls to be scouts together."

Owen Crorey Fenton Township



"I don't agree with it. They need their male time, and girls need their female time. They still need that separate bondina."

Denise Whitt Deerfield Township



"I'm a traditionalist. I think that Boy Scouts should stay Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts should stay Girl Scouts."

Shawn Kirk Holly Township



"I think that girls should be Girl Scouts and boys should be Boy Scouts. They're different physically, it's OK to keep them separated."

Bill Ballagh Fenton Township



"We've already got Girl Scouts, why do they need to mix? In that age group, girls want to be with girls and boys want to be with boys."







HOT LINE CONTINUED

HATS OFF TO the students and staff at Fenton High School for another great Prom PSA. I hope we all take into consideration the effects of drinking and driving. Thank you Mr. Ashley for all your hard work and dedication.

I DON'T THINK Obamacare was responsible for starting any wars.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN a small dog being aggressive and a pit bull being aggressive is, of course, death. That is not worth the risk to me of trying to prove that I can confidently train one.

YOU COMPLAINERS NEED to stop stressing the few negative tendencies of our President. We need to look at his accomplishments. Coal miners and factories working, infrastructure in the best shape ever, and medical and pharmaceutical costs at an all-time low. To top it off, gasoline will soon be below \$2 a gallon. Good job Mr. President.

IT'S TIME FOR Fenton Township to adopt an ordinance pertaining to our big blue trashcans. Most municipalities have regulations for the storage and placement of trash containers. These blue containers should be out of sight when not out for trash pickup, otherwise it makes the neighborhood look, well... 'trashy.'

I WAS SHOCKED to read that our state Senate Republicans may vote to legalize pot. Terrible idea that would endanger drivers and kids. Call Sen. Hune at (517) 373-2420. Ask him how he will vote. We must nip this misguided plan in the bud.

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Public hearing Monday on Fenton's budget

Residents' comments will be heard on this year's amended budget and next fiscal year's proposed budget

By Vera Hogan

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The city of Fenton will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 14, to give residents a chance to be heard on the 2018-2019 Amended Budget and the proposed 2018-2019 Fiscal Budget. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. as part of the regular meeting agenda.

In his April 28 budget work session presentation to the Fenton City Council, City Manager Lynn Markland gave an overview of the state of the city and current financial picture.

He said, "The economy has improved and there is evidence of the improvement in many areas of the city. Growth is moving in the right direction. The manufacturing climate is doing well. The city's industrial park has few vacancies.

"The true cash value of residential properties has continued to increase in the past year and values are nearing prerecession prices," Markland added. "The Fenton real estate market has become a 'sellers market.' There is higher demand for homes than the supply.

"The residential and commercial real estate markets have improved and the overall taxable values have increased by about 6.4 percent," Markland said. "This has resulted in a modest increase in our overall Real Property Tax Revenue of about \$204,640 over last year's General Fund Revenue. In addition, the city is expected to gain about \$20,000 in State Revenue Sharing."

Markland said the 2019 budget that was presented to the City Council is balanced.

"In order to achieve the balanced budget several contributions from other funds are necessary," he said. "The contribution from other funds total \$422,500 in service payments from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the

SUMMARY

The 189-page

2018-2019 Fiscal

read in its entirety

on the Tri-County

Times website,

www.tctimes.

com, which is

also posted on

Facebook with

this article. See

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the photo for

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Budget can be

Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA).

"The payments are for the incremental increase in demand for public services in the districts that have been created as a result of the economic success of the districts."

After the hearing, the council is expected to vote to approve the budgets as presented.

The 2018 Amended Budget and proposed 2018-2019 Fiscal Budget can be read in their entirety on the Tri-County Times website (www.tctimes.com), which is also posted on Facebook with this article. Copies are also available for review at Fenton City Hall, 301 S. Leroy, or at the Jack Winegarden Library, 200 E. Caroline St. during normal business hours.

Fenton keeping up with the goose population

Another roundup will take place in June; some removed could be killed

By Vera Hogan

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823 Surviving families of geese are about

to be removed from the Fenton millpond now that Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki has Fenton City Council approval to have them rounded up.

Council members voted unanimously Monday, May 7, to pay \$200 for a roundup permit application, and \$1,000 to have Goose Busters of Holly handle the roundup. Czarnecki said permission was granted Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) approval last June to remove geese from the millpond.

Goose Busters did the work for \$300. "They were able to remove one adult and 13 juvenile geese from the water and relocated them back into the wild," Czarnecki said.

This roundup took place after the nest/ egg destruction program where seven nests and 41 eggs were destroyed.

"Because of both geese removal operations, the area surrounding the mill pond stayed relatively clean for the remainder of 2017," Czarnecki said in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland.

Another goose nest destruction took place along the mill pond in April. Czarnecki said some of the nests and eggs were either missed or were on private property and the eggs have since hatched.

"So far in May I have seen three different families of geese on the millpond," Czarnecki said.

Once the permit application is received, the round up can take place in mid-June when the geese are molting.

Because some of the geese removed may be killed, Czarnecki said the permit application requires a resolution by the local government approving the roundup on the site.



MARIJUANA Continued from Front Page

The act, if passed, would allow someone over the age of 21 to buy or sell 2.5 ounces of marijuana at a time, and make derivatives like hemp.

It does not allow it to be used or grown in the public eye. Like with the Medical Marihuana Act, municipalities can vote to disallow this activity in their city, town or village. See sidebar for more information.

Attorney Denise Pollicella has practiced marijuana law for nearly 10 years, and watched marijuana, and medical marijuana grow in visibility and acceptance. Now, Michigan will be able to vote on whether recreational marijuana can be grown, sold and used in the state.

"It's crazy to me," she said. "When you step back and look at this historically, it's a huge deal."

From the legal standpoint, she said the implementation will be "crazy," because it would have to interact with the existing Medical Marihuana Act of 2008. Some aspects of each are in conflict with the other.

There's also the fact that marijuana is illegal at the federal level. This becomes an issue should the federal government decide to come in and enforce it. Pollicella doesn't believe this administration will do anything about it.

Still, anyone trying to get into cultivating marijuana will have trouble financing their business, titling a building or even getting a bank account, because of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO Act). This has been leading legal growers and sellers into a cash-only business, she said.

Still, Pollicella sees many possible positives for Michigan, despite these challenges.

She said removing the criminal element around marijuana will make getting marijuana safer.

If marijuana is legal, then Pollicella also suspects the prison system could be unclogged of minor drug cases.

Lt. Governor Brian Calley said in a Republican gubernatorial debate on Wednesday, May 9, that he supports the Medical Marihuana Act because of what medical marijuana could do to curb opioid abuse.

"We could see, and should see, a lowering of the abuse of alcohol and opioids," Pollicella said.

None of the candidates supported recreational marijuana.

The other possible benefit is the economic development. "I think it will be explosive with industrial hemp," she said.

THE MICHIGAN MARIJUANA BALLOT PROPOSAL WOULD:

• Legalize the possession and sale of up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana for personal, recreational use.

• Impose a 10-percent excise tax on marijuana sales at the retail level as well as a 6-percent sales tax. The estimated revenues from the taxes are at least \$100 million.

• Split those revenues with 35-percent going to K-12 education, 35-percent to roads, 15-percent to the communities that allow marijuana businesses in their borders and 15-percent to counties where marijuana business are located.

• Allow communities to decide whether they'll permit marijuana businesses.

• Restrict purchases of marijuana for recreational purposes to 2.5 ounces but an individual could keep up to 10 ounces of marijuana at home.

• Allow the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), and not the politically appointed licensing board that will regulate the medical marijuana side of the market, to regulate and license marijuana businesses, ranging from growers, transporters, testers and dispensaries.

• Set up three classes of marijuana growers: up to 100, 500 and 2,000 plants.

Source: The Detroit Free Press

She can see Michigan, an agricultural state, embrace hemp and create a new industry in the state.

If citizens vote "yes," local municipalities still have the right to disallow recreational marijuana, just as township boards and city councils can vote "no" on dispensaries for medical marijuana.

To date, local governments have continued moratoriums on allowing medical marijuana dispensaries in their communities, or opted to not enact any specific laws.



Recreational marijuana is already legal in several states

Compiled By Vera Hogan

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823 According to businessinsider.com, nine states and Washington, D.C., have legalized marijuana for recreational use—no doctor's letter required—for adults over the age of 21.

Here's a summary of where Americans can legally use recreational marijuana in 2018:

Alaska

Adults 21 and over can light up in Alaska. In early 2015, the northernmost U.S. state made it legal for residents to use, possess, and transport up to an ounce of marijuana— roughly a sandwich bag full — for recreational use. More than two million people visit Alaska annually and spend \$2 billion.

California

It was the first state to legalize medical marijuana back in 1996. California became even more pot-friendly in 2016 when it made it legal to use and carry up to an ounce of marijuana. The law also permits adults 21 and over to buy up to eight grams of marijuana concentrates, which are found in edibles, and grow no more than six marijuana plants per household. Many cities in the Central Valley, including Fresno and Bakersfield, have moved to ban recreational sales.

Colorado

In Colorado, there are more marijuana dispensaries than Starbucks and McDonald's locations combined. The state joined Washington in becoming the first two states to fully legalize the drug in 2012. Residents and tourists over the age of 21 can buy up to one ounce of marijuana or eight grams of concentrates. Some Colorado counties and cities have passed more restrictive laws.

Maine

A ballot initiative gave Maine residents the right to possess up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana, more than double the limit in most other states. But that doesn't mean residents can buy the drug. Maine Gov. Paul LePage dealt a major blow to the industry in November 2017, when he vetoed a bill that would have regulated and taxed the sale of recreational marijuana.

Massachusetts

In 2016, Massachusetts gave residents the go ahead to carry and use an ounce of marijuana and grow up to 12 plants in their homes. But the future of the state's legal market is hazy. Lawmakers delayed the opening of pot shops to July 2018, instead of the January 2018 date that voters approved in the election. Until then, there will be no sales of recreational weed.

See ALREADY LEGAL on 21A

MAY 13TH - MAY 18TH





HEADWATER TRAILS LEADING THE RIVER CLEANUP

Headwater Trails will be leading a cleanup of the Shiawassee River from Holly to Byron on May 19 and 20. The goal is to have this length of the river ready at the beginning of the paddling season as opposed to in several cleanups over the course of the summer. Volunteers will meet at Water Works Park in Holly at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 19 and in the parking lot at the northwest corner of Silver Lake Road and N. Bridge Street in Linden on Sunday, May 20. Volunteers will need a boat to join in the cleanup effort. It can be a kayak though a rowboat or canoe allows you to haul more things. Trash is being picked up as well as the clearing of trees that have fallen in the river. This event is appropriate for teens through adults. A short course in water debris management will be held on Thursday, May 17 at the gazebo in Bush Park, Fenton at 5:30 p.m. It is not necessary, but highly recommended.



WHAT YOU **MISSED** in the **MIDWEEK TIMES**

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the Wednesday, May 9, Midweek Times. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Are pits 'the pits?'

Most dogs are aggressive if they are trained to be that way. Pending legislation regarding breeds includes pit bulls.



Fenton considering contribution

to Escanaba's legal fund U.P. city needs help in dark store lawsuit.

Physical books vs. e-books

While some people like the feel and smell of a real paper book, others prefer reading their e-books, which are dominating sales.

A look back at 1968

'They call me Mr. Tibbs;' a look at the 1968 Academy Award winning film, "In the Heat of the Night."

Sackrider's cases bound over for trial

■Judge finds probable cause in criminal sexual conduct allegations

By Sharon Stone

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 On Wednesday, May 9, two criminal sexual cases against Michael Sackrider, 53, of Fenton Township were bound over to Genesee County

Circuit Court for trial. On the initial case.

Genesee County Sheriff's detectives were alerted Jan. 13 to a criminal sexual complaint (CSC) complaint involving Sackrider.

Sackrider Detectives inter-

viewed the victim, who alleged she

HOT LINE CONTINUED IT'S CALLED BOY Scouts for a reason.

MAY 9, 2018, the Chief-of-Staff of Air Force has grounded the entire Air Force, seven crashes in April killing 10 airmen. The Obama Administration is responsible. Sequestration, reduction in funding resulted in a cut in flight hours as well as maintenance, and readiness.

MOVING PAST THE years of President Obama's foreign policy that was weak and consisted of appeasement, President Trump has stepped in to finally do some good in the world and stop the Iranian deal. We encouraged Iranian





the ages of 11 and 16 years old. She told detectives that the alleged assaults took place at Sackrider's Linden Road home in Fenton Township. The young victim said Sackrider was her mom's ex-boyfriend. He's facing one count of first-degree

CSC and one count of second-degree CSC. He was released on \$100,000 cash surety bond.

was sexually assaulted by Sackrider several times when she was between

On Wednesday, April 11, another arrest warrant was issued against Sackrider in Genesee County District Court. With this new case, he was charged with one felony count of third-degree CSC with an incapacitated victim. This alleged incident took place in July 2017, according to court records. He was released from this case on \$25,000 cash surety bond.

Genesee County Circuit Court has not yet set any new court dates.

terrorism with the Obama-Kerry deal. Thank God, Trump brought it to an end.

A COMEDIAN MAKING a joke about the White House press secretary, at a function to make fun of the press, is hardly offensive. Sit down snowflakes.

IF YOU ARE a Trump supporter and you hear somebody breaking down your door in the middle of the night, it's probably agents from the 'Global Government' agenda.

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NEW BUSINESS: Willi Wise Day Camp

daily outdoor activities for kids from first through sixth grades.

■ Sign up now for rustic

outdoor summer camp, as a camper or a volunteer

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

It's time to sign up for summer camp at Willi Wise Day Camp, one of the Fenton area's "best-kept secrets" for the past 50 years.

Camp dates for 2018 are Monday through Friday, June 25-29, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at 10380 Hartland Rd., Fenton.

Campers from first through sixth grade are invited, as well as volunteers. Camp is open to all kids who are interested in outdoor activities, said Kristen Harmon, camp director.

The camp is situated on 44 wooded

acres on the site of Land-O-Lakes Bowmen Club, south of Fenton.

The theme this year will be "Honoring Our American Heroes." Special guests and activities will bring this theme to life for the campers. Daily activities will feature archery, music, games, nature, campfires and more.

Volunteers are also being sought for camp week, with each volunteer agreeing to a background check. "We're 100 percent volunteer-based," Harmon said.

Full-time volunteers can bring one camper for free and each additional camper for \$50.

For more information about Willi Wise Day Camp, contact Harmon at (810) 247-2877 or visit wwilliwisedaycamp.com.



Byron schools millage renewal passes 93 to 58

On Tuesday, May 8, voters in the Byron Area Schools renewed the Non-Homestead Operating Millage by a vote of 93 (yes) and 58 (no). A total of 151 ballots were cast. This is a renewal of a millage already being paid by property owners.

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on certain property. The exceptions include principal residences and other property exempted by law.

Primary residences, qualified agricultural property, and qualified forestry property are not subject to the 18 mills. Properties taxed include commercial

■Longtime Loose Center

activist to be presented

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786

much of that time as secretary.

with award

By Sharon Stone

board member, community

The Loose Center is honoring Alberta

Martin, secretary of the Loose Board of

Directors, for her longtime commitment

to the senior center in Linden. She served

on the board for more than 17 years, with

are invited to attend a dinner where she

will be honored with the Exceptional

Service Volunteer Award on Tuesday,

May 15, at 5 p.m., at Linden High

School. Dinner will be prepared by the

Linden High School cooks and served

The community and friends of Martin

and industrial facilities, rental homes and vacation homes. A rental or vacation home with a taxable value of \$50,000 will continue to pay \$900 a year with this renewal.

This is required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and restores millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

In November of 2012, Byron Area Schools' community supported the renewal of the Non-Homestead Operating Millage, which was previously passed in the early 1990s.

Martin to be honored Tuesday

in the cafeteria.

In addition to serving on the Loose Board, Martin, retired, served on the Lake



Fenton Board of Education for more than 32 years and prior to that served on the Detroit Board of Education. Kenneth Wensel,

dent said they will Alberta Martin be thanking Martin

for her commitment to Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation,

Lake Fenton Community Schools, as well as Loose Center. "She was a tremendous booster for Loose," Wensel said.

Call the Loose Center at (810) 735-9406 to sign up for the dinner. Wensel said dinners are \$8.50 each and can be paid at the Loose Center, 707 N. Bridge St., Linden.



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For more info contact Kris Harmon, Camp Director lovewwdc@gmail.com or 810-247-2877 www.WilliWiseDayCamp.com



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House Bill 5726: Refine ban on pyramid schemes

To amend the state law banning "pyramid promotional schemes," with a



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House Bill 5578: House version of next year's state budget

The House version of an "omnibus" non-education state government budget for the fiscal year that begins on Oct. 1, 2018. This would appropriate \$39.792 billion, compared to \$38.786 billion authorized the year before. Of this amount, \$19.629 billion is federal money, and \$20.163 billion comes from state taxpayers. The House education budget is described above. Between both bills the House proposes spending \$56.673 billion next year, vs. \$53.667 billion originally approved for the current year. This is one step in a budget process likely to be completed in June. Passed 66 to 41 in the House

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

House Bill 5579: House version of next year's education budget

The House version of the K-12 school aid, community college and university budgets for the fiscal year that begins Oct 1, 2018. This would appropriate a total of \$16.881 billion, of which \$1.844 billion is federal money. Of this total, \$14.823 billion would go to K-12 public education, compared to \$14.580 billion approved last year. Another \$1.650 billion is for state universities, compared to \$1.629 billion the prior year. Community colleges would get \$408 million, up from \$399 million last year

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Getting the clean and safe water to your faucet can be a complicated process.

What's in your water?

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of what's in their

water. 77

Jim Nash

Oakland County water

resources commissioner

The average person uses 150 gallons per day

By Tim Jagielo tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795

On Tuesday, May 15, Holly area residents will get a chance to learn about should be aware

water infrastructure and its importance in life. Leading the presentation, titled "Water Infrastructure 101" is Jim Nash, Oakland County water resources commissioner.

"So much depends on water infrastructure," he said, such as industry and power generation. He said the average person uses 150 gallons per day, in one way or another. Each system, whether well water or municipal system, has its own issues with water quality.

The goal of the course is to make people aware of how important water is. Something as basic as controlling storm water, which can affect lake algae blooms, is important. Blooms on smaller local lakes can lead to beach closings. "I want people to be aware of what can be done about

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protecting surface waters," he said. Nash said any system that services more than 12 homes has to be monitored for lead and copper Municipal, or "city water," removes all

the harmful minerals like arsenic, and adds a phosphate to coat the pipes, so that the water and the pipes don't actually touch.

If someone lives on a well, they are responsible for the safety of their own water. This usually requires a softener, and sometimes removing arsenic and pos-

sibly sulfur. "People should be aware of what's in their water," he said.

Different water filter systems

Whole house water system — This water system is installed at the point of water entry in a home, and filters the entire supply before it reaches any sinks or faucets. It can soften water and remove chemicals, like arsenic, chlorine and lead.

Companies, such as Pelican Water Systems advertise that these systems clean water "better than bottled water." **Under sink systems** — Much like a faucet-mounted filter, these systems only filter the water at one faucet.

Reverse osmosis — RO systems use pressure to force water through a semipermeable membrane, removing most salt, bacteria and organic materials, according to puretecwater.com.

WATER **INFRASTRUCTURE CLASS**

Holly Township Library 1116 N. Saginaw Street, Holly Tuesday, May 15 6 to 8 p.m.



TO ANSWER YOUR question, presidents of the United States don't start wars - terrorists and despots do.

BUYER BEWARE, IF you're thinking of buying into the Linden Shores for the peaceful surroundings. I thought the same. Now I'm living next to a 20-something and being woke up at 1:30 and 2:30 a.m. by him and his friends.



Police&Fire report



HAVE YOU SEEN THIS LANDSCAPE **TRAILER AND MOWERS?**

The Livingston County Sheriff's Office is investigating the theft of this landscape trailer, containing work equipment. It was stolen from the 6000 block of Argentine Road in Deerfield Township, Livingston County between Monday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, May 8 at 7:30 a.m. The 22foot enclosed trailer, which has since been recovered, is black and white with graphics for Eastern Michigan Landscaping on its side. The mowing equipment inside has not been recovered. Missing items include two John Deere 930m zero turn mowers, four Echo string trimmers and four Stihl backpack leaf blowers. Value of the stolen items exceeds \$20,000. There is no suspect at this time. Anyone with information is asked to call the sheriff's tip line at (517) 546-8477 or email D/ Sgt. Gary Childers at gchilders@ livgov.com.

HANDS PROJECT

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On Saturday, May 5, the Linden Police Department was contacted in reference to a possible scam. The resident

said he had received a telephone call from a male claiming to be a Linden police officer. The telephone number that came up on his phone was the Linden Police Department's actual number. The caller also used the identity of an actual Linden police officer. The caller advised the resident that he had a warrant for his arrest. The caller told him that he could pay a specific amount of money and the warrant would be resolved. The caller asked that the resident use his debit card. The resident asked if he could use a credit card and the caller said that he could not and they would only take a debit card. For anyone receiving these calls, do not respond or follow the instructions. The Linden Police Department does not contact individuals by phone regarding outstanding warrants nor do they ask individuals for money. If someone has an outstanding warrant, they will receive a letter in the mail instructing them to turn themselves in at the Linden Police Department or the Genesee County Court complex.

LINDEN POLICE INVESTIGATING SCAM

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WE WATCHED IN awe as those three American hostages and President Trump emerged from that plane early this morning. We were especially pleased that Good Morning America actually opened with that news and didn't add a negative comment to their report. They usually start with a Trump-bashing story.

WHEN I'M ON a boat at night I'm amazed at how many homes have drapes open with lights and or a TV on. One can see the layout, how many are inside and where they are. Close your drapes at night. In this day and age, doing otherwise isn't safe.

TELL ME A fact, not an opinion based on a lie. Facts only. Bill/Hillary vs. Don. Which criminal enterprise has the most lawsuits in a court of law and which criminal enterprise has used the courts to cheat legitimate working contractors? Remember facts only.

DON'T BE CONCERNED with the construction barrels in the intersections on N. Oak Street. A walk through the butterfly garden should make you feel better.



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WEEKEND TIMES

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However, in a remote area, "This may be the only source of information that you can get that may be good for your elderly parents. Sometimes that kind of information could be life saving," he said.

In 2004, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) surveyed 500 physicians and found that direct-to-consumer (DTC) advertising had an effect on their medical practices and interactions with patients. In the survey, 58 percent of physicians strongly agreed that DTC ads make the drug seem more effective than they actually are.

'...about 75 percent of physicians surveyed believedthatDTC ads cause patients to think that the drug works better than it does, and many physicians felt some pressure to prescribe something when patients mentioned DTC ads," according to the FDA.

SUMMARY In 2015, the American Medical Association called for a ban on directto-consumer ads for prescription drugs and medical devices, but it never came to fruition. The United States and New Zealand are the only two countries where direct-to-consumer (DTC) advertising of prescription drugs is legal.

Many physicians said DTC ads made their patients more involved in their healthcare, and they asked thoughtful questions.

Under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), the FDA must ensure that the information in the ads is truthful, balanced and accurately communicated. Companies do not have to explain exactly how a drug works, name



The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has cited the makers of Claritin, the allergy medication, 10 times for misleading information in their ads.

When you're

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this information on

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and social media, it

can be difficult. 77

Partha Nandi

M.D., FACP, host of "Ask Dr. Nandi"

the price, or provide information on generic drugs that are cheaper and have similar effects.

According to Harvard Health Publishing, the FDA does not approve these DTC ads in advance.

Its staff monitors the ads to make sure the facts are not false or misleading. "Ads are submitted

to the FDA only when they first appear in public, which means people may see inaccurate ads before the FDA has had time to review them and seek corrections," according

to Harvard Health Publishing.

The FDA sends about 100 letters to drug companies every year to demand

they change the language in their ads, according to ABC News. One example is the makers of Celebrex, a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug, claimed to give "powerful 24-hour relief," which

has been cited by the FDA on three different ads. The FDA said that the ads made the drug seem more powerful than it actually is.

The makers of Claritin, the allergy drug, are also repeat offenders with 10 citations, along with the maker of Flonase and Flovent,

which have been cited 12 times.

"When you're being barraged by this information on TV, radio, internet, and social media, it can be difficult," Nandi said.

Three types of drug ads There are three types of

prescription drug advertising

• A product claim ad names a drug, the condition it treats and the benefits and risks.

• A reminder ad tells people to ask their doctor about a certain drug, but does not name the drug's use.

• A help-seeking ad describes a disease or condition, but does not recommend or suggest specific drugs.

Source: U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Money spent on drug advertising reaches billions

From 2012 to 2015, annual spending on prescription drug advertising in all media outlets excluding digital increased from \$3.2 billion to \$5.2 billion. Kantar, an analysis company, found that the pharmacy ad business reached \$6.4 billion in 2016. The FDA does not limit how much companies spend on advertising, and it does not ban ads for drugs that have serious risks.

DTC ads claimed that Vioxx, which was a highly mentioned antiinflammatory pain medicine, didn't hurt the lining of your stomach when used regularly as opposed to ibuprofen, which was older but cheaper. Vioxx was found to increase the risk of heart attack and strokes. It was pulled off the market, but had annual sales of \$2.5 billion, in part thanks to DTC ads, according to National Public Radio.

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Some medicines cause bizarre side effects

From unwanted hair growth to birth defects, look out for these common medications

By Hannah Ball

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Drugs are meant to target one or two ailments. However, some people experience unexpected side effects from hallucinations to oddly colored urine.

Here are nine potential weird, or fatal, side effects from common medications.

Hallucinations

The sleep aid Lunesta (eszopiclone) and depression medication Lexapro (escitalopram) can potentially cause hallucinations, according to everydayhealth. com and other drug information websites. The medication can cause visual hallucinations, where what someone is seeing isn't real, or aural hallucinations, which are audio hallucinations.

Lunesta can also cause a "brain fog." While it's rare, Lexapro can also cause Serotonin Syndrome, which is a lifethreatening condition that causes restlessness, diarrhea, hallucinations, fever, vomiting and rapid blood pressure.

Blue urine

Asparagus makes your urine smell odd, and certain vitamins may turn it bright orange. The antidepressant Elavil

(amitriptyline), the pain reliever Indocin (indomethcin) and Diprivan (propofol) can make your urine turn blue or green.

The antibiotic Flagyl (metronidazole) can even make your urine black.

Weird dreams

The well-marketed Chantix (varencline), which is prescribed to help people stop smoking, has been known to cause strange and vivid dreams, according to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). People who take the sleeping drug Ambien (zolpidem) may get up at night and perform activities like drive, talk on the phone, and have no recollection of it come morning.

Weight gain

Medications that can cause people to gain weight include Zyprexa (olanzapine), used for bipolar disorder, and Paxil (paroxetine), which is used to treat depression. Steroids, birth control pills, hormone replacement therapies and some diabetes medications can cause users to gain weight.



No sex drive

A common side effect of antidepressants can be the loss of the ability to perform or enjoy sex. These drugs include Prozac (fluoxetine), Celexa (citalopram), and Zoloft (sertraline).

Birth defects

The antibiotic

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Types of drugs that can cause birth defects include Vitamin A in high doses, some blood pressure medications and some antibiotics. Accutane (isotretinoin), used to treat acne, and Thalomid (tha-

lidomide), used to treat a type of white blood cell cancer, are two of those drugs.

Visual disturbances

Some antihistamines, high blood pressure medications and drugs for

malaria and tuberculosis can cause blind spots, distorted vision, blurred vision or halos around lights. The erectile dysfunction drug Viagra (sildenafil) can tint your vision blue or green.

Hair in the wrong places

Certain blood thinners, birth control pills and antidepressants can make hair grow in unwanted places. Danocrine (danazol), which treats endometriosis, is one of those drugs.

Tendon rupture

The FDA issued warnings for a class of antibiotics called fluoroquinolones, which may cause pain, swelling, and tears of tendons in the heel, shoulder and hand. Medications include Cipro (ciprofloxacin) and Levaquin (levofloxacin).

Sources: FDA, everydayhealth.com



86-year-old takes no daily pills

I just work

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Lillian "Mike"

Kateman

Fenton resident

Fenton couple keeps horses, gardens, and more

By Hannah Ball

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In the age of normalized pill popping for any condition from high blood pressure to headaches, one 86-yearold Fenton resident doesn't take daily medication for anything.

Lillian "Mike" Kateman said the only time she'll take pills is when something is medically wrong, such as when she had a sinus infection.

"If I had a life threatening condition, like diabetes, I would take medicine but I'm just so lucky," she said. "I've just been blessed."

Kateman's healthy and active lifestyle probably has something to do with that. She has a pasture and has kept horses, including miniature horses, since the mid '60s. She

currently has two mares. "When I get up, I have aches and pains. I get coffee before I go to the barn and I have my breakfast when I get back," she said. "I do more chores now. I've been totally busy with my yard. I just work through the aches and pains."

She's been working on their yard and small garden, with planting onions and lettuce. She'll work on her big garden at the end of the month. She and her husband, Howard, have been



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I FILE PHOTO Lillian "Mike" Kateman and her husband, Howard, have been married for 52 years. Both love eating vegetables and eat at least two per meal.

married for 52 years, and both love eating healthy.

"When I cook, sometimes we have three veggies. A minimum of two," she said.

Her garden has been featured on numerous garden tours, and it won a beautification award in the past. She also installed two little fish ponds in her yard. On top of yard work, she's been working inside the house on cleaning and redoing the cushions in her sunroom.

"I just keep busy. I have to clean my house," she said. "I start doing floors today in the two bathrooms," she said. "I get my spring cleaning done while my husband watches TV." See NO DAILY PILLS on 19A

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Front Page will run from Jan. 1, 2019 through Dec. 31, 2023.

The MSU Extension millage also is up for renewal. This millage expired with the December 2017 levy. A renewed millage of .040 mills per \$1,000 of taxable value will run from Jan. 1, 2018 through Dec. 31, 2021.

The biggest millage of all for school operating is 18 mills for every \$1,000 of taxable value. This is levied against non-primary residence buildings only, such as commercial and industrial buildings, rental homes and vacation homes. It is not charged if the house you live in is your primary residence.

The school operating millage expires after this year's levy. A renewal will extend it from Jan. 1, 2019 through Dec. 31, 2038. And, instead of the current 18 mills, voters are being asked to up that to 18.14 mills. This means if you have a rental home or a vacation home with a taxable value of \$50,000, this millage will go up from \$900 per year to \$907 per year. The remaining .14 mill is only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the "Headlee" amendment and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that reduction.

The accompanying chart shows a list of millages Fenton taxpayers are already paying for on their summer and winter bills.

What else is coming?

In April of 2017, the Fenton City Council was provided a lengthy presentation on the condition of city roads, and a 10-year plan to repair or replace them. It was decided at that time that a 10-year road millage of 6 mills (\$6 per \$1,000 of taxable value) would be needed to pay for these road upgrades.

But there was a hitch in the works. The city's charter only allows for three-year millages, not 10. Therefore, a proposal to amend the city's charter to allow for a 10-year taxing period was put on the November 2017 ballot. If voters approved that charter amendment, it was expected that a roads millage would be placed on the May 2018 ballot.

The proposal to allow for a longer taxing period was defeated in a vote of 1,140 to 385, nearly 67 percent.

After the election, Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland said, "Unfortunately, the proposed Charter Amendment was understood by many as a millage increase, when it was actually an amendment to the City Charter that would allow the voters to decide on a millage that could have been levied over a 10-year period instead of a three-year period as is currently allowed by the City Charter.

"It's my impression that many voters thought they were voting on a millage increase rather than an amendment to the City Charter. If the amendment had passed, it would have allowed a future ballot consideration on a millage that could last up to 10 years. What we are left with is a City Charter provision that allows for the voters to vote on a millage that could last only three years. The problem is that a three-year street program is not very effective."

Since that time, Fenton City Hall has been very quiet about what happens next. If a decision is made to go forward with another proposal on a future ballot for a 6-mill roads millage, the additional cost to a homeowner with a \$50,000 taxable value will be \$300 per year, \$450 for a home with \$75,000 taxable value, and \$600 a year more for a home with \$100,000 taxable value.

Local authorities take their cut

Throughout the county, there are Downtown Development Authorities (DDAs), a Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA, in Fenton), Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities (BRAs) and Neighborhood Improvement Authorities (NIAs), which are all, by law, able to capture and use for authorized purposes tax increment revenues from a portion of the millages paid.

Each of these authorities must, by law, have a state-approved project plan within the boundaries of the authorities' designated, approved district.

For example, DDA funds in the city of Fenton cannot be used to repair or replace roads anywhere in town that needs it because that is not part of the DDA's approved plan.

The city of Fenton has a DDA, LDFA, which focuses on projects in the Fenton Business & Technology Park, and a

FENTON CITY MILLAGES

WINTER TAX

MILLAGE CODE	MILLS X Description	\$1,000 TAXABLE	50,000 TAXABLE VALUE	75,000 TAXABLE VALUE	100,000 TAXABLE VALUE
SCH DT	School debt	2.89	144.5	216.75	289
SCH B-S	School bldg & site	0.4585	22.93	34.39	45.85
ISD OP	GISD operating	0.2067	10.34	15.5	20.67
VOC ED	GISD vocational ed	0.4812	24.06	36.09	48.12
SPEC ED	GISD special educ	1.2034	60.17	90.26	120.34
MOTT OP	Mott CC operating	0.9948	47.4	74.61	99.48
MOTT DT	Mott CC Debt	0.41	20.5	30.75	41
SENIOR SERVICES		0.7	35	52.5	70
HEALTH SERVICES		1	50	75	100
PARKS & REC		0.75	37.5	56.25	75
PARAMEDICS		0.4847	24.24	36.35	48.47
VETERANS		0.1	5	7.5	10
MSU EXT	MSU Extension	0.04	2	3	4
ANIMAL C	Animal control	0.2	10	15	20
LIBRARY	GDL	0.998	49.9	74.85	99.8
AIRPORT	Bishop	0.4847	24.24	36.35	48.47
METRO PARKS	Parks and Rec	0.3632	18.1	27.24	36.32
MTA	Buses	1.225	61.25	91.88	122.5
TOTAL WINTER			647.13	974.27	1,299.02

SUMMER TAX

SE TAX	State education	6	300	450	600
SO TAX*	School operating	18	900	1350	1800
SCH DT	School debt	2.89	144.5	216.75	289
SCH B-2	School bldg & site	0.4585	22.93	34.39	45.84
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MOTT DT	Mott CC debt	0.41	20.5	30.75	41
COUNTY OP	GC operating	5.5072	275.36	413.04	550.72
UNIT OP	City Fenton operating	10.3593	517.95	776.95	1035.93
TOTAL SUMMER			1,423.21	2,138.44	2,851.10
ANNUAL TOTAL			2,070.34	3,112.71	4,150.12
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*SO TAX (Local school operating levied on non-primary residence only which are commercial and industrial properties, rental properties, vacation homes. You DO NOT pay the SO TAX on the house you reside in, your primary residence.)



BRA, which covers the entire city.

Using the MTA millage as an example, it is estimated that \$3,335,795 will be collected in the first year. Of that, a total of \$65,466 will be captured by the authorities in communities countywide in the first year of the levy.

If and when any of the county's authorities are dissolved and disbanded, the funds would return to the millage from which it was originally captured.



Super-sized family

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Jamie Noll

mother of five, soon-to-be six

■The Nolls of Holly enjoy the rewards of raising five kids, with another on the way

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 The preteen, tweens and toddler who make up the five, soon-to-be six, kids

in Ryan and Jamie Noll's family can't all fit in one mid-size car or in many restaurant booths.

But they all have wrapped themselves around the heart of their mom, Jamie, 37, who never knew how much she'd love raising this super-sized family until she had them.

The Nolls of Holly *mother of h* never expected to have such a big brood, but each child that ar-



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO Jamie Noll watches daughter Evalynn,

10, skate with partner Dane Jarvis, 12.

rived brought such joy that they wanted to have siblings for these kids.

"Now Gwendolyn at 16 months is four years younger than Loushayn at 5, so we decided to have one more," Jamie said. Baby No. 6, whose gender hasn't been revealed yet, is due in September. "This will definitely be our final 'planned' baby," she said. The other Noll kids are Jadyn, 12, Evalynn, 10

44 When we were and Raieyn, 8.

The Nolls are definitely bucking the trend of today's smaller families. Only 14 percent of American families have four or more children, according to the Pew Research Center. Twenty-two percent of American families opt for one child, 41 percent for two and 24 percent for three.

What's it like to have such a big family? It's especially busy for the Nolls, because Jamie homeschools all the children in a custom-built school room in their home. She politely requests that any calls to her be made before 9 a.m. and after 3 p.m. when their school day officially ends. "I never thought I'd homeschool my kids either," she said. "But I realized I want to keep them with me as much as possible.

Jamie has another interesting dimension to her life. She's a roller skating coach with her own coaching business, One Skate Ahead, teaching several dozen



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Jamie Noll gets all of her children involved in figure skating, training on roller skates at the Karl Richter Community Center, where she teaches. Seated is Loushyn, 5, and behind Noll are son Raieyn, 8, and Gwendolyn, 16 months.

students every week.

"We spend four to six of our late afternoons and evenings at lessons," Jamie said. "All the kids come and skate, too." She specializes in beginning skating, then segues into roller figure-skating. "That's my background," Jamie said. "I've also coached derby and speed skating."

While the simple demands of a large family are obvious — tons of laundry and lots of meals to prepare, it's the consistency of discipline and being on the same page with Ryan on those issues that make parenting a large family the most challenging for Jamie. "Ryan travels a lot for work, so sometimes he gets in the middle of a discipline issue he didn't even know anything about," Jamie said.

But having a large family is more rewarding than it is difficult, at least in the eyes of the Noll family. There's always an older one to help with a littler one, and together, they have a lot of fun.

"I think we're pretty gifted at raising kids," Jamie said. "When we were trying to decide about having baby No. 6, I kept thinking, 'What's one more going to hurt?" Now Gwendolyn will have someone to grow up with."

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Meet MOTHER NATURE

- The healing goddess • Known as Gaia, the first of Greek gods
- Always working to achieve harmony

By Vera Hogan

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823 Mother Nature is the first of the Greek gods. She created herself out of primordial chaos, the beginning of all things. From her fertile womb all life sprang, and unto Mother Earth all living things must return when their lives are over.

What is your real name and where did vou come from?

My name is Gaia, which means Mother Earth.

You seem very calm, why is that? As Mother Nature, I am always

working to achieve and maintain harmony, wholeness and balance within the environment. I heal, nurture and support all life on this planet, and ultimately all life is dependent on me. They say Mother Nature has healing powers. How do you do that?

As Mother Nature, I am known as the healing goddess. All life and all living things on this planet are part of a

Re-using and recycling is not single, all-encompassing global entity or something we should consciousness which do when we feel like is me, Gaia. It is this it or remember, it is global conscioussomething we must do ness that makes our planet capable of at all times to protect / supporting life, while the environment. our near neighbors in the solar system are bar-

ren and lifeless. Speaking of lifeless, we interviewed Old Man Winter two years ago. He had some harsh things to say about you.

Yes, I read what that big old sack of dirty snowballs had to say. He called me insufferable and said, I quote, "... She is sickening sweet one minute and completely unpredictable and nasty the next. She spreads flowers, sunshine and happiness all over the place, but then gets into one of her moods and blows an entire town away with one tornado or hurricane. And they call me a blowhard!"

Old Tyrone Township Hall gets makeover





SUBMITTED BY SUPERVISOR MIKE CUNNINGHAM

Tyrone Township has given its old township hall a much-needed makeover. The Township Board realized this is a historic site and a treasure to the residents of the community. The old township hall was built in 1887 on Hartland Road just northwest of Center Road at the cost of \$640. It served the community until 1967 when the new hall was built on Center Road. The old hall was moved to Center Road in 1975 as part of a Bicentennial project and was restored and dedicated as a historic site.



PHOTO: IMGFLIP.COM Mother Nature is always working to achieve harmony, wholeness and balance within the environment.

Is what he said not true? Was it fake news?

First, if he dislikes sickening sweet perhaps his snow has been made into too many sugary, syrupy snow cones. Children really shouldn't use his filthy snow for that treat. He's likely filled

with radiation and other nasty chemicals. And yes, I do spread flowers, happiness and sunshine all over the place. It's both my job and my passion as your Mother Nature. As far as tornadoes, hurricanes and other events like volcanoes and earthquakes, even I have to release a little pressure here and there from time to time. He's one to talk, causing multiple car pileups on thousands of miles of roads he ices up to dangerous levels, and big mouth blizzards spanning across the country states.

Will you seek revenge for what he said?

No, not really, I do need him sometimes. It's the moisture in the winter that allows the rebirth of my earth and all that's green and good in the spring. He did hang around too long this year though and I'm going to try and not let that happen this coming winter. My power is much greater than his, though. Just look at what happens when my crocuses and tulips come up in the spring and he dumps another late snowstorm on you. Those little shoots stand firm to grow tall and strong.

What is something people don't know about you?

They don't know how happy it makes me to see people finally taking me seriously and doing what's necessary to protect our planet. Re-using and recycling is not something we should do when we feel like it or remember, it is something we must do at all times to protect the environment. Name one thing that would make you

very happy this Mother's Day. Plant a tree for me!

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WEEKEND TIMES

Rose Township Resolution 2018-02 Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Tax Opt-Out

WHEREAS 69 percent of Rose Township voters gave a clear and resounding "No" vote against the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) tax in the November 8, 2016 general election; and

WHEREAS Wayne County Executive Warren Evans has floated another RTA plan which is almost identical to the one rejected by voters in 2016 that would force Rose Township taxpayers to pay for his RTA plan against their will if the plan were to be placed on an upcoming ballot; and

WHEREAS under this so-called new Wayne County RTA plan, Oakland County conservatively estimates that Rose Township taxpayers would be required to pay more than \$8.2 million in RTA taxes over 20 years of which more than \$1.23 million would go directly to the City of Detroit and Wayne County; and

WHEREAS the citizens of Rose Township would have their taxes increased for the next twenty years (20 years) Three Hundred Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety Three dollars (\$389,993.00) per year, a forty percent (40%) increase, if the RTA millage would be imposed.

WHEREAS Rose Township residents would see little to no transit services provided to their community in return for those significant RTA taxes under the Wayne County RTA plan; and

WHEREAS Rose Township has consistently opted out of the Oakland County Transit Taxing Authority that supports SMART bus for over two decades; and

WHEREAS since 2017, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson has proposed a reduced RTA taxing footprint which honors the will of the voters from the 2016 election; and

WHEREAS County Executive Patterson's proposal is modeled on other regions such as Denver, Portland and Seattle which employ special assessment districts for transit where they vote on the plan only in those areas that will receive services relatively commensurate with their tax payments; and

WHEREAS under County Executive Patterson's proposal, only voters in communities that supported the 2016 RTA plan with a majority "Yes" vote which have also traditionally opted-in to the Oakland County transit taxing authority that supports SMART bus should determine whether they want to pay an additional RTA tax; and

WHEREAS County Executive Patterson's proposal would empower communities that wish to opt-out of any future RTA vote and tax to do so; and

WHEREAS County Executive Patterson's proposal would require the Michigan Legislature to amend the current RTA law to enable communities to opt out of any future RTA vote and tax; and

WHEREAS Rose Township voters clearly would support their Township Board opting out of any future RTA vote and tax, if that were an option under Michigan law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rose Township Board of Trustees rejects any RTA plan that would tax Rose Township property owners against the will of Rose Township voters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rose Township Board of Trustees enthusiastically supports any plan and legislation that would enable Rose Township to opt-out of any future RTA vote and tax.

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Motion By: Noble

Second By: Miller

Voting Yes: Noble, Miller, Gambka, Blaska, Scheib-Snider Voting No: None Absent: None

I, Debbie Miller, duly elected Clerk of Rose Township, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution 2018-01 adopted by the Rose Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting held on May 9, 2018.

Dated: May 10, 2018

Debbie Miller, MMC, CMMC

Rose Township Clerk



TURKEY TROPHY





Scott Care (left) and his son, Colton, of Fenton Township, both bagged their 2018 wild turkeys during opening week while hunting in Oakland County. Colton's was a 19.5-pound Tom with a 9-inch beard and $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch spurs. Scott's was a 25.4-pound Tom with a 10-inch beard and $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch spurs.

OUTDOOR DINING

Continued from Page 3A "We just opened up last week for the season," said owner Matt Sherrow. "Last year, we got tables from the Mt. Holly Ski Resort which we use during our busy season and return them in October in time for their season. Every time we bring tables out, those are the first ones that get filled up."

Sherrow said they've added outdoor games to their Beer Garden space, and use designated servers to keep up with the outside dining area.

"In Michigan, you've got to be outside because you never know how long the fresh air and sun in your face will last," he said. "Any local restaurant that has the ability to do it, will do it. You see it more and more often."

Boston's Pizza in Fenton has seating for

80 on their outdoor patio, which opened for the season last Monday. "People were asking about it before we opened," said Hunter Feldhouse, shift manager.

Beale Ste. Smokehouse Barbecue in Fenton actually has a hidden gem of an outdoor patio, with seating for up to 24 dining patrons. "You should see it right now," said co-owner Lisa Reading. "It's beautiful with flowers, hanging baskets and umbrellas. If it's a beautiful day out, we get lots of people asking to eat out there."

Dining "al fresco" does have a few potential downsides, too, from bugs to cold wind and rain. "It does complicate things," Nachtigal said. "You have to consider the logistics of travel from the kitchen to the outdoors, for one thing. But one thing is for sure. If you put tables and chairs out there, people will flock to it."

VILLAGE OF HOLLY PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Holly has adopted the following ordinance amendments on:

DATE: PLACE:

language:

May 8, 2018 Holly Board of Education Meeting Room 920 E. Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442

EFFECTIVE DATE:

The adopted zoning ordinance number 157.076 amends Section (C)(4)(i) of the Village of Holly Zoning Ordinances for the Central Business District by adding the

Immediately upon publication

4. The sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages, beer, wine and spirits shall not be permitted in any sidewalk café under this policy "**unless permission is granted by the Village Council.**"

The full text of the Ordinance as amended is available for review in the Office of the Village Clerk-Treasurer, 300 East Street, Holly, Michigan 48442 during regular business hours. Comments concerning the ordinance amendment should be directed to the Village Clerk/Treasurer at the above address or by telephone to (248) 634-9571.

Deborah J. Bigger Clerk-Treasurer Village of Holly

to me," she said. Her two daughters were

back pains and a lot of health issues and

I wonder how became I'm so lucky. My

dad never liked taking pills, he never liked

taking medicine," she said. "I'll keep go-

"I talk to young people who have

"fortunate" to share her healthy genes.



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(From left) Addisyn, Jaxson, and Sheridan Goss, the three children of Stacy and Andy Daul of Fenton Township and Jason Goss of Linden, have been recognized with an award by the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness.

'Snuggle Sacks kids' earn state award

Fenton Township mom Stacy Daul is proud of her kids' work with homeless advocacy

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Stacy Daul of Fenton Township passed on to her children a lot about what she has learned in life about compassion for others and goal-setting for themselves.

Her three kids, Sheridan, 16, Jaxson, 13 and Addisyn, 11, have been recognized by the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness (MCAH) for their work with Snuggle Sacks — Survival Kits for the Homeless.

This non-profit group, headquartered in Fenton, was started by Addisyn when she was 8 years old. They pack 300 to 500 sacks of necessities for the homeless, and distribute them weekly in Flint, Detroit and Lansing.

It's a family affair for all three kids, plus parents, Stacy and Andy Daul, the kids' father, Jason Goss and extended family members and community volunteers.

They will be recognized as Volunteer Champions at the MCAH Fifth annual Breakfast of Champions, set for Thursday, May 31 at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Lansing.

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She's also a self-taught seamstress. Kateman made her daughter's wedding dress and dresses for three women in the wedding.

Kateman has never smoked a day in her life.

"I've always said God has been good ing as long as I can."

PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS MAY 7, 2018

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday May 7, 2018 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

- 1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
- 2. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- 3. Received a presentation of the 2017 Annual Report from Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation.
- 4. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$388,705.90.
- 5. Approved a 5-year renewal of the Fire, Rescue & EMS Services Agreement with Tyrone Township.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2018-09, waiving penalties and interest for any Property Transfer Affidavit form filed after the 45-day deadline.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2018-10, acknowledging receipt of petitions and scheduling a public hearing on the creation of a street improvement special assessment district for Eleanor Street between Owen Road and Island View Drive.
- 8. Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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Fenton and Lake Fenton High School 2018 PROM



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Fenton goes to the Big Apple, Lake Fenton goes to Hollywood

By Tim Jagielo tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795

Fenton High School

The 2018 Fenton High School prom theme was "Big City Night."

According to Pam Bunka, school yearbook and newspaper advisor, there was more than just dinner and dancing at the 2018 prom.

The event was held at 59 West in Highland. Keeping with the New York City theme, dinner was served in "Tavern on the Green," desserts were at "Central Park," gambling in "The Big Apple Casino," dancing in "Studio 59," and candid shots were in the "5th Avenue Photo Booth."

Lake Fenton High School

Prom attendees had their chance to strut the red carpet as a couple, a couple of friends, or as individuals before boarding the buses for The Roostertail, a popular river view event venue in Detroit.

The Lake Fenton High School 2018 theme was "Hollywood Dreams." As students were announced, they walked through a curtain, with a famous movie scene projected onto it, such as "Pulp Fiction."

Afterward, they took photos and hung out until buses took them to prom at 5 p.m.

Linden High School and Holly High Schools both have their proms this weekend. The Times will feature their proms the following weekend.



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<u>MAY 13</u>

1898: Thomas Edison sues the American Mutoscope Company, claiming that the studio has infringed on his patent for the Kinetograph movie camera. Edison had already invented the phonograph, the light bulb and other important technologies by 1887, when he moved his Menlo Park, New Jersey, laboratory to Orange, New Jersey. In Orange, Edison entrusted his assistant, W.L.K. Dickson, with the development of a new machine that could capture moving images. Dickson designed the Kinetograph, a camera that used celluloid film advanced by a sprocket that fit into square perforations running along the film, as well as the Kinetoscope, which projected moving images in a single-viewer peepshow format. Edison first publicly demonstrated the machine in 1891.

MAY 14

1999: President Bill Clinton apologizes directly to Chinese President Jiang Zemin on the phone for the accidental NATO bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, that had taken place six days earlier. Clinton promised an official investigation into the incident. Clinton called the bombing an isolated and tragic event and insisted it was not deliberate, contrary to what Chinese officials were claiming.

MAY 15

1800: President John Adams orders the federal government to pack up, leave Philadelphia and set up shop in the nation's new capital in Washington, D.C. Philadelphia officially ceased to serve as the nation's capital as of June 11, 1800.

MAY 16

1956: Executives from the Detroit-based automotive giant General Motors (GM) dedicate the new GM Technical Center in Warren, Michigan. Costing around \$100 million, or about half a billion in today's dollars, to develop and staffed by around 4,000 scientists, engineers, designers and other personnel, the GM Technical Center was one of the largest industrial research centers in the world.

MAY 17

1965: Based on outcry from parents who bought into what may have started as an idle rumor, the FBI launched a formal investigation in 1964 into the supposedly pornographic lyrics of the song "Louie, Louie." That investigation finally neared its conclusion on this day in 1965, when the FBI Laboratory declared the lyrics of "Louie Louie" to be officially unintelligible.

MAY 18

2012: Facebook, the world's largest social network, holds its initial public offering (IPO) and raises \$16 billion. It was the largest technology IPO in American history to that date, and the third-largest IPO ever in the United States, after those of Visa and General Motors. At the time it went public, Facebook was valued at \$104 billion and had some 900 million registered users worldwide.

<u>MAY 19</u>

1997: A 3-year-old boy dies of avian influenza in Hong Kong on this day in 1997. By the time the outbreak was controlled, six people were dead and 1.6 million domestic fowl were destroyed. Source: History.com



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Mary O'Rourke sings for fallen police officers at the Michigan Concerns of Police Survivors at their 25th annual Law Enforcement Candlelight Memorial Service.

Mary O'Rourke sings for fallen police officers

Daughter of fallen officer Sgt. Patrick O'Rourke performs at Michigan COPS event on May 7

By Sally Rummel news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Mary O'Rourke, 14, could feel the presence of her father, Sgt. Patrick O'Rourke, next to her as she was lifting her voice to him and other fallen officers last Monday, May 7 on the steps of the State Capitol in Lansing.

The event was the Michigan Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) 25th annual Law Enforcement Candlelight Memorial Service. Many of O'Rourke's fellow police officers were in attendance,

including the West Bloomfield Police Department Honor Guard.

Mary had been invited to sing by Denise Scarborough, president of Michigan COPS.

Scarborough had become close friends with the O'Rourke family following the passing of O'Rourke, of the West Bloomfield Police Department, on Sept. 9, 2012. She was in attendance at his widow, Amy's wedding last June to Art Smith, and heard Mary sing parts of the Mass and asked if she would sing at this event.

"It was such a honor," said Mary, an eighth-grader at AGS Middle School in Fenton. "So many people told me they could feel my dad

WATCH THE listening. I didn't need to be nervous."

Mary sang "The Star-Spangled Banner," and "Amazing Grace." "I've never sung The Star-Spangled Banner before," Mary said. "It's hard to sing. It takes quite the range."

She performed so well that she was invited to return next

year to sing again, said her mother, Amy O'Rourke-Smith. Unfortunately, she wasn't able to attend because of another commitment with another one of her children.

"She went with Pat's mom and dad, Dan and Arlene O'Rourke," O'Rourke-Smith said. "I knew Mom and Dad would be right there with her."



ALREADY LEGAL Continued from Page 7A Nevada

Residents and tourists who are 21 and over can buy an ounce of marijuana or one-eighth of an ounce of edibles or concentrates in Nevada— while supplies last. Less than two weeks after sales of recreational weed began on July 1, 2017, many stores ran out of marijuana to sell. The state has earned nearly \$20 million in marijuana tax revenue since the market launched. Nevada residents must live 25 miles outside the nearest dispensary in order to be eligible for a grower's license. **Oregon**

Oregonians have enjoyed the right to carry an ounce of weed and grow up to four plants at home since 2015. It's also legal to give edibles as a gift, as long as they're ingested in private. Sales have exploded since legalization. In 2017, the state paid out \$85 million in marijuana tax revenue to fund schools, public health initiatives, state police, and local government.

Vermont

Vermont became the first state to legalize marijuana through the legislature, rather than a ballot initiative, when Republican Governor Phil Scott signed a bill into law on Jan. 22. Adults in the Green Mountain State will be able to carry up to an ounce of marijuana and grow no more than two plants for recreational use. The new law goes into effect in July. But the bill is limited in scope. It doesn't establish a legal market for production and sale of the drug.

Washington

Dispensaries in Washington have raked in over \$1 billion in non-medical marijuana sales since the drug was legalized for recreational use in 2012. The state allows people to carry up to an ounce of marijuana, but they must require the drug for medicinal purposes in order to be eligible for a grower's license.

Washington, DC

Residents in the nation's capital voted overwhelmingly to legalize nonmedical marijuana in November 2014. The bill took effect in 2015, allowing people to possess two ounces or less of marijuana and "gift" up to an ounce, if neither money nor goods or services are exchanged.

Source: businessinsider.com (April 2018)



Secure her dreams



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Linden boys track finishes Metro duals above .500

By David Troppens dtroppens@tctimes.com

The Linden varsity boys track and field team will enter the Metro League meet with a winning record in dual meets.

The boys earned that right by splitting with Swartz Creek and Kearsley on Wednesday. The Eagles (5-3 in the Metro) beat Kears-

ley but lost to the Dragons. The Linden girls will be exactly .500 with its 4-4 mark after beating Kearsley and losing to Swartz

Creek. The Linden boys had five overall firsts at the meet while the Lin-

den girls had four. Two of the boys' firsts were posted in relays. Tanner Blaney,

Nick McDonald, Skyler Zieske and Connor Sproule won the 1,600 relay (3:34.96) while William Bale, Ryan Crutchfield, Grant Maxheimer and Tyler Buchanan won the 3,200 relay (8:40.76).

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Tigers' pitching leads Fenton by Bronchos

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 Holly — Pitching can lead teams to

great things. The Fenton varsity baseball team hopes their pitching staff helps lead the squad to a second straight Metro League championship.

The Tigers remained within one game of Metro League leaders Linden by sweeping the Holly Bronchos 5-1 and 4-0 on Thursday.

In the opening game, Brendan Alvord started on the mound and tossed six innings of four-hit, five-walk ball. He was a tad wild, but effectively so, allowing no runs and striking out seven batters. Brock Henson pitched the seventh, capping the victory.

"My fastball was working," Alvord said. "I was trying to hit my spots, but I was a little off. It worked though."

In the second game, Grahm Staib was even a tad better than Alvord, tossing a one-hitter while striking out seven. He did hit two batters. Sixty-three of the 96 pitches he tossed were strikes. Holly's Garrett VanGilder provided Holly its only hit in the bottom of the first inning when he doubled with one out. However, he was unable to score as Staib earned two of his strike outs to end the inning.

The Tigers led immediately in the sec-

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Holly's JD Lannon slides safely into second base against the Tigers' Logan Welch. The Bronchos won this play, but the Tigers won both games of the doubleheader.

ond game, scoring a run in the top of the first and three more in the third. The run in the first was driven in by David Pietryga, plating Brock Henson, who singled.

In the third, Eythan Fulton and Logan Welch hit singles and Nolan Lawerence walked, loading the bases.

A fielder's choice grounder off of Henson's bat plated one run. The next two scored after a dropped third strike enabled Welch and Henson to score.

DJ Tennis pitched a pretty good game for Holly as well.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS John Gilbert resigned the Fenton varsity boys basketball coaching position this week so he could watch his son, Chris Gilbert, play at Grand Valley State University.

Gilbert resigns from Fenton varsity boys basketball coaching spot

By David Troppens

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dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 John Gilbert loves the Fenton varsity basketball program.

He was a Fenton star when he was a player on the team, and he's coached the varsity team during two different times of his career. He also coached his son, Chris Gilbert, for some of his varsity career.

But there is one thing the Fenton coach may have more passion for, and that's his own family.

So when Chris Gilbert transferred to continue his college basketball career from Oakland University to Grand Valley State University recently, he had to make a choice of being able to watch his son play or continue coaching the Fenton Tigers while missing many of Chris's games. So Gilbert resigned the Fenton boys varsity basketball coaching position last week.

"I am going to step down so I can watch my son play in college," Gilbert said. "He recently transferred to Grand Valley, which will require longer trips. I am hoping to stay on to help the new coach in some capacity, but could not commit to the time required to be the head coach."

Gilbert returned to the varsity boys basketball coaching position during the 2015-16 season and coached for three years.

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Blue Devils keep on their GAC winning ways **By David Troppens**

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Lake Fenton — Avery Carr is no fool.

If someone gives her a challenge for free ice cream, the Lake Fenton varsity soccer player is always up to the challenge.

She had a friend challenge her during the Blue Devils' contest against LakeVille on Tuesday — score three goals and get ice cream. By the end of the game, Carr was probably headed to the nearest ice cream stand, because she collected the three goals she needed, leading the Blue Devils to an 8-0 mercy victory against LakeVille at



TRI-COUNTY TIMES Lake Fenton's Bella Reitano dribbles with the ball in the Blue Devils' 8-0 win against LakeVille.



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This was supposed to be a rebuilding season for the Fenton/Linden girls varsity lacrosse team.

Apparently, the players never got the memo.

The FLaX Heat squad (the co-op name given to the program) captured the Metro League championship by beating Flushing on Tuesday and then beating Swartz Creek on Wednesday. The squad has won three straight league crowns.

Roger Ellis has been the team's sole coach during its history as a program. Prior to that, he was an assistant for the Fenton soccer teams.

"Our success this year has

been, in part, the big sister/little sister program," Ellis said. "I got it from (Fenton varsity boys and girls soccer coach Matt Sullivan). Returning players mentor beginners and share experiences and growth. Secondly, stressing teamwork and challenging each other each practice. Thirdly, fitness and lastly, laughter. It has to be fun.'

Life has been fun for the Heat (5-0 in the Metro and 6-5 overall) this year.

The Heat earned at least a share of the league crown with the 13-4 victory against Flushing. On Wednesday the Heat earned a 13-6 win against Swartz Creek.

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FLaX Heat lacrosse player Sarah Reuschlein runs with the ball during a recent game.



The Holly varsity girls tennis team hold a 123-match Metro League unbeaten streak.

Bronchos continue winning, increase Flint Metro League to 123-match unbeaten streak

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Most people have a best friend or a couple of best friends.

When players are on a team, quite frequently the squad will frequently say we are all friends outside of the sport, suggesting that the squad is more like a family. But what does Will Sophiea like

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 **Holly**— Two area rivals collided on the softball field, and they left settling

nothing between them. That's because the Fenton and Holly varsity softball teams ended up splitting a doubleheader.

The Tigers did have the more dominating victory, crushing the Holly Bronchos 11-1 in the opener. However, the Bronchos won the tighter battle 9-8.

Holly actually scored the first run in the first game, but the Tigers responded with four runs in the second inning and never looked back. Fenton collected 11 hits in the six-inning game and also utilized seven Holly errors en route to the win.

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most about his Holly varsity girls tennis team? He loves that he doesn't know who are best friends.

Let's let Sophiea explain.

"Our coaches love that we have no clue who is best friends with who when looking at our players," Sophiea said.

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Area rivals split recent : Pitching performances softball doubleheader : keep Eagles in first place

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The Linden varsity baseball team continues to pitch well, and continues to lead the Metro League.

The Eagles allowed just three runs in two games against Clio, earning a doubleheader sweep on Thursday. Linden won the first game 6-3 and then won the second contest 1-0. The wins mean the Eagles are 9-1 in the Metro League and still one game ahead of the Fenton Tigers in the standings.

In the opener, Linden broke a 3-3 tie with three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. That is all the support Travis Klocek needed, as he tossed a five-hitter, striking out five and walking two.

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BOYS GOLF

Fenton 164, Flushing 173: In

what was a pivotal dual meet battle in the Metro League, the Fenton Tigers remained perfect in Metro play with a victory against Flushing 164-173 at the Preserve. Fenton shot its best team score of the year with Dylan Conte leading the way as match medalist with an even-par 36. Braden Lapa shot a 41 while Logan Lake carded a personal best 42. Addison McIntosh had a 45. Flushing was paced by Nick Brown's

39. Brandon 188, Linden 203: Linden

was led by Drew Krueger and Ian Marsh who each shot 48s. Cameron Sproule shot a 52 while Jack Whitman carded a 55

GIRLS SOCCER

Clarkston 3, Holly 2: Holly led 1-0 at halftime on a Payton Price goal, but Clarkston scored three goals in the second half. Price scored another goal in the second half, giving Holly a 2-1 lead at the time, but Clarkston scored the final two goals. Lalli Valdovinos played a strong game in net.

Linden 1, Williamston 1: Kathryn Walterhouse scored an unassisted goal in the second half, tying the game at 1-all. From there, it remained a tie. Linden keeper Allison Bush made several great second-half saves, preserving the

draw for Linden (4-6-5). SOFTBALL

PREP REPORT

Lake Fenton vs. Brandon: The Blue Devils swept a non-league doubleheader against the Blackhawks, 11-1 and 16-6.

In the opener, Kalani Lau and Olivia Tanner hit home runs and each had two hits. Haley Whittecar and Mikayla Hunsinger also had two hits. On the mound, Taylor Godlewski was the winning pitcher, allowing just one earned run in the five-inning contest.

In the second game, Lau homered again and had three hits. Erin Ezell also had three hits. Allie LaVallier and Hunsinger had two hits each.

Allie Postal was the winning pitcher, striking out six in four innings. Kamaya Whittaker posted the save, striking out two in two innings of work.

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Lake Fenton girls sweep GAC event, boys earn a split

once again.

The Lake Fenton varsity track program had a pretty strong performance in rand 92.5-41.5, while also beating Monits most recent GAC duals on Tuesday.

The girls swept both duals, beaing Dutrose 90-29.

the first time in more than a couple of de-

cades, and brought pride to the program

Holly softball splits with non-league Milford squad

The Holly varsity softball team accomplished a lot of goals last season.

The Bronchos won a league title for

Holly boys track team splits with Owosso, Flushing The Holly varsity boys track team got a much-needed victory during its last Metro League battles on Wednesday.

Fenton track squads earn weekday dual sweeps

The Fenton girls and boys track teams did what they needed to in order to repeat as league champions on Tuesday.

Fenton's Reuschlein earns MIAA weekly honors

Cassandra Reuschlein is enjoying cently captured Michigan Intercollegiate her senior year with the Albion College women's lacrosse team.

Resuschlein, a Fenton graduate, re-

The squad improved to 2-6 with a 72-64 win against Owosso and a 109-28 loss to Flushing.

The girls maintained the inside track toward repeating by finishing an 8-0 dual season with wins against Brandon and Clio.

Athletic Association (MIAA) Offensive Player of the Week honors in women's lacrosse.





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