Recreational marijuana on November ballot

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

By Tim Jagielo

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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.”

Denise Pollicella
Cannabis Attorneys of Michigan
founder, managing attorney

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.

How pharmaceutical ads influence our prescription choices

Patients could be taking medication they don’t need

By Hannah Ball

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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.

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

“...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.”

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“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.”

“The term ‘working mother’ is a redundant phrase.”

One of our two political parties is advocating lowering the voting age to 16. What adult would advocate for 16-year-olds to be capable of making an informed voting decision? Go ahead, guess which one.”

“Doesn’t matter whether it is newspapers, TV news, radio, magazines or the internet, just a few gigantic conglomerates like Facebook are making the decisions about what every single American sees, hears and reads. They focus especially on indoctrinating students.”

“This mom’s on a roll

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

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VACANT LAND
Outdoor dining is more popular than ever

By Sally Rummel
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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.

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It’s far and away people’s first choice,” Nachtigal said. For casual diners, “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 Laundry in Fenton was one of the first sit-down 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
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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.

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

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

Owen Creory
Fenton Township

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

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’d be 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.”

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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 pre-recession 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 $425,300 in service payments from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Local Development Finance Authority (L DFA).

“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. See top left below the photo for downloading instructions.

Fenton keeping up with the goose population

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

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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.

Czarnecki said in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland.

“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 by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) approval last June to remove geese from the millpond.

Goose Busters did the work for $300. Goose Busters of Holly handle the roundup.

Czarnecki said the permit application requires a resolution by the local government approving the roundup on the site.

Residents in nearby neighborhoods have been complaining that geese are 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 COMPLAINTERS 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. Hunte (517) 373-2420. Ask him how he will vote. We must nip this misguided plan in the bud.

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Goose Busters did the work for $300. Goose Busters of Holly handle the roundup. Czarnecki said.

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

“Because of both goose removal operations, the area surrounding the mill pond stayed relatively clean for the remainder of 2017.” Czarnecki said in his 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.

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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 to figure out how to navigate this law, she said.

There is a possible benefit from 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 a Republican gubernatorial debate on unlogged of minor drug cases.

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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.

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The act was the first state to legalize medicinal 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.

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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 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

Longtime Loose Center board member, community activist to be presented with award

By Sharon Stone
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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 much of that time as secretary.

The community and friends of Martin 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 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, Loose Board president said they will 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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www.WilliWiseDayCamp.com
House Bill 5726: Refine ban on pyramid schemes
To amend the state law banning “pyramid promotional schemes,” with a new definition of schemes that require an individual to pay for the opportunity to receive compensation derived primarily from bringing other people into the scheme, rather than from selling products and services. Among other methods, the bill distinguishes such schemes from allowable multi-level marketing programs (like Amway or Mary Kay cosmetics) by specifying that participants obtain unreasonable amounts of inventory.
Passed 88 to 19 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)
YES

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 46 to 40 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)
YES

What’s in your water?
Getting the clean and safe water to your faucet can be a complicated process.

The average person uses 150 gallons per day
By Tim Jagielo
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On Tuesday, May 15, Holly area residents will get a chance to learn about 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 something as basic as controlling storm water, which can affect lake algae blooms, is import. Blooms on smaller local lakes can lead to beach closings. “I want people to be aware of what can be done about 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 possibly 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 semi-permeable 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.
LINDEN POLICE INVESTIGATING SCAM
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. If someone has an outstanding warrant, they will receive a letter in the mail instructing them to turn themselves in. If 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. If someone has an outstanding warrant, they will receive a letter in the mail instructing them to turn themselves in.

LINDEN MASONIC LODGE DONATES TO LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL HELPING HANDS PROJECT
The Linden Masonic Lodge #132, with support from the Order of the Eastern Star #175, held its third annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser last Saturday, April 20. They raised more than $3,300 for the Linden High School Helping Hands project. “Helping Hands is a program supported completely by community donations that is dedicated to helping students,” said Darin Dreasky, Linden High School principal. Helping Hands provides students and families, who attend the high school, financial help during individual and family challenges. “Some of the challenges we’ve been able to help with include food, fuel, utility payments, car repairs, clothes, and school fees,” Dreasky said. Superintendent Russ Ciesielski said this year is the third year the Masonic Lodge has held the spaghetti dinner fundraiser. This year, Linden’s first responders were invited to the dinner to be recognized by Lodge #132 and OES #175. Ciesielski said, “We are fortunate to have groups and community members who support our students and our schools.”

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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 $1,854 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.
Passed 71 to 36 in the House:
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) YES
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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 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 their patients mentioned DTC ads,” according to the FDA.

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 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.

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

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 anti-inflammatory 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.
Some medicines cause bizarre side effects

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

By Hannah Ball
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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 life-threatening 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 (indomethacin) 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.

86-year-old takes no daily pills

Fenton couple keeps horses, gardens, and more

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In the age of normalized pill popping for any condition from high blood pressure to headaches, one 86-year-old 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 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.”

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Village of Holly
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 6.5-mill roads millage, the additional cost to a homeowner with a $50,000 taxable value will be $390 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 millage 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 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 question, it was munities 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.
The Nolls of Holly enjoy the rewards of raising five kids, with another on the way

By Sally Rummel
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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 never expected to have such a big brood, but each child that arrived 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 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 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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Jamie Noll
mother of five, soon-to-be six

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By Vera Hogan
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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 sprung, and unto Mother Earth all living things must return when their lives are over.

What is your real name and where did you 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 single, all-encompassing global entity or consciousness which is me, Gaia. It is this global consciousness that makes our planet capable of supporting life, while our near neighbors in the solar system are barren 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 snow for that treat. He’s likely filled too many sugary, syrupy snow cones. Perhaps his snow has been made into 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 natural disasters go, I am known as Mother Naturals, meaning extreme weather conditions. I can do anything and everything as your Mother Nature. As far as those bad-ass storms go, well...I can have my way. I can call a hurricane. And they call me a blowtorch and I can get into one of her moods and blow an entire town away with one tornado. 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!

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 ice cream too much 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.

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

WHEREAS 89 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

OUTDOOR DINING
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“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 St. 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: May 8, 2018
PLACE: Holly Board of Education Meeting Room
920 E. Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442
EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately upon publication

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 following language:

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.
‘Snuggle Sacks kids’ earn state award

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

By Sally Rummel
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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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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.
6. Adopted Resolution No. 2018-09, waiving penalties and interest for any Property Transfer Affidavit form filed after the 45-day deadline.
7. 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.

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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.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK
Fenton and Lake Fenton High School 2018 PROM

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MYRANDA STARK

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.

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY PAM BUNKA

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.”

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

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

By Tim Jagielo
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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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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO
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

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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.

Scarbrough 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 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

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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 funds 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 personal 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)
Linden boys track finishes Metro duals above .500

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

The team entered that right by splitting with Swartz Creek and Kearsley on Wednesday. The Eagles (5-3 in the Metro) beat Kearsley to an 8-0 margin. Three goals she needed, leading the Fenton Bronchos to a 5-1 win over Swartz Creek.

The Linden boys had five overall firsts at the meet while the Linden 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
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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, Graham 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 fifth inning when he doubled out 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 second 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, Eytan Fulton and Logan Welch hit singles and Nolan Lawrence walked, loading the bases.

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.

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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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 home.

FLaX Heat capture third straight Metro championship

By David Troppens
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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

By David Troppens
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Holly varsity girls tennis team hold a 123-match Metro League unbeaten streak. 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.

Area rivals split recent softball doubleheader

By David Troppens
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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.

Clarkston 3, Holly 2:

Lake Fenton girls sweep GAC event, boys earn a split

The Lake Fenton varsity track program had a pretty strong performance in its most recent GAC duals on Tuesday.

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 the first time in more than a couple of decades, and brought pride to the program once again.

Holly boys track team splits with Owosso, Flushing

The Holly 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 her senior year with the Albion College women’s lacrosse team.
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