

Proposed law allows parents to surrender newborns

■ Infants can be placed in 'baby box' at police and fire stations

By Tim Jagielo

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It has never happened locally, but since 2001, 200 infants have been surrendered at police and fire stations across Michigan.

The Safe Delivery of Newborns law of

2000 allowed infants less than 72 hours old to be safely and legally surrendered at police stations, and eventually fire stations and hospitals. The idea was that the children would then not be abandoned somewhere far less safe.

To date, parents who wish to surrender a child have had to meet with police, fire and hospital personnel face-to-face.

See **BABY BOX** on 7A



LA PORTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On Tuesday Nov. 7, 2017, the La Porte County 911 Center in Indiana received an alarm from the "Safe Haven Baby Box." An ambulance from La Porte County Emergency Medical Service arrived a short time later and transported the infant to Franciscan St. Anthony's Hospital in Michigan City. The infant appeared to be healthy and in good condition.



OUTDOOR LIVING
Read about creating comfortable and inviting outdoor living spaces inside this special feature included with this edition.

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Roger Sharp, Sr. said he will rebuild the Swartz Creek Chapel, after it was destroyed by fire Wednesday night, May 15.

Fire destroys Sharp Funeral Homes' Swartz Creek Chapel

■ Cause of blaze deemed accidental

By Vera Hogan

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Roger Sharp Sr. said, "I am awful sad, awful sad. We've been here for 50 years, I bought this building in 1969."

Sharp is referring to a fire that destroyed one of his funeral homes Wednesday night, the Swartz Creek Chapel on Miller Road.

The fire was reported just after 10 p.m. Wednesday, May 16. An hour later, flames were reportedly shooting 50 feet or more in the air and smoke was pouring from the building.

Sharp said several fire departments from Genesee County were on the scene battling the blaze into Thursday morning, including

See **FIRE** on 13A



THE MUSHROOM HUNT IS ON

PHOTO COURTESY OF RICK ADAIR - RICKADAIR.COM

Now is the time to hunt for morel mushrooms. The delicacy grows for just a short time in the spring near the base of ash, elm and apple trees and out in the woods. Be sure to confirm you have picked a true morel mushroom and not its poisonous look-alike. See story on Page 3A

Holly Hills home catches fire Friday

■ Multiple fire departments respond, extinguish blaze quickly

By Hannah Ball

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Holly Twp. — Six area fire departments responded to a fire in the 5300 block of Derby Circle in Holly Township just before 11 a.m., Friday, May 18.

The fire spread over a large portion of the roof of the home, leaving one corner

See **HOLLY HILLS** on 16A

Don't become victim of Shark Tank scam on Facebook

■ Online scam makes you think you are buying local resident's winning product

By Sharon Stone

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Although one scam has been going on for over a year, it has recently resurfaced on social media and is being shared by many members of Facebook.

This week, a Facebook user shared an advertising link, which enticed friends to check out promising products. The post

See **SCAM** on 15A



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“Regardless of whether or not Heller’s column is tongue in cheek, please advise him that more government is not the answer — it’s the problem. History has repeatedly proven this.”



“If they would change the word millage to ‘additional tax’ voters would never pass another one. Thank you Times for explaining what our ‘leaders’ should already have told us about millages.”



“To all you people who keep blaming Obama for everything, calendars are available at most stores in the tri-county area.”

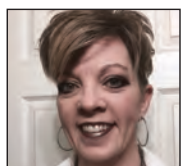


COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“A sincere thank-you to the city of Fenton officials, the council and the city manager. You have transformed Fenton from typical little town to a destination city that draw hundreds, if not thousands, of people downtown every weekend. Home values are up and Fenton is on the map. Well done.”



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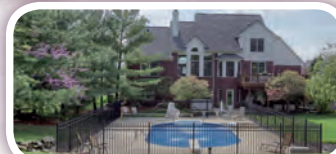
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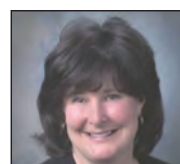
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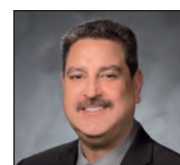
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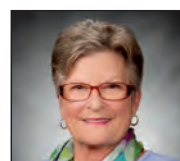
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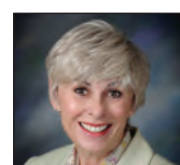
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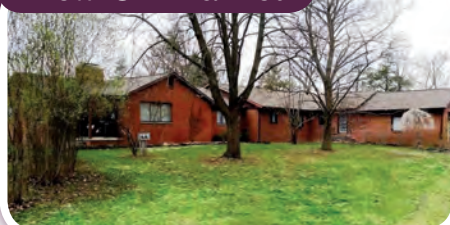


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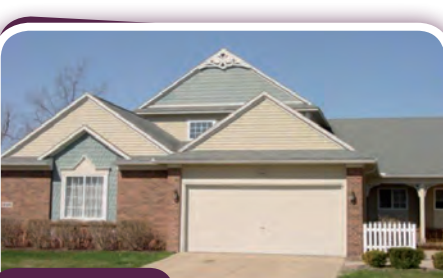


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MOREL MUSHROOM SEASON

■ Now is the prime time to hunt in the woods for this mushroom delicacy

By Sally Rummel
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It's May in Michigan and time to go 'shrooming.'

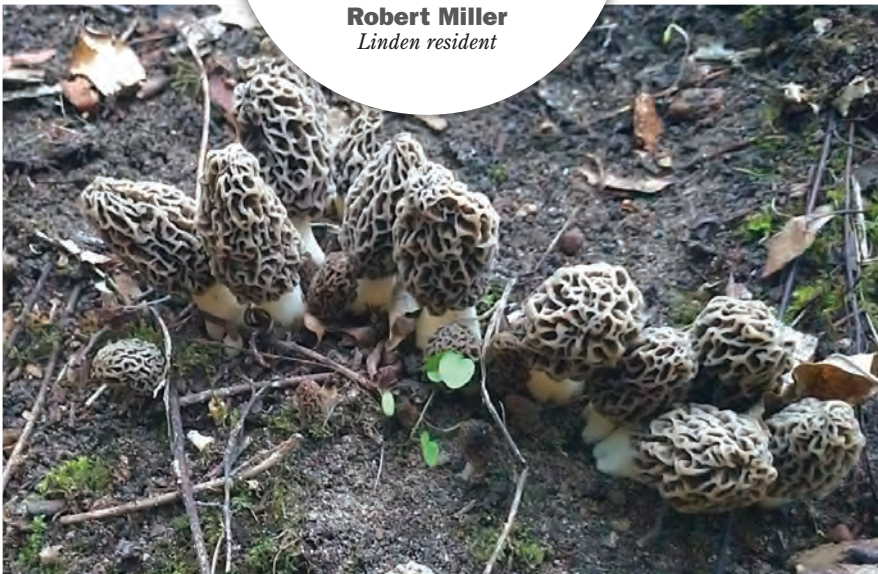
Spring is the time of year when the highly coveted morel mushrooms begin to sprout in the wild, setting them apart from more common mushrooms you'll find at the grocery store. They grow in such a limited season, sometime between March and May, depending on the weather, that they are a rare commodity.
"We're in the prime of the season in Genesee County right now,



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO
Ryan Thompson of Argentine Township found these morels in Genesee County, where he said he looks under dead trees in shady areas for the most bounty.

“When the lilacs are blooming, it’s time to go ‘shrooming.’”

Robert Miller
Linden resident



heading toward the tail end,” said Robert Miller, 40, of Linden. “When the lilacs are blooming, it’s time to go ‘shrooming.’”
Morel mushrooms are a rare delicacy because of their wild nature and short

growing season, and command a huge price from vendors. They can sell anywhere from \$24 to \$42 for 2 ounces on Amazon, with a pound costing up to \$170. But in Michigan, you have to be trained and certified in order to sell these prized morsels to restaurants, farmers markets, etc.

Most “shroomers” do it for fun, spending time outdoors in the woods. “It’s just like an adult Easter egg hunt,” Miller said. “I love disappearing into the woods to find them.” Miller tends to scout all the state parks in search of these wild morsels.

Another local “shroomer,” Ryan Thompson of Argentine Township, loves the activity because it takes him outdoors. “It’s just like fishing or deer hunting, it’s all the same. It’s an outdoor activity. I love looking for them.”

See **MUSHROOM** on 14A

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO
There are still a couple of weeks to go morel mushroom hunting in Michigan, whether you’re a novice or experienced “shroomer.”

Summer concerts begin at DTE Energy Music Theatre

■ This is the season for seeing your favorite musical performers in concert

By Sally Rummel
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Memorial Day weekend is the official kick-off for summer, and also the debut of the 2018 concert series at DTE Energy Theatre in Clarkston, the largest outdoor concert venue in southeast Michigan.

Classic rocker Eddie Money will open the season Friday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. It’s his 27th consecutive year as the venue’s season opener, dating back to 1992. Tickets are priced from \$10 to \$34.50.

Whether you sit on the rolling green lawn for a picnic or opt for a covered pavilion seat, you’ll find something to love about this year’s concert lineup.

There are concerts for any genre of music, from country to rap and hip hop, alternative rock, classic rock, ’90s favorites and more. Many of the names are performers who come back year after year, from Steve Miller Band to Dave Matthews Band and Barenaked Ladies, among many others.

See **CONCERTS** on 21A



Eddie Money will kick off the DTE Energy Music Theatre summer concert series on Friday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Clarkston.



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Come *Heller* high water...

Here’s a headline that ought to make your blood boil: “MSU’s \$500M payout could mean tuition hike, using taxpayer money.”

The reference is to the lawsuit settlement between the university and the 332 victims (to date) of serial molester and former MSU gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar, who was enabled by a university culture that preferred to look the other way.

Five hundred million divided by 332 works out to about \$1.5 million per victim. As a taxpayer and father of three college students, I have no quibble with the amount, except that it probably isn’t enough. But then I doubt there is an amount big enough to make the hurt go away and help these young women get on with their lives.

What does bother me is interim MSU President John Engler saying, essentially, “Meh, don’t worry about the settlement. We can just raise tuition.”

Where’s he get off? That’s like a kid crashing the family car then telling his buddies, “No worries, mom and dad will cover it.”

The university hasn’t said yet how it’ll pay the settlement, so tuition increases or passing the buck to the state are just options at this point.

But they’re options that shouldn’t even be on the table.

First off, we’re already drowning this generation of students in debt. I don’t know all the reasons behind the rapid run-up in the cost of college over the past decade. But according to studentloanhero.com, “the average student loan debt for Class of 2017 graduates was \$39,400, up 6 percent from the previous year...Americans owe over \$1.48 trillion in student loan debt, spread out among about 44 million borrowers. That’s about \$620 billion more than the total U.S. credit card debt.

I also know that many students and parents are looking at that last figure and

laughing. They know that many kids owe much, much more for their undergrad degrees.

MSU is a great example. According to collegedata.com, the annual cost of attendance (including tuition, room and board, books and other expenses) is \$28,428. Multiply that by four years and you get \$113,712. Many students take five or six years to finish.

Then there’s grad school. Again, I don’t know how or when this happened, but somehow the education industry has convinced a huge swath of the last few generations — and the business world —

that a bachelor’s degree simply isn’t enough, and that if you really want to get somewhere you also need a master’s degree or a doctorate. Spin those cash register wheels.

The result is kids these days are swamped with debt before they even enter the work world. And we wonder why millennials are getting married and having kids later.

Here’s the other reason students and taxpayers shouldn’t pay a dime for the Nassar settlement: There *should* be pain. The university should have to dip into its endowment fund, cancel projects or trim budgets until the debt is cleared.

If the university can simply pass the cost of horrible behavior along to taxpayers or students, where’s the incentive to fix a culture that told one victim that she just simply didn’t understand the “nuanced difference” between sexual assault and an appropriate medical procedure?

You might say, “Why, of course, they’d still fix the culture. That’s just human decency.”

OK, so where was this decency all the years that Nassar preyed on girls?

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“There should be pain. The university should have to dip into its endowment fund, cancel projects or trim budgets until the debt is cleared.”

Hotlines

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I AM AMAZED at the level of interest the world has in the wedding of the so-called ‘royal family.’ I have no enmity for Meghan Markle, but she is a long, long way from being Princess Diana. Nonetheless, I will watch it and I wish them a long and happy marriage.

HEY TRI-COUNTY, I’ve got breaking news for you. No one reads newspapers anymore. Who has time to read a paper when you can get everything you need on TV or online. **[Editor’s note: More than 18,000 paid Times subscribers would disagree with you.]**

WE THE PEOPLE of Michigan already saw what one woman could do to one state and now we were going to let a woman get her hands on our whole country. Thank God for Donald Trump.

I DON’T LIVE in Fenton, but I have to agree with the caller. They can’t afford to fix the roads. They want to suck money out of your pockets, but they can afford statues. That’s wrong.

I RECALL A campaign statement promising to improve the south county roads. Here we are a few years later and there’s been absolutely no improvements made to the south county roads.

GOOD EVENING. THIS call is regarding John McCain being ridiculed by the White House. There is no doubt John McCain

will have streets, parks, memorial highways, and statues dedicated in his name after his passing. He’s a true American hero.

STOP LOOKING IN my windows. Yes. I mean you.

I HAVE NO issues with the county taxes. I enjoy all the services and support that they provide. Every resident owner pays our own taxes or if you rent, the landlord pays for you, including rent. What I object to is when the government is your landlord, which means my taxes pay your rent, too.

PAINT ON THE outside of the building is either protective, decorative or art. In any case, paint is paint. It might last up to 10 years but between the third and fifth year it will start to fade and it’s going to need to be replaced. They’ll have to look forward to changing it.

MY JEEP TRAVERSED the wilds of Alaska, the heights of the Rocky Mountains, the desert of the Grand Canyon, well next to the Grand Canyon, but nothing challenges it as much as the streets of Fenton.

IN THE STATES where recreational marijuana is legal, accidents have increased, use of stronger drugs have increased. Doctors have admitted that marijuana is destructive to the brain. Check your facts. We, who don’t want it, would have to have the effects of this all around us if approved.

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What was your most memorable concert?

Compiled by Gracie Warda, intern

streettalk

“Fiddler on the Roof. It was a really great stage play, I enjoyed it a lot.”

John Dolza
Fenton Township

“I saw Ronnie James Dio in Saginaw with my mom. She made it very memorable.”

Larry Palmer
Tyrone Township

“Probably Fall Out Boy in 2014. It was one of my favorite artists at the time.”

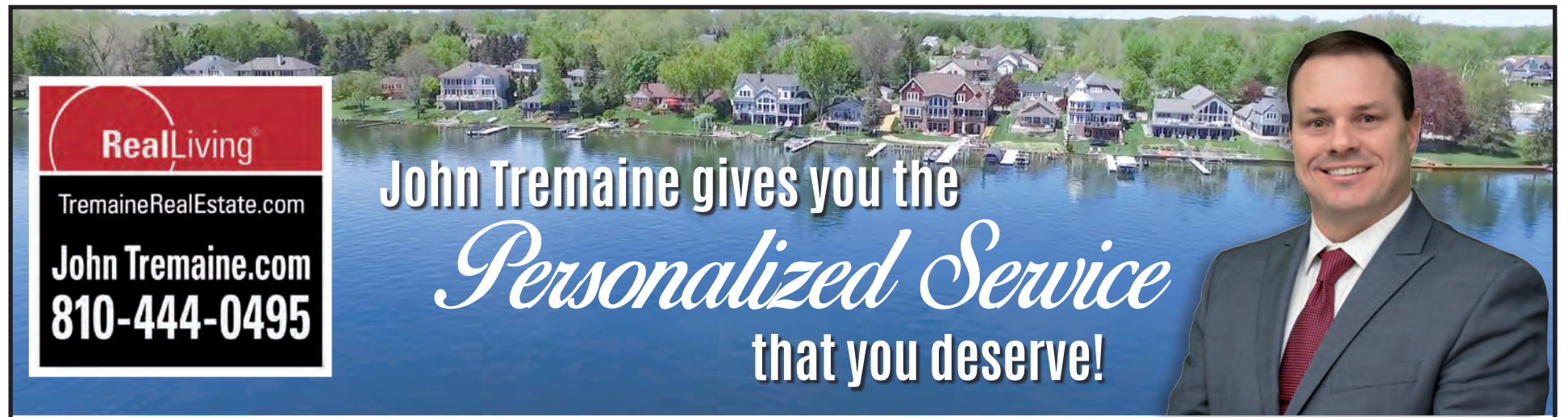
Colin Menzies
Fenton Township

“Bob Seger. He is iconic, his music never gets old. It was incredible.”

Judy Rockman
Fenton Township

“I don’t go to concerts that often, but last night I went to a Rock of Ages concert in Davison. Some of my family is in the band, and I loved watching them.”

Sandra Ford
Fenton Township



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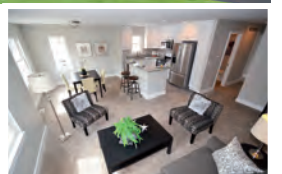
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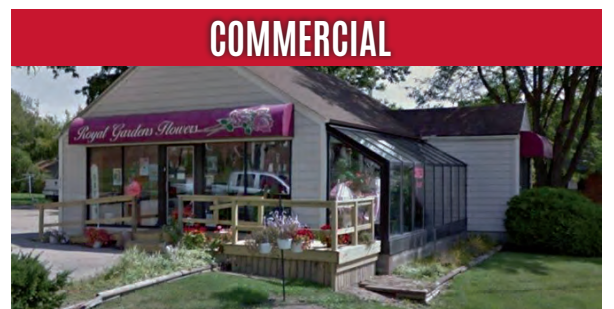
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*We look forward to
seeing you there!*



DDA approves \$35,000 'Butterfly Garden' project

■ Once complete, new garden will be handicap-accessible for all to enjoy

By Vera Hogan

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The city of Fenton will be getting a new "Butterfly Garden" now that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has approved the project. The project presentation was made to the DDA at its Tuesday, May 15 meeting.

According to Assistant Fenton City Manager Michael Hart, who is also the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) director, the approved project is not to exceed \$35,000. Although the original cost estimate was about \$30,000, the additional monies are needed to make sure proper irrigation is put in place. And some special brick edging will be needed to properly maintain the area, he said.

The Butterfly Garden will be placed near the butterfly sculpture on South LeRoy Street, just north of city hall. The butterfly sculpture was paid for last year by Gerald and Kay Willey, owners of Fenton Home Furnishings. They donated \$17,000 so that the city, through the DDA, could acquire the sculpture.

When the sculpture was moved from the river area to its current location a little greenbelt location caught the attention of those attending the dedication. A landscape architect with the city's engineering firm put together a concept drawing of what



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

The installation of a Butterfly Garden to surround this statue, donated by Gerry and Kay Willey, will begin in mid- to late June.

that greenbelt area might look like with a butterfly garden.

"The idea was to place the sculpture first and then figure out how to improve the area around it," Hart said.

Hart said there are specific flowers and plants that attract butterflies. Fenton's garden could have approximately 12 to 18 species of flowering plants. "We will make a conscious effort to attract butterflies and

potentially hummingbirds," he said.

Hart said they are not planning on an enclosure for this garden. Rather there would be flowerbeds all around, with side-walks so even someone in a wheelchair can have access.

The DDA has set money aside knowing this garden was being planned. "This is our modest cost project, to put in a nice garden area," he said. Accessibility is important whether people are on foot, using walkers or in wheelchairs. There will be benches for seating as well.

The perennials that will be used are hardy and the bulk of them are native Michigan species.

"If all goes well, we contemplate starting either this month or in June," Hart said. "The sculpture will have to be temporarily relocated while the work on the garden is being done."

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BABY BOX

Continued from Front Page

Michigan House Bill HB 5751 (2018) brings anonymity to the situation by legalizing and outlining "baby boxes," or newborn safety devices (NSD).

These are actual compartments in which a child is placed. The box immediately locks and personnel are notified within 30 seconds.

These NSDs would be located at places already designated in the Safe Delivery of Newborns law, and the bill outlines the requirements for the proposed devices.

The device would allow a mother or father to deposit the child into the box from the outside of the building. It would lock from the outside, and notify staff and trigger a 911 call 30 seconds after the child is placed.

The box must be determined to be safe and only a qualified individual can access the box. A plan must be in place to safely handle the child.

There are already boxes like this in

Ohio, Pennsylvania and most of Indiana, according to Michigan Radio.

According to The Indy Star, at least one baby was surrendered into an NSD as of November 2017.

The NSD bill has been introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives, and was most recently referred for a second reading.

While local departments haven't had a child surrendered, they have procedures in place for such a situation.

"This has never occurred at the Fenton Police Department," said Chief Jason Slater. "If it

did, we would contact child protective services and then enlist medical services to ensure the child's wellbeing."

Holly Police Chief Michael Story said, "Should it happen, we will follow the guidelines of the act, which includes a physical assessment at an area hospital and contacting CPS (child protective services) for placement. The surrendering person will be questioned insofar as the act allows."

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The Times continues winning awards

Michigan Press Association announces its 2017 contest results

By Sharon Stone
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The Tri-County Times is excited to announce that your hometown newspaper ranked second overall compared with the other weekly newspapers in the most recent Michigan Press Association's (MPA) Better Newspaper Contest.

The 2017 contest was judged by the Missouri Press Association which reviewed 2,967 entries submitted by 100 Michigan newspapers.

Our staff learned of the contest results during the annual MPA awards dinner held in East Lansing on May 10. Just one weekly newspaper of our size in the state took a few more points than the Times. That was the Leelanau Enterprise.

The Times won first-place in the Advertising portion of the contest.

In addition to these achievements, individual staff members in the Times' editorial, marketing and composition departments won several awards.



Sharon Stone



Media Editor Tim Jagielo won first-, second-, third-place and honorable mention in the News Photo and Most Innovative Story Telling categories. A judge from the Missouri Press Association, wrote a comment about one of Jagielo's photo on Holy Thursday at St. John's Church. The judge wrote, "What caught my attention was the depth of this image. So many layers of church folks waiting, praying, taking communion. There's something going on in every inch of this image."

Features Writer Sally Rumel won second- and third-place, as well as honorable mention for her stories in the Business/Agriculture News and Feature Story categories. A judge commented on one story, "Today's used car salesmen no longer fit the stereotype" commented, "Loved the lead. Interesting story on changing time."

Associate Editor Vera Hogan won first-place in the Best Column category. "There is always hope" was based on her personal domestic abuse experience in the mid-1970s. Of 29 entries in this category, the judges selected Hogan's as the winner. One judge wrote, "It takes courage to share a story like this. It's an important message to get out, though."

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Fenton man dies from auto crash injuries

By Sharon Stone

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Bruce Leslie Pitman, 64, of Fenton died May 13 as a result of injuries

he received in an automobile crash May 9 at 9:15 p.m. in Deerfield Township.



Bruce Leslie Pitman

Lt. Mario Gonzales, assistant post commander of the Michigan State Police-Brighton Post,

said Pitman was driving westbound on Bennett Lake Road near the Olde Hickory restaurant. Another vehicle, traveling eastbound, was turning left into the restaurant parking lot. The two vehicles collided head-on.

Gonzales said Pitman, and his passenger, walked away from the scene. The driver of the other vehicle was not injured.

Later that evening, someone called an ambulance for an injured Pitman and he was transported to an area hospital, where he later died.

Gonzales said investigators determined Pitman to be the at-fault driver and that speed may have been a factor.

Pitman was a 1972 Lake Fenton High School graduate. Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, are handling funeral arrangements.

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House Bill 4158: Require conviction for property forfeiture to police

To establish that property seized from a person because it may be associated with a suspected drug crime is not subject to permanent forfeiture (loss of ownership) unless an individual is actually convicted. However, the conviction requirement would only apply to forfeitures of less than \$50,000 (meaning police and prosecutors could still take and keep assets worth more than that using a lower burden of proof).

Passed 83 to 26 in the House

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

✗ NO
✗ YES

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LOOKING BACK

at this week in

NATIONAL HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

MAY 20

2005: Ex-teacher and convicted pedophile Mary Kay Letourneau, 43, marries her former victim and the father of two of her children, Vili Fualaau, 22. Just nine months earlier, Letourneau had been released from prison after serving a seven-and-a-half year sentence for raping Fualaau. Letourneau first met Fualaau when she was a teacher at Shorewood Elementary School, in the Seattle suburb of Burien, Washington, and he was a second-grader. During the summer of 1996, Letourneau, then 34 and a married mother of four, began a sexual relationship with her former sixth-grade student, then 12.

MAY 21

1881: In Washington, D.C., humanitarians Clara Barton and Adolphus Solomons found the American National Red Cross, an organization established to provide humanitarian aid to victims of wars and natural disasters in congruence with the International Red Cross.

MAY 22

1958: The arrival in the United Kingdom of one of the biggest figures in rock and roll was looked forward to with great anticipation in May of 1958. Nowhere in the world were the teenage fans of the raucous music coming out of America more enthusiastic than they were in England, and the coming tour of the great Jerry Lee Lewis promised to be a rousing success. Unbeknownst to the British public and the organizers of the coming tour, Jerry Lee Lewis would be traveling to England as a newly married man, with his pretty young wife in tow. She was 13 years old.

MAY 23

1949: The Federal Republic of Germany (popularly known as West Germany) is formally established as a separate and independent nation. This action marked the effective end to any discussion of reuniting East and West Germany.

MAY 24

1989: Lori Ann Auker, a 19-year-old pet shop worker, disappears from Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. After failing to show up for work, her car was found the next day in the parking lot of the Susquehanna Mall where The Pet Place was located. Police had no clues as to what had happened to her when she arrived at the mall that morning. Robert Auker, Lori Ann's husband, was the natural suspect; the two were in the midst of a custody fight at the time of her disappearance and he had recently taken out a life insurance policy on her. Still, even after Lori Ann's body was found with multiple stab wounds two and a half weeks after her disappearance, police did not have enough evidence to charge Robert Auker with the murder. They ultimately secured that evidence, however, and Robert Auker was convicted of murder in March 1992 and sentenced to death.

MAY 25

1935: At Forbes Field in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Babe Ruth hits his 714th home run, a record for career home runs that would stand for almost 40 years. This was one of Ruth's last games, and the last home run of his career. Ruth went four for four on the day, hitting three home runs and driving in six runs.

MAY 26

1897: Horror writer Bram Stoker's classic vampire tale, Dracula, is first offered for sale in London on this day. Through fictional journal entries and letters written by the novel's principal characters, Dracula tells the story of a Transylvanian vampire and his English victims. Stoker had been publishing horror stories since 1875 and published his first novel, "Snake's Pass," in 1890. The horror genre, which was born of folk tales and legends, had received a boost in 18th century England through the Gothic movement. It persisted in the 19th century thanks to works like Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley's Frankenstein.

Source: history.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■
I WISH TO thank the people at the Grand Blanc recycling program on Saturday. They were the most efficient operation I've ever seen. It took me just about an hour from Fenton to unload my things despite the long lines of people waiting. Thank you.

■■■
I CAN'T BELIEVE that these people who think by cutting everybody off from their pain medication it's going to solve a problem. You're just going to force people to buy illegal drugs. You can't be that stupid.

■■■
THIS WEEKEND, THE Wall Street Journal reported that the United States Postal Service lost \$1.3 billion in the first three months of this year. So, the future is that they need to raise their prices. They need a better contract with Amazon for shipping and they are going to raise the prices on first-class mail.

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By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

GOLD OR PORCELAIN

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

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

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Great books recommended for summer reading

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Whether lounging on the beach or in your backyard hammock, there's nothing like a good book to while away a lazy summer day.

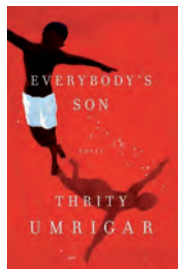
At one time, people would wait patiently for the release of the latest New York Times bestseller list to find their next books to read. Today, with Google literally at our fingertips, there are countless websites to give us information and reviews on hundreds, if not thousands of great books.

One way to know whether a book is a fantastic read is to ask a friend who reads — reads a lot. In the Tri-County Times world, that friend and coworker is Sally Rummel. Her judgment is to be trusted completely.

"These are ALL top-notch, wonderful reads," she said of the following, which are listed in no particular order (no spoilers):

"Everybody's Son" by Thrity Umrigar

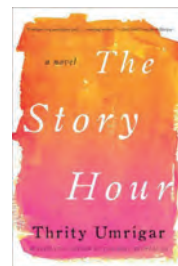
During a terrible heat wave in 1991, 10-year-old Anton has been locked in an apartment, alone, for seven days, without air conditioning or a fan. With no electricity, the refrigerator and lights do not work. Hot, hungry, and desperate, Anton shatters a window and climbs out. Cutting his leg on the broken glass, he is covered in blood when the



police find him. Juanita, his mother, is discovered in a crack house less than three blocks away, nearly unconscious and half-naked. The events that follow lead Anton to discover ...

"The Story Hour" by Thrity Umrigar

An experienced psychologist, Maggie carefully maintains emotional distance from her patients. But when she meets a young Indian woman who tried to kill herself, her professional detachment disintegrates. Cut off from her family in India, Lakshmi is desperately lonely and trapped in a loveless marriage to a domineering man. Moved by her plight, Maggie treats Lakshmi in her home office, quickly realizing that the despondent woman doesn't need a shrink; she needs a friend ...



"The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah

Ernt Allbright, a former POW, comes home from the Vietnam war a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes an impulsive decision: he will move his family north, to Alaska, where they will live off the grid in America's last true frontier. Thirteen-year-old Leni, a girl coming of age in a tumultuous time, caught in the riptide of her parents' passionate, stormy relationship, dares to hope that a new land will lead to a better future for her family. She is desperate for a place to belong and at first, Alaska seems to be the answer to their prayers and then...



"The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah

France, 1939: In the quiet village of Cariveau, Vianne Mauriac says goodbye to her husband, Antoine, as he heads for the Front. She doesn't believe that the Nazis will invade France ... but invade they do. When a German captain requisitions Vianne's home, she and her daughter must live with the enemy or lose everything. Without food or money or hope, as danger escalates all around them, she is forced to...



"Lie to Me" by J.T. Ellison

Sutton and Ethan Montclair's idyllic life is not as it appears. They seem made for each other, but the truth is ugly. Consumed by professional and personal betrayals and financial woes, the two both love and hate each other. As tensions mount, Sutton disappears, leaving behind a note saying not to look for her. Ethan finds himself the target of vicious gossip as friends, family and the media speculate on what really happened to Sutton Montclair. As the police investigate, the lies the couple have been spinning for years quickly unravel...



"Every Note Played" by Lisa Genova

A once accomplished concert pianist, Richard now has ALS. As he becomes increasingly paralyzed and is no longer able to live on his own, Karina, his divorced wife, becomes his reluctant caretaker. As Richard's muscles, voice, and breath fade, both he and Karina try to reconcile their past before it's too late...



"Left Neglected" by Lisa Genova

Sarah Nickerson, like any other working mom, is busy trying to have it all. One morning while racing to work and distracted by her cell phone, she looks away from the road for one second too long. In that blink of an eye, all the rapidly moving parts of her over-scheduled life come to a screeching halt. After a brain injury steals her awareness of everything on her left side, Sarah must retrain her mind to perceive the world as a whole. In so doing, she also learns ...



"The Sunshine Sisters" by Jane Green

Ronni Sunshine left London for Hollywood to become a beautiful, charismatic star of the silver screen. But at home, she was a narcissistic, disinterested mother who alienated her three daughters. As soon as possible, tomboy Nell fled her mother's overbearing presence to work on a farm and find her own way in the world as a single mother. The target of her mother's criticism, Meredith never felt good enough, thin enough, pretty enough. Her life took her to London and into the arms of a man whom she may not even love. And Lizzy, the youngest, more like Ronni than any of them, seemed to have it easy, using her drive and ambition to build a culinary career to rival her mother's fame, while her marriage crumbled around her. But now the Sunshine Girls are together again, called home by Ronni, who ...



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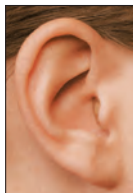
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Book store owner shares her top picks

Karen Piacentini, owner of Fenton's Open Book, has offered a list of books she thinks are great for summer reading. She concurs with Sally Rummel on her first choice, **"The Great Alone,"** by Kristin Hannah.

"Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult is another recommendation. It involves the death of a newborn baby, a nurse, and is about prejudice and power.

If you like Alfred Hitchcock, you'll like **"Tangerine,"** by Christine Mangan. Piacentini said it is a nice mystery.

"Magpie Murders" by Anthony Horowitz is another mystery thriller. When editor Susan Ryeland is given the tattered manuscript of Alan Conway's latest novel, she has little idea it will change her life.

Karen Dionne's **"The Marsh King's Daughter"** is set in Michigan. Karen Dionne drew heavily on her experiences during the 1970s in Michigan's Upper Peninsula when she and her husband lived in a tent with their 6-week-old daughter while they built a tiny cabin.

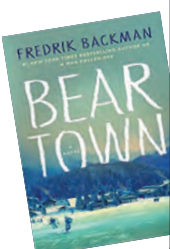
"Into the Water" by Paula Hawkins is set in the rural British town of Beckford that has cliffs, a bridge, a river and a drowning pool. It also has a long history of women falling off, stepping into or otherwise dying via any of the above.

Paula McClain's book **"Love and Ruin"** is set in 1937. Martha Gellhorn, 28, travels alone to Madrid to report on the atrocities of the Spanish Civil War and becomes drawn to the stories of ordinary people caught in the devastating conflict.

"The Death of Mrs. Westaway," by Ruth Ware is a dark and dramatic thriller, part murder mystery, part family drama, altogether riveting.

"Beartown," by Fredrik Backman, is a novel about a small town with a big dream — and the price required to make it come true.

See **BOOK STORE** on 14A



HOT LINE CONTINUED

I WAS READING the millage story. Twenty-five years ago, I agreed to increase my millage a half mill for the airport. You'd think that they would give me free parking or something. I pay the same thing as somebody from Ohio or Tennessee for parking, and I've been paying this millage on my home for 25 years.

REMEMBER IN 1948, the Israelis displaced Palestinians from their homes. Did you notice the 70-year-olds who were in Gaza protesting? I didn't see a 70-year-old anywhere. So the kids who were there were motivated by someone else. To the victor go the spoils, it is about time the embassy move to Israel's capital.

DEEP STATE IS only in your paranoid mind, Obama did not start wars and the Republican-led Congress (for a long time) has gotten thousands of Americans killed. That's a fact.

AMERICA IS POLARIZED right now, with hate from each side, mean hate and gleeful hate. It's time for the middle to get vocal.

Fenton residents urged to attend community forum

■ Officials: It will be a 'very stimulating' evening

By Vera Hogan
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Fenton citizens will have an opportunity to say what's on their minds at the "City of Fenton Community Forum."

It will take place Thursday, May 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, 150 S. LeRoy St. Dinner and childcare are being provided.

"This is very important to us," said Mayor Sue Osborn.

"We want to get as many people as we can to come and share their input."

According to city officials, "Wide-spread community input is essential to the

next step in developing the city of Fenton Strategic Plan. This Community Forum will be a vision-goal setting session providing the City Council with citizen input to compare with previous council discussions and used to develop a final community strategic plan."

City leaders want to know, "What do you like or dislike about your community? What would you like to see

the city of Fenton look like in the next 10 years?" Citizen input is a very important part of this endeavor for Fenton.

In order to make certain there is enough food and

enough childcare providers, participants are asked to R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, May 22 by calling (810) 629-2261.



Sue Osborn

“We want to get as many people as we can to come and share their input.”

Mayor Sue Osborn
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YOU MISSED EVERYTHING! Marijuana is not a drug, it's a plant. It aids with chronic pain caused by cancer. It helps feelings of nausea, major relief of depression and helps creativity, relieving the mind of worries. Alcohol is 100 times worse. I think you need to take a hit and relax.

I'VE STOPPED WATCHING CNN. While the president is trying to arrange negotiations with that North Korean crazy man (who hates Americans) to stop developing nuclear weapons, every program is over the top rooting for him to fail. They'd rather Trump fail than disarmament. Jerks.

THANK YOU TO the second floor nursing staff at Genesys for taking such fantastic care of my husband, and me, from May 5 to 16. You rock and are so very appreciated.

IT'S NEVER BEEN a fantasy of mine, but I suspect that if you're somebody who thinks of your wedding day as being the apotheosis of your career as a woman – the ultimate affirmation of your femininity – then the royal version is the ultimate. It's not just being queen for a day, it's becoming queen – or something near to it – forever."

CAN ONE OF Fenton's liberals explain the logic that public school should no longer teach cursive writing or telling analog time.

DEMOCRATS WANT OPEN borders to all immigrants, which will cost our country a significant amount of money. This would open the borders to criminals, gangs, drugs and murderers. The Democrat's message is to increase taxes and regulations again, free college, free healthcare, legalized marijuana and increased welfare and food stamps again. Pretty much anti-American if you ask me.

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Senate Bill 863: K-12 School Aid budget

This bill is the Senate version of the K-12 school aid budget for the fiscal year that begins Oct 1. This bill would appropriate a total of \$14.732 billion, compared to \$14.580 billion approved last year. Of this, \$1.724 billion is federal money. The House budget version proposes spending \$14.823 billion. School districts with lower revenue would get a \$230

increase in per-pupil aid, and higher spending ones would get an extra \$115.
Passed 27 to 9 in the Senate
 Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES
 Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES
 Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES
 Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ YES
 Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

Senate Bill 856: Welfare and Medicaid budget

This is the Senate version of the Department of Health and Human Services budget for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. This covers welfare and Medicaid spending and is by far the state's largest annual appropriation. The bill would authorize spending \$25.117 billion, of which \$18.345 billion is federal money and the rest is from state and local taxes and fees.

Passed 27 to 9 in the Senate
 Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES
 Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES
 Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES
 Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ NO
 Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

House Bill 5100: Exempt bike racks, tow balls, etc. from ban on obscuring license plate

To establish that removable bicycle racks, trailer hitches, tow balls or similar devices are not included in the definition of "foreign materials that obscure or partially obscure" vehicle license plates, which is a civil offense. This would also apply to the object carried by the device.

Passed 36 to 0 in the Senate
 Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES
 Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES
 Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES
 Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ YES
 Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

House Bill 5767: Let alcohol producers and wholesalers sponsor beer tents

To revise the extraordinarily detailed law establishing a comprehensive regulatory regime on the wholesale distribution of beer, wine and liquor, so as to allow manufacturers, wholesalers or retailers to get a special license to hold a beer or wine festival in which they provide the sponsor with beer or wine dispensing or cooling equipment and a brand-logoed tent.

Passed 105 to 2 in the House
 Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES
 Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

House Bill 5391: Impose regulations on electric skateboards

To prohibit riding an electric skateboard at a speed greater than 25 mph, and ban riding one on a street with a speed limit greater than 25 mph. The bill defines electric skateboard as one that is "no more than 60 inches long and 18 inches wide, is designed to transport only 1 person at a time, has an electrical propulsion system with power of no more than 2,500 watts, and has a maximum speed on a paved level surface of not more than 25 miles per hour." Riders could go on streets subject to the same rules as bicycles.

Passed 96 to 13 in the House
 Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES
 Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

Senate Bill 297: Mandate electrician have proof of licensure while on job

To mandate that an electrician on a job must show a government official or inspector a photo ID and evidence of licensure status if ordered. Also, to only allow an individual to get a "master electrician" license if an individual has at least 12,000 hours of experience in related work under the supervision of a master electrician, and has held an electrical journeyman's license for at least two years.

Passed 89 to 20 in the House
 Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES
 Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES



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FIRE

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Flint, Burton, Gaines Township, Flushing and Swartz Creek. "It is a mess," he said Thursday morning.

Fire crews started to fight the fire from the inside but were forced out when the flames and heat got too intense. They then attacked the fire from the outside with aerial trucks. The fire was contained by 2 a.m. Thursday.

"The interesting part is that there were 11 bodies in the cooler and prep room," Sharp said. "The firefighters, along with my son (R.J. Sharp) and Mike Scully were able to get them all out undamaged."

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The bodies were moved overnight to Sharp Funeral Home chapels, which are in Fenton, Grand Blanc Township, Flint Township and Linden.

R.J. Sharp said Thursday afternoon that although the exact cause of the fire has not yet been determined, the state fire marshal has ruled out foul play. "There was no accelerant present," he said. "It was ruled accidental."

Sharp said the whole building is a loss. "It's got to be \$3 to \$3-1/2 million in damages," he said. "We will rebuild."



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

A worker walks past the burnt Sharp Funeral Homes - Miller Road Chapel in Swartz Creek Thursday, May 17. Blackened debris was seen around the building as Michigan State Police investigate the cause of the fire. The spark started in the middle of the building Wednesday night and was put out early Thursday morning.

AWARDS

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The Times newest staff reporter, Hannah Ball, took first-place in the Spot News category for her story, "The Skinner situation." Her story was among 17 entries. A judge wrote, "Strong reporting of all the incidents Mr. Skinner was involved in. Well-rounded piece leaving me fully informed."

Ball also won honorable mention for her story in the Government/Education News category called "Chickens must go."

Sports Editor David Tropens won second place in the Sports Column category for "Some of my favorite athletes I've watched the last 15 years." He came in second place in the Sports Writing category for an article covering a Lake Fenton wrestler who won a state championship. He also received honorable mention for his Sports Feature, "Everyone learns a lesson when Johnny Irwin takes his shot."

For Best Newspaper Design, the Times won first-place. The entire issue from Oct. 16, 2016 was submitted. The front page focused on the heroin epidemic.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

The Tri-County Times staff won second-place overall in the 2017 Michigan Press Association Better Newspaper Contest. The Times also won first-place in the Advertising Contest.

A judge commented, "More newspapers need to use pull quotes to break up copy like you do. Nice use of color. Feature pages are awesome."

A combined effort of editorial, composition and sales earned second-place with our featured section, "Our Community." A judge commented, "I can see why the community and advertisers would have responded to it."

General Manager Jennifer Ward and Rumel's work for the Best Page Design category

took second- and third-place for their stories on "Halloween" and "Lord of the Gourds."

For the marketing portion of the contest, the Times won first place out of 44 entries for the General Retail category. Terese Allen, marketing director, and Ward won first-place for an ad for Sawyer Jewelers. Allen also won first-place for an Andy Alger real estate ad and third-place for her design for Assumption Greek Orthodox Church.

Sales consultant Tiffany Marchand won seven individual awards, including for her real estate, home services, and home furnishings ads. She won first-place for her ad for Vinyl Sash. A judge wrote, "Bold, hit you right between the eyes."

One of the Times' newest sales consultants, Jillian Banish, won third-place awards for her real estate ad for Michelle Papatheodore, as well as one for Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation.

As always, everyone at the Times works as a team and strives to provide the best newspaper and website for every one of our valued readers and advertisers. As editor, I am so proud to be involved with such a hard-working and dedicated staff and excited to give all of those working behind the scenes some well-deserved recognition.



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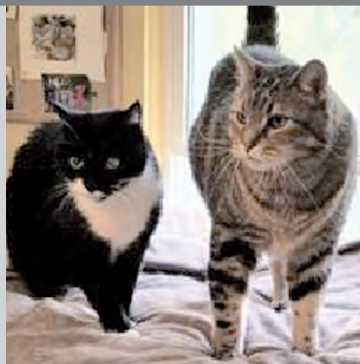


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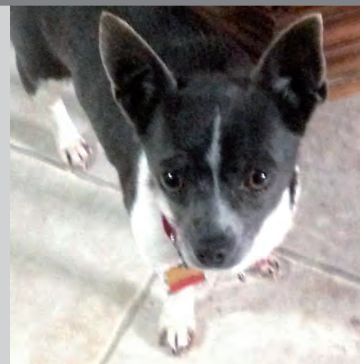


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Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, May 16, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Suspicious pickup truck Fenton police and schools issued a stranger danger alert after an incident involving a pickup truck on Monday, May 14. The driver turned out to be lost painter looking for client's house.

Holly, Groveland and Rose townships say 'no way' to RTA Local leaders are not willing to have their residents pay for transportation services they are not and will not be receiving.

Linden approves final site plans Two-story mixed-use building on former Union Block will have four tenants, three still unnamed.

Boy Scout policy changes leave many unanswered questions Mixed feelings emerge as youth organization changes to be more inclusive, including girls.



Rose Township constable position dissolved Will not be up for vote in 2020 when current elected period expires.



A **true morel** will be hollow inside from the tip of the cap to the bottom of the stem, according to mushroom-appreciation.com.

MUSHROOM

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Both of these local morel hunters snag about 30 pounds of the morsels each season, sharing them with friends and cooking with them in some of their favorite recipes.

"We'll eat 10 to 15 pounds of them," said Thompson. "We like to sauté them with garlic and butter, adding wild ramps or leeks."

In addition to being rare, morel mushrooms are often confused with poisonous varieties, some known as "false morels" that can actually kill you.

"I tell everyone to go on Google and find out the difference before you go out there and consume a wild morel," said Miller. "It's very 'black and white' and easy to tell the difference."

The two most important features to examine when trying to identify a morel mushroom are the cap shape and whether the interior is hollow (see sidebar).

Morels are known for their relationships with trees, particularly ash, elm and apple trees, so that will be your first clue in trying to track them down.

"The best rule of thumb is to learn your trees," Miller said. "Don't be afraid to cover many miles in your search." He typically covers about six or seven miles while "shrooming." "I'm addicted. There's not a day in morel season that I'm not out there," he said.



SUBMITTED PHOTO BY ROBERT MILLER

With a **false morel look-alike**, the inside is not hollow. It will be filled with some cottony fibers or chunks of tissue. Photo by Jason Hollinger (Mushroom Observer).

Will the true morel mushroom please stand up?

True morel mushroom:

- Cap is covered in pits and ridges. It appears to be pitted inwards.
- Cap is more uniformly shaped and often longer than the stem (not always true with half-free morels).
- Cap is attached directly to the stem. With half-free morels, half of the cap is attached to the stem, with just the bottom half hanging free.
- If you slice the mushroom lengthwise, the inside will be completely hollow. It looks like a mold of a morel mushroom.

False morel look-alike:

- Cap is more wavy and lobed, and appears to be bulging outwards.
- Cap often has an irregular shape and appears "squashed," almost as though it has been stepped on.
- Cap hangs freely off the stem. If you slice it lengthwise, you'll see the cap is attached to the very top of the stem.
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BOOK STORE
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"Behind Closed Doors" is described as a new gripping novel by B.A. Paris. Elle magazine said if you liked "The Girl on the Train," read this one. Her newest, "Bring Me Back," is also a great read.

Coming out in June, is "The Perfect Couple," by Elin Hilderbrand. It's a novel about the many ways family can fill our lives with love — if they don't kill us first.

Of the Hilderbrand novel, Piacentini said, "I should have some autographed copies."

Fenton's 'Karate Kid' headed to world championship

■ Teen has made big strides since birth weighing 1 pound, 12 ounces

By Hannah Ball

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One 14-year-old AGS Middle School student is set to compete in a world championship karate tournament this July in Washington, D.C.

Jacob Schulcz, who was born at 1 pound, 12 ounces, is now a second-degree black belt. He recently won Grand Champion in the weapons portion of the 2018 Invitational 44th National All Martial Arts Championship in Monroeville, Pennsylvania.

He won first in his age group and then competed against adults and kids, male and female, to win the grand championship in weapons. His weapon of choice—the bo staff—a Japanese martial art weapon usually made of red or white oak that is between 5.9 feet to 9 feet long, used to strike and block opponents and their weapons.

"I was pretty ecstatic. It's pretty hard to get. I didn't really have a party but we kind of celebrated," he said. Contestants compete one-on-one while a panel of five judges scores them.

Jacob's mother, Erin Schulcz, said she's very proud of him and was very nervous watching him compete. "I was a nervous wreck, I wanted to throw up," she said.

Now, Jacob is preparing for the International Tang Soo Do Federation World Championship where he'll compete against people from all around the world. He'll be competing in three different categories: forms, weapons, and breaking. Jacob's favorite is weapons.

"I'm not really doing any special training. I'm just going to practice my karate, maybe going to practice a little bit extra," he said. "It's going to be fun because it's the world one."

Jacob has been doing karate for six years. He first became a black belt at

age 12 and is now a junior instructor at Fenton Karate.

"Karate is pretty fun because I get to learn how to defend myself and it's also fun to teach other kids," he said. "It's good exercise, too."

Owner of Fenton Karate, Anthony Husted, said, "Jacob is a very focused, determined, hard working martial artist. Jacob is one of the few who puts in extra training time so that he may compete at a high level."

"Jacob is one of those students who is just really liked by everyone. It is an honor to be his instructor. Jacob has a bright future ahead of him."

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO Jacob Schulcz, 14, of Fenton recently won Grand Champion in the weapons portion of the 2018 Invitational 44th National All Martial Arts Championship in Monroeville, Pennsylvania. His instructor, shown above, is Anthony Husted.



SCAM

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has a headline of, "Why Every Judge On Shark Tank Backed This Product from Fenton." The story's subhead is, "It was the most watched episode in Shark Tank history when sisters Anna and Samantha Martin from Fenton won over the Shark Tank panel."

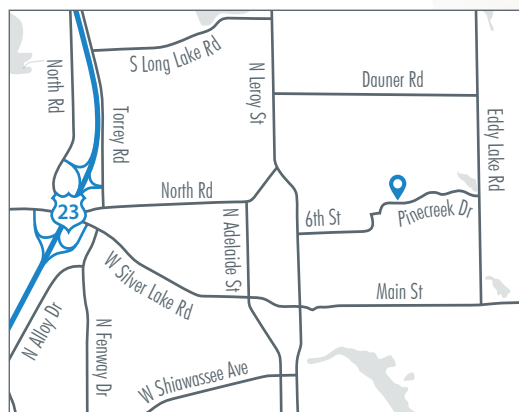
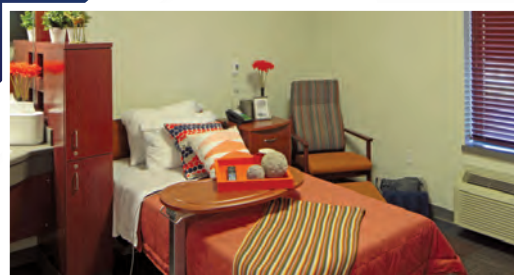
Similar posts, some even using celebrities' photos and names, including Jay Z, Colin Firth, Oprah and Dr. Oz have been attached to these fake stories with the hopes of selling miracle "products." One ad featured Pauley Perrette, best known for her role as "Abby Sciuto" on the hit TV show NCIS.

Another ad, as reported by Fox 11.com, claims that Princess Kate Middleton is going to spend time away from the Royal Family to promote her new skincare line, rated No. 1 by dermatologists.

Reading that this Shark Tank feature involved Fenton, residents in the Fenton area have been sharing this post. When you click on the post and read the story, nowhere does it say clearly that the Martin sisters are actually from Fenton and that they were featured on the TV show, Shark Tank.

After some investigating, and Googling some of the promises made in these shared posts, it appears that this is a scam for fake products. Do not provide any credit card information or other personal information on sites that you are not absolutely sure about. Everyone is urged to delete these fake ads featuring products that promise weight loss and better skin before you possibly get scammed out of hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars.

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North Oakland County Fire Authority, as well as several fire departments, work at extinguishing this home, which caught fire Friday, May 18 in Holly Township.

HOLLY HILLS

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blackened. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Traffic was momentarily slowed on Maple Street as firefighters battled the flames. Tanker trucks carrying thousands of gallons of water arrived to help, and the majority of the fire was extinguished by 11:40 a.m.

Pyramid schemes vs. direct selling

■ Lawmakers aim to clarify difference between legal and illegal business practices

By Hannah Ball

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Could you identify a pyramid scheme? Pyramid schemes are already illegal federally and in Michigan, but one House Bill would make the distinction between pyramid schemes and direct-selling companies.

Under House Bill 5726, the "Pyramid Promotional Scheme Act" would prohibit pyramid promotion schemes, which are defined as "any plan or operation in which an individual gives consideration for the opportunity to receive compensation that is derived primarily from recruiting other individuals into the plan or operation rather than from the sale of products or services to ultimate users or from the consumption or use of product or services by ultimate users."

Rep. Eric Leutheuser (R-Dist. 58) introduced the bill, which passed in the Senate Committee on Commerce Wednesday, May 16.

"Pyramid schemes are illegal because they rely on recruiting new participants, not delivering a good or service," he said. According to investopedia.com, it's estimated that 90 percent of people who get involved in a pyramid scheme will lose money.

Direct-selling companies, which can also be called multi-level marketing, provide a good or service. This includes



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In May 2017, Holly firefighters and police officers modeled Lula Roe leggings as a fundraiser for three children of Capt. Andy Greene, 30, who died April 9, 2017 from Merkel Cell Carcinoma.

organizations like Mary Kay, Lula Roe and Pampered Chef.

"The people in Mary Kay or Lula Roe like this because it draws a distinction between them and other operations that don't have the proper backing," Leutheuser said.

An operation is not a pyramid scheme if the operation does not cause inventory loading, which is when a company requires or encourages participants to purchase too much inventory they cannot expect to resell or consume in a reasonable time period. An inventory repurchase program is a defense against being a pyramid scheme.

"The company has to offer you a chance to sell back if you get out of the business," he said. "They have to buy it back. That's something that an illegitimate company would never agree to."

According to the bill, the items can be sold back at not less than 90 percent of the original net cost.

POTENTIAL LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS

The language in the bill is similar to legislation adopted in more than 20 states. The Michigan Attorney General's Office reviewed the language to ensure it was enforceable.

"They think it's well written so they could go after the bad actors and leave the good ones alone," he said.

Under House Bill 5726, the attorney general will have the power to issue a cease and desist letter to people engaged in pyramid schemes. Promoting a pyramid promotion scheme would be a felony

punishable by imprisonment for not more than seven years and/or a fine not more than \$10,000 per violation.

According to the bill, "A person that knowingly participates in a pyramid promotional scheme is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both."

The bill now goes to Senate floor, where

Leutheuser expects it to pass without controversy. He anticipates the bill could arrive on the governor's desk before summer break.

Pyramid scheme?

The nutrition company Herbalife has been battling claims the company is a pyramid scheme for years, according to the Atlantic. The company is set up like a multi-level marketing company (MLM), and produces ads about members making more than \$100,000 a month. However in 2014, it was found that only 704 U.S. members, out of 3.7 million in the world, make more than \$100,000 a year.

In 2016, the top 1 percent of Herbalife's 545,160 U.S. members made almost 90 percent of the earnings.

For more than four years, the Federal Trade Commission investigated Herbalife on suspicions it runs a pyramid scheme. The FTC fined the company \$200 million, but never declared if it was or wasn't a pyramid scheme.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

MINNESOTA DEMOCRATS HAVE begun a movement to remove 'In God We Trust' from all of their schools. And of course, we have to remember that it was at the Democratic National Convention in 2016 where the word God was not allowed to be mentioned at all. Please note that is it the Democrats who want to take God out of our daily lives, they are basically attacking

religious freedom, and they want to do away with our national model.

■■■■ **YOU'RE RIGHT, OBAMA** didn't start any new wars but he sure got saddled with one that George W. Bush put on his back. In fact, it was two wars if I remember right, Afghanistan and somewhere else.

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Meet ANDREW PERKINS

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By Tim Jagielo

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Andrew David Perkins, 39, is a Fenton resident. He's been the Fenton High School band director since 2002 and Fenton Community Orchestra conductor since 2011. He has written and performed several of his own orchestral compositions. He is married to Natalie Perkins and together they have two children, June, 4, and Edith, 9 months. He said his most important core things to him are God, family, community, creativity and learning.

You're the FHS band director and leader of an orchestra — why music?

For me, music is evidence of God. Not exclusively, but prominently. I literally practice music every day, religiously. It moves me in ways that nothing else can, it makes me more sensitive, compassionate, energized, and centered.

What is the job of the conductor?

What are audiences seeing you do when they watch a performance?

A conductor is a critical, complex member of the ensemble. On a utilitarian level, they provide cues for entrances, cutoffs, pulse, tempi, dynamics, tone, balance, blend, and so on, and on a deeper level, they shape the performance of the ensemble expressively and emotionally.

They decode the encrypted message of notes and rests and musical notations and return it to the audience as intent and story. They often also serve as a figurehead, a representative of not only the ensemble, but also the thousands of composers whose work they are attempting to present.

You always manage to crack jokes in front of an audience — are you ever nervous with an audience behind you and the whole orchestra in front?

I'm always excited for a performance, rarely nervous when I'm facing the orchestra or band. We're in this together.

Aside from music, what are you into?

I have many interests — theology, photography, cinema, vintage instruments, gastronomy, travel. I find that there are many connections between the arts and all creative disciplines, and it's fun to explore them and find the connective elements.

I try to spend time with my girls and my wife. I'm also an active composer, clinician and guest conductor. This spring there are over 30 performances of my works here in Michigan and



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Andrew David Perkins, 39, has several musical outlets for his careers, including the high school level, the local community orchestra, and original pieces being performed across the state.

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Andrew David Perkins

across the U.S., so I'm trying to be a part of those as well.

How do you balance being a father, doing creative work after hours, and being a teacher and conductor? How does your family help you achieve your goals?

Being sensitive to the people important to me, making sure I'm not stretched so thin that they suffer — that's important. I write late at night, after the girls are asleep, or sometimes on weekend mornings. I try to keep work at work, and not over do it in terms of time. My family is incredibly supportive. My wife knows that I have many commitments and she does the vast majority of managing our daughters' needs. She knows I need to compose as well, and always is my biggest champion in that regard.

What might people be surprised to know about you?

In a parallel universe I would have been an architect.



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Fenton police officers conduct active-shooter drills inside school buildings when school is not in session.

What is ALICE training?

■ It teaches schools and police what to do during an active shooter situation

By Hannah Ball

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Alert. Lockdown. Inform. Counter. Evacuate.

Those commands, referred to as ALICE, is the policy more and more schools and police departments are being trained in to be prepared in the face of a school shooting.

The Fenton Police Department has three certified ALICE instructors who have trained teachers and support staff at Fenton

SUMMARY

■ In the event of a school shooting, all local schools can draw on knowledge gained from ALICE training.

High School and AGS Middle School.

Police Chief Jason Slater said, "We are working with Dr. (Adam) Hartley to teach the ALICE program throughout the rest of the district before school resumes next fall."

What is ALICE?

According to ALICE Training Institute, **alert** is when someone is first aware of a threat. This entails learning to act fast and take the necessary steps. **Lockdown** is the next option if evacuation is not safe. ALICE teaches people to barricade a room.

The purpose of **inform** is to communicate information as quickly as possible to police and to everyone else in the building. This step can help people evacuate certain parts of a building if they know the shooter is not there.

See ALICE on 19A

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Video surveillance, 911 calls and school-wide announcements are crucial here.

Counter does not mean to confront a violent intruder. ALICE states counter is the last-resort strategy, and recommends creating noise, movement, distance, and distraction with the intent to reduce the shooter's ability to shoot accurately.

Evacuate is removing yourself from the danger zone. ALICE training teaches people helpful evacuation tips, like breaking a window from the top corner as opposed to the center.

According to Alice Training Institute, they have trained approximately 4,150 police and law enforcement organizations, 4,200 K-12 schools, 1,300 health-care organizations, 3,055 businesses, 930 high education organizations, 760 government organizations, 480 houses of worship and 90 individuals/families, which amounts to more than one million

individuals trained.

Slater said he believes ALICE is an "excellent curriculum" that helps to empower teachers and students in reacting to situations of differing degrees.

"I thought that the old method of locking down a school was missing a critical component which ALICE could fulfill. After meeting with Dr. Hartley last year, I learned that we both felt that we could do more to prepare the students and staff in the case of an active aggression incident. Hence, we began a plan to implement ALICE district-wide," he said.

The department received many positive comments after the training was completed at AGS.

"One teacher reported that this (ALICE) was the best training she has ever

received," he said.

Staff from Linden Community Schools and Holly Area Schools are working to implement ALICE policies. Public Act 12 of 2014 requires all K-12 schools to perform at least five fire safety drills, two tornado drills, and three lock-down emergency drills. According to a previous Times article, Holly Area Schools conducts at least three lockdown drills a year.

Lake Fenton is implementing ALICE training. Superintendent Julie Williams said they have two staff members who were trained in early February, and those two, along with several officers from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office, trained all staff April 13.

"We will have additional staff training next fall and we will begin training students as well," she said.

“One teacher reported that this (ALICE) was the best training she has ever received.”

Jason Slater
Fenton police chief

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT. Fox News covers both sides of the issues, the Republican side and the Lion's side. I've even seen times when Fox News kind of questions what the Donald has done recently.

■■■
WE'RE BEING TAXED on bus service out here when we don't even get it, but you do know you're already paying for some of that bus service in your gas taxes taken out every time you fill up.

■■■
SCHUETTE WANTS TO take money intended for public schools and give it to private schools. There goes your tax money. I wonder if that means that I could get the Michigan Road Commission to come out here and re-blacktop my driveway for nothing because it's just another highway to my house.

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Holly and Linden High School 2018 PROM



Linden and Holly high schools host prom 2018

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Holly High School (on left) and
Linden High School (on right)*

Linden High School and Holly High School held their proms last weekend at venues in Grand Blanc.

The rain dashed their plans for an outdoor dance floor, but Holly High School students managed to have fun at their 2018 prom anyway.

Holly's prom was held at The Captain's Club at Woodfield in Grand Blanc, on Friday, May 11.

Linden's prom was held at the Genesys Banquet Center in Grand Blanc on Saturday, May 12.

Fenton High School and Lake Fenton High Schools held their proms last weekend. The Times featured their proms in the May 13, 2018 edition.



Just sayin'...

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A permanent way to honor and remember

A few years ago, when our son and his fiancée lived in the Los Angeles area, my husband and I flew out there to visit with them for a week. We had a wonderful time.

One of our favorite day trips was to Hollywood, where we saw so many cool things. One of my personal favorites was Grauman's Chinese Theatre where there are handprints, footprints and signatures of the greats. Celebrities from the 1920s through today are permanently represented there. Tourists who claim not to be star struck are, within minutes, putting their own hands and feet into the imprints of their favorite performers.

It is one of Hollywood's biggest tourist attractions.

It all began in 1927, when Hollywood's original "It" couple Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks placed their hands and feet in wet cement. Since then, more than 250 prints have accumulated in the Grauman's Chinese Theatre forecourt, according to trip-savvy.com.

What a great idea and a great way to preserve these celebrity's gifts to us, a little something of themselves that will never die.

We should do that in the city of Fenton. With our fabulous downtown that keeps getting better and better every day, I would love to see a section of sidewalk — maybe around our new

Butterfly Garden — where the handprints, footprints and/or signatures of those who made it all possible can be honored forever, especially after they are gone.

I would love to see the handprints or footprints of the entire Fenton City Council, and some who have passed like John Rauch, and Doran Kasper. Cheryl King needs to be represented, too, since she served on the City Council for nearly 25 years. We definitely should include all members of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), along with Mark Hamel and Mike Green, whose restaurants are bring-

ing people to the downtown in droves. We can't leave out Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman, and Gerry and Kay Willey, who continuously show their generosity for the benefit of Fenton citizens. There are too many and I am sorry I can't name them all.

There are so many people in the city, citizens, elected officials and business owners, who continuously volunteer their time and dedicate themselves to making downtown Fenton the best that it can be.

Although he wasn't around for Streetscape, I would love the opportunity, for example, to kneel in front of former Councilman Edward Angeluski's handprints and place my hands in his for one minute while I remember this wonderful man who left us at the age of



VERA HOGAN

89 in 2009. For those who don't know, he planted the first seed that resulted in Fenton's state-of-the-art water plant.

I was reminded of our wonderful day at Grauman's in Hollywood, California because of something going on in the city today. One of our council members, Cherie Smith, is probably going to get her hand slapped in some fashion by the rest of the council for placing that "bad hand" in wet cement at the temporary base of "The Game," the magnificent sculpture in front of the Fenton Community and Cultural Center.

We thought it was a little mischievous and kind of funny. The only thing I regret is that her handprint couldn't be next to her husband's — former Councilman Ben Smith, who died in 2014. They were two peas in a pod. He was a little mischievous, too.

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CONCERTS

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Others are newer to the DTE stage, like Arcade Fire, an indie group from Canada and Niall Horan, one-fifth of One Direction, who went solo in 2016.

The DTE concert season extends from Eddie Money on May 25 to Ozzie Osbourne as the final concert on Sept. 19. For a complete list of concert dates, go to dteenergymusictheatre.org.

If you're planning to attend a concert, there are a few general rules to consider.

YOU CAN BRING IN:

- picnic baskets with food (no beverages allowed)
- coolers (small, no wheels)
- ice
- beach and sand chairs (short legs and back – 26-inch height maximum)
- blankets, sleeping bags, tarps
- umbrellas (standard size, no points)
- binoculars
- personal cameras
- seeing-eye dogs

DO NOT BRING IN:

- alcoholic beverages
- aerosol cans
- laser pointers
- long-legged lawn chairs
- liquid containers of any kind (juice boxes are OK for children's shows)
- glass containers of any kind
- video and sound recording devices

Patrons must wear shirts and shoes to be admitted into the concert area.

Parking: A \$4 fee is added onto your

News briefs

FENTON EAGLES 2460

Attention all members of Fenton Eagles 2460, all membership fees are due on May 31. Members not paid by July 1 will be dropped as active members and will need to re-enroll, be interviewed and voted on before membership can be re-activated per Grand Aerie Rules. There will be no cards issued at the Eagles annual picnic held July 29.

ticket price and must be booked before arrival to ensure a parking space.

For tickets, go to dteenergymusictheatre.org.

Other outdoor concert venues include Meadow Brook Amphitheatre and the Michigan Lottery Amphitheatre, Freedom Hill.

Larger concert venues include Comerica Park, Ford Field and Little Caesars Arena.

Watch for Taylor Swift at Ford Field on Aug. 28 and Bruno Mars at Little Caesars Arena on Sept. 15-16.

Smaller or mid-size venues for summer concerts include the Royal Oak Music Theatre, Saint Andrew's Hall and the Fox Theatre.

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Tigers complete perfect Metro League season

By David Troppens

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The Flint Metro League season began with a 3-0 victory for the Fenton varsity girls soccer team on April 18.

Since then, the girls kept on winning and winning.

On Monday the wins earned the Tigers the outright Metro League championship when the Tigers over-

came a two-goal deficit and beat Flushing 4-2.

On Wednesday, a 4-0 victory against last year's Metro champions, Swartz Creek, made the Tigers perfect. Fenton capped the Metro League season with a perfect 8-0-0 mark by beating the Dragons on Wednesday at Fenton High School.

"All year we have had a lot of girls

contribute to our success, and that's not just scoring," Fenton varsity girls soccer coach Matt Sullivan said. "We focus a lot on defense and ask all 11 girls to play defense each shift they are out there."

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Fenton native and Hope College hockey player Garrett Gormley celebrates his national championship earned during his senior season.

Gormley ends his Hope College hockey career as a national champion

By David Troppens

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Garrett Gormley finished his Hope College career not only as a graduate, he finished it as a national champion.

Gormley, a Powers graduate and a Fenton Township native, also spent his Hope College career as a member of the Flying Dutchmen's hockey program, capping his career as a member of the team's 2017-18 American Collegiate Hockey Association's (ACHA) Division 3 National Championship team.

"It was amazing. I still feel like I'm floating," Gormley said. "Right after the (championship) game it didn't feel real. Now, it's been more than a month and I still feel like I'm floating. Not only did we play our last game of the season, but we won it. It's an incredible feeling."

Hope College has been a perennial power in the ACHA but has struggled to make the tournament in recent seasons. That made this year's national championship run even sweeter.

Hope College was ranked third in the ACHA's North region earning the squad a spot in the tourney field. The Flying Dutchmen earned victories against Fairfield University (8-2), Florida Gulf Coast University (6-2), Central Michigan University (7-5) and Oakland University (7-5) to earn the championship. Their only loss in the tourney was a 5-2 loss to the University of Arkansas. However, by the time the Dutchmen lost that game, the squad had already earned a spot in the elimination round. The win against Oakland University was the team's championship contest.

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Sports Times

Fenton's
Annie Koester

Eagles, Tigers set up Monday Metro battle

■ Both squads sweep Thursday foes

By David Troppens

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As the Flint Metro League baseball season enters the last week of the season, two of the three contenders are tri-county teams.

Linden and Fenton remained right in the thick of the race by earning doubleheader sweeps on Thursday. The Eagles remained in first place at 12-2 by defeating Owosso 9-6 and 4-3. Meanwhile, the Fenton Tigers (10-2) remained tied with Linden in the loss column by defeating Clio 6-2, 10-0. The other team right in the middle of the race is Flushing (11-3) who swept Brandon 8-0 and 9-1.

The Eagles have led the Metro race for most of the season and remained in first place with the sweep. It didn't come easy, particularly in the second game. The Eagles trailed 3-2 after

Owosso scored three runs in the fifth, but Linden responded with two runs in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Parker Mabe began the threat with a walk. An out later, Drake McLaughlin singled. An out later, Carson Mabe hit an RBI-single to right, followed by a steal of home by McLaughlin.

From that point, relief pitcher Jeff Metzger did the rest, earning the win with 2 2/3 innings of shutout relief. He allowed one hit, walked four and struck out two. Offensively, Carson Mabe led the attack with two hits.

The Eagles blew the opening game open with an eight-run fourth. Owosso made a competitive game of it down the stretch, but fell short.

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DAVID TROPPENS

Linden's varsity baseball team (above) is in first place while the Fenton Tigers (left) are tied with the Eagles in the loss column in the Metro League standings. Both teams play a doubleheader at Fenton on Monday starting at 4 p.m.

Bronchos post perfection during regional championship

By David Troppens

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The Holly varsity girls tennis team did more than win a regional championship at Brighton High School on Thursday.

The Bronchos accomplished a level of perfection.

All eight Holly flights won their championships in straight sets, resulting in a perfect team score of 32 en route to the regional championship.

But even those numbers don't tell how overwhelmingly dominant the Bronchos were. In the 48 sets the Bronchos' flights played, they won all 48 of them. Only three sets were as close as 6-3, and 10 of the matches were won by 6-0, 6-0 scores. And, perhaps, the



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Holly's girls tennis team celebrates a recent tournament performance. The Bronchos won a team regional championship Thursday.

most dominant performance was posted by the Bronchos' top player — No. 1 singles player Taylor Barrett. Barrett won her first matches 6-0, 6-0 and then won in the title match

against South Lyon east's Summer McEvers by a 6-1, 6-0 score.

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FLaX Heat complete third straight undefeated Metro League season

By David Troppens

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The Fenton-Linden co-op varsity girls lacrosse team is still a new team.

But, quickly, it's becoming one of the most dominant in the Metro League for spring sports.

The FLA Heat completed a third straight outright Metro League championship season by defeating the Holly/Brandon co-op squad 17-5 on Tuesday at Holly High School. In three seasons of Metro League competition, the Heat have yet to lose a conference contest, finishing this year a perfect 6-0.

"Our girls responded to the challenge, scoring 13 unanswered first-half goals on 23 shots," FLA head coach Roger Ellis said.

This was the year the Metro supposedly had a chance to catch up to the Heat, but that didn't happen, as the squad enters the postseason with an 8-5 overall mark.

The squad led 13-0 at the half and the lead was never threatened. Fourteen different players had at least a goal or an assist. Minna Ramirez was the leading scorer with four goals while Sarah Reuschlein had three goals.

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Blue Devils' bats delcaw Birch Run Panthers in twinbill

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton — The wind was blowing in from the outfield fences, making the chances of home runs during Lake Fenton's varsity softball doubleheader with Birch Run look like a remote possibility.

It didn't stop Lake Fenton freshman Allie Postal. It was her two home runs that enabled the Blue Devils to win the first game of the doubleheader against the Panthers, and eventually spark a twinbill sweep.

Lake Fenton won the first game from come-from-behind fashion 8-4, and then crushed Birch Run in the second game 15-5 on Thursday.

In the opening game, the Blue Devils trailed 2-0 and 4-2 early on. It was Postal's first home run that pierced through the wind to clear the fences in the third inning. It was a two-run shot that

tied the game at 4-all. Later on, she iced the game with a solo shot in the fifth inning, giving the Blue Devils the 8-4 lead, which ended up being the final score.

"Yeah, I was surprised," Postal said about hitting two home runs against the wind. "The first one was a high strike ball and the other was a high ball as well."

"(Being a freshman) is not different on this team because the rest of the girls make me and the other freshmen fit in as well."

The Blue Devils are a young team, and it probably has resulted in few losses at times this season. But still, it's apparent how much talent the young players have, and with the combination with the experienced players, the Blue Devils can be a dangerous team come tournament time.

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Lake Fenton's Allie Postal (right) trots to home plate during the first of her two home runs during the Blue Devils' doubleheader sweep against the Birch Run Panthers on Thursday. Lake Fenton scored 23 runs in the two contests.

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Fenton softball captures twinbill sweep vs. Davison

Doubleheader sweeps haven't been terribly common for the Fenton varsity softball team this spring.

However, the Tigers earned one on

Wednesday, capturing a solid doubleheader sweep against Davison. The Tigers won two close contests, earning a 4-3 win in the opening game and a 7-5 win in the nightcap.

LF baseball starts hot but goes cold against Birch Run

Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton varsity baseball team started its doubleheader against Birch Run in strong fashion.

The Blue Devils led 6-1 after two innings in the opening game.

However, from that point on, the Birch Run Panthers dominated action. The results were a 15-8 Birch Run victory in eight innings in the opening game and a 4-1 Lake Fenton loss in the second contest.

GAC co-champs Lake Fenton defeat the Bronchos, 3-1

Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer team has proven it's a strong team.

The Blue Devils captured a share of

the Genesee Area Conference championship earlier in the week with a 14-0 road trip thrashing of the Mt. Morris Panthers.

Tri-county gymnasts lead club to state championship

Three area gymnasts who compete for the Infinity Gymnastics Academy in Brighton, competed in the 2018

Michigan Levels 3-6 State Championships recently, and helped their club win a state championship.

PREP REPORT

BOYS GOLF

► **Owosso 188, Linden 210:** Ian Mann led the Eagles with a 48 while Drew Krueger carded a 52. Justin Cygnar shot a 54 and Devin Hubbard had a 56.

► **Holly 181, Owosso 212:** Noah Rooker led the Bronchos with a 43 while Danny Mathews carded a 44. Aaron Findley shot a 46 and Carsen Cuthbert shot a 48. Holly is 4-4 in the Metro.

► **Fenton 166, Brandon 178:** Dylan Conte led the Tigers with a one-over-par score of 36, earning medalist honors. Edward Farrell shot a 41 while Logan Lake shot a 43. Mitchell Chopp had a 46.

SOFTBALL

► **Fenton vs. Clio:** The Tigers lost two tight one-run games to Clio, losing 6-5 and 9-8.

Erin Carter led the Tigers in the opener, collecting two hits. One was solo home run in the top of the fourth. Addy Taylor also had two hits.

In the second game, Taylor hit a two-run home run, while Hailee Prater had

three hits and two RBI, while Carter had two hits with one being a triple. Coral Lefever also had two hits.

► **Linden vs. Owosso:** The Eagles lost the opener to Owosso 4-1, while winning the second 10-8.

In the first game, the Eagles had seven hits, but only scored one run. Lauren Buerkel and Sydney Palmquist had two hits to lead the attack. Jordyn Hobson allowed six hits and one walk while taking the tough loss.

In the second game, the Eagles scored 10 runs in the second inning to earn the win. Hobson and Sydney Palmquist each had three hits, two RBI and two runs scored while Buerkel and Heather Crampton had two hits each. Megan Oda earned the win with four innings of work, striking out four. Jillian Wright earned the save, tossing three innings of one-run ball.



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HOLLY



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