Jewelry store robbers nabbed

Slater said Utica police apprehended the trio during the afternoon of Wednesday, May 23 after they responded to a similar robbery at a Jared jewelry store in Utica. The FBI was brought in to assist with the investigation. Slater said a similar robbery occurred in January in Fenton.

Toxic algae found in Lobdell Lake

Not all of Lobdell Lake may be safe to swim in this Memorial Day weekend. On Thursday, May 24, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) found toxic blue-green algae in samples collected off Haviland Beach Drive on the north side of Lobdell Lake.

Linden grad faces additional charges

Additional charges have been issued against Zachary Kentish, 21, and Gabriela Richie, 22, since their arrest in San Antonio, Texas on May 15. Kentish, formerly of Linden and a Linden High School graduate, and Richie of San Antonio, Texas at gunpoint.

Pet shop legislation under fire

Bills may not prevent puppy mills

Some animal rights activists are calling two pending house bills a “wolf in sheep’s clothing,” while the author of the bill says their goals are correct, prohibit local municipalities from banning puppy mills, which could be advertised in newspapers in the state. Keep it under fire.
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**Disney fairytale for Fenton couple**

Former Disney ‘cast members’ get engaged at Disney — also offer inside tips for Disney visitors

By Sally Rummel  
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Garret Davies worked at Walt Disney World’s Animal Kingdom as a driver at Kilimanjaro Safari and Allison Ezell was employed in merchandising at Disney’s Hollywood Studios.

It was love at first sight for these two college students back in 2010 when they both participated in an internship called the Disney College Program.

Their long-distance relationship continued while he finished his studies at Colorado State University in hospitality and tourism and she completed her coursework at Michigan State University, before attending the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University.

Both passionate Disney lovers, the couple regularly visited Disney World in Orlando, Florida while they were dating. Since all good fairytale comes with a happy ending, he proposed to her on Aug. 20, 2013 in the shadow of Cinderella’s Castle on Main Street at Disney World.

See DISNEY FAIRYTALE on 15A

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**One dress, five brides**

Five women in one family wear 1961 wedding gown, and each makes it her own

By Sally Rummel  
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The wedding superstition that the bride must have, “something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue,” wasn’t hard to follow in Patti Sabourin’s family.

When Sabourin’s daughter, Katie, got married on May 19, 2013 in the shadow of St. John Vianney in Flint wearing the same wedding gown her cousin, aunt, mom and grandmother wore in their own weddings — five in all since 1961.

The wedding gown originated with Katie’s grandmother, Rita, who wore the dress at her wedding to Tom Harris on April 29, 1961. See DRESS on 10A

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Come Heller high water...

There are several popular business/self-improvement books out there now (“Factfulness” and “Enlightenment Now”) that make the case that the world is objectively a much better place than it has ever been. The authors don’t base their position on flaccid, positive-thinking mumbo jumbo. If they did, I wouldn’t believe them. I’m not the type who can step in poo and exclaim, “Great! Fertilizer!” Just not me.

I’m much more of a realist. Yes, there are some bad, awful things going on right now that make me weep for the future. For starters, the polar ice caps are melting. Americans willingly elected a hateful nin-compo, and, inexplicably, roams free.

But as Steven Pinker, the author of “Enlightenment Now” points out, we humans tend to “take the world’s gifts for granted, including newborns who will live more than eight decades, markets overflowing with food, clean water that appears with a flick of a finger and waste that disappears with the flow. Product packaging of all kinds is far better these days. The Internet — In our house, whenever we have a question about something, we say, “Pull out the miracle machine and find out.” Meaning a cell phone. It’s almost unbelievable that we all have access to the world’s accumulated knowledge in the palm of our hands. Granted, we mostly use that power to swap emojis, but it’s still incredible. Before the web, if you had a question, you looked it up in the Encyclopedia Britannica. (Cue my kids: “The what?”)

Send your lists to me at andrewheller@tctimes.com. I’ll print the best in a future column.

I REMEMBER CLEARLY when Bill Clinton, the Democrat, ram-rodded through the NAFTA deal that has cost us millions of jobs in our country’s wealth. It’s about time someone got an honest shake on this deal. That’s what Donald Trump is doing. It’s so long overdue. 

SAMUEL ADAMS ONCE noted, ‘A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of any enemy. While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but when once they lose their virtue they will be ready to surrender their liberties.’ He was right.

I’M GLAD THE Times printed the Hot line from the person who said no one reads the paper. I’m in my 30s and find the Times to be the most enjoyable and informative thing I read. Most of my friends do also. It sparks a lot of interesting discussions. Keep up the good work.

NOW THAT THE girls are in Boy Scouts, every little boy is going to get accused of something...

EVERY DAY ON North ReRoy, I see people speeding, running red lights and texting but I never see anybody pulled over. I would love to see a police presence or people pulled over.

READING ABOUT THE MSU lawsuit and the settlement amount, it pains me to realize that the lawyers will get 33 to 40 percent, plus expenses. I’ll be willing to wager that fully one-half will go to the lawyers. This in itself is criminal. You can see why people trust used car salesmen more than they trust lawyers.

THIS IS FOR the young lady who was angry with me for turning right so slowly onto Poplar Street. Maybe if you weren’t in my trunk going down North Road I would have turned normally. Go back to driver training.

GREAT TO SEE ALICE training in Fenton schools. Please write an article on any plans for a security assessment for classroom door-locking devices and other security system plans. In our ALICE training, we were trained to attack the perpetrator.

I WOULD LIKE to say thank you to a very nice guy, who pulled over to see if I needed help with a flat tire in Holly on Thursday morning.

GOOD IDEA FOR the school shootings is one entrance with a metal detector, a resource officer standing by, an undercover police officer, maybe a janitor.

ANYONE MAKING ANONYMOUS tips or cooperating with law enforce- ment beware — your identity can now be released without regard for your safety.

OH YEAH, THE Web Street guys are suddenly going to become ethical. See HOT LINE throughout Times.

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Compiled by Gracie Warda, intern
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Linden shooting plot suspect goes to ‘boot camp’

Sixteen phone calls made or received by Brewer entered into court records

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

Kody Brewer, 17, who was caught in the alleged Linden school shooting plot, has been ordered to attend boot camp after violating his probation a second time. Brewer, who had been going through the court system since October 2015 when the incident occurred, is facing the charge of attempted false report of terrorism, a five-year felony.

Deputy Chief Assistant Prosecutor John Potbury said “boot camp” is a “probationary program that attempts to reform young people from their wayward ways.” The specifics of the boot camp were not disclosed. According to court records, Brewer will be transferred back to jail after completing the program. His sentencing date is August 28.

On May 22, transcripts from 16 phone calls made by Brewer were released in court. Information on those calls is not yet available.

The first time Brewer violated probation occurred in June 2017 when he was out on bond and living with his parents. He created a social media account and carried a cell phone against court orders. He was also suspended from school five times and was nearly expelled.

The two other boys who were arrested are Lammor Dukes, 17, and Ryan Stevens, 20. Stevens was sentenced to five years probation in December 2016 after spending nearly a year in jail. Dukes was sent to a yearlong rehabilitation program in Pennsylvania in September 2016.

Linden Grad
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According to the article, police initially said the couple robbed three hotels along I-10. On Tuesday, May 22, police issued two additional aggravated robbery charges to each suspect.

Kentish and Richie are accused of robbing a Red Roof Inn hotel at about 5 a.m. Kentish allegedly put a black handgun on the hotel counter and demanded money from the employee. Later that morning, a Comfort Inn and Suites less than a mile from the Red Roof Inn was robbed. This time, Richie was the one with a handgun and Kentish was armed with a knife, according to the arrest affidavit.

As previously reported, San Antonio police believe the duo were involved in robberies that same morning at a nearby Holiday Inn and Hotel San Antonio.

Kentish is now charged with three counts of aggravated robbery, one count of robbery and theft of a firearm. Richie is charged with three counts of aggra- vated robbery and theft of a firearm. Both remain jailed.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

LAST NIGHT MR. MICKENS was interviewed and talked about how his 15-year-old daughter was killed by MS-13. She was killed for fun. Another man was killed by MS-13 members who stabbbed him 100 times and cut off his head. MS-13 is the same people that Nancy Pelosi says need to be treated with respect.

OBAMA IS GOING to get $65 million for his book this year, plus millions from the speaking engagements, and he signed a multi-billion dollar, multi-year contract with Netflix to produce liberal diversity-oriented projects. Not bad for an ex-president who led an incompetent scandalous administration for eight years.

I HAVE A great idea. Let’s get the thousands of people and all the business owners making all the money from our destination town to pay for the roads that need repair. I have an even better idea. Let’s vote out the people who want to raise our taxes to pay for the roads.
**ALGAE**

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Cheri Meyer, of the Water Resources Division at the DEQ, said they have detected a few algae blooms at Haviland Beach Drive.

“The blooms look like spilled green paint or green soup,” she said.

On May 24, they sampled five locations: Haviland Beach, near Silver Lake Road and Whitehead Drive, the dam outlet, the Department of Natural Resources boat launch, and the Bennett Lake outlet. All locations, except for Haviland Beach, were all non-detect. At past samplings on May 14 and May 18, algae blooms also were detected at Haviland Beach.

“We are awaiting laboratory results for the samples at Haviland Beach to determine the exact amounts of microcystin present,” she said.

Blue-green algae, also known as cyanobacteria, produces toxins. They can bloom on the water surface where the sunlight reaches, and it gives the water a bright green, blue-green, or brown appearance, according to the DEQ. The toxins may remain in the water even after the visible bloom disappears.

The DEQ classifies an algae bloom in recreational waters as harmful when the microcystin, a common toxin, levels are at or above the World Health Organization’s guidelines for non-drinking water. A harmful algae bloom is caused by cyanobacteria, which are also known as blue-green algae.

If someone sees an algae bloom, Meyer said to avoid contact. In the areas of the bloom, there is a risk of consuming the algae, which can cause muscle cramps, twitching, paralysis, and death. The toxins may remain in the water for a few days and then disappear.

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“Lake residents and visitors may reduce swimming and boating activities during heavy algae blooms because the blooms are aesthetically unappealing,” according to the DEQ.

To tan or not to tan

**FDA: ‘no such thing as a safe tan’**

By Hannah Ball

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Lying out in the sun and getting a tan will be on the-to-do-list of many people with the warmer weather, but you might want to rethink those plans.

Wearing sunscreen and adding some color to your skin may seem harmless, but the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) is reminding people that, “There is no such thing as a safe tan.”

Amy Heusted, licensed practical nurse at the Skin and Vein Center in Fenton, said they do not recommend tanning.

“We recommend people be smart about it because skin cancer is caused by the sun,” she said.

Heusted said to always wear sunscreen that is at least SPF 30, and reapply it every 90 minutes.

“People are still going to get sun tan lines, even wearing sunblock. If you’re going to be outside all day long or people that work outside, they should consciously reapply it every 90 minutes,” she said.

Even if sunblocks claim they’re water-proof, Heusted said they really aren’t. Putting sunblock on again after swimming and drying off is recommended.

“When my mom was growing up in the ‘50s, they used baby oil, iodine, and laid out on metal roofs,” she said.

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The extra melanin gives your skin a sun protection factor (SPF) of about two to four, which is far below the minimum recommended amount of SPF 15.

The FDA states that tanning “greatly” increases your risk of developing skin cancer.

“Contrary to popular belief, getting a tan will not protect your skin from sunburn or other skin damage,” according to the FDA.

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Township approves paving part of Whitaker Road

Project to cost $150,000

By Hannah Ball
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Fenton Twp. — At the Monday, May 21 meeting, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted to approve a 2019 local road project to pave part of Whitaker Road.

The location is at the Linden County Park, from Linden Road to Harp Drive. Operations Manager/Deputy Clerk Tom Broecker said the project area is approximately 1,000 feet long.

According to a memorandum from Broecker to the board, “After reviewing potential projects with the township engineer and GCRC, the paving of Whitaker Road, between Linden Road and Harp Drive, has been recommended to the board, “After review -
mamental local road funds.

Work is expected to begin in 2019.

The vote was 4 to 1, with Trustee Bonnie Mathis and Trustee Vince Lorraine were absent.

“I am not against it, however we at the board level didn’t have all the information in regards to other roads that could have been chosen for improvement,” Shumaker said. “I just would have preferred to have seen all the options so we can be sure we served the residents with the greatest needs.”

Memorial Day Savings all Week!

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“Do you buy and sell on Facebook Marketplace or Craigslist and are concerned for your safety when conducting transactions? We welcome you to use our parking lot to meet buyers and sellers in a safe location!”

The Argentine Township Police Department posted this caption on its Facebook page Saturday, May 12, accompanied with photos of a new sign at the department parking lot. Since then, it has reached tens of thousands of people and has been shared nearly 500 times.

People buying or selling something on Craigslist or another site don’t have to worry about an unsafe location.

Det. Sgt. Doug Fulton said, “We notice a lot of people don’t like to do the exchanges at their houses. People can come and do their exchange. If something happens, we got it on video.”

The department added the new sign, made by Officer Scott Conner, and the video cameras. “It’s the perfect location. It’s well lit,” he said, adding that it’ll make someone think twice about tricking someone else during an exchange. “We have seen people use it.”

“It’s not necessary to call the department ahead of the exchange. Fulton said they keep an eye on who comes and goes.

The Fenton Police Department, which is open 24/7, also offers a safe and monitored meeting place for transactions of this nature. Check with your local police department to ask if their parking lot is a safe exchange location.
adding bows to the dress and short sleeves with bows, instead of puffy sleeves. When Rita’s granddaughter, Angela got engaged to Chad Bellant, she decided to continue her family’s wedding tradition by wearing the same dress. She removed the sleeves, hemmed it and took off the bow from the back, then wore it down the aisle on Aug. 24, 2012. “She was the first granddaughter to wear the dress,” said Sabourin. “Katie was the second.”

For her wedding last Saturday, Katie did a complete alteration of the gown by removing the entire top half and replacing it with lace and long sleeves, giving it a vintage look. She added a V-neckline and a sequined sash. She also removed all the bows, replacing them with original material. “The buttons are all original, as well as the train,” said Sabourin.

Sabourin has been so touched by this legacy of love among three generations of women in her family that she had a huge hand-painted frame made that includes 8- by 10-inch photos of each of the five brides wearing the same dress. “It’s my wedding gift to Katie,” Sabourin said. The frame was displayed at her wedding reception at the Flint Farmers Market. “It was a bit of work getting Katie’s photo taken at church, then having a print made in time to insert it into the frame for display at the reception,” said Sabourin. Sabourin and her daughter share not only the same wedding dress but also the same profession. They are both teachers at Lake Fenton Community Schools. Sabourin teaches third grade at Torrey Hill Intermediate School and Katie is a first-grade teacher at West Shore Elementary.
Local war heroes memorialized at museum

History of local WWI and WWII veterans on display

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — There are 400 pieces of local war memorabilia at the A.J. Phillips Museum, and the same number of local stories to match.

At the museum, one can put names to the faces of the people in uniform who fought in World War I and World War II.

If you want to connect with the history of veterans in Fenton, the A.J. Phillips Museum is the place to do so.

“Their stories were given up in WWII or any war gave the supreme sacrifice, how can we ever forget that, why should we ever forget that?” said Donna Seger, Fenton Historical Society President.

A big war with local ties

“Fenton had people in WWII from the bombing of Pearl Harbor and every major battle in the war, and The Nuremberg Trials after WWII,” said Ken Seger, curator emeritus, who spent 38 years gathering the military items piece by piece.

The Memphis Belle was a famous WWII B12 bomber, which was a subject of a star-studded 1990 film starring Matthew Modine and John Lithgow. A navigator on that bomber was Chuck Leighton, who taught at Fenton High School from 1947 to 1954. One of his students was Ken Seger.

Seger said the former bomber navigator amused his students with humorous stories from the war.

A picture of Leighton and his crew hangs in the museum today.

There were four Schupbach brothers in WWII. Seger recounted the story of Fenton High School football player Elmer Schupbach, who sat out of playing football because he knew he would be drafted, and didn’t want a football injury to prevent service. “That gives you an idea of what people were thinking during WWII,” Ken said.

This same family went on to establish the concrete company this is still in operation today.

Other local WWII stories are more tragic.

Kenny Schultz was on the Japanese island of Iwo Jima, driving Japanese out of underground tunnels. Seger said Schultz went after the Japanese in the tunnels after dark, and finally came out the next morning, and was killed by friendly fire.

Melvin Zavich was in a prisoner-of-war camp. He was in good health, and was going to be sent back to work in Japanese coal mines. Americans sunk the boat, assuming it was filled with enemy forces and killed him.

They gave up everything — some of them were 18, 17 years old and they gave up everything, their whole future, so we could have our parade on Memorial Day and our parade on the Fourth of July,” Donna said.

Ken said that back then, many local students were pulled out of high school to be drafted. “That’s the way the war was then,” Ken said.

Many of these people’s portraits can be seen at the museum today.

On display

The military display accounts for approximately 20 percent of the main floor of the museum, and contains about 400 pieces, gathered individually by the Segers over the past 38 years.

In a set of display cases there are nearly 150 photos of local veterans, mostly from WWII. “All different branches,” said curator Leo Doan. “Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines.”

Within the cases of photographs are many recognizable names, such as Schupbach, Strom, Rynearson, Seger, Weigant and Hagerman.

Aside from photographs, there are numerous artifacts from several wars.

There is an American bazooka, Japanese rifles, and some Nazi artifacts, along with items from WWII and Vietnam, such as uniforms, medals and photographs.

Visitors can view a list of Civil War veterans to see if they had relatives in the Civil War, and a WWII binder of photographs put together by Ken Seger.

The museum is at 301 S. LeRoy St., Fenton, across from the police station. It is open every Sunday, except for holidays, from 1 to 4 p.m.
HOT LINE CONTINUED

BOATING SEASON IS here in Michigan. I trust the Genesee County sheriff is aware and trained that riding on top of a double deck pontoon underway and women going topless are not against the law.

TIRED OF HEARING ‘common sense’ gun control laws. No one can name any law that would stop mentally ill people from getting a gun and doing bad things with it. Israel has a system that has prevented school shootings for a long time and they have many more threats to them than we do. Try their methods.

I WAS WAITING for a response about the ‘noble Native Americans’ being one with nature. I guess that you are OK with scalping, the taking of slaves from other tribes during the battles they had, and driving herds of buffalo off cliffs to get the meat and skins. As an aside, there are no native people to either continent.

LOVELY, THE SENIOR widow — Loose Senior Center, Linden and Hartland Senior Center. Many activities from sedentary to very active. What are you interested in? We’ve got it. Do you play an instrument? Come to Hartland. Many of us are female. Who knew?

HAD TO LAUGH at the Hot line about the Tri-County Times. Looks to me like someone got their name in the paper for doing something wrong. Keep up the good work, Times staff.

THERE IS A substitute teacher shortage in the surrounding districts. When is Lake Fenton going to raise the substitute pay? The day is 7-1/2 hours, the expectation high and the pay minimal.

THE MONTH OBAMA took office, gas prices were $1.85 and they reached a high of $4 when he was in office.

ABOUT TRASH CANS, I live in a small village and we cannot put cans to the road 24 hours before pickup and have to be off village and we cannot put cans to the road now, I’m sure.

The following are stories you may have missed in the Wednesday, May 23, Midweek Times. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8382.

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WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES
Compiled by Vera Hogan

Sign up for an ‘Inside/Out’ tour of DIA art
• City of Fenton hosts guided tours of masterpiece art prints on display in downtown Fenton

By Sally Rummel
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Now’s your chance to view masterpieces from the Detroit Institute of Art in downtown Fenton and learn more about them, right in your own “backyard.”

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On Monday, April 16, Frank Dutchak and Scott Conway of LaVanway Sign Company install a reproduction of “A Day in June” by American artist George Wesley Bellows in downtown Fenton. This is one of 11 vinyl prints installed through the Detroit Institute of Arts’ Inside/Out Program.

TAKE A FREE TOUR TO THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS ON SUNDAY, JUNE 10
The City of Fenton Art & Cultural Commission invites residents to attend a free trip to the Detroit Institute of Art on Sunday, June 10. The trip includes luxury motor coach transportation, a guided tour of the DIA at 5200 Woodward Ave. in Detroit, and free time to view the various art collections, one of the largest and significant art collections in the U.S. This event is open to the public, 18 years and older, limited to 54 seats and is free of charge, courtesy of the City of Fenton Art & Cultural Commission, the DIA and the Knight Foundation. The motor coach will depart from the Fenton Community & Cultural Center at 9 a.m. and return at approximately 3 p.m. On site DIA is asking $10 for lunch or bring your own box lunch. Register online at www.slpc.net or at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, 190 S. Leroy by Friday, June 8 at 12 p.m. For late registration and additional information, contact Pat Lockwood, chairperson of the Fenton Art & Cultural Commission, at (810) 516-9480.

There’s still time to save on summer camp!
Warmer weather is finally here and soon Camp Copneconic will be buzzing with day and overnight campers for what’s sure to be the best summer yet! New programs, creative themes and plenty of Copneconic tradition guarantee fun times and memories galore. Sessions are filling quickly so don’t miss out on all the excitement.

Time is running out! Register by May 31st to save.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

PRESIDENT OBAMA FORCED our country to buy gasoline from the Saudis and from all other Middle Eastern countries because they shut down our pipeline, prevented new pipelines from opening up, stopped offshore drilling and he pretty much shut down all of the coal industry. It is under President Trump that all of these industries are being re-opened.

THERE IS A difference between our two major parties. Please remember that the Republicans represent the hard-working man and woman and the Democrats represent the man and woman who’s hardly working.

THE DARK AND stormy nights were the eight years of the Obama presidency, a president who tainted our FBI, our CIA and every other agency. He has had more scandals than any president in modern history. Good riddance President Obama.

AM I THE only one becoming annoyed by those who are using the blank term of racism to cover bad behavior, lack of education, lack of motivation, lack of skills, lack of drive, lack of morals or lack of human decency?

OUR STATE legislators are merely politicians whose darkest secrets prevent them from running for higher office.
Senate Bill 826: Impose licensure on naturopathic physicians

To impose licensure and regulation on naturopathic physicians, with license fees, education requirements and more. The bill defines naturopathic medicine as “a system of practice that is based on the natural healing capacity of individuals.”

Senate Bill 655: Create domestic violence confidential address program

To establish an “address confidentiality program” for victims of domestic violence crimes, with the state Attorney General giving a victim a “designated address” to which mail could be sent and then forwarded to the individual’s current location. This location would not be subject to disclosure under open records laws, and the person could also vote in elections using the designated address.

Senate Bill 969: Criminalize marijuana-infused alcohol

To make the use, possession and sale of marijuana-infused alcoholic drinks a misdemeanor crime.

House Bill 5638: Revise groundwater withdrawal permit regime

To revise a 2008 law that imposed a comprehensive regulatory regime and restrictions on industrial, commercial and agricultural groundwater uses that might have a negative impact. The bill would allow a more streamlined process for agricultural and other withdrawals that meet certain conditions, and establish deadlines for state officials to process permit requests. It would also repeal a requirement that landowners make public certain agricultural well use information.

House Bill 5750: Authorize surrendered newborn ‘baby boxes’

To revise a 2020 law that provides legal protections to a mother who anonymously surrenders a newborn to an emergency service provider, by allowing providers to install a “newborn safety device” similar in operation to a bank drive-up window or library book return slot, except it would be clean, safe, warm and designed to trigger a 911-call and a notice to staff within 30 seconds that there’s a baby inside.

House Bill 5325: Let local business subsidy entities tax residences

To expand the taxing power of local authorities created to deliver direct and indirect subsidies to business property owners in “principal shopping districts” and “business improvement districts,” by letting them impose property taxes styled as “special assessments” on home and residential property owners. Under current law residential property is excluded from the levies these entities are authorized to impose.

House Bill 5902: Allow residential “cross-subsidization” of solar cell maker’s low electric rates

To allow the indefinite continuation of special discounted electricity rates granted by Consumers Energy to the Hemlock Semiconductor subsidiary of Dow Corning, which under a 2010 law were exempted from a ban on cross-subsidization between residential and commercial/industrial customers (meaning residential customers pay more while Hemlock pays less). The bill restructures the authorization for this discount by styling it a privilege that could potentially be claimed by all industrial customers, but with specific details that limit it to just this one subsidized company; under current law this privilege is structured as a “grandfather” provision of the law that banned electric rate cross-subsidization. Note: Hemlock makes photovoltaic solar cells, which were recently granted tariff protection against foreign competition by the Trump administration.
Today we praise the men and women who sacrificed their lives in the name of our country. Their selfless devotion, outstanding courage, and honor should inspire us to make their sacrifice meaningful.

~ Thank You from all of us at Vic Bond Sales
That was almost five years ago, and on May 30, 2015, the couple married in East Lansing.

“Disney is just an awesome family-friendly experience,” said Garret, 32, a travel agent for Travel Brokers, Inc. in Fenton. “We thought we’d save our money so we could just visit Disney more often.” Allison, 29, is an optometrist at General Optical in Fenton.

The couple fell in love with Fenton, thanks to Allison’s roots growing up in nearby Flint Township. Garret grew up in Fort Collins, Colorado, which ironically inspired Walt Disney when he was designing his vision for Disneyland’s Main Street USA in California.

But their Disney fairy tale hasn’t ended there. Because they travel to Disney properties all over the world as a married couple, they became Annual Pass holders and have visited Disney’s Aulani on Oahu in Hawaii. most recently, visited Disney’s Aulani on Oahu in Hawaii.

They get tired of visiting the same parks all the time, Garret is quick to say that he and Allison “do Disney” different than most people.

They know the places to go that will give them a different experience every time, including themed meals at many of the varied resorts on the property. Plus, they return to old favorites like the “mountain rides” — Splash Mountain, Space Mountain, Thunder Mountain. Those are some of the couples’ perennial favorites. They’ll let the other tourists clamber for rides like “It’s A Small World.”

It’s always changing,” he said. “You could never experience it all.”

Best Disney advice from someone who has ‘been there’ — Garret Davies, travel agent

• Plan ahead — Make your dining reservations and FastPass+ selections well in advance to ensure you’ll get to eat where you want and visit or enjoy your favorite attractions with minimal wait time.

• Book through an Authorized Disney Vacation Planner to take the stress out of the process.

• Go left — when given a choice of direction, turn left instead of right, which is the trend for most people. The Magic Kingdom, for example, was designed like a wheel with a central hub (the area in front of Cinderella’s Castle) and spokes (the different themed lands) that branch off the hub. Most people come into the park and go right toward Tomorrowland. So, avoid the crowds by going left toward Adventureland.

• Celebrate a special occasion — Whether it’s a birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc. stop by Guest Relations and pickup souvenir buttons recognizing your celebrated event. These free buttons will help you get recognized by cast members for your happy occasion. You never know — you might get a free dessert or an opportunity to skip a line. Just don’t expect, it accept it!

• Bring a backpack and pack a poncho — you can bring snacks, water, sunscreen into the parks. Chances are you’ll encounter rain at some point, so bring your poncho.

• Don’t be afraid to ask questions — Disney is known for its amazing customer service.

ROBBERS
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Indianapolis, Indiana and detectives are checking to see if the robbers are related.

In custody in Utica are a 30-year-old Detroit woman, a 23-year-old Garden City man and a 28-year-old Detroit man. Police will release their names after their arraignments.

Based on their investigation and an inventory of their merchandise, Kay Jewelers told Fenton police that 42 pieces of jewelry worth more than $50,000 were stolen. Slater said none of the jewelry items are.

On Friday, May 18 at approximately 2:15 p.m., Fenton police responded to the jewelry store on Owen Road in the complex next to Target to investigate a robbery complaint. The caller told 911 dispatch that a black man and a black woman entered the store and asked questions about diamonds for a while. A second black man entered the store, at which time they used hammers to smash glass jewelry cases and steal a considerable amount of jewelry.

The suspects fled after approximately two minutes in the park. No injuries were reported.
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**PUPPY MILL**

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stated person who operates a pet shop cannot import or sell a dog or cat less than 8 weeks old, unless it’s taken in with its litter. The bill lays groundwork for appropriate veterinary practices that must be followed for the animals, including vaccinations and treatments for parasites. Pet shops cannot sell or transfer dogs unless they are over 8 weeks old, have a pet health certificate, and an implanted identification microchip. They can’t sell to people younger than 18 years of age.

If a dog came from a breeder, the retailer must provide the name of the breeder, the address of the breeder, the Department of Agriculture license number of the breeder, the dog’s birthday, a document signed by a veterinarian describing any condition that adversely affects the animal, and a few other documents.

The controversy surrounds the second bill, HB 5917. If passed, it would prohibit local units of government from enacting or enforcing an ordinance, policy, resolution or rule that regulates a qualified pet shop.

In response to the bills, Genesee County Commissioner Drew Shapiro proposed a resolution opposing both bills at the Monday, May 21 Genesee County Board of Commissioners meeting. It passed unanimously.

Pam Sordyl, founder of Michigan Friends of Companion Animals and Puppy Mill Awareness of Southeast Michigan, gave background about the bills at the meeting.

Sordyl said the bills “would allow pet stores in Michigan to continue sourcing from large-scale, inhumane commercial breeding facilities and to continue to sell sick puppies to the public, while at the time stripping cities, towns, and counties in the state of the authority to address this issue.”

Shapiro said the Petland store chain is the primary backer behind this legislation. Some refer to the bills as the “Petland Bills.”

In a joint press release Shapiro and Sordyl state, “Genesee County is home to the Flint outlet of the pet store chain, Family Puppy, which has joined with pet industry lobbyists to push the highly controversial bills through the legislature.

At Family Puppy, Shapiro said, “They sell these dogs for thousands of dollars. They hold them in inhumane conditions. In addition to the fact that I think puppy mills are terrible, it’s also a local control issue and it’s an overreach. The bill is an overreach by the state.”

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Meet
GRACIE
WARDA

- Times intern
- Future journalist/novelist
- Silver Lake Ski Club member

By Sally Rummel
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Gracie Warda, 15, is a Tri-County Times intern, learning about journalism through her own real-life experience. A sophomore at Fenton High School, Gracie is on the editorial staff of the Fenton High School newspaper. Next year, she will be assistant editor, in charge of online content. Gracie is the daughter of Jason Warda of Fenton and Mitzi Swanick of West Branch.

You are an intern at the Times. What does this job involve?
I do the Street Talk feature, interviewing people on the spot with a question of the week. I take photos of each person and turn everything into the office on Wednesdays. I am also able to write stories about things I’m interested in. I want to be a journalist for my career. It’s a way for me to get my ideas out to the public and for people to use me as their avenue to communicate.

What makes you very interested in a journalism career?
I have always wanted to work in journalism. I have a passion for reading and writing. I like to write about hard-hitting topics and opinions that people tend to shy away from. These are the things that need to be talked about.

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Gracie Warda
Fenton High School sophomore and Times intern

What do you hope to do in your spare time?
I’m super busy, between school, my newspaper work, my internship, working at Culver’s, etc. I’m also a member of the Silver Lake Ski Team in the summer, plus I’m at my mom’s house every other weekend. But when I do have a free moment, I love to read and write. If you could interview anyone in the world, who would it be?
Author John Green, who wrote my favorite book, “Looking for Alaska.” He’s an interesting person. He’s really intelligent, from what I know. It would be informative and fun to have a conversation with him.

What is the most interesting thing that has ever happened to you?
That’s hard to pinpoint. I’ve had a bit of a chaotic life. Things just seem to happen to me.

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Blue Devils impressed with GAC track meet results

By David Troppens
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It was a strong night for the Lake Fenton track programs at the GAC Red Meet on Tuesday.

The Lake Fenton boys finished second, while the girls captured third place. For both squads that was realistically the best team performance either squad could’ve hoped for.

And while the teams did well, the individuals also had strong showings, with the boys earning nine top-three performances and the girls recording five top-three efforts.

“I am so proud of my girls,” Lake Fenton varsity girls track coach Heather Bayard said. “Everybody on them did a fantastic job of competing last night. We knew going in that Corunna and Goodrich we’re out of reach and that third was up for grabs. It came down to the final race and Lake Fenton took second place. I’ve never been so excited to get third. It was a great night.”

The last race of the night was the 1,600 relay, and Lake Fenton’s team of Sophia Clements, McKenna Nugent, Mia Zait-shik and Tori Stewart (4:44.85) took second by a comfortable margin, earning the squad third place with 71 points.

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Sports

Area rivals sharing baseball’s Metro title

Eagles’ split with Fenton earns Linden portion of crown

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Fenton — What seemed like it may be a year of transition for the Linden varsity baseball team, has become a Metro League championship season.

A quality graduation class left, as did their head coach Steve Buerkel. That meant the squad had to become a new family under its first-year head coach Anthony Puente with many unproven players.

It worked out. The Eagles (13-3 in the Metro) split a doubleheader with the Fenton Tigers on Tuesday, assuring them of at least a co-Metro League championship. Travis Kloczek was masterful in the opening contest, leading the Eagles to a 3-0 Metro League championship win.

The Fenton Tigers kept their chances of earning a share of that title alive by winning the second contest 10-3. The Tigers needed to sweep Swartz Creek in a doubleheader on Wednesday to earn a share of the Metro crown, and did so. But on Tuesday, Linden’s was the first team to earn the title.

“I’d say it’s a pretty big accomplishment,” senior captain Drake McLaughlin said.

“Of course, we’d like to win it outright (and losing the second game) was a little bit of a sting, but it’s still something to be proud of, especially getting it your senior year.”

“It means a lot because we’ve been working together as a team,” Puente said.

Tigers bounce back vs. Dragons, repeat as champs

By David Troppens
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Fenton — There was no room for error when the Fenton varsity baseball team played Swartz Creek, Wednesday.

If the Tigers wanted to earn a share of the Metro League crown with the Linden Eagles and repeat as champions, Fenton had to sweep the Dragons.

The Tigers did just that in impressive fashion. The Tigers (13-3 in the Metro and 20-8 overall) earned two 10-run mercy victories against the Dragons, capturing the co-league title. Fenton won the first game 12-2 and then won the second 14-4.

“It was awesome to get the Metro League title,” Fenton senior David Pietryga said. “It means a lot to me. We are so close as a team. Having my teammates there to get this win my senior year is awesome. It’s a great experience. I couldn’t ask for anything else.”

“It says a lot about the hard work we put in as a team and how far this program has come to win back-to-back for the first time in a long time,” Fenton senior Nolan Lawrence said.

Lake Fenton/Goodrich girls co-op squad headed to regional semi

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The Lake Fenton/Goodrich co-op varsity girls lacrosse team is in its third season this spring.

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Bronchos follow perfect regional with perfect Metro championship

By David Troppens
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Fenton — Nothing seemingly can stop the Holly varsity girls tennis team.

The Bronchos have been the dominant team in the Flint Metro League for over three decades, winning or sharing every title but two since 1982, and the run continued at the league meet, Wednesday at Fenton High School.

Despite missing their No. 2 singles player, the Bronchos bumped up some players in their lineup and still captured every single flight championship with three straight-set match victories, challenging the field with a perfect team score of 24 tournament points, capturing the Metro crown. What is the key to this outstanding program? Ask the players and they’ll have similar responses. It’s all about being a team.

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Lake Fenton/Goodrich player Abby Cottron runs downfield during a past game. The co-op program plays in a regional semifinal contest on Wednesday at Grand Ledge High School.

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Fenton track teams repeat as Metro League champs

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Both teams took different paths toward a co-Metro League championship with the Flushing Raiders, but both Fenton varsity track and field teams accomplished the task on Wednesday at Clio High School.

The Fenton boys needed to win the Metro League Meet to earn a share of the crown, and did just that, taking first with 158 points, 36 more than Flushing.

Meanwhile, the Fenton girls track team could’ve won the title outright by winning the meet, but had to settle for second place, 11 points behind Flushing. That meant the two teams shared the league championship as well.

The women’s title represents the third straight season the girls have earned at least a co-Metro championship. Meanwhile, the boys have earned third straight season the girls have earned at least a share of the Metro crown in each of the last two seasons.

“It’s hard to put into words how it feels to win a second straight championship.” Fenton varsity boys track coach Anthony McMillan said.

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Eagles sweep Fenton, earn second in the Metro

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Fenton — It was a nice way to end the Flint Metro League season if you are a Linden Eagle.

The Linden varsity softball team finished the Metro season in second place after sweeping their biggest foes Tuesday. The Eagles edged Fenton 7-6 in the first game and then won the second contest 18-3.

The first game was a thriller with both teams holding the lead at one time.

Fenton jumped to an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first when Hailee Prater hit a two-out RBI-single, plating Erin Carter who reached on an error.

Linden (12-4 in the Metro and 25-9 overall) earned its first lead of the game with three runs in the third inning. With one out, Lauren Buercik doubled and Liz Rakowski singled. Ellie Klocek responded with an RBI-single, tying the game at 1-1. A walk to Jillian Widner and a single by Emma Mossing continued the threat.

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BASEBALL

Holly vs. Swartz Creek: The Bronchos split their twinbill, winning the first 2-1, but losing the second game 7-6. The split means the Bronchos finished the Metro season with a winning 9-7 record and in fourth place overall.

In the opener, JD Lannon needed just 89 pitches to toss a three-hitter. He struck out seven batters. He also had two hits as did Trey Ridgeway. DJ Tennis and Jacob Bridgewater had RBI-singles.

In the second game, Lannon led the offense with two hits and an RBI. Trey Ridgeway had a hit and two RBI.

Power 3, Linden 1: Powers took an early lead and held on at Whaley Park against Linden.

Braden Banasiak pitched 4 1/3 innings of two-run ball, striking out six. Rory Shadduck relieved and struck out four batters in 1 2/3 innings of work.

The Eagles scored their only run in the top of the seventh on a Carson Mabe RBI-single.

Softball

Fenton vs. Grand Blanc: The Tigers (11-16-1) split with Grand Blanc, losing the first game 10-4, but bouncing back to win the second 7-2.

In the second-game victory, Erin Carter continued her strong season by going 4-for-4 with three RBIs and two runs scored. Cheryl Hatch had two hits while Hailee Prater had a hit and four RBIs. Prater won the game on the mound, striking out four over seven innings.

Erin Carter hit a three-run home run in the first game while Coral Lefever had two hits.

Holly vs. Swartz Creek: The Bronchos lost a pair of tight games against the Metro League champions, dropping the first game 3-2 and losing the second 1-0.


In the second game, Miah Beck hit a home run, but the Bronchos lost a tight contest.

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Rinks posts 300th state win versus Mt. Morris

Lake Fenton varsity softball coach Amos Rinks has a pretty impressive resume. It got a little better last week. Rinks surpassed the 300-win mark for varsity softball wins in the state of Michigan.

Devils do well at GAC meet

It was a case of good news and bad news for the Lake Fenton varsity boys golf team at the Genesee Area Conference Meet.

Linden, Holly teams post solid results at Metro meet

The Linden varsity boys track and field team hasn’t really been one of the major contenders for the Metro League track championship.

Schramm’s pitching leads Blue Devils past Mt. Morris

Mt. Morris had a strong pitching performance against the Lake Fenton varsity baseball team on Monday.
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