What’s on your May 7 ballot?

Clerks expecting lower turnout this spring

By Hannah Ball

Most voters in the tri-county area will have just one ballot issue to vote on Tuesday, May 7. Here’s what you can expect to see come election day, which is less than a month away.

FENTON CITY AND FENTON TOWNSHIP

Fenton City and Fenton Township residents will only see MAY 7 BALLOT on 16A

Since the SLPR proposal is a tax increase, I’m expecting the May 7 voter turnout to be somewhere between 20-30 percent...

Thomas Broecker
Fenton Township operations manager/deputy clerk

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Holly’s high-tech classes for jobs of the future

Holly Elementary School students tear apart an old computer as part of their fifth-grade STEM class Wednesday, April 10.

See story on Page 6A. Photo: Tim Jagielo

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Police: Holly woman bitten, punched, kicked

37-year-old boyfriend charged in connection to alleged incident

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Former Tim Hortons employee to undergo competency evaluation

Fenton man faces 16 felonies for allegedly videotaping coworkers in employee bathroom

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Grand Rapids man sentenced to six months in jail

Jury found driver guilty in crash that killed Fenton Township teen last August

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CONFIRMED CASES OF MEASLES IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY

As of Monday, 11 cases of measles have been confirmed in Livingston County. The most recent case was announced on April 10.

Measles are highly contagious, but the vaccination is considered 97 percent effective, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. There’s no question that vaccines are safe, effective and life saving.

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Putting more electric vehicles on the road will support investment in American-made manufacturing and it will help Michigan stay at the forefront of global auto innovation, spur job growth and move us toward a more sustainable and competitive transportation future.
Motorist drives into Linden City Hall

By Hannah Ball

Linden — A vehicle struck the Linden City Hall building Thursday, April 11 at approximately 12:30 p.m., causing damage to the structure and vehicle.

Scott Sutter, Linden police chief and interim city manager, said a driver in his 80s was at the Subway restaurant across the street and accidently pressed the gas pedal instead of the brake. The car crossed S. Main Street heading west and struck the east side of Linden City Hall.

“I was at a meeting but the other employees could,” feel the vehicle hit the building, Sutter said. “Things fell off the wall and what not.”

The building houses municipal services as well as the police and fire departments. No one was injured in the incident. The driver was checked for injuries.

Sutter, who was on scene with the building inspector, said they’re in the process of evaluating the damage to the building. Debris could be seen on the ground where the vehicle struck the building. A crack was visible in the exterior paint, but the extent of the damage is unknown.

Both the driver of the vehicle and the City of Linden have insurance. The vehicle was towed from the scene with damage to its front end.
Friendship starts at the top

Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater and Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff best friends since middle school

By Sally Rummel

Jason Slater and Bob Cairnduff were both in junior high when they found themselves at the same place at the same time — a crowded lunch table at Fenton Middle School.

Something clicked in these two young teens back in the mid-1980s that forged a lifelong friendship. Through school and sports, hangouts with friends and playing cards with friends and family, their bond was strengthened by small town living that continues to this day.

See BEST FRIENDS on 19A

Summary

It has been a long road of memories and milestones for Fenton’s top chiefs — Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater and Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff — who have been friends since they were students at Fenton Middle School.

Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater (left) and Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff have been friends since middle school. They also worked in Fenton starting their careers as first responders. “It’s easier to work with someone you’ve known for a long time,” Slater said. Together they have nearly 50 years of experience.

Photo: Tim Jagielo
Come **Heller** high water...

- **Best moment** of the week: Seeing the first-ever image of an actual black hole 55 million light years away. How amazing was that? That’s the kind of thing that restores my faith in humanity. We can be really, really smart and cool when we want to be.

- **One news report** described black holes as “the universe’s most powerful vacuum.” I’ll bet it still doesn’t work very well on pet hair.

- **Forget politics.** I want to know what we as a nation are doing about Russian interference in our elections? Have you noticed the silence on this? I don’t get it. If there’s one thing we can come together on, shouldn’t it be this?

- **So glad to** see Julian Assange kicked out of the Ecuadoran embassy and arrested. If there’s a guy who deserves to spend eternity in prison, it’s that guy. (And can you imagine living inside an embassy for seven years and never going out. I’d have permanent spring fever within a month.)

- **I got an** email from a dealership: “Your recent service experience.” Experience? I didn’t have an experience. I had an oil change. Everything isn’t an “experience.” In fact, few things are.

- **Dealerships could teach** colleges a lot about customer service. If I bought a $25,000 car every year for four years in a row, they would roll out the red carpet any time I arrived. Colleges? Not so much. They act like you should be grateful they let your kid in. Speaking of which, don’t you think colleges should give a legacy discount to your kids if you went there?

- **“Journey”** is suddenly an annoyingly popular buzzword. People don’t have careers, lives, relationships, projects or medical problems anymore, they have “journeys.” As in: “Boy, getting the dog in for his deworming was quite a journey!” Really? I’m going on a vacation soon, which involves travel, meaning it’s an actual journey. I think I’ll stick to calling it a vacation, though.

- **Last week,** I griped about companies that don’t put prices on their website. Here’s gripe No. 2: Websites that don’t put their phone number, address and business hours at the top. That’s the main reason most people **GO** to websites. Why do I have to do a scavenger hunt for basic info because your web designer thought it looked nicer to hide that stuff?

- **Thank you for** reading this far, by the way. It’s been a real journey.

- **Lonely people tend** to be lonely because they decline to bear the psychic costs of being around other humans. They are allergic to people. People affect them too strongly. — David Foster Wallace

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Main floor master with magnificent view of the lake and ensuite bath. New paint and carpet throughout. First floor laundry, newer furnace and circle driveway.

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200 Whispering Pines
Fenton
$215,000

11470 Skyline Dr
Fenton Twp.
$260,000

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High-tech classes for jobs of the future

Youngest Bronchos learning key STEM principles

By Tim Jagielo

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**County attacked by ransomware**
Genesee County municipal offices are dealing with a ransomware attack on its computer systems that caused technological issues and setbacks.

**Hartland woman gets probation**
Pleaded guilty to her involvement in scheme to kill two men for jailed boyfriend.

**Flint women charged with retail fraud**
Fenton police officer spots them pushing loaded shopping cart across street.

**Spencer enjoys a warm welcome**
Pro boxer and Linden graduate Joey Spencer greets family and friends at the Fenton Buffalo Wild Wings.

**Fire truck purchase approved**
Fenton City Council authorizes $648,499 to buy new truck and additional equipment.

**Building Brands**
Change is challenging, even if you love it. A new biweekly column by Emily Caswell, brand manager for the View Newspaper Group.

**Our Future**
Meet Cameron Finnegan, 17, a senior at Linden High School.
CHURCH DIRECTORY

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2473 W. Shiawassee • Fenton
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Sunday Worship: 7:30 am & 6:30 pm
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Daily Mass:
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Weekday Mass
Holy Communion
Children Program-Godly Play
Youth Group

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600 N. Adelaide • Fenton
810-629-2251
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Adoration: Each Friday from 9:00 am-8:00 pm
Holy Days: See Parish Bulletin or website
Confession: Saturdays: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Monday & Friday following morning Mass and Wednesday 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Adoration: Afternoon Tuesday from 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
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Church Service: 11:00 am
Sunday School: 11:00 am
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810-629-5881
Holy Communion: 8:00 am, 10:30 am
Children Program-Godly Play: 10:25 am
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Linden, MI • 48451 • 810-735-4807
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Reverend Dean G. Dumbirile
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Wednesday in the Word: 6:30 pm
Sunday Traditional Worship: 6:30 pm
Sunday Traditional Worship: 8:30 am
Sunday Education Hour: 9:45 am
Sunday Contemporary Worship: 11:00 am
Saturday: 5:30 pm, Bible Study

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES - WELS LUTHERAN CHURCH
8420 Runyan Lake Rd. • Fenton
Pastor Nathan Loercher
810-224-1250
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Bible Study & Sunday School: 10:30 am
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METHODIST

FENTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
119 S. Leroy St. • Fenton
810-629-2132
www.fentonumc.com
Reverend Michelle Forsyth - Associate Pastor
Kate Glasson - Director of Children’s Ministry
Sunday morning traditional-style worship in our sanctuary: 9:30 am and 11 am
Sunday morning family worship in our Family Life Center: 11:05 am
Nursery and children’s ministries available: 9:30 am and 11:00 am

HOLLY CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
15010 N. Holly Rd. • Holly
248-634-9711
www.hollycalvary.org
Rev. Cliff Schroeder
Sunday Worship: 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship: 8:00 am
Nursery Provided at all services.

LAKE FENTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2581 N. Long Lake Rd. • Fenton
810-629-5161
Pastor Char Shay
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

LINDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
201 Bridge St. • Linden
810-735-8585
New Pastor
Reverend Michelle Forsyth
Assistant Pastor Reverend Bob Easlick
New email: milindennonumc@gmail.com
Worship Hour: 9:30 am
Coffee Hour: 10:30 am
Nursery Available.

NAZARENES

ARGENTINE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
16248 S. Seymour Rd. • Linden
810-735-7118
Pastor Robert Lindsay
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 am
(Junior Church and Nursery Provided)
Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00 pm
Wed. Children & Teens: 7:00 pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 pm

FENTON CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
11075 Runyan Lake Rd. • Fenton
810-750-6544
Pastor Ron Sharpe
Sunday Worship Services: 11:00 am
Sunday School for all ages: 10:00 am
Nursery provided for Sunday services.

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THE CARPENTER’S HOUSE CHURCH
2740 Grange Hall Rd. • Fenton
Corner of Fish Lake Rd.
248-328-9844
Pastor Bradley Teague 248-634-2195
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Sunday AM Service: 8:00 am
Sunday AM Service at Lake Fenton HS 10 am & 11:00 am
Wednesday Mid Week Service: 6:00 pm
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Adult Bible Study: 7:00 pm
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Sunday Worship: 9:00 am & 11 am

LINDEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
119 W. Broad St. • Linden • 810-735-5755
Pastor Dawn Russell
Traditional Service: 9:00 am
Contemporary Service: 10:30 am
Children’s Church: 10:30 am
(Nursery provided at each service)

TYRONE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
9141 Hartland Rd. • Fenton
810-750-0350
Pastor Linda Living-Hawley
Sunday Worship Schedule
Celebratory Worship: 10:00 am
Children’s Sunday School: 10:30 am
Fellowship: 11:30 am

TYRONE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(PCA)
Pastor Lawrence Bowlin
10235 White Lake Rd. • Fenton
810-629-1261 • tyronepca.org
Sunday Worship: 10:15 am
Sunday School: 9:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00 pm
Fenton Community Orchestra presents ‘Springtime Harmonies’ April 26 and 27
The Fenton Community Orchestra (FCO), including four ensembles, will present its ninth annual spring concert April 26 and 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fenton High School Ruby F. Zima Auditorium. The FCO and Fenton Jazz Orchestra will perform both nights, with FCO Simply Strings playing Friday and Wind Ensemble playing Saturday. Some of the musical selections will include Brahms Academic Festival Overture and the Saint-Saëns Marche Militaire, plus selections of the musical selections will include Brahms Academic Festival Overture and the Saint-Saëns Marche Militaire, plus selections from West Side Story to celebrate Bernstein’s birth. The FCO is directed by Andrew Perkins. For more information, visit fenton-orchestra.org.

Looking Back at This Week in History
Compiled by Vera Hogan

APRIL 14
1865: John Wilkes Booth, an actor and Confederate sympathizer, fatally shoots President Abraham Lincoln at a play at Ford’s Theatre in Washington, D.C. The attack came only five days after Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered his massive army at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, effectively ending the American Civil War.

APRIL 15
1912: At 2:20 a.m. on April 15, 1912, the British ocean liner Titanic sinks into the North Atlantic Ocean about 400 miles south of Newfoundland, Canada. The massive ship, which carried 2,200 passengers and crew, had struck an iceberg two and half hours before.

APRIL 16
1972: From Cape Canaveral, Florida, Apollo 16, the fifth of six U.S. lunar landing missions, is successfully launched on its 238,000-mile journey to the moon. On April 20, astronauts John W. Young and Charles M. Duke descended to the lunar surface from Apollo 16, which remained in orbit around the moon with a third astronaut, Thomas K. Mattingly, in command.

APRIL 17
1960: Eddie Cochran, the man behind “Summertime Blues” and “C’mon Everybody,” was killed when the taxi carrying him from a show in Bristol, England, crashed en route to the airport in London, where he was to catch a flight back home to the United States. While he may have faded from popular memory in the years since his tragic and early death, his biggest hits have not.

APRIL 18
1906: At 5:13 a.m., an earthquake estimated at close to 8.0 on the Richter scale strikes San Francisco, California, killing hundreds of people as it topples numerous buildings. The quake was caused by a slip of the San Andreas Fault over a segment about 275 miles long. Shock waves could be felt from southern Oregon down to Los Angeles.

APRIL 19
1995: Just after 9 a.m., a massive truck bomb explodes outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. When the rescue effort finally ended two weeks later the death toll stood at 168 people killed, including 19 young children who were in the building’s day-care center at the time of the blast.

APRIL 20
1871: With passage of the Third Force Act, popularly known as the Ku Klux Act, Congress authorizes President Ulysses S. Grant to declare martial law, impose heavy penalties against terrorist organizations, and use military force to suppress the Ku Klux Klan (KKK).
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$274,950

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$785,000

$274,950

$200,000

$389,950

$200,000

$899,000

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• 16x24 heated workshop

$899,000

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$279,950

$427,900

$389,950

$1,699,950

$1,555

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$1,6M

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$385,000

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15173 North Rd.

11405 Fawn Valley

12133 Indian Oak

11311 Fawn Valley

11437 Bancroft

This was a For Sale By Owner
Fenton adopts small wireless communication ordinance

New law, ‘Small Wireless Communications Facilities Deployment Act 365 of 2018’ became effective March 12

By Vera Hogan

As of March 12, wireless providers such as Verizon, AT&T, Sprint and others will be able to apply to the city of Fenton for locating small wireless antennas within the city rights-of-way.

This is a result of Senate Bill 637, which passed in March 2018, creating the Small Wireless Communications Facilities Deployment Act 365 of 2018. This legislation allows companies to install new wireless technology infrastructure to utility poles and towers across the state.

“To satisfy the requirements of the Act, the city will need an ordinance addressing the application process for a small-cell provider and design guidelines for the communications equipment,” said Chris Patterson, Fenton’s city attorney.

During its March 5 work session, there was discussion among Fenton council members regarding the 5G technology (see sidebar) and health concerns. Patterson said the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) and government state there are no health concerns per the research.

A second reading of that ordinance was held at the Fenton City Council meeting on April 8, after which it was unanimously adopted.

According to City Manager Lynn Markland, the city has been approached for applications by a couple of providers but they had to wait until the ordinance was approved. “Now that the ordinance has been adopted, it won’t be long before they’re back,” he said.

Markland said one of his main concerns is how these towers are going to look. “We’ve spent a lot of money making our downtown aesthetically pleasing and want to keep it that way.”

This is a sample of a small cell tower located in a town’s right of way. Photo: www.InsiderLouisville.com

WHAT IT IS

“Small cells” is an umbrella term for low-powered radio access nodes typically with a range of 30 feet to hundreds of feet. Like full-sized cellular towers, they provide access points by which groups of individuals can browse the internet, send and receive text messages, and make phone calls; however, unlike cellular towers, small cells take up significantly less space, according to mitechnews.com.

A single cell tower uses a lot of power to cover a large geographic area, while small service networks (SCS) networks use several low-powered nodes, placed closer together to cover the same area.

HOW 5G WORKS

The 5G we’ve all been hearing about is the fifth generation (thus, the “G”) of mobile wireless systems, a way for devices, both mobile and stationary, to send and receive data without being plugged into a wall in your home or at the office.

• Very soon, 5G will be crucial for autonomous (driverless) vehicles to communicate with each other and read live map and traffic data.
• In the not-too-distant future, drones will co-operate to carry out search and rescue missions, fire assessments and traffic monitoring, all communicating wirelessly with each other and ground base stations over 5G networks.
• Remote surgery will be possible through 5G (have already been performed in Japan and China).

Source: digitaltrends.com
Former Tim Hortons employee to undergo competency evaluation

Fenton man faces 16 felonies for allegedly videotaping coworkers in employee bathroom

By Hannah Ball

The 20-year-old Fenton man charged with videotaping employees in the Silver Lake Road Tim Hortons Cafe and Bake Shop in Fenton will undergo a competency evaluation.

Eric Andrews Jr. is charged with 16 felony counts including four counts of possessing child sexually abusive activity, eight counts of using a computer to commit a crime, four counts of capturing/distributing images of an unclothed person and two counts of possession of child sexually abusive material.

Andrews worked at Tim Hortons from 2016 to 2018, during which time he allegedly recorded coworkers in the employee bathroom without their knowledge or consent. He is being held in the Genesee County jail on a $150,000 cash or surety bond.

A competency evaluation is done to determine if someone understands court proceedings, criminal responsibility and if they’re able to stand trial.

The court scheduled a review for May 16 in Judge William Crawford’s courtroom.

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notified. HAVEN provides programs to promote violence-free homes and communities and helps victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The woman was later released from the hospital following treatment for being bitten numerous time and being punched and kicked to the head.

Det. Heather Wolkow of the Holly Police Department obtained a warrant for assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, as well as domestic violence from the Oakland County Prosecutors Office.

Siedzik was arraigned at the Oakland County 52-2 District Court in front of Judge Fabrizzio. His bond was set at $50,000 cash or surety, no 10 percent, and he is to have no contact with victim or witnesses.

If Siedzik posts bond, he is not to return to the Holly home he shared with his girlfriend, their children and his father.

A probate cause conference has been scheduled for April 23 at 1:30 p.m.
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Grand Rapids man sentenced to six months in jail

Jury found driver guilty in crash that killed Fenton Township teen last August

By Sharon Stone

The driver found guilty by a jury for the automobile crash that killed Tyler Jelinek, 19, of Fenton Township on Aug. 20, 2018 was sentenced Wednesday, April 10.

Charles Sherman, prosecuting attorney for Clinton County, said Ryan Zandstra, 33, of Grand Rapids was sentenced to 365 days in jail with the last three months suspended upon successful completion of probation. “He went to jail yesterday (Wednesday) and will do six months; with good time it will be five,” he said.

Lt. Jeff Clarke said the Clinton County Sheriff’s Office was dispatched at 10:35 a.m., to a multi-vehicle injury crash on eastbound I-96, east of Wright Road in Eagle Township.

The initial investigation revealed that the driver of an eastbound truck, driven by Zandstra, was unable to stop for traffic that was stopped and slowed for an upcoming construction zone. His truck rear-ended the vehicle driven by Jelinek, whose vehicle was then pushed into a third vehicle, driven by a 46-year-old Byron Center man.

Jelinek was pronounced dead at the scene. Both drivers and a passenger from the other vehicles were transported to Sparrow Hospital in Lansing with non-life threatening injuries and have since been released.

Zandstra was arraigned Oct. 17, 2018 on a moving violation causing death. He pleaded not guilty as his arraignment. On Feb. 19, a jury trial was held and Zandstra was found guilty as charged.

Sherman said the maximum penalty was up to a year in jail.

The toxicology report indicated Zandstra had metabolites of cocaine but no actual cocaine in his system at the time of the crash. “The lab told me that meant he had used cocaine within a couple days, but they couldn’t say at the time of the driving it would have had any effect on him,” Sherman said.

Jelinek’s family has filed a civil complaint against Zandstra in Clinton County Circuit Court.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

GIVEN THAT IN America ‘money is king,’ why is there such vitriolic speech against Trump?

TO THE TRUMPATEER-seeking person. Where did you get $60 million figure from the ‘fake news?’ Do you also know the figure for what the Democrats have pocketed from the lobbyists and special interest groups to kill bills that would have helped the American people? Of course not. We just excuse the corrupt deals they do and fill their pockets with cash. How do you think they became millionaires? Your comment was a huge laugh. If you believe this crap, I feel very sorry for you.

THIRTY-SEVEN OF 45 presidents have not released tax returns. Trump is in the majority on this issue. Please stop letting your hatred cloud your judgment.

THE HOUSE PASSED a bill

Wednesday to restore Obama-era ‘net neutrality’ rules, but the legislation faces slim odds of making it through the Republican-controlled Senate. The 2015 net neutrality regulations barred internet service providers like Comcast, Verizon and AT&T from blocking or slowing online traffic or charging consumers more for faster lanes for consumers.

UNDER THE CURRENT regulations, consumers purchasing eligible electric-powered vehicles can receive a tax credit of up to $7,500.

TRUMP’S TAX RETURNS are important because it would show how his tax legislation personally affected him.

I AM SMART enough to realize that scientists who claim man-made pollution is causing climate change are benefiting financially and are the very people who are responsible for fudging the facts to fit the narrative. Give it a rest already.
Travel to Orlando to compete at 25th anniversary National LifeSmarts Championship

The student team from Fenton High School captured the Michigan state LifeSmarts title at a competition in January and traveled to Orlando, Florida this week to compete for a chance at the 2019 national title.

LifeSmarts, a consumer education competition that challenges teens in grades 9-12 about personal finance, health and safety, the environment, technology, and consumer rights and responsibilities, is a program of the National Consumers League (NCL). This year it is celebrating its 25th anniversary season.

With the Jan. 31 Michigan state competition win, the teens from Fenton have qualified for the national LifeSmarts event to be held April 13-16 in Orlando, where 40 teams will gather to compete.

“LifeSmarts participants in Michigan have gained many of the consumer ‘smarts’ they'll need to make it in the real world,” said LifeSmarts Program Director Lisa Hertzberg. “We’re proud to have the team from Fenton High represent Michigan at the National LifeSmarts Championship.”

The winning team is coached by Bruce Burwitz and Craig Golembiewski. Students include: Captain Andrew Fox, Evelyn Eck, Theodore Graves, Amelia West, and Joel Diccion.

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MAY 7 BALLOT
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vote on one topic this May — the Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation proposal to amend its charter to provide funding for a non-motorized pathway. This 10-year millage includes levying 1.2 mills on properties in Fenton City, Fenton Township and Linden City.

Sue Walsh, clerk of Fenton, said voter turnout has been increasing.

“I am hopeful that will continue. However, voter turnout in elections other than primary or general elections do not draw out a high number of voters. With Proposal 3 now in effect, I am hoping this will increase voter turnout in all elections,” she said.

Proposal 3 refers to the ballot that passed in the November 2018 elections that amended state voting laws. New policies that were added to the state constitution include straight-ticket voting, automatic voter registration, same-day voter registration, and no-excuse absentee voting during the 40 days before an election.

Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk of Fenton Township, said elections that include school board elections or millage renewals typically see a 10-15 percent voter turnout in the township. However, the last special election that included a tax increase, which was the 2015 proposal to increase the Michigan sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent, had a turnout of 27 percent.

“Since the SLPR proposal is a tax increase, I’m expecting the May 7 voter turnout to be somewhere between 20-30 percent, but that’s just a ‘guestimate,’” he said.

Broecker estimates the May election will cost the township $5,500 to $6,000.

Linden

Linden has two issues on the May 7 ballot. The first is the SLPR non-motorized pathway proposal. The second is a millage renewal for mosquito control services be renewed and imposed upon all taxable property in the city of Linden in the amount of 0.3859 mills (0.4 mills as reduced by the required millage rollbacks) for 4 years, 2019 through 2022, inclusive? If the renewal millage is levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 0.3859 mills would raise approximately $41,431 when first levied in 2019.

Genesee County Grand Blanc Community Schools Sinking Fund Millage Renewal Proposal

Shall the currently authorized millage rate of .9915 mill ($ .9915 on each $1,000 of taxable value) for the purchase of real estate for sites for, and the construction or repair of school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2020 is approximately $1,641,900 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2019 tax levy)?
Emily Caswell

• Brand manager at View Group
• Loves downtown living
• Dog 'mom'

By Sally Rummel

Emily "Em" Caswell, 37, is the brand manager for View Group, the branding division of View Newspaper Group and is pleased to call the city of Fenton her home. She lives near downtown with her husband, Matt, a mechanical engineer and their shih tzu mix rescue dog, Yeti. She is a 2000 graduate of Lapeer East High School and a graduate of Michigan State University's School of Journalism.

What exactly is a brand manager?

My job is to strengthen the brand of the View Newspaper Group, owner of the Tri-County Times and 16 other newspapers throughout mid-Michigan. That means I'm responsible for important details as small as having advertising specialty items, like pens with our names on them, to planning huge community events where we partner with local nonprofit groups. At the end of the day, I want everyone to know who we are and what we do to serve our communities.

How did you end up living in Fenton?

After earning my degree, I started my career as a staff writer for a specialty magazine published by the Lansing State Journal, then worked in several different branding/public relations positions. That's where I learned about the power of event planning. When my dad, View Newspaper Group Publisher Wes Smith and View Newspaper Group owner Rick Burrough started bringing new newspapers into the family of newspapers, I knew it was time to come home and use these marketing principles at View Newspaper Group.

We're in downtown Fenton all the time. I love the walkability of the shopping and dining experiences here. We also walk our dog a lot. He's 6 and we've had him since he was 3 months old. He was rescued from a serious hoarding situation, and I think we may have "overcompensated" a bit by spoiling him. I also have a passion for shopping, dining out and socializing.

Do you like to travel?

We travel a lot, mostly to places in the U.S. that mean something special to us, like Daytona Beach, Florida, where we got engaged, Mackinac Island, where we got married, Chicago to visit good friends and Nashville, most recently. My other favorite spot in Michigan is Grand Haven, and we also go to Atlanta, Georgia, to visit my sister.

At the end of the day, I want everyone to know who we are and what we do to serve our communities.

Emily Caswell
Fenton resident

We've been friends since junior high, but weren't boyfriend and girlfriend until we were 24. I think being married is the best. Work-related, it's the thousands of dollars we raise through partnerships with nonprofits. It's a pretty cool feeling to hand out a big check to a deserving group. It's not a personal accomplishment, because there are dozens of people involved in making these events happen. But it never gets old for me. Watch for an event coming this fall to Fenton.

As a journalist, who would you like most to write a story about?

My grandfather, Jim Fitzgerald, who was a newspaper columnist and editor at the Lapeer County Press for 25 years and then in the Detroit Free Press, writing "If it Fitz," for more than two decades. If he was still alive, I would love to interview him. He's the reason our entire family is in the newspaper business. Of course, he'd read what I wrote with a red pen in his hand — no pass for me as his granddaughter.

What is something about you most people probably don't know?

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WHY ARE SOME politicians choosing to support illegal immigrants over the sovereignty of our country and the well-being of American citizens? How can American workers support every needy person who makes it across our borders? Do you really support opening our borders to anyone and everyone in the whole world? Give our president the support needed to protect our people, country, freedom and posterity.

A MAN WITH far greater access to the facts and much smarter than you, Robert Mueller, has definitely determined ‘no collusion.’ And the Democrats go waah, waah, waah.

UNSOLVED MURDERS
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In 1937, music lovers were swingin’ to the tunes of Benny Goodman, Count Basie, Bing Crosby, Duke Ellington, Tommy Dorsey and Ella Fitzgerald also topped the charts.

In Tyrone Township, Michigan, 1937 was the year three people were brutally murdered at a dairy farm on Hartland Road. The April 13, 1937 crime, remains unsolved today, 82 years later.

Jehiel H. Davis, 76, his wife, Eleanor, 74, and his sister, Lydia Hildebrand, 75, who was visiting from Utica, were the victims.

Davis, a Detroit Police Department retiree, had been a successful crop and dairy farmer (Evergreen Dairy Farm) for the last 27 years of his life. He had been in bed with laryngitis and was being treated by Dr. Carl H. White of Fenton. When White arrived at the farm to make a call on Davis at about 11 a.m. on April 14, he was surprised to see no footprints or tire tracks. A spring electrical storm raged the evening of April 13, and by morning a blanket of snow covered the ground.

After unsuccessfully pounding on the door that was usually open, the doctor went out to the barns and shouted with no response. Alarmed, he drove to Davis’ son’s home on State Road. The son, Jay Davis, was at work but his wife, Jessie, upon hearing what the doctor had to say, immediately left for the farm. There, she opened a window and crawled in. She found her father-in-law in bed among bloodied sheets, a pillow over his head, his skull crushed and shattered. Davis’ wife and her sister were missing, as was the hired hand, Ray Larson and Davis’ truck. Larson had only worked for the farm for about a month.

After police were called in and a two-hour search, the women were found in the barn. The bodies of the women were jammed inside a feed bin, the top of which had been nailed shut. Their clothing was drenched in blood. Their heads had been battered mercilessly. Hildebrand was already dead. Mrs. Davis, whose faint moans led authorities to the feed bin, survived another two days before dying at Hurley Hospital.

Police believed the murder weapon was a heavy wooden mallet with blood stains and gray hair. It was found in a water trough near the barn.

Nellie Davis Gould of Fenton was 16 years old at the time of her grandparents’ murder. “It was devastating, the hardest was on my mother who found Grandpa,” Gould said in an April 1995 interview with the Times. “She had problems with breaking down for months, we tried not to talk about the murders in front of her.”

TO BE CONTINUED

Part II of this story will be published in the April 17 Midweek edition of the Times.

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BEST FRIENDS
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Slater has been Fenton City Police Chief since 2017 and Cairnduff has been Fenton City Fire Chief since 2006. Both felt the call to serve the town they grew up in and are now raising their own families here.

Slater and his wife, Lorrie, have one son, Eric, almost 15 and Bob is married to Jamie, raising four kids, ages 18, 15, 12 and 10.

“Cruising around town was the big thing,” said Cairnduff, 46, recalling their high school years. “It was all about weekend nights and cars.”

Slater, 47, didn’t play sports; he worked because he wanted to buy a car. “My bus took me right to Denston Hill Video after school,” he said. “Then Bob would ride his bike over while I was at work.”

A third friend in this group, Brian Schupbach, with whom both chiefs are still in contact, now lives in Paw Paw.

Slater and Cairnduff were both in the Fire Explorers program at Fenton High School, an offshoot of the Boy Scouts. It sparked an interest for Cairnduff, who began his firefighting career as an on-call firefighter in Linden in 1996.

Slater always knew he wanted to be a police officer, “since I was a little kid,” he said.

Both went off to Ferris State University, with Cairnduff coming home to begin his firefighting career and Slater earning his bachelor of science degree in criminal justice and simultaneously attending its Law Enforcement Academy. Slater began his career in the Fenton City Police Department in 1995, first as patrol officer, then appointed as a detective, followed by promotions to sergeant and then lieutenant. He was appointed police chief July 10, 2017, after being interim chief since January of that year.

Cairnduff said he used to see Slater more when he was doing police road work, compared to now as the chief.

“We both have our own separate roles, but we’re both complementary to each other,” Cairnduff said. “We deal with a lot of non-emergency stuff, like planning for festivals. But when things happen out there, work’s work.”

“We understand what our roles are,” Slater added. “Our two agencies complement each other really well, but we both have separate jobs.”

On the home front, the Slater and Cairnduff families vacation together, help each other move and take care of each other’s dogs. “We’re someone we can count on for each other,” Jason said.

“You know if we need anything, we would call.”

HOT LINE CONTINUED
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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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Times

Bread isn’t the enemy

■ Take bread-free diets with a grain of salt, and go for portion control

By Sally Rummel

Oprah Winfrey made headlines around the world when she said three little words, “I love bread,” which aired in TV commercials in 2016.

This WW (formerly Weight Watchers) spokesperson and majority shareholder has been vocal about how she manages to fit bread into her daily diet and still lose weight.

With all the low-carb, keto and paleo diets out there, eating bread has become almost controversial.

However, bread is not the enemy of a healthy diet, unless you have a gluten allergy or intolerance, or you eat the wrong kinds of carbohydrates — like refined white bread with little fiber and a high glycemic response.

In that case, the starch is digested very fast and glucose is released into the body quickly, stored as fat unless the sugar is immediately used for energy.

Many healthier breads, made with 100-percent whole grain — whether it’s wheat, oats, rye, etc. — take longer to digest and are a better nutritional choice. In fact, they are healthy for a person’s body and brain, providing important nutrients, such as fiber, whole grains, B vitamins, thiamin, riboflavin, niacin and folic acid.

“We all need to have some whole grains in our diet,” said Carolyn Harris, wellness coach for Fenton and Flint WW locations for 25 years, after losing 60 pounds. “The first ingredient should be 100-percent whole grain — it doesn’t have to be whole wheat. The whole grain will be a healthier choice because it keeps the fiber intact.”

Harris said that the biggest reason to include bread and other whole grains in your diet is to keep you from feeling deprived, so you can stick with your healthy eating plan for a lifetime.

“How can you live your entire life without bread or other carbs?” Harris said. “The beauty to me with WW is that no food is off-limits. It’s always about portion control and moderation.”

SUMMARY

■ Bread isn’t the enemy of a healthy diet, according to many dieticians and healthy weight-loss groups like WW, formerly called Weight Watchers. Choosing the right, nutrient-dense, unprocessed carbohydrates is good for your body and brain.

■ We all need to have some whole grains in our diet. . . the whole grain will be a healthier choice because it keeps the fiber intact.

Carolyn Harris, Fenton WW wellness coach

How to pick a healthy bread

“It’s going to come down to reading labels,” said Bella Diaz, M.S.R.D., staff dietitian at McLaren-Flint. “First, make sure the first ingredient is 100-percent whole grain, wheat or whichever grain you choose. Ingredients are listed in the order of volume they are in the bread.”

Next, Diaz said you should make sure there are at least 5 grams of fiber per serving. “Then, check labels for sodium, which ideally should be 130 mg or less, and watch for added sugars.”

Some of the favorite nutrient-dense breads mentioned by McLaren dietitians include Dave’s Killer Bread, an organic, non-GMO bread high in protein and fiber, and Ezekiel Sprouted Bread, a complete protein, found in the freezer section of your grocery store.

Another healthy choice, according to Nutritiouslife.com, is sourdough bread. The live yeast cultures that provide the tangy flavor negate the need for preservatives and result in the creation of lactic acid, which makes other important nutrients more digestible.
David Scott ranked as a Top Mortgage Originator in the nation

The State Bank congratulates Fenton resident David Scott for ranking as a Scotsman Guide 2018 Top Originator. Scott was ranked 64th in Top Dollar Volume for closed mortgages in 2018 with more than $125 million in closings, as well as 47th in units closed at 439 units. For the first time, Scott was also ranked 1st in Michigan based on his outstanding performance. Scotsman Guide, the leading resource for mortgage originators, released its 10th annual Top Originators rankings on April 1. Scott was ranked among entries from more than 3,000 mortgage professionals across the country. Craig Johnson, senior vice president of lending, said, “This represents the second year David has been recognized as one of the Nation’s Top Mortgage Originators. We would also like to recognize our outstanding Mortgage Support Team. Both David and the bank understand that none of these results would be possible without their equal commitment to serving our customers.”

Scott has been with The State Bank for six years, with his office based out of the company’s headquarters in Fenton. He resides in Fenton with his wife and two daughters.

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The ‘million-word’ advantage of reading to your children

Books with repeating patterns and rhymes help children learn

By Hannah Ball

Young children of parents who read one short book to them a day know nearly 300,000 more words than other kids by the time they enter kindergarten.

A study published in the “Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics” discovered this information, and also found that if parents read five short books to their kids a day, that number increases to 1.4 million.

Lead author Jessica Logan calls it the “million word gap.”

Katie Badgley, Genesee District Library children’s librarian, said reading to children from birth teaches them to associate feelings of “comfort and love” with books.

“It is the single most important thing parents can do to help children get ready to read,” Badgley said.

“Actually, they are telling the story through the pictures, learning how to hold the book, turn the pages from right to left and learning that letters make up words and that symbols have meanings. These are all important pre-reading skills,” Badgley said.

Caitlin Casarez, an eighth-grade teacher at Lake Fenton Middle School, reads to her son, Soren, 2, every day. His favorites are “Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?” These books are easy for children to memorize, which gives them confidence to narrate on their own.

“Dasher listens patiently while kids read to him and cuddle with him. Younger children can pet Dasher and listen while I read. He will be visiting our Burton Memorial, Flint Township, Flushing, Genesee-Johnson, Goodrich and Swartz Creek Branches this spring,” she said.
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Fenton/Linden co-op lacrosse teams capture recent victories

By David Troppens

Tuesday was a good night for the Fenton and Linden co-op varsity lacrosse teams, as both varsity squads earned victories.

The Fenton/Linden varsity girls lacrosse team (FLaX Heat) jumped to a 12-3 first half lead, eventually defeating Waterford United 19-3. Meanwhile, the Linden/Fenton varsity boys lacrosse squad jumped out to an early lead against East Lansing and then held on to post an 11-7 win.

The boys had a tight game, but did look on the verge of blowing the game out in the first quarter when they took a 3-0 lead in the first quarter.

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Fenton softball displays its dominance vs. Grand Blanc

By David Troppens

Fenton — Anyone who watched the Fenton varsity softball team play last season may think they are seeing a replay of the 2018 season.

That’s because the squad has 10 returning players. And so far the veteran squad has had a pretty decent start to the season.

The Tigers captured their first doubleheader sweep of the year Tuesday, defeating Grand Blanc with their potent offense, 6-3 in the opening game and 12-4 in the nightcap.

“We played pretty solid and that’s what we are looking for with this group,” Fenton varsity softball coach Ken Brant said. “We have a talented team learning to play together. ... We have 10 returning players and we knew that was going to be the dynamics of this group this year. We hit well and fielded well. We played an overall good game.”

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LF earns easy sweep vs. Lakeville

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — Haley Whittecar knows what it’s like to be on the Lake Fenton varsity softball team.

She’s been on the squad her entire Lake Fenton High School career and is now entering her senior season. And she’s not the only one with ample experience. Returning along with her are fellow seniors and longtime starters Allie LaVallier, Olivia Tanner and Taylor Godlewski. She loves that she’s going to be able to spend one more season with the girls she’s played softball with all her life.

“Right now we have five seniors that have grown up playing together,” Whittecar said.

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Fenton baseball sweeps Kearsley Hornets

The Lake Fenton varsity baseball team has started the season about as positive as a team can start one.

The Blue Devils swept Kearsley in a doubleheader. Lake Fenton won the first game 7-4, and then won the second 4-1.

Lake Fenton trailed 4-2 but scored three runs during that fifth, taking the lead for good. The inning started with a Cody Schramm double.

Landon Verhelle walked and an out later, Ben Schulze tripled in the runners, tying the game at 4-4. Hunter Schramm followed with a sacrifice fly, giving the Blue Devils a 5-4 lead.

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Linden soccer edges Goodrich, 1-0

Next school year, the Flint Metro League will be changing as three new teams will be joining the conference.

The Linden varsity girls soccer team apparently wants to welcome some of the squads a little earlier than some of the other schools.

The Eagles have played Lake Fenton and Goodrich in back-to-back games, two of the squads joining the Metro League during the 2019-20 school year.

The Eagles opened the series with a convincing 7-0 victory against Lake Fenton April 5 at home. The Eagles completed it by defeating Goodrich 1-0 at home Wednesday.

In a game played in cold weather, the two teams battled to a scoreless tie in the first half. In fact, it looked like the game would remain a scoreless draw until Linden broke the deadlock with about five minutes left. Taylor Acox scored on an assist by Melanie Strauss, earning the Eagles a 1-0 lead.

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Holly baseball defeats Notre Dame Prep

For a long time it looked like Masen Jewell’s jewel of a pitching performance was going to go for naught.

The Holly varsity baseball team trailed 1-0 entering the top of the seventh and the Bronchos’ bats couldn’t figure a way to score a run to help out their hurler.

Linden, Lake Fenton begin track seasons

It may have been cold Wednesday, but the Linden varsity girls track and field team probably didn’t mind.

After all, the Eagles won their first meet of the season during those weather conditions, earning 10 firsts in a victory against Powers and Lake Fenton. Linden scored 86 points, while Powers was second (66) and Lake Fenton (17) was third.

The squad has already played six contests, with the most recent two games being played within 24 hours of each other.

The Tigers tied Saginaw Heritage 1-1 on Wednesday and lost to Powers 3-1 on Thursday.

Lake Fenton soccer falls to Goodrich, 3-2

If there has been a busier team than the Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer team so far this spring, that squad isn’t located in the tri-county area.

The Blue Devils played their fourth game of the season, and played a big rival at that, losing a tough 3-2 verdict against the Goodrich Martians.

Price leads Holly to 2-0 win vs. Lakeland

By David Troppens

Holly — Payton Price is one happy senior.

And a lot of it has to do with her teammates on the Holly varsity girls soccer squad.

“I love my team,” Price said when asked about the season.

She probably also loves the results the team earned Thursday night against Lakeland.

Price, who is playing more on the wing this season, assisted two goals with crosses leading the Bronchos to a 2-0 victory against the visiting Eagles.

“I feel real comfortable crossing,” Price said. “I like crossing the ball in. So when I’m on the left side, I’m already on the outside, so I don’t have to work my way to the outside to cross it in. I think that helps a lot.

It helps because I can also check in the middle, too. I can do both. I think it opens up the field.”

Price’s potent play is a known entity on the Holly Bronchos’ squad, and has been ever since she became a varsity player. However, what may be different this season is that the squad may have more quality scoring options making the position change for Price possible.

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