

Genesee County no longer 'flying under the radar'

■ Agendas, minutes and videos of county meetings now posted online

By Hannah Ball

Approximately two years ago, if someone wanted to find out what happened at the Genesee

County Board of Commissioners meetings, they'd have to drive to the county offices in Flint, find a parking spot, go into the

“I’m very happy to see more transparency.”

Drew Shapiro
Former Genesee County commissioner

clerk’s office, wait in line, and pay to get a copy of the meeting minutes.

“The whole process was just outrageous,” said former Genesee County Commissioner Drew Shapiro, who served a

two-year term that ended at the beginning of 2019. He ran for the District 6 seat years ago on the promise of improving government transparency.

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IT'S TURTLE CROSSING SEASON!

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Downtown Linden building project underway



Contractors with Kincaid Building Group work on the former Union Block site Wednesday, April 24. The new project, spearheaded by orthodontist Dr. Nicole Wax, will be a 14,833-square-foot building and house four total tenants. See story on Page 8A. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Questions answered about controversial nonmotorized pathway

■ Affected properties will be offered compensation for land

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — Less than two weeks until the May 7 vote, volunteers for the potential nonmotorized pathway answered questions about the project at

See **PATHWAY** on 19A

“A good portion of it would be done without any lane closures at all.”

Jeffrey Huhta
Nowak & Fraus Engineers
managing partner

Linden man bound over for trial

■ Defense attorney confident his client will be vindicated

Rrok Dedivanaj, 40, of Linden, was bound over to Livingston County Circuit Court

on Tuesday, April 23 for a jury trial on five counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, force or coercion.

As previously reported, Lt. Jim Lynch of See **TRIAL** on 9A

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“Vote ‘yes’ or vote ‘no’ on the bike path initiative.



But please vote. Either way, educate yourself on the laws regarding cyclists on the road. Too many motorists still breaking the law and putting cyclists in danger.”

“Thank you to the person who ‘paid it forward’ on the evening of April 24 at the Linden McDonald’s. You sure made my day. I will pay it forward and make someone have that good feeling, too.”



“Absentee voting is now available to everyone in Michigan. Never stand in line again. If your community is voting Tuesday, May 7, stop in your township, village or city hall to apply to vote absentee. If you’re 18 years old or older and have never voted before, it’s a great time to register. Bring photo ID. It’s free.”



COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“I love how my police department is using social media to get messages to the public. I’ve seen so many pets returned to their owners because of the police Facebook page. Nice job.”



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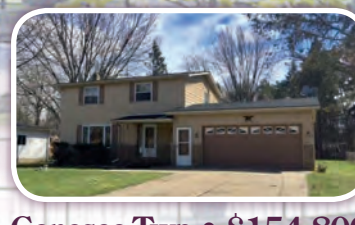
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Fenton Center of Hope offers hope, resources

■ Local need for the hungry and homeless is much greater here than most people think

By Sally Rummel

A 22-year-old mom of a 3-year-old child was found sitting in her car in the Target parking lot in Fenton when winter’s chill was just 20 degrees. She had no gas in the tank, no place to go and no hope.

“They were basically freezing,” said Bob Strygulec, executive director of Fenton Center of Hope with his wife, Jennifer.

Volunteers from the Fenton Center of Hope check local parking lots like these and work with the Fenton Police Department to turn a hopeless situation like this into a more hopeful future. “We were able to work with this young mother’s family in the area,” Bob said. “Her family wanted her home.”

If this young woman and her child had no family in the area, a volunteer would actually have taken them to a shelter where they would be warm and fed.

“We’re committed to making a change in their lives,” Bob said. “We don’t want



The Fenton Center of Hope is run by volunteers. (From left) Volunteers Barb Stice, Roberta Hopkins and Nancy Jenkins bag groceries Thursday, April 18. Photo: Tim Jagielo

to just throw dollars at them that won’t solve a long-term problem. Sometimes it takes years of interactions.”

Sad situations like these don’t always have a happy ending, and they are becoming more commonplace.

“Some people have no support system at all,” Bob said. “We get 20 to 30 hard situations every week. A slow day would be helping one or two people in need. A busy day would be seven or eight.”

See CENTER OF HOPE on 16A

Faith in Femininity Mother’s Day Drive — Friday, May 10


Faith in Femininity, a Fenton-area charity that collects and distributes feminine hygiene products for women in need, has donated hundreds of products to Center of Hope in Fenton. One of the founders and Lake Fenton student, Lindsey Gibb, said they make sure that the community pantry never runs out of pads and tampons.

This Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 12, Faith in Femininity is holding a drive for mothers and women in the community.

“Our hope is to raise \$2,000, which would be enough for us to serve 500 women. We will be hosting a special packaging party May 10 at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, and would like to make it a community event,” Gibb said. “If you’d like to help our special Mother’s Day cause, you can donate to our GoFundMe.”

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Memo from the Publisher

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Our commitment to a hometown paper won't change

Regular readers of The Times have noticed some changes in the paper over the last month – and a number of you have commented about the changes. Thank you for noticing and thank you for commenting.

Feedback on the change of the size of the Times has been split with most readers complimenting the change and a few wondering if the size change was a signal that they might be losing the “hometown feel” of the paper they’ve come to know and depend on. Please be assured, View Newspaper Group, above everything, cherishes and protects the individual identity of each of the 17 newspapers in our local, independently owned group. We abhor what we refer to as the cookie-cutter approach large corporate newspaper companies have taken with what were some of the best local weekly papers in the state. We respect the relationship the Tri-County Times has developed with our readers and the communities we cover. We pledge to



Wes Smith
GROUP PUBLISHER

maintain and continue to build that relationship.

The most commented upon change is the absence of the If I Were King column in our Midweek edition. Columnist Foster Childs wrote his 1,051st and last column for us on March 28. The King, with his usual indomitable spirit, head-

lined his final column with “Ding, Dong the King is dead!” (Yes, he wrote his own headlines, a privilege newspaper editors grant to only the most seasoned and cranky columnists.) The King signed off that column with, “And so, after 21 years, and by my own decision, this will be my last King column. Good bye, good luck — and thanks for reading.”

We miss The King’s pokes, rants, jokes and general observations of the human condition as much as our readers. Times editor Sharon Stone and View Newspaper Group brand manager Emily Caswell now take turns filling the Midweek edition space left by the King’s departure.

They’d both tell you that they ain’t the King, nor should we expect or want them to be. They are, however, both talented writers with something to say and I hope you give them a read to see what that is.

We’ll further shake up our columnist offerings on page 4A in our Weekend edition starting next weekend when we’ll begin a rotation of four writers, each bringing their own unique perspective to our readers over the course of each month.

We think it is important to bring a variety of voices to our readers to opine, inform and entertain. Our aim is to shift the focus to local, original content that can be found only in the Tri-County Times.

Speaking of voices, we always want to hear from you, our readers. I invite you to comment by way of a phone call or email to myself or our editor Sharon Stone, through your Hot Line contributions or by sending us a Letter to the Editor at news@tctimes.com. You can reach me by email at wsmith@mihomepaper.com.

Thanks for reading the Tri-County Times!

— Wes Smith, Group Publisher

Hotlines

Submit Hot lines online at myfenton.com or text to 810-771-8398

All submissions, if approved for publication, must be 50 words or less and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Tri-County Times. We reserve the right to edit for clarity, length and liability.

AGAIN, GRAY WOLVES have come under threat, and this time at the hands of the U.S. Congress. Republicans proposed Bill H.R. 6784, which proposes the removal of gray wolves from the endangered species list. This bill passed in the House and currently is in the Senate.

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TO THE WOMAN driving the red Jeep who cut me off Monday morning just to get to the Panera Bread drive-thru. Is your food more important than causing a car crash?

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YOUR CLAIM THAT since the investigation was funded with public money, the public has a right to read the unredacted report is bogus. That is like claiming you get to drive a nuke sub because it was purchased with taxpayer money. Nonsense.

■■■■
AT A FLINT restaurant, I asked the server why they keep it so chilly that diners have to wear coats while they dine and was told they want the servers to be comfortable. Restaurants, please realize that servers aren’t paying the bill while dining in chilly temperatures. Keep it comfortable for diners, not the servers.

What’s your best quality?

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

street talk



“I try to be friendly, to be pleasant and make someone else smile.”

Bernita Cheeseman
Fenton



“My kindness. I make a point to find a reason to be kind.”

Michael Rodriguez
Linden



“Endurance. Life is always challenging. Just trying to keep it all together is a full-time job.”

Annette Dulza
Fenton



“I’m friendly. That’s always the way I’ve been. When you work for a family business, you have to deal with people. It’s not easy for everyone to do that.”

Sue Burton
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“My wife. She takes care of me. Been together for 38 years.”

Don Burton
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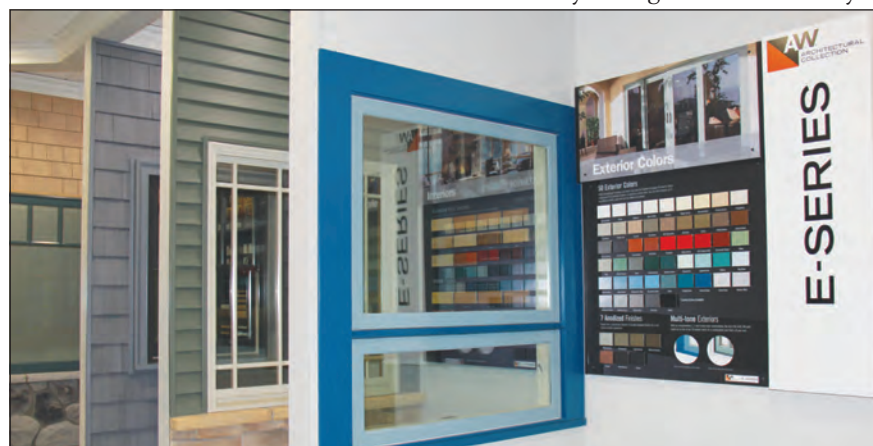
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State police arrest sex offenders in two-day sweep

Last week, Michigan State Police (MSP) troopers from the Sex Offender Enforcement Unit and Second District Fugitive Team joined with the U.S. Marshals Service for a two-day enforcement sweep in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties.

Dubbed "Operation Final Countdown" the operation resulted in the arrest of 12 non-compliant sex offenders.

According to F/Lt. Michael Shaw, there were no arrests in any of the local townships that MSP is the primary agency. That includes Holly and Rose townships.

Four arrest teams targeted 26 registered sex offenders who were in violation of the Michigan Sex Offenders Registration Act (SORA) and had outstanding felony warrants. The teams were successful in locating and arresting 12 individuals. Additionally, one offender was located in an out-of-state treatment facility.

All offenders were subsequently arraigned on their charges.

The SORA requires registered sex offenders to regularly report to their area law enforcement agency, sheriff's office or nearest MSP post to verify their address. Tier 1 offenders must verify their address annually during the month of their birth. Tier 2 offenders must verify their address semi-annually. Tier 3 offenders must verify their address quarterly. Failure to do so carries a penalty of up to two years of incarceration. All registered sex offenders must report certain changes to their information.

These changes must be made in person at their area law enforcement agency, sheriff's office or nearest state police post. Failure to do so is four-year felony.

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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

FENTON POLICE ARREST TWO SUSPECTS FOR PASSING SEVERAL FAKE \$100 BILLS

The Fenton Police Department arrested two adult males Wednesday, April 24 for passing counterfeit \$100 bills at four different businesses. Lt. Jeff Cross said police believe the suspects attempted to pass the fake bills at several other businesses, as well. Several counterfeit bills were passed in exchange for gift cards. The suspects are not from the immediate area. Cross said police believe there are other suspects involved, however, they have not confirmed this yet. The two suspects have been transported to the Genesee County Jail to await arraignment. If anyone has information or believes they, too, received counterfeit \$100 bills, call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

PURSE STOLEN FROM UNLOCKED VEHICLE

Sometime between 10:30 p.m., April 15 and 11:45 a.m., April 16, someone entered a vehicle parked in the 1200 block of Eastoak Drive in Fenton. After ransacking the inside of the vehicle, the suspect stole a purse containing valuable identification, cash and gift cards. There were no signs of forced entry. Lt. Jeff Cross of the Fenton Police Department said police are starting to see an increase in larcenies from autos, most likely because of the nicer weather. Police urge everyone to lock their vehicle doors at all times and to remove any valuable items for safe storage. Typically, locked vehicles are a deterrent for would-be thieves, Cross said.

STOCKBRIDGE MAN SHOPLIFTS IN FENTON

At 8:51 p.m. on April 19, Fenton police responded to a large retail store in the 3700 block of Owen Road to investigate a suspected retail fraud in progress. Lt. Jeff Cross said a loss prevention employee told police that they observed a customer selecting and concealing merchandise as he walked through the store. When the customer walked past the checkout without paying for the merchandise and exited the store, he was approached by a Fenton police officer and the loss prevention employee.

The customer was in possession of \$644 worth of merchandise. The customer, a 35-year-old Stockbridge resident, was arrested for second-degree retail fraud. Charges are pending.

HOLLY MAN TICKETED FOR BREAKING NEIGHBOR'S WINDOW

At 10:34 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, Holly police were dispatched to a home in the 300 block of North Street in reference to a "trouble call." Police dispatch said several callers reported a 46-year-old Holly man had been banging on doors and yelling that he wanted his phone back. One caller said the man broke out a door window at his home across the street. Upon arrival, police met with the complainant who said the suspect had been at the complainant's home earlier and left his cell phone. The suspect was ticketed for malicious destruction of property and released. Photos of the broken window and blinds were taken for evidence.

MARIJUANA AND LSD IN HOLLY SEND JUVENILE TO HOSPITAL

At 4:09 a.m. on April 20, Holly police responded to the 800 block of Maple Street for a male subject running around naked and jumping on vehicles. A female told police that the male had exited a nearby apartment. Police observed the male, identified as a Commerce Township resident, running toward police and waving his arms, while wearing just underwear. Police reported the male was yelling and not making any sense. Police went to an apartment and located other juveniles, who appeared to be under the influence of marijuana and possibly LSD. No parents were on scene. Parents were contacted. One male was arrested for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. One male was transported to an area hospital for medical treatment. Police said the marijuana and LSD were purchased in Commerce Township.

HOLLY HOME BROKEN INTO

On April 17, a 27-year-old Holly woman stopped by the Holly Police Department to report that her home on E. Maple Street had been broken into. She told police she left her apartment at 11 a.m. on April 17 and returned at 2 p.m. After returning home, she noticed that the TV in her bedroom was on her bed and a lockbox containing valuable papers and cash was missing. There were no signs of forced entry and police have no suspects.

LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

APRIL 28

2011: Phillip Garrido, 60, and his wife Nancy, 55, plead guilty to the 1991 kidnapping of 11-year-old Jaycee Dugard. The Garridos held Dugard captive at their Northern California property for 18 years, during which time Phillip Garrido fathered two children with her. The 29-year-old Dugard was rescued, along with her daughters, then ages 11 and 15, in 2009.

APRIL 29

2004: The National World War II Memorial opens in Washington, D.C., to thousands of visitors, providing overdue recognition for the 16 million U.S. men and women who served in the war. The memorial is located on 7.4 acres on the former site of the Rainbow Pool at the National Mall between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial.

APRIL 30

1945: Holed up in a bunker under his headquarters in Berlin, Adolf Hitler commits suicide by swallowing a cyanide capsule and shooting himself in the head. Soon after, Germany unconditionally surrendered to the Allied forces, ending Hitler's dreams of a "1,000-year" Reich.

MAY 1

2003: A record-breaking wave of tornadoes begins across the southern and midwestern United States. By the time the wave is

over, more than 500 tornadoes are recorded for the month, shattering the previous record by more than 100.

MAY 2

2011: Osama bin Laden, the mastermind behind the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the United States, is killed by U.S. forces during a raid on his compound hideout in Pakistan. The notorious, 54-year-old leader of Al Qaeda, the terrorist network of Islamic extremists, had been the target of a nearly decade-long international manhunt.

MAY 3

2007: Less than two weeks before her fourth birthday, Madeleine McCann of Rothley, England, vanishes during a family vacation at a resort in southern Portugal. McCann's disappearance prompted an international search however, she has never been found.

MAY 4

1970: In Kent, Ohio, 28 National Guardsmen fire their weapons at a group of antiwar demonstrators on the Kent State University campus, killing four students, wounding eight, and permanently paralyzing another. Two days earlier, the National Guard troops were called to Kent to suppress students rioting in protest of the Vietnam War. The next day, scattered protests were dispersed by tear gas, and on May 4 class resumed at Kent State University. By noon that day, despite a ban on rallies, some 2,000 people had assembled on the campus. National Guard troops arrived and ordered the crowd to disperse, fired tear gas, and advanced against the students with bayonets fixed on their rifles. Some of the protesters, refusing to yield, responded by throwing rocks and verbally taunting the troops.

Source: history.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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IF SO MANY people support this 'pathway project,' why aren't they donating their own money instead of advocating to take money from their neighbors via a tax increase? Vote 'no' on May 7.

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TO ALL THE voters out there. Remember when you vote for all the additional millages they want it comes from the property taxes of fixed income people especially elderly people that have owned their homes for years. Do we really need a bike path? Does the school really need more money or should they work to put their budget in better order?

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IT IS GETTING frightening for people who want to stay in their homes but are close to having to sell them because they can no longer afford the property taxes. You may be younger and can afford it but just remember, you will be on a fixed income at some point in time.

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HEY KIDS, TURN off all national cable news and make your parents proud. Hot-line humor; it never ends.

A FLIGHT ATTENDANT has reportedly fallen into a 'deep coma' after contracting measles.

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IMPACT OF CLIMATE change on fishing. One thing is certain. Favorite fishing holes will not remain the same. As temperatures gradually climb, lake and rivers will experience a change in species composition. Water levels may decline, increasing stress on fish populations and lessening chances for angler access.

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OPPOSING A TAX increase isn't the same as opposing the thing for which the tax presumes to pay. It's just opposing the proposed money grab itself. Don't let liars tell you differently.

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YOU CAN STOP a springtime catastrophe by spaying and neutering.

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FOR THE MILLIONTH time, I never said teens were 'the smartest.'

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WE FEEL AND share your pain on the bike path you will pay for. Holly put a bike lane on Saginaw that no one ever uses. Bikes are on the sidewalks here. I think if a bike is in the road, it automatically becomes a bike lane, such as Royal Oak, etc. What a waste of funding.

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Have you been hacked?

■ Viruses can infect computers through a variety of means

By Tim Jagielo

If you're worried about your computers and mobile devices falling prey to a malicious invading virus, you're probably not off base.

"That's healthy paranoia," Philip Erlenbeck said. He is systems administrator for the University of Michigan-Flint Information Technology Services (ITS). He's also a certified systems security professional and former security administrator.

Recently, the Genesee County offices fell prey to ransomware. "Ransomware" is malicious software, which holds data ransom by encrypting it and withholding the key until you pay what they are demanding. "It makes your information unusable," he said.

This can happen to anyone, not just larger targets, such as the county government.

This happens for a multitude of reasons. "Malware" or computer viruses can gain access to your computer through an email. It's called "phishing"

when you receive those suspicious emails asking for banking information, for example.

Another common method is through online ads that have been co-opted and corrupted by spammers. An ad on

an otherwise safe website could deliver a virus without even interacting with it.

The virus uses your web browser and helps itself to your files. "Boom, there goes your ransomware," Erlenbeck said. "The user doesn't do anything, it just happens."

See **HACKED** on 14A

Backing up your data is probably the best way to keep all that information safe. Saving documents, photos, music and anything else you need will make a virus attack easier to deal with.



The building under construction on the former Union Block property will house four businesses, including Dr. Wax Orthodontics, who owns the property. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Dr. Wax property project underway

By Tim Jagielo

Linden — The ground has been broken for the long-awaited new downtown Linden property project, owned and spearheaded by orthodontist Dr. Nicole Wax.

On Wednesday, April 24, workers with Kincaid Building Group continued foundation work laying large drainage pipes in the ground. Work started the previous Thursday.

Dixon Architecture and Conn Engineering of Linden are also involved.

This rebuilding started nearly

12 years following the fire that destroyed the old Union Block building. The parcel at the corner of Broad and Bridge streets has been empty since then.

Wax will hold an official groundbreaking soon. Her event on Wednesday had to be rescheduled.

About the future building

The development is a 14,833-square-foot building. It will house two yet to be identified tenants on the first floor, and Dr. Wax Orthodontics and another tenant on the second floor.

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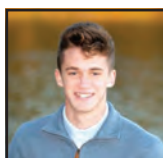
WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE MIDWEEK TIMES

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, April 24, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Our Future

Meet Brady Young, 18, a senior at Fenton High School.



Linden man facing multiple child porn felonies

Frank Borge Fell III, 72, is charged with downloading images on home computer.

Fenton man charged with domestic assault

Daniel Charles Ealovega, 39, is lodged in Genesee County Jail on \$30,000 cash bond.

Generation Gap

Marlo Davidson, 85, of Holly, and Kelsey Hoerauf, 35, of Linden answer the question: what rewards and challenges have you faced as a woman in business?

TRIAL

Continued from Front Page

the Livingston County Sheriff's Office said an 18-year-old South Lyon female reported the incident to the sheriff's office Dec. 17, 2018. He said the female alleged she had been sexually assaulted two days prior at a residence in Tyrone Township. She identified the suspect as Dedivanaj.

Attorney Michael Manley is representing Dedivanaj in this case. Following Tuesday's court hearing, Manley said, "The burden of proof required to have a trial is minimal. After hearing the evidence presented, I am confident that Mr. Dedivanaj will be completely vindicated."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHAT IS BLIGHT? Blight is solar panels along side of Michigan roads and blight is wind generators in Michigan's scenic areas. All put there with taxpayer money.

NO, I WILL not sit down. I will not shut up. At every opportunity, I will proclaim that Rick Snyder is the greatest governor Michigan has had in our lifetime.

LET'S BE CLEAR. Responsibility for the Flint water crisis rests with Flint citizens. They chronically elect

inept, corrupt, and criminal leadership. Elections have consequences and poisoned water is one.

THE SOCIALIST RICH. Generation after generation they never work. They avoid taxes yet use our hospitals, trains, planes and freeways. They enjoy the protection of our military, city and state police but never serve. Their contributions come from tax avoidance. The only real capitalists are the middle class.

I RECENTLY VISITED the Cancun Mexican restaurant in Fenton. Great cocktails, wonderful appealing food, excellent service, music and colorful atmosphere.

ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP SECURED grant money for its part of the LAFF Pathway cost, so why did Fenton, Linden and Fenton Township resort to sticking their residents with an intentionally under-publicized May 7 tax grab?

DID YOU KNOW that 'renewal' is just a code word for 'increase?' If you don't pass a tax renewal, your taxes go down. Passing it is an increase over what your taxes could be.

IN RESPONSE TO the writer about choosing a doctor. I would never choose a doctor if I knew he became one only for money. Never.



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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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I AM GLAD to see that Gov. Whitmer is smart enough to at least examine the straits tunnel as an option for shipping oil and gas through Michigan. Completely stopping shipment would be financially and environmentally irresponsible.

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DEMOCRATS CONTINUE TO prove they are mentally ill in their complete hatred of Donald Trump.

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WITH THE DEMOCRATS, you just can't win. Their own investigator said there wasn't enough evidence. Now, the Democrats want to redo the whole thing because they aren't happy with the outcome. Incredible.

■ ■ ■
THE HOT LINE poster asked what the agenda of the 'cry wolf' climatologists is. It's simple. Make as much money from the bleeding heart liberals as they can. Al Gore flies around in a Gulfstream costing about \$35 million. It spews more pollution per mile than a thousand cars do in a year.

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HOW CAN ONE not be excited about a walking, skating, bicycle path that connects our little towns? I just hope it happens during my lifetime.

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YOU WOULD THINK with the massive tax relief you got from Trump's tax cuts you could afford to pay for some upgrades in our community.

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SO, 2.25 MILLS for Fenton schools? You must be kidding? This community, schools and public works need to start budgeting toward rewarding the homeowners, not running them out of town. Tax tax tax. Sorry, we've had enough.

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MICHIGAN HUNTERS SHOULD be able to pursue the sandhill cranes — as a game species, resolutions introduced in the state House and Senate proclaim. House Resolution 61 and Senate Resolution 30 ask the Natural Resources Commission to add the birds to the state game species list and to seek federal approval.

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THE RABBIT AND eggs are symbols of our northern Native European religion. They represent rebirth and fertility that we celebrate during the Spring Equinox, which is dedicated to Ostara the Germanic Goddess of fertility or as the Christian Saint Bede called her, Esotere, which is where your word for Easter comes from.



Lake Fenton High School senior Brianna Johnson won the Youth Entrepreneurship Pitch Challenge Tuesday, April 16. Photo: Hannah Ball

'Green Grocer' wins business pitch competition

■ Students compete in Youth Entrepreneurship Pitch Challenge

By Hannah Ball

Lake Fenton — An environmentally friendly grocery store.

A service that runs errands for you while you're at work.

A food catering business.

These were a few of the business ideas pitched by 10 Lake Fenton High School students Tuesday, April 16 during the Youth Entrepreneurship Pitch Challenge, a nationwide program in which Genesee County participates.

The winner, senior Brianna Johnson, pitched "The Green Grocer," a store that focuses on reducing waste at grocery stores. She won a \$100 gift card and will compete against winners from other districts at the Genesee Career Institute on May 1.

Shannon Fray, Lake Fenton High School teacher, organized the event, which was funded through the Mott Foundation. They provided a \$100 gift card to the winner, \$50 gift card to second place and a \$25 gift card to third place.

"The goal was to get kids in a growth, entrepreneurial spirit. Get that growth potential that they have in them," she said.

Students have never run out of money while building a storefront or

been told "no" in the "real world" yet, Fray said, so she wanted to take advantage of that blind faith to get them to be creative.

She said it went "really well."

The students, dressed in business attire, stood in front of three judges to deliver their pitches. Judges included Chelsea Mills, owner of Behind Your Design, Michael Cicalo, who works at General Motors and is on the Lake Fenton Board of Education, and Kimberly Pfeiffer, a real estate agent for Lasco Real Estate.

The second place winner was sophomore Cody Sheltraw with the "Charcoal Absorber," a company that makes a beanbag style odor-absorber to put in your locker, backpack and more.

Third place went to junior Mackenzie Moore, who pitched "Moore Festive," a company that decorates homes for the holidays.

Fray hoped the Youth Entrepreneurship Pitch Challenge would show the students that they can start their own business.

"For so long, we were so post-secondary minded. We only wanted kids to go to college and that was the only option. But now we're looking more at trade and vocational programs and we're looking at these entrepreneurial options," she said. "It's to give them more options."

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It's turtle crossing season

By Hannah Ball

A turtle crossing the road is not an unusual sight in spring, especially because the tri-county area is rich with inland lakes.

But what do you do with the turtle? Leave it? Move it to a water source?

“When you see a turtle crossing the road, you can move the turtle to the other side of the roadway if you can do so safely,” said Holly Vaughn, wildlife communications coordinator with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

She said to keep the turtle facing the same direction they were originally going and place them in the grass.

“Over the next few months, turtles will be moving quite a bit. Females will be moving from the water onto land and they will sometimes move fairly long distances to get to a desirable nesting location. If you see a turtle in your yard, it could be a female laying eggs,” she said.

Caution is advised with snapping turtles, which can be identified by their longer legs and spiky ridge. Snapping turtles are longer than other turtle breeds.

“It is quite dangerous to move a large snapping turtle. They have long necks and extremely powerful jaws. If you do attempt to move a snapping turtle, make sure to handle them at the back of the shell near the tail. Never pick up a turtle by the tail — it can damage the tail,” Vaughn said.



“Females will be moving from the water onto land and they will sometimes move fairly long distances to get to a desirable nesting location.”

Holly Vaughn

Michigan Department of
Natural Resources wildlife
communications coordinator

Wearing gloves is not necessary, but make sure to wash your hands afterward.

In southeast Michigan, the most common breeds of turtles are painted turtles, snapping turtles, spiny soft-shell turtles and map turtles. It's also not advised to capture turtles found in the wild to keep them as pets. Vaughn said this affects the turtle population and that the animals should be left in the wild.

More animals — raccoons and opossums

According to the DNR, Michigan is experiencing a “progressive loss” of woodlands and farmlands to development, meaning less land is available to wildlife. This includes raccoons, who often like to hide in chimneys and attics as alternative shelter to woodlands.

The DNR recommends eliminating the attraction for these animals, such as raccoon and opossums, which get into people's trash, hide under decks and irritate pets. Pick up any refuse, garbage and pet food outdoors around the building.

The raccoon population is increasing. With a permit, the DNR allows hunting and trapping for the animals, which is the preferred and most practical method of population control. They can be captured and set free under the nuisance animal control program guidelines.

Raccoons can only be set free in the county they were captured in. Go to michigan.gov to see more rules.

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500 free saplings for Arbor Day



The Fenton Beautification Commission bagged 500 saplings to be given away for free. Paul Overmyer does the initial sorting, while (from left) Pat Lockwood, Dawn Overmyer and Denise Penwell bag them. The commission purchased the saplings from the Arbor Day Foundation. Arbor Day 2019 was Friday, April 26. The commission delivered 300 saplings to third-grade students at Fenton Area Public Schools and distributed nearly 200 at Fenton City Hall on Friday. **Photo: Tim Jagielo**

BUSINESS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Linden Kitchen & Bath, Inc. wins 14th President's Club Award
Showplace Cabinetry recently named Linden Kitchen & Bath, Inc. a 14th-year "President's Club Award" winner for exceptional cabinetry sales, placing them among the top Showplace dealers nationwide. "In 2018, as a company, we celebrated our best year yet in terms of sales volume. That continued growth and success is made possible by the hard work and dedication of successful, valued dealer-partners like Linden Kitchen & Bath," said Paul Sova, Showplace president and CEO.

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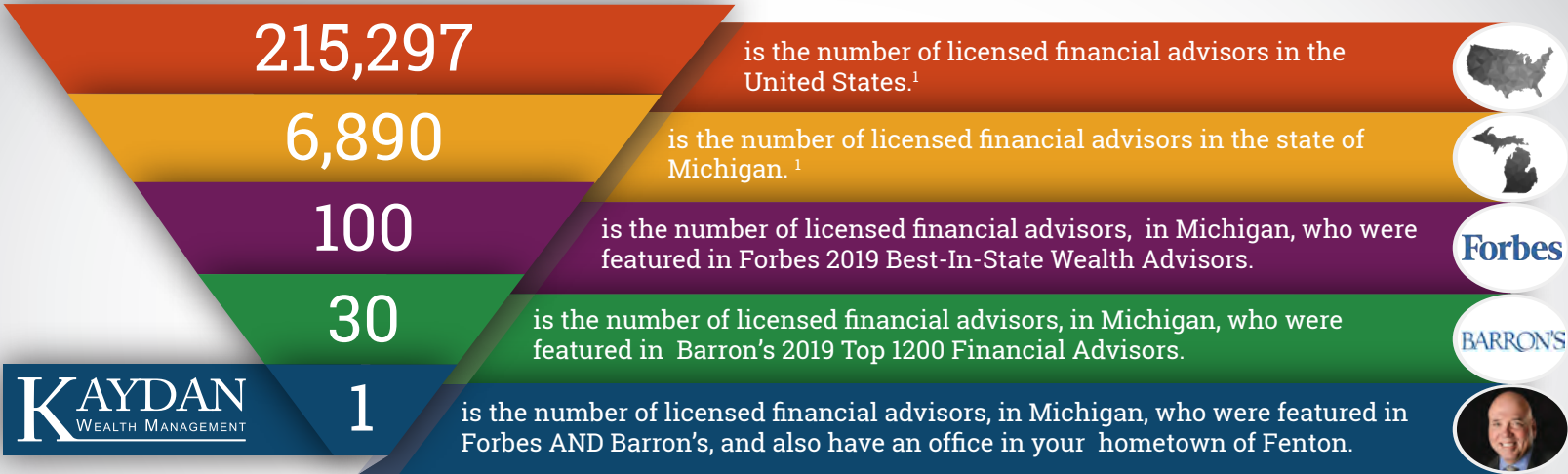


NEWS BRIEFS

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Holly High School 119th Banquet & Meeting
Attention all graduates of Holly High School. The Alumni Association will hold its 119th Banquet and Meeting on Saturday, June 1, at Holly High School, 6161 E. Holly Rd., Holly. Social hour begins at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Space is limited. Advance dinner reservations are required. Tickets are \$20. To reserve your spot, send check to Holly High School Alumni, P.O. Box 361, Holly, MI 48442 no later than May 15. Include all (maiden) names, year of graduation for each ticket ordered, and if not a graduate, indicate "G" for guest. For any other details, call (248) 328-0939.

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Annie Anglim, Cause & Affect Gallery owner, director and curator, wanted to start a business that not only displayed and sold art, but also worked on important causes through art. Her business opened March 2. Photo: Tim Jagielo

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:

Cause & Affect Gallery brings art with a purpose

■ New art gallery in Fenton committed to supporting community causes and artists

By Sally Rummel

This is not your ordinary art gallery. Cause & Affect Gallery, which opened March 2 at 126 N. LeRoy St. next to Fenton Flowers & Gifts, celebrates art with a purpose.

The studio is filled with art representing 40 Michigan artists, plus student art displays, a workshop area for artists with disabilities and a commitment to donate a portion of all proceeds to various non-profit groups.

A resident of Fenton for more than 30 years, owner/artist Annie Anglim's goal is to create a positive "cause and affect" in her community. The first recipient

will be the Fenton Arts Council for their Arts Are The Heart summer programs.

Anglim has her own working art studio, Anglim Art & Design, inside the gallery, where she also conducts workshops on various art forms. An open studio is held every Tuesday, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The gallery has also partnered with Buy The Change, a group of women artisans living in poverty where opportunity is scarce and exploitation is common. Buying their goods at fair trade provides life-saving income for these women from Cambodia, India and Kenya.

Cause & Affect Gallery is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, 12 to 8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., closed Sunday and Monday. For more details, call (810) 354-8214.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I WOULD REALLY like to know exactly who is paying the illegal aliens to march to our borders. Most of them look pretty well fed and have nice clothes. There also seems to be many more military-aged young men.

AMERICANS ARE FORTUNATE to live in a country where most citizens can live comfortably on their wages and less fortunate citizens and foreigners all over the world are helped by American taxpayers. Should any foreigner be given financial preference over the needs of America and our citizens?

FENTON IS NOT Royal Oak. Do not install parking meters. We're a small town. Let's keep it that way.

THANK YOU, VERA Hogan, for your very informative article, 'Say no to plastic.'

POLITICIANS DO HAVE standards; they are just really, really low.

TO THE PERSON asking for money in front of Burger King... turn around, they are hiring and so is every place in Fenton.

IT'S THE END of April. Take down your Christmas decorations and clean up your yard on Seymour Road.

HERE WE GO again. The media 'experts' have already awarded the Michigan Wolverines with the Big 10 title and a place in the national title game. LOL.

I'M FOR THE 'pathways.' We need safe routes for our kids to walk to school. Also not everyone owns a car to access employment.

PEOPLE ASK HOW anyone can vote for Trump. Well, I believe our founding fathers knew what they were doing when they wrote the Constitution. I will vote for the person most likely to support most what I believe in, and don't care if they are male, female, black, white, or gay.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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YOUR REVISIONIST HISTORY is malarkey. A cursory review of prosperous countries vs. third world countries reveals capitalism as the root cause for growth and prosperity. Socialism is the greatest creator of poverty.

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CITING NIXON'S ETHICS for releasing tax returns disproves your entire argument. Fact: Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush, Clinton,

Bush and Obama are only eight of 45 presidents. Eighty-two percent of presidents have not released tax returns. Trump is in the majority on this issue. Stop Googling; think for yourself.

■■■■
FDR'S 'WORKS PROGRAMS' did nothing to reduce Depression-era poverty. Selling arms to the world during WWII did. The creation of the American middle class during the '40s and '50s resulted from capitalism.

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HACKED

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What can you do to protect your computer and devices?

Erlenbeck said anti-virus software is one layer of protection against malware.

PCmag.com listed its top 17 choices for free anti-malware software for computers. Its first choice was Avast Free Antivirus 2017; its second was Kaspersky Free. AVG AntiVirus Free is its third choice.

Erlenbeck suggests checking out the UM-Flint's own "safe computing" web-

site at safecomputing.umich.edu. It has several helpful topics.

To secure your mobile device in public, the site suggests using a passcode to keep your phone safer if it's stolen.

For laptops and mobile devices, you should also stay on WiFi networks you trust, and keep the software for both updated so it can recognize the most current forms of malware.

Backing up your data is probably the best way to keep all that information safe. Saving documents, photos, music and anything else you need will make a virus attack easier to deal with.

Store them in an external hard drive or thumb drive, not permanently connected to your computer, or store it in the cloud.

The "cloud" is online data storage, such as Google Drive or Dropbox.

So what do you do if you're infected with ransomware?

While situations vary, the best solution might be to reset your operating system and start over from scratch. This solution doesn't require a professional's help. "That's a lot quicker, cleaner and easier if you don't have to remove malicious software," Erlenbeck said.

This is made much easier if you have all that data backed up, as discussed above.

Regardless of your data, the first step is not to pay the demands. "If you pay you're just funding the next wave of ransomware," he said. Also there's no guarantee that if you pay, you'll be able to unlock your information.

The next step is reporting it to the authorities. There's unfortunately no guarantee a technology professional will be able to help unlock your information.

Because there are so many different kinds of ransomware or malware, there's no single solution for all of them. "It's complex; each individual case might be different," Erlenbeck said.

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Debt-free degree

■ Local student offers advice on getting through college with as few loans as possible

By Sally Rummel

College student Ray Kromer, 22, is defying all the statistics.

With the average student loan debt among the Class of 2018 at \$29,800, he plans to graduate from college in 2020 or 2021 with little or no debt.

Anyone can do what he has done, said Kromer, "even if you're already in college and on a path of big student loan debt. Get a job, use that money for college and maybe earn half of your way. You'll be impoverished now but it's only temporary. You'll feel so much better when you get out of school and have options."

Kromer started early on his plans to pay his own way through college since his sophomore year at Fenton High School.

"My parents aren't rich," he said. "My dad's a math teacher and my mom runs a non-profit but is mostly a stay-at-home mom. I'm the oldest with four brothers and sisters after me. My younger brother, Dean, 20, is already on his way to graduating from college debt-free."

Kromer knew he would pay for college with scholarships, grants and Tuition Assistance Programs at work. "I had a Plan A, Plan B, even a Plan C," Kromer said. "Every job I've had was determined

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Ray Kromer

Debt-free college student

Are millennials killing the housing industry?

■ They save higher percentage of income than other generations

By Hannah Ball

While millennials are blamed for killing the housing industry, the issue is more complicated than an attention-grabbing headline.

The financial issues millennials face provide context for the generation's spending and saving habits.

Millennial financial issues

Brice Carter, a certified financial planner and a millennial, hosts the podcast Prosperity by the Pint, where he talks about money while drinking beer. In one episode, he discussed financial problems millennials face.

Carter, who lives in Fenton Township, cited a USA Today article that stated the median income for millennials is approximately 40K a year.

"Which is 20 percent less than baby boomers at this stage in life when they were our age," he said. "That is outstanding. At our age, compared to the baby boomers at our age, our net worth is 56 percent less."

Millennials are better educated than previous generations. According to Pew Research, approximately 39 percent of millennials had a bachelor's degree or higher in 2018 compared to only 15 percent of the silent generation in 1968 and 25 percent of baby boomers in 1982.

Student debt is a major issue. According to National Public Radio, student loan debt has more than doubled in the U.S. to around \$1.5 trillion. Fewer benefits are offered, too. In the 1980s, 60 percent of private companies provided a pension. Today, it's 4 percent.

"We have less income, we're starting working later because we're going to college which has led us to have student loans and our benefits are worse. Millennials are knocked for being entitled and lazy but I don't think it's warranted," Carter said in his podcast.

“At our age, compared to the baby boomers at our age, our net worth is 56 percent less.”

Brice Carter

Certified financial planner

Effect on economy

Headlines about millennials killing industries are frequent, but not all are true.

The Federal Reserve estimates that student debt is one of the reasons fewer millennials are buying homes. Homeownership rates for people ages 24 to 32 dropped nearly 9 percent between 2005 and 2014. About 20 percent of that decline can be attributed to student debt, according to the Federal Reserve.

Some financial experts say this doesn't mean millennials will never be able to afford a house; they'll just wait until later in life. Approximately 40 percent of people who go to college do not finish in six years, according to the Housing Finance Policy Center at the Urban Institute. This delays financial stability and marriage.

Millennials are still buying cars.

From 2007 to 2011, the number of



Millennials are more likely to use technology to track their money using cellphone apps.

Photo: Metro Creative Connection

cars purchased by people aged 18 to 34 fell nearly 30 percent, according to edmunds.com, but millennials came back full force in 2012. Young adults are now buying cars at a higher rate than they did 11 years ago, according to a National Automobile Dealers Association study that came out in 2018.

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WELL IT'S APRIL 24 at 8:10 a.m. and here comes the yellow bomber. I guess it is officially spring. **Editor's note:** *Advanced Pest Management coordinates the aerial larvicide operation with Evans Aviation, which will conduct the flights (in the small yellow plane) to treat approximately 600 acres of swamps and other areas not reachable by vehicle.*

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Volunteer Amy Bigelow assists Dawn Helgeson of Fenton with her groceries. Helgeson said the volunteers have helped her out with a fridge, and helped her spiritually. **Photo: Tim Jagielo**

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What sets Fenton Center of Hope apart from other need-based organizations is that they look for the root problem that is causing a person to experience hunger, unemployment or homelessness. They also are strict about working only with local families in the Fenton (60 percent), Linden (20 percent) and Holly (20 percent) geographical areas.

Fenton Center of Hope has a huge, well-stocked, on-site free-choice food pantry/warehouse that is merchandised like a grocery store, including shopping carts; a baby closet for infant and toddler necessities and life-style classes in crockpot cooking, freezer meals and budgeting for people who need help with these skills.

Currently, six churches partner together to help with the food pantry, on the Fenton Center of Hope campus at 2525 W. Shiawassee Ave. in Fenton.

They also have certified car seat installers on staff to help families keep their children safe in all different vehicle makes and models.

When someone comes to them in need, either Bob or Jennifer Strygulec,

or both, sit down with that person to evaluate their needs and set forth a process that will improve their situation for the longterm. What that looks like depends on the individual — it may be a better paying job, an apartment or regular food on their family's table.

All of this work is accomplished by a team of nearly 60 people, including the Strygulecs. Providing an even larger network of resources is the partnerships that Fenton Center of Hope fosters with more than 70 churches, businesses and organizations on a local, state and national scale.

A recent partner addition is the international disaster relief agency, Convoy of Hope, one of only two such partnerships in Michigan.

"It's another opportunity for us to get products like Kellogg's Cereals from their million-square-foot warehouse," Bob said.

The need is growing locally

One to one-and-a-half years ago, the Fenton Center of Hope assisted 84 families per month. In 2019, this organization is serving more than 200 families per month.

“A true homeless person used to be someone we'd see every four to six weeks; now it's weekly.”

Bob Strygulec
Fenton Center of Hope

DEBT-FREE

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by how it would benefit my goals for college. Even if one job paid less per hour than another, if it came with a Tuition Assistance Program, I took it."

He admits he had to put a lot of typical teenage activities on hold while he pursued his goals for college. His senior year was spent working on scholarship applications. "A lot of kids don't even touch the packet," he said. "I filled out every single one."

His efforts paid off. He earned the \$5,000 per year John F. and Edith L. Wilsterman Scholarship Trust, plus other merit-based scholarships.

Kromer's criteria for choosing a college was its affordability, from tuition to living expenses, the cost of five years versus four, etc.

Now in his fourth year at Oakland University in Rochester, Kromer is majoring in operations management with a minor in finance. His goal is to work in the space industry, either rocket technology, NASA's Rover programs or SpaceX.

Kromer credits his parents, Dave and Tami Kromer of Tyrone Township, with instilling him with a hard work ethic and a lot of financial support from the sidelines.

"My parents have done a lot for me, from letting me live at home this year

for just \$100 a month to pay for food and insurance, to providing access to a car for my commute. It's a lot cheaper than having an apartment," he said.

Kromer worked at McDonald's in Hartland and took advantage of its Tuition Assistance Program which provides \$2,500 per year if you work for 15 hours a week for three months. He recently picked up another job at Two Men & A Truck, a moving company.

He plans to save about \$6,000 this summer, which will help fund his fifth year of school, along with a monthly

tuition payment plan that he'll pay out of pocket. He realizes that he may have to get a small student loan, but that would be his worst case scenario if he maxes out the credits he needs to take to graduate.

Other work advice for college students is that a job on campus will cost less in taxes than off-campus employment. He also sold plasma twice a week for food money and an allowance for saving up for things he wanted or needed to buy. "It takes a lot of budgeting and planning," Kromer said.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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MILLENNIALS

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Millennial advantages

"We're perhaps the most disruptive generation that this country's ever seen, and I think that says a lot," Carter said.

Millennials are more likely to use technology to track their money using apps such as Mint.

Carter mentioned how it's easier now than ever to have a "side hustle," or an extra way of making money besides a 9-5. This includes driving for Uber or Lyft, renting out a room for Airbnb and more.

One Nerdwallet article found that millennials are the best generation at saving. This age group saves approximately 10 percent of its income for retirement. Generation X saves about 8 percent and baby boomers save around 5 percent.

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McLaren welcomes pulmonologist to medical staff

Ibrahim Al-Sanouri, MD, board certified pulmonologist, has joined the medical staff at McLaren Flint. Al-Sanouri is seeing patients at Pulmonary Associates, PC, G-3252 Beecher Rd., Suite C, Flint. Al-Sanouri completed fellowships in pulmonology, critical care and allergy immunology at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit. He completed his residency at Case Western Reserve University Affiliated Hospitals in Youngstown, Ohio. He earned his medical degree from Damascus University in Damascus, Syria. Al-Sanouri is accepting new patients and can be reached by calling (810) 230-6800.

GENESEE COUNTY

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That goal was achieved.

In March 2017, Shapiro and Clerk John Gleason spoke at a press conference about putting the meeting minutes online. It cost the county \$850, Shapiro said. The county has gone even further in transparency efforts.

Today, anyone can go to gc4me.com and find the minutes, along with explanations and informational packets on nearly every item on the agendas. The website now includes the agendas, a summary of the meetings and a video of the meeting if one was taken.

This doesn't only apply to Board of Commissioner minutes. It also applies to the Finance Committee, the community and Economic Development Committee, the Public Works Committee and more.

"I'm very happy to see more transparency. In any situation there's always more you can do, but certainly it's far better than it was," Shapiro said. "They used to post the agendas online, but not the minutes. It allowed a lot of things to fly under the radar. Commissioners would have closed-door conversations. Then they'd add something to the agenda last minute. The public was not really aware."

Gleason said putting the information online was "easy."

"We thought it was simple. We don't like secrecy," he said. "We thought there was a fair level of misdeeds. We fought hard to elevate the transparency in this county."

These efforts help make the public aware of the many special assessment districts in the county. Residents can discover if there's a project on their road that will affect roads or their finances.

The next step in transparency is live

streaming the meetings as they occur. Gleason said he wishes to partner with Genesee District Libraries to show the meetings in their locations.

"Oakland County does it. There's not many who do it. We think it's critical," he said. "One of the most important reasons for this transparency now is with the Flint water situation because of the different agencies and departments that deal with public health. They go before the board."

This drastic change has made Genesee County more transparent than most local municipalities. Fenton, Fenton Township, Tyrone Township, Linden,

Rose Township, Holly Township and Village all post their agendas and meeting minutes online. Argentine Township does not post agendas for meetings, but it does post minutes once they've been approved.

The townships of Fenton, Tyrone, Holly and Rose, along with the village of Holly, videotape their meetings.

Fenton Township meetings can be viewed on channel 191 for customers of Charter (Spectrum) Communications. The link to see Rose Township meetings is at the bottom of rosetownship.com under the "important information" tab, which will take you to YouTube. Tyrone Township, Holly Township and Holly Village meetings can be viewed on YouTube as well.

Open Meetings Act of 1976

This law states that all meetings of a public body must be open to the public and held in a public space. The public is allowed to videotape and live broadcast the proceedings. Prior approval from the applicable public body, such as a board or commission, is not necessary, but the public body can create reasonable rules to minimize disruptions.

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PATHWAY

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an informational meeting Wednesday, April 24, at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center.

Voters in Fenton, Fenton Township and Linden will see on their May 7 ballot a millage question to amend the Southern Lake Parks and Recreation charter to include levying 1.2 mills to raise funds for a nonmotorized pathway in the three municipalities. The 10-year millage would raise more than \$1.4 million in the first year. The estimated cost of the pathways is almost \$14 million.

The pathways would be 10 feet wide with 2-foot easements on either side. Plans also include sections of boardwalks, such as locations along Silver Lake, which will be 14 feet wide.

How many properties will be affected? What about easements?

On Silver Lake Road, there are 18 properties they need easements from, said Jeffrey Huhta, managing partner at Nowak & Fraus Engineers. He's hoping property owners will donate the strip of property, but they are required by law to offer compensation based on a fair market value for the land. This number varies on the property.

"Hopefully we can do everything within the public right-of-way but we don't know yet," he said. The ditch next to the road is in the public right-of-way, and sometimes that right-of-way extends farther into someone's yard. There are some spots on Silver Lake Road where the houses are close to the road, and they will be constructing curb and gutter so the pathway can be closer to the road.

How many years will it actually take to complete this project?

Ed Koledo, chair of Southern Lakes Pathway Initiative, said it will take 10 years to collect the money, but the projects will not take 10 years.

Huhta said this job could be built out in as little as five years. It depends on how fast they can acquire grant dollars. They expect to start the Silver Lake

Corridor in the spring of 2021. Owen and Fenton road pathways could be constructed simultaneously.

Why don't you fix the roads first?

Pat Lockwood, Fenton mayor pro tem, said the November 2018 road millage that would have funded construction for improved roads in Fenton and Linden failed at the ballots.

"When you look at the city's budget, you know there's no way the city can spend that kind of money to fix all the roads," she said, adding that they're in discussions with the state about how revenue sharing

has decreased over the years, reducing the city's revenue. She mentioned how redoing two-and-a-half streets in one subdivision cost \$800,000. Fenton City Council is working on other options to fix the roads.

Are you going to expand current sidewalks to match the pathway?

Huhta said it boils down to how many grant dollars they will receive and what the priorities will be. He believes the goal will be to have consistent pathways along the trails, but creating pathways where there isn't one is going to be a higher priority.

How were the routes determined?

Genesee County did a countywide survey about five years ago to gain public input on recreation. Huhta said they looked at population density and chose areas that would connect the most people, such as subdivisions.

Will there be road lane closures?

Silver Lake Road is "probably" a six-month long construction process, Huhta said. Work would coincide with the typical Michigan constructions season, from June to October or November. He expects some intermittent lane closures along the roads when they're constructing curbs and gutters, but closures would typically take place between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., not during rush hours.

"A good portion of it would be done without any lane closures at all," Huhta said. "I would expect we would do it

under flag control."

Who would handle maintenance and snow removal?

SLPR would handle maintenance. The municipalities would have to decide if they want to use the pathways during the winter months.

Are electric bicycles allowed?

Koledo said yes. He cited a Michigan statute that allowed electric bicycles on nonmotorized pathways as long as they don't go faster than a certain speed.

About the pathway and funding

The first section to be built would be a pathway on the south side of the Silver Lake Corridor, from Triangle Park in Linden to connecting sidewalks in Fenton. Huhta said this corridor would create an 11-mile loop for recreation.

The next two planned projects would be a pathway on Owen Road and one on Fenton Road to Thompson Road. It would connect to the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park.

SLPR is hoping to get dual bonds to pay for the pathway — one for the

Silver Lake Road pathway and one for the next phases. They would use money from the millage to pay off the bond and to apply for more grants.

"You need to have that money to match the funds they're going to give you for whatever the requirements are," Koledo said, adding that sometimes they need to match 25 or 50 percent. "This would allow us to have that coming in, have that connectability, and it just really amplifies (the process)."

What happens after 10 years?

It is not automatically renewed. If the community wishes to build more pathways after the 10 years, another millage can be voted on.

What happens if the vote fails in one municipality?

It fails. The vote has to pass in all three municipalities for it to be approved. Lockwood said the charter amendment on the ballot requires a majority vote of the electors in each municipality according to the Metropolitan District Act, which SLPR operates under.


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For the second year in a row, the fun starts long before the Gus Macker Tournament actually begins with Macker Mondays! Leading up to the Macker tournament, you can enter this 3-point contest by registering at the event every Monday on June 3rd, 10th, and 17th from 5pm to 7pm! Participants will take their shots from a 19-foot distance and will get 12 shots, four each from center, left and right. The top scorers will be invited to a shoot-off during Macker weekend on June 22nd, where a final winner will take home a cash prize of \$250! "You can come every week to better your performance," said Linda Hathaway, co-chairperson of the Gus Macker.

We're in the process of securing the location and sponsor so stay tuned for details! However, if you have been accepted to college to play basketball, you can't accept prize money for playing, according to National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) rules. Registration for the Tournament is now open, so get your 4 person team together for Linden's Gus Macker Tournament on June 22nd and 23rd. For more information, contact the Chamber at (810) 629-5447.



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Holly doubles team April Tetlow (right) and Jenna Johnson won this match against Fenton. Photo: Chris Summers

Holly tennis enjoying another strong season

By David Troppens

Fenton — During their Holly varsity girls tennis careers seniors Taylor Barrett and Megan McReynolds have enjoyed great success.

As freshmen, the Bronchos placed sixth at the Division 2 state meet, and each of the last two seasons they have placed fifth. The squad has dominated Metro action and have had some pretty eye-popping performances at regional competitions as well.

Now the only question that remains is what does this class do for an encore? So far, the results have been pretty impressive in Flint Metro League action. The Holly Bronchos are 3-0 in Metro dual play after beating Fenton 8-0 on Tuesday as well as Clio 6-2 and Kearsley 7-1 on Wednesday.

"It means a lot to me because I've been around since I was 8 and have traveled with these girls since I was in seventh grade," McReynolds said about the Holly tradition. "Being on the team my freshman year was a dream to me, and then going that far at state and then the next year further and the next year further is exciting. This year we have really high expectations. We hope we can go even further."

"We've all worked hard," Barrett said. "We put the effort in and we just have fun together. That's all that really matters."

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Freshman's goal leads Tigers past Eagles, 2-1

By David Troppens

Linden — On a team dominated by strong senior players, the Fenton varsity girls soccer team had a freshman step up against the Tigers' biggest rivals Wednesday night.

Freshman Celeste Hindmon scored what ended up being the game-winning goal, with 34 minutes left in the game, lead-

ing the Tigers to a 2-1 victory against the Linden Eagles.

The win keeps the Tigers (4-0) atop the Flint Metro League standings as Fenton approaches the midpoint of the season.

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Linden's
Autumn Stamos and
Fenton's Erin Conroy



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Bronchos' pitching sparks DH sweep vs. Brandon

By David Troppens

Holly — If pitching ends up deciding the Flint Metro League baseball race, the Holly Bronchos should feel good about their chances of being a serious contender for the title.

After holding Owosso to just two runs in the Bronchos' first Metro doubleheader of the season on Monday, the Bronchos' pitchers did even better on Thursday, holding Brandon scoreless in both games as Holly swept the home doubleheader.

In the opener, Mason Jewell took just 82 pitches to record a four-hit, one walk seven-inning shutout in a 1-0 Holly victory. He struck out seven batters, throwing 61 strikes among his 82 pitches.

In the nightcap, Brenden Kreft needed 63 pitches in six innings to record a shutout. He tossed 47 strikes out of 63



Holly's Garrett VanGilder tags a Brandon runner out at second base during the Bronchos' doubleheader sweep. Photo: David Troppens

pitches and struck out five. He walked none.

In the opener, Holly scored the only run in the bottom of the first inning.

With one out, consecutive walks to Gar-

rett VanGilder, Aaron Lockitski and Michael Aguilar set up the threat. Jacob Bridgewater responded with an RBI-single, making it a 1-0 lead.

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Fenton boys track collects two more wins

By David Troppens

Fenton — The Fenton varsity boys track team keeps on rolling along.

The Tigers improved to 4-0 in Metro action with a couple of dominating wins at home on Wednesday.

The Tigers took 12 overall firsts in a three-way dual meet

with Linden and Owosso, earning a 99-38 win against Owosso and a 109-28 victory against Linden. The Eagles defeated Owosso by a tight 69-66 margin, earning four overall firsts.

"The team responded and performed at a very high level," Fenton varsity boys track

and field coach Anthony McMillan said. "We put some kids in different events to test them and they handled it very well."

"Being 4-0 is obviously good. We are working hard and improving every day. This team has some lofty goals this year and they are putting in the work to achieve those goals."

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Fenton's Nolan Day (front) and Grant Maxheimer compete in the 3,200 meter relay during Wednesday's meet. Photo: David Troppens

Fenton girls track remains perfect; Linden squad splits

By David Troppens

Fenton — The Fenton varsity girls track team isn't eager to see its three-year run atop the Metro League end any time soon.

In fact, the squad is halfway to a perfect dual Metro League record after Wednesday.

The Tigers defeated Owosso 93-43 and Linden 98-35, putting them in a first-place tie atop the Metro with Holly with both holding a 4-0 league record.

The Tigers dominated its meet with Linden and Owosso, earning overall firsts in 12 events. Alexa Keiser was one of the biggest stars, earning individual firsts in three events.

Keiser won the 800-meter run (2:22.63), the 1,600 (5:26.05) and the 3,200 (12:55.27). She also was the team's only four-time winner during the meet, helping the 3,200 relay squad (10:56.78). She teamed with Abbey Lee, Kierra Ryan and Avery Logan for the first.

Cassandra Campbell was the team's star in the hurdle events. She won the 100 hurdles (15.68) and the 300 hurdles (45.86). Four other individuals won

individual events. Katie Klump won the 100 (13.14) while Cambria Tiemann won the 200 (28.27). Hanna Chapin won the pole vault (9-foot-0) and Kaitlin Bayer took the top spot in the 400 (1:04.71).

Two other relays took firsts. Klump, Liberty Desjardins, Vien Sturm and Cassandra Campbell won the 400 relay (52.22) while Desjardins, Tyler Huntoon, Sturm and Chapin took the 800 relay to a first (1:52.94).

Linden had three overall firsts. Maria Miller took the top spot in two field events. She won the shot put (39-6 1/2) and the discus (104-2). The 1,600 relay team of Olivia Stoddard, Tristan Belinski, Ella LaMothe and Morgan Losey (4:57.45) also earned a first. It was a key first as



Fenton's Alexa Keiser (left) and Emily Grob (middle) and Linden's Katelyn Palmer compete in the 1,600 meter run.

Photo: David Troppens

the dual against Owosso went to the final event. The first enabled the Eagles to capture the win.

"We were happy to come away with a close win against Owosso by both teams," Linden varsity boys and girls track coach Ben Cox said.

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Blue Devils take care of business against Corunna, 8-0

By David Troppens

In Lake Fenton's time in the Genesee Area Conference, the varsity girls soccer team usually found itself as one of the top two teams in the league.

That's fine if the talent in the league is deep, but that usually wasn't the case, resulting in many mercy victories. When the Blue Devils enter the Metro League next year, those type of lopsided games won't be as much of an issue as the overall talent in the league is higher.

However, the Blue Devils still have to deal with a few of these games this season in what is their last season with the GAC foes. The Blue Devils took care of business against Corunna on Tuesday, earning an 8-0 mercy-shortened victory against the Cavaliers.

"We wanted to work on sharing the ball and making sure we were scoring the right way," Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer coach Spencer Quick said.

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Fenton golf wins two Metro contests

The Fenton varsity boys golf team is showing why the squad are two-time defending league champions during the early portion of the season.

FLaX Heat win Metro game

The Fenton/Linden varsity girls lacrosse team (FLaX Heat) has won all three Metro titles in league history.

The Heat are looking like mighty strong favorites to earn a fourth straight.

Holly golfers beat Linden

The Holly varsity boys golf team took advantage of its home course against the Linden Eagles Tuesday at Heather Highlands Golf Course.

Holly posted a season-best nine-hole score of 177 to beat the Eagles 177-188.

Holly soccer earns win

The Holly varsity girls soccer team is among the three Flint Metro League teams that remain undefeated in conference play. The Bronchos moved to 3-0 in Metro action with a 6-1 road victory against Kearsley on Wednesday.

Holly girls track posts sweep

The Holly varsity girls track and field team is proving itself to be one of the strong squads in the Metro League.

The Bronchos improved to 4-0 in dual meets by beating Swartz Creek 82-55 and Clio 92-42 on Tuesday.

LF softball sweeps Montrose

The Lake Fenton varsity softball team's offense remains hot.

In just four innings of play at the plate, the Blue Devils scored 41 runs, earning a doubleheader sweep against the Montrose Rams, Thursday.

LF track falls to Corunna

The Lake Fenton varsity boys track team gave the Corunna squad a challenging competition on Tuesday.

The Blue Devils won eight events, but it wasn't enough to keep the Cavaliers from winning by an 82-54 score in a track dual meet.

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Bronchos improving, sweep Brandon

By David Troppens

Holly — Holly senior softball player Marissa Beck loves teaching.

There was a time when she was thinking about becoming a teacher. In many ways that's exactly what she's doing right now.

Beck is one of three seniors on the Holly varsity softball team, a squad that is extremely young and inexperienced. That has made this season more of a learning experience for the squad than one focusing on victories.

But on Thursday some of that changed a little bit. The Bronchos (4-10 overall) captured their first doubleheader sweep of the season, defeating the Brandon Blackhawks 9-0 and 15-0.

"It feels really nice," Beck said about the wins. "We are kind of the underdog team this year. We are really young and we have a lot of freshmen on our varsity team, and they've been making strides. They are growing each day. Each game we are making



Holly's Hunter Weeder slides safely into home plate during the Bronchos' sweep of Brandon. Photo: David Troppens

improvements. Everyone is starting to hit and are growing confident."

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PREP REPORT

BOYS LACROSSE

► Linden/Fenton 9, Ovid-Elsie 3:

The Linden/Fenton co-op never allowed more than a goal in any quarter, eventually earning the win. The contest was only a 2-1 lead for Linden/Fenton after one quarter, but the squad won the second quarter 5-1, taking a 6-2 lead into half-time. In the second half, neither team did much scoring, but Linden/Fenton did win the half 2-1.

GIRLS LACROSSE

► Heritage 6, Fenton/Linden 4:

The FLA-X Heat (5-2) were able to score only one second-half goal, resulting in the competitive road loss. Kyle Bliss made 11 saves in net while Sarah Reuslein had two goals and an assist. Lara Kemp and Lilly McKee had a goal each.

BOYS GOLF

► Linden at East Lansing Invitational:

The Eagles finished with a 10th-place score of 384 at Hawk Hollow Golf Course. Andrew Skellenger led the Eagles with an 87 while Drew Krueger and Brendan Johnson each shot 96s. Devin Hubbard carded a 105.

BASEBALL

► **Linden vs. Flushing:** The Eagles lost two contests to the Flushing Raiders, dropping the first game 5-4 and losing the second contest 4-0.

In the opener, Travis Klocek pitched

a strong game, leaving the game with one out in the seventh inning in a 4-4 tie. Jeff Metzger closed out the seventh, but Flushing earned the victory in the eighth inning.

In the second game, John Miller pitched five complete innings before the game was called due to darkness.

GIRLS SOCCER

► **Lapeer 2, Holly 1:** Holly keeper Lalli Valdovinos played a strong game in net despite taking the loss. The Eagles' goal was scored by Ashton Parker on a direct kick.

SOFTBALL

► **Fenton vs. Swartz Creek:** The Tigers split a pair of games with the Dragons, losing the first game 7-5, but bouncing back in the second to win an 8-7 decision.

Fenton's offense was sparked by three home runs in the second-game victory. Hannah Bollinger hit a two-run home run in the three-run second. Bollinger hit a solo shot in the sixth while Cadyn Reger opened the seventh with a solo home run.

Coral Lefever, Reger, Jessica Dunkel and Bollinger had two hits each. On the mound, Hailee Prater got the win, allowing eight hits and striking out two.

In the opener, Erin Carter hit a solo home run and another hit. Lefever had two hits as well.

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Linden softball's offense sparks doubleheader sweep

The Linden varsity softball team can certainly hit the ball.

The Eagles proved that against

Holly/Brandon varsity girls lacrosse slowly improving

The Holly/Brandon varsity girls lacrosse team is slowly improving.

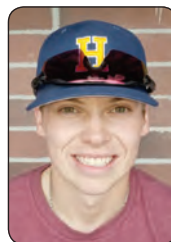
The Red Hawks, the name the co-

Flushing in a doubleheader sweep. In the opening game, the Eagles scored four runs in the top of the first inning.

op squad has adopted, is scoring more goals than earlier in the season and holding teams to fewer goals.

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