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Tuesday is Election Day

■ Fenton City, Linden and Fenton Township residents have ballot questions

By Hannah Ball

Tuesday, May 7 is the next election. Instead of standing at the polls, registered voters can request an absentee ballot up to the day of the election and turn it in before closing time.

See **ELECTION DAY** on 20A

Silver Pointe Shopping Center to get facelift

■ Courtyard, patio seating area included in plan

By Vera Hogan

The Silver Pointe Shopping Center on Silver Parkway in Fenton is going to get a fresh new look. On Thursday, April 25, the Fenton Planning Commission approved a request by Brixmor Property Group for Silver Pointe/VG's Center façade and site improvements.

See **FACELIFT** on 9A



Artist Rendering

Navigate the new artscape



Bill Sconzo (left) with Midwest Sculpture Initiative and crew finish placing "Celestial Navigator" by Ray Katz in front of the Fenton post office Thursday, May 2. This is one of nine sculptures the city of Fenton is renting for the 2019 sculpture season. The project is funded annually by the Downtown Development Authority and costs approximately \$14,000 overall. The city also purchased a sculpture, "Large Graceful Dancer," which is displayed at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. See story in the May 8 Midweek Times. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Would you hunt a sandhill crane?

■ Michigan legislature asking to add birds to animal list for hunting

By Tim Jagielo

Michigan might get a new species added to game hunting list — the sandhill crane.

Right now, sandhill

cranes are more of a rare sight. They stand up to 5 feet tall and have 6- to 8-foot wingspans.

See **CRANE** on 21A



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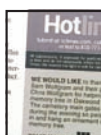
Sandhill cranes in Deerfield Township

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“After measles outbreak, it's time to reinforce having vaccinations.”



“If the pathways millage passes Tuesday, we are going to sell our house and move out of the area. That means the school district won't get our vote in August either. We won't have our pockets picked anymore.”



COMMENT OF THE WEEK

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Event propels careers in aviation

■Wings & Wheels taking flight May 18 with airplanes and classic cars on display

By Tim Jagielo

Wings & Wheels is a rare opportunity to not only look at classic cars, but to see and touch aircraft up close.

This free event is happening on Saturday, May 18, at Price's Airport in Fenton Township. There will be airplane rides and a pancake breakfast benefitting the Horizon Lakes Airpark Homeowner's Association Aviation Youth Scholarship Program.

See **WINGS & WHEELS** on 17A

“A lot of kids don't see (aviation) as something they can do. We want to prove it is something they can do.”

Tim Draeger
Wings of Mercy pilot



Music Director Jane Ball conducts the Simply Strings Orchestra Friday, April 26, during its Spring Concert at Fenton High School with the Fenton Community Orchestra (FCO) and Fenton Jazz Orchestra. Simply Strings serves as a stepping stone to perform with the FCO. It caters to musicians who are returning to an instrument or just starting out. Ball said she keeps music simple to build skills and comfort playing. “In the past three years, they have really progressed,” said Ball, who also plays cello with the FCO.

Photo: Tim Jagielo

Butterfly Garden nearly complete

■All that's needed now are flowers to attract butterflies

By Vera Hogan

It has been almost a year since Fenton's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) approved the installation of a “Butterfly Garden” along S. LeRoy Street in front of the gazebo and Millpond Park.



The project was approved at the DDA's May 15, 2018 meeting. The Butterfly Garden has been built near the butterfly sculpture on S. LeRoy Street, just north of city hall. The butterfly sculpture was paid for in 2017 by Gerald and Kay Willey, owners of Fenton Home Furnishings. They donated \$17,000 so that the city, through the DDA, could acquire the sculpture.

“The idea was to place the sculpture first and then figure out how to improve the area around it,” said Assistant Fenton City Manager Michael Hart, who

See **BUTTERFLY GARDEN** on 20A



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Mark my words

It's an honor that I've been chosen to write a few words here occasionally about life in general and perhaps life in our Tri-County area in particular. I'm even blushing a little.

During my three-score-and-nine years on earth, I've enjoyed two things more than almost anything else — reading and eating. So, much of my adult career has centered on those two quests.

To prove it, I've worked in the newspaper business for 26 years and in the food business 21 more years. That seems like a really long time, but actually, I'm grateful to be here to talk about it. Many other family members and friends haven't gotten that chance.

From reading, I also developed a love of writing. I grew up in a "news-paper family," as my parents owned the weekly paper in my hometown of Sebewaing in Michigan's Thumb Area. Most days after school, all three Rummel boys would go to the office to sweep, melt lead, fold and staple printed booklets, statements, envelopes and brochures, handle darkroom work, make deliveries and

OK, I'm here. Now what?

do whatever else needed to be done.

We weren't deprived at all. Maybe we thought it was slave labor, but it wasn't. We still found plenty of time to play catch and watch the two channels we could get on the family's mid-1950s black-and-white TV set. However, all three brothers agreed we'd choose other careers when we grew up.

But it's funny — all three Rummel boys have spent nearly all our work careers in communications. After graduating from Central Michigan

University in Journalism and Broadcasting, and working nearly four years at both the CMU TV station and student newspaper, my first real job was as a reporter at The Saginaw News. I moved on to ad sales, promotion and circulation (deliveries) at The

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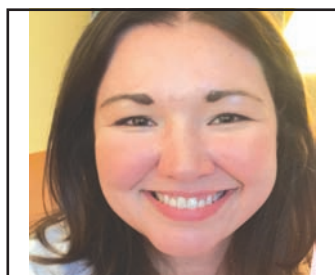
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■■■
THE STATE WILL now draw new district lines before the next federal election, which now will better reflect the makeup of the voters — not the interests of the politicians.

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

What's been your biggest reward and challenge of being a teacher?

street talk



"It is rewarding to be a part of the school family that we've created and of knowing that Fenton students will have a better opportunity to compete in the future because of their education. The biggest challenge is meeting the needs of individual students."

Lisa Mehlberg

Fifth-grade teacher at North Road Elementary, Fenton



"The most rewarding part of teaching is knowing you're the favorite part of someone's day; how excited they are to see you each morning. The biggest challenge is juggling all of the 'hats' teachers have to wear each day."

Melissa Thompson

Kindergarten teacher at West Shore Elementary, Lake Fenton



"My biggest reward is watching students suddenly get 'it.' And, 'it' isn't just academic content. So sometimes 'it' is motivation, maturity, social growth, or self-confidence. Whatever 'it' is, it's always awesome to be a part of. Balancing students' academic and emotional needs is my greatest challenge."

Elizabeth Molnar

Seventh-grade teacher at Linden Middle School, Linden



"The greatest reward in teaching is celebrating milestones with students and providing them with inspiration to continue their growth. The biggest challenge is having enough time to provide every student with the skills needed to achieve and succeed, which can involve acting as a counselor or trustworthy adult."

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Small betting pools could become legal

■ Current penalty is misdemeanor up to \$1,000 and/or year in jail

By Hannah Ball

Selling squares or joining a betting pool with fewer than 100 people could become legal if Senate Bill 249 becomes law.

Introduced by Michigan Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) in March, the bill would create an exemption to a law that prohibits pool betting, such as selling squares for the March Madness and betting with friends or coworkers on the NCAA Basketball Tournament.

"Most of the folks I have talked with about this legislation have no idea that throwing a few bucks into a March Madness bracket with their friends is illegal," Ananich said. "Groups of friends, family members, co-workers and bar buddies have been putting money on their March Madness brackets for years, and my legislation simply states that they are in good legal standing to go ahead and place their bets."

He introduced the bill during the first week of the NCAA Basketball Tournament, one of the most common times people get involved in betting pools. It would legalize selling squares for March Madness as well.

"People have pools for all sorts of events and we want them to be able to legally enjoy that element of being a fan," he said.

If the bill passes and becomes law, this law would not apply to betting pools with the following characteristics:
— the transaction for the money is incidental to a bona fide social relationship



With Senate Bill 249, introduced by Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) selling squares for March Madness could be made legal. Photo: Metro Creative Connection

- not more than 100 people participate
- the maximum amount wagered by someone is \$25
- no item of value other than money can be used to participate in the betting transaction
- the entire amount of the wager is paid to one or more individual as a prize
- none of the participants are engaged,

directly or indirectly, in professional gambling.

"Our laws should work for our people," Ananich said. "While the current law prohibiting pool betting is seldom enforced, placing this kind of bet can be considered a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and/or a maximum \$1,000 fine. Fans deserve peace of mind that they won't get in legal

trouble over making a low-dollar sports bet with friends."

The bill was referred to the committee on regulatory reform.

"I also hope that this bill gets other legislators thinking about how we can update areas of our laws that are either outdated or not working for the people of Michigan," Ananich said.

“Most of the folks I have talked with about this legislation have no idea that throwing a few bucks into a March Madness bracket with their friends is illegal.”

Jim Ananich
Michigan senator, district 27

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Grants make for better communities

■ Informational grant session at Loose Center May 8 at 4 p.m.

By Hannah Ball

They've helped the Fenton Historical Society preserve historic data, fundraise for nonmotorized pathways in Argentine Township, contribute to literacy programs in Genesee County and more.

Grants are sums of money given by a government or another organization for a particular purpose. The Fenton Community Fund, which is part of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint (CFGF), has helped along numerous local projects.

The Fenton Community Fund awards approximately \$25,000 in grants every year to organizations in and around the Fenton area. The money comes from endowments.

"The project has to be a charitable project. It has to have a benefit to a broad section of the community," said Jennifer Farrington, program officer for



Diana Laurterer, then 14 months old, and other children watch the parachute billowing above them during story time at the Jack R. Winegarden Library in February 2018. Fenton's library is part of the Genesee District Library (GDL) system, which has been the recipient of grants. *Times file photo*

the CFGF.

Accepted organizations are 501c3 public charities, including governments, religious organizations, nonprofits and schools. Organizations apply online at cfgf.org. The FCF has two grant cycles with two deadlines — Aug. 1 and Feb. 1.

Farrington encourages applicants to speak with a program officer first. They have a committee made up of 13 local members who review the applications and ultimately make the decision on approval or denial. The committee meets three times a year.

The fund receives fewer than 10 grant applications a year.

"We definitely could be getting more. We know there are a lot of good things happening in the community, people working to make Fenton a great place to live and work," Farrington said. "We want to encourage more people to apply."

This includes not only Fenton, but also the surrounding communities such as Linden and Argentine.

The public is invited to attend a public information session May 8 at 4 p.m. at the Loose Center in Linden.

"We really encourage people to attend the May 8 grant information session," she said. They will discuss the grant application process and provide information about the FCF.

Grants for or through government

When municipalities seek grants for roads, they're often required to provide a certain percentage of matching funds. These are usually federal or state grants and must go through an Act 51 agency.

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Door-to-door salesmen offered housewares of all description

■ Housewives targeted during the week when husbands worked

By Vera Hogan

If you had a stay-at-home mom in the 1950s and '60s, you likely remember a number of door-to-door salesmen coming to your house.

Dressed in suits and ties, these men would grab their cases filled with wares of all description and hit the streets, every day but Sundays, rain or shine.

It was a clever marketing trick to visit housewives on the weekdays when their husbands were at work.

Most of the items for sale could be found at the local department store but it is much harder to say, "no," to a well-dressed salesman standing on your porch who may have children of his own to feed. And many of these products and services were made to benefit the homemaker.

According to groovyhistory.com, the Fuller Brush Man could be spotted going door to door with a suitcase full



Whether it was a vast array of brushes, vacuum cleaners or encyclopedias, door-to-door sales were quite common in the 1950s and '60s. Photo: www.groovyhistory.com

of products with household cleaning brushes and supplies like solvents and silver polish as well as personal care products. When the Fuller Brush Man came, you could also buy a hairbrush or two if you were running low.

The Fuller Brush Company was founded in Boston in 1906 by Alfred Fuller, the Capital Brush Company (as it was known then) began with an initial investment of \$375.

Fuller worked out of his sister's



basement making the brushes at night and sales calls during the day.

In the ensuing years, the Fuller Brush Company developed and refined an array of innovative products and manufacturing techniques, along with a unique business model that drew heavily upon a skilled force of door-to-door direct sales. By the early 1960s, Fuller Brush had become an American institution.

Then there was the door-to-door vacuum cleaner salesman. You could purchase the finest of vacuum cleaners like Kirby, Electrolux, Hoover and Eureka, all from the comfort of your living room.

These salesmen came to the house with their own bag of dirt and vacuum cleaner to demonstrate just how effective his product was. Although they were heavy and clunky, they lasted forever, according to groovyhistory.com.

If you were a kid in the 1950s, '60s and even '70s, encyclopedias were critical tools needed to obtain a superior education. Many school assignments required research and there was no

internet, or Google.

If you didn't have a set of encyclopedias, or have a neighbor who did, you had to drive all the way to the library to complete your assignment. Britannica was among the more popular ones. The encyclopedia salesmen were relentless. Even though they were quite expensive at the time, they sold you by letting you know that great parents provided these books of knowledge for their children.

The first edition of the *Encyclopedia Britannica* was published and printed in Edinburgh in 1768.

The days of the door-to-door encyclopedia salesmen are now gone. After 244 years, in 2012 Encyclopedia Britannica printed its last edition and switched to a fee-based, digital-only format. But with the glut of free reference sites such as Wikipedia, the company struggles to compete.

The former convenience of shopping from the home salesman has been replaced by brick and mortar stores of all description, and online sites like Amazon.

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THESE SPECIAL ELECTIONS, such as the bike path one on Tuesday, are always scheduled in spring because they know that only the people who want it will go out to vote and the majority stay home. Another tax scam that benefits only a very few residents.

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THE ELECTED OFFICIALS of Flint had no input on the decision to change Flint's water. That decision was made by Snyder's handpicked emergency managers. People took bottles of brown water to council meetings, which was well reported. Snyder says he had no idea water was poisoned with lead. Yeah right.

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FACELIFT

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According to Mike Reilly, building and zoning administrator, the improvement area runs from the end of the shopping center where OrthoMichigan (former Hollywood Video) is located, all the way around to Dunham's. They skip VG's Grocery and pick up where Susan's Hallmark is located, all the way over to where the new retail development begins (formerly Kmart).

Reilly said Brixmor is trying to make the façades more attractive with the hope of attracting new tenants. Currently, there are several vacancies in the Silver Pointe Shopping Center.

Proposed improvements include the installation of new front façades on the buildings, utilizing a combination of two different architectural metal siding materials, and painting for existing decorative concrete block.

According to Carmine Avantini, the city's planning consultant, "The proposed metal panels appear to be acceptable and add variety to the appearance of Silver Pointe and the VG's Center."

The improvement plan also calls for the creation of a courtyard, patio seating area at the northeast corner of the Silver Pointe Center, at the point next to where BC Comix was once located.

According to Reilly, there is an opening there that cannot easily be seen from the parking lot in front, but rather the back instead. It will be opened to accommodate a courtyard, he said.

"The corner patio and seating area are well-designed and meet the intent of the Silver Lake Village PUD (Planned Unit Development) Design Guidelines," Avantini said.

With regard to a requested patio wall mural, however, he said, "This does not include the mural and any proposed change to the face of the building." That would require prior Planning Commission approval.

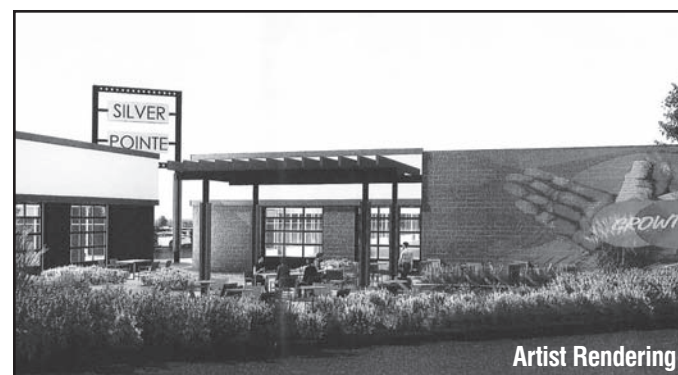
Avantini recommended approval of the façade improvement project with a few conditions that include Planning Commission approval on all building materials.

All rooftop mechanical units will need to be fully screened.

The approval is also conditioned on the understanding that this request does not include approval of the Silver Pointe sign or the patio wall mural.

Once Brixmor meets all of the Planning Commission's requirements, Reilly said he anticipates construction on the façade improvements to begin sometime this summer.

According to city records, the cur-



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rent state equalized (and assessed) value of the property is \$3,400,400.

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Author Erin Bartels talks with customers at Fenton's Open Book on Independent Bookstore Day Saturday, April 27. Photo: Hannah Ball

Book lovers celebrate Independent Bookstore Day

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — Fenton's Open Book celebrated Independent Bookstore Day on Saturday, April 27 with puppies, kittens, an Alice in Wonderland theme, games and prizes, and two author signings.

Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton brought adoptable kittens and puppies, which delighted customers. Owner Karen Piacentini gave out prizes and giveaways, and guests could talk with local award-winning authors Brenda Hasse and Erin Bartels.

Bartels, whose recent book, "We Hope for Better Things," is about the Underground Railroad and the Detroit

riots, said, "Independent bookstores are more than the books they sell. They host special events for the community, facilitate book clubs, and get to know their regular customers' tastes so well that they do a far better job recommending new books to read than a big box store or an online store."

"Algorithms can't replace actual relationships. Saving a buck or two on an online book purchase is a short-term gain that, when compounded, leads to long-term loss to communities who lose their indie bookstores. Supporting local businesses run by local people is the best way to invest in our own neighborhoods," she said.

NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

FENTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ROUTE SET

The Curtis-Wolverton V.F.W. Post 3243 will conduct its annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27. The event will begin at 10 a.m. at the Fenton Community Center. The parade route will start south on LeRoy Street, with a brief stop at the Shiawassee River, adjacent to the gazebo. It will then turn west on West Shiawassee, with a brief stop at Freedom Park to place a wreath, turning south on Davis to Oakwood Cemetery where the memorial service will be conducted.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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I WANT TO thank the old timers who made Fenton great neighbors and a good community. We now have self-serving entitled jerks as neighbors who dump their crap in our yards.

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GET OUT AND vote Tuesday, May 7, or you will be stuck with another ridiculous tax for bike riders. This would be the 14th millage we are paying on. If you want to ride a bike, go for it, but people who don't bike shouldn't have to underwrite your hobby.

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GRANTS

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Cities, like Fenton and Linden, are Act 51 agencies, but townships are not and must go through the Genesee County Road Commission for road grants.

Municipalities can apply for Community Development Block Grant funds, which are allocated through the Michigan Strategic Fund, and can be used for roads, rehabilitations and more. The areas that receive this money must qualify income-wise.

Façade grants, which are normally dispersed through a city's downtown development authority, are used by businesses to improve storefronts, door and window repair, exterior painting, lighting and more.

Many organizations that offer grants like to see transparency and numerous sources of funding.

Teresa Ciesielski, former Argentine Township trustee, spearheaded the efforts to fund a Safe Route to School pathway through Argentine Township 100 percent through grants. She approached county organizations, state resources and legislators about funding opportunities. Read more about this at myfenton.com.

Ciesielski said the federal government would accept state grants as matching funds. Some have different stipulations for how exactly the money

can be used. State grants allow the money to be used for engineering costs, but many federal grants do not.

Fenton Community Fund grants

The Community Foundation of Greater Flint has listed on its website recent grants from the Fenton Community Fund.

— **Argentine Township** received \$7,000 for the Safe Route to Schools pathway.

— **The Fenton Historical Society, Inc** received \$6,500 for the preservation of acquisition data for the Fenton Historical Museum.

— **The Genesee Park and Recreation Commission** received \$3,500 for the For-Mar on the

Road and Truck Farm - Connecting Literacy through Science.

— **Fenton Township** received \$3,000 to upgrade the township parks and recreation plan in 2016.

— **LAFF Pathway, Inc** received \$2,000 for the efforts to bring a nonmotorized pathway to local municipalities.

— **Fenton Area Public Schools** received \$1,400 for the Fenton Senior High School Ambassadors Sound Equipment.

— **The Genesee District Library** received \$1,000 for books for Linden and Fenton Library Summer Reading Challenges.

“We want to encourage more people to apply.”

Jennifer Farrington
Community Foundation of Greater
Flint program officer

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

TENANT REPORTS BROKEN WINDOW IN HOLLY

On April 30, Holly police were dispatched to an apartment on Battle Alley to investigate a malicious destruction of property (MDOP) complaint. A resident said that between 12:30 and 4:30 a.m. that day, someone broke the window of the door to the apartment. No entry was made. Police observed the damage and checked the vicinity for further damage. None was found. There are no suspects. The landlord was advised of the damage.

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Compiled By Vera Hogan

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Ingredients

White vinegar

Ordinary distilled white vinegar with 5-percent acidity is cheap and works great. If you can find a 20-percent, it is going to work faster, but the results will be the same.

Table salt

Use the cheapest kind of salt you can find in the supermarket — not sea salt, rock salt, Epsom salts or anything fancy. Just cheap iodized or un-iodized generic salt also known as sodium chloride (NaCl).

Dishwashing liquid

You will be using only a few drops, so the brand doesn't matter. The purpose of the soap is to break the surface tension of the vinegar so it sticks to the weeds, forcing them to absorb it more readily.

Weed killer for areas to be REPLANTED

If you have weeds in areas you want to replant, fill an ordinary garden sprayer with white vinegar and add about one teaspoon liquid dish soap. Apply sprayer top and follow the instructions on the sprayer to get it ready to spray. That's it, it is that simple.

Pick a hot, dry day to spray weeds until saturated, and they will wilt and shrivel up within hours so be careful to not spray anything you want to live. However, do not worry about the vinegar killing anything below the soil. Because vinegar will not harm the soil, you can safely replant the area once the weeds have died.

Is Roundup dangerous?

■ Jury decides it's a 'substantial factor' in causing cancer, FDA isn't so sure

By Tim Jagiello

In March, a groundskeeper was awarded \$80 million in a grand jury decision against Monsanto, the former producer of Roundup, the popular weed control compound now owned by Bayer.

According to the New York Times, Roundup was found to be a "substantial factor" in causing the California man's cancer.

Roundup kills weeds by blocking proteins "essential to plant growth," according to a 2015 National Geographic article. It's widely used for corn and soybean crops all around the world.

However, the U.S. government has not labeled the product's main ingredient, glyphosate, as carcinogenic (cancer causing).

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), "One international organization (the International Agency for Research on Cancer) concluded that glyphosate may be a carcinogen, while several other agencies, including the European Food Safety Authority and the Joint Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)/World Health Organization (WHO) Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR), have determined that it is unlikely to be a carcinogen."

The FDA is in charge of making sure trace amounts of crop chemical like these remain below acceptable levels.

The most recent testing of 760 samples of corn, soybeans, milk and eggs found that 53 percent had no detectable amount of glyphosate. The rest had amounts below the recommended amounts.

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MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, April 26.

House Bill 4001: Require conviction for property forfeiture

To establish that property seized from a person because it may be associated with a suspected drug-related crime is not subject to “civil asset forfeiture” unless the individual is actually convicted or accepts a plea bargain. See also House Bill 4001 above. Forfeiture is a legal process by which a government agency (usually police or prosecutors) acquires permanent ownership of property seized by police. Kim LaSata (R-Dist. 21) cast the dissenting vote.

Passed 37 to 1 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) ❌ YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) ❌ YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) ❌ YES

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ❌ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ❌ YES

Senate Bill 2: Require conviction for seized property forfeiture

To establish that property seized from a person because it may be associated with a crime is not subject to “civil asset forfeiture” unless the individual is actually convicted or accepts a plea bargain, subject to various exceptions and conditions. This would not apply to police seizures of property worth \$50,000 or more. Note: With passage of this and House Bills 4001 and 4002 this week the House and Senate finalized this proposal and sent it to Gov. Whitmer for approval.

Passed 107 to 3 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ❌ YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) ❌ YES

Senate Bill 106: Ban selling “e-cigarettes” to minors

To ban selling or giving minors electronic vapor cigarettes, or any device that delivers nicotine. The bill would also authorize imposing community service and a “health promotion and risk reduction assessment program” on a minor who possesses or tries to buy a nicotine vapor product. A person who sells tobacco or vapes to a minor would be subject to fines of \$100 to \$2,500 for a third offense.

Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) ❌ YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) ❌ YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) ❌ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ❌ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ❌ YES

House Bill 4286: Make good on wrongful imprisonment compensation promise

To appropriate \$10 million to make good on the promise made by a 2016 law that authorized payment of \$50,000 for each year of wrongful imprisonment served by a person who did not commit the crime. The bill would require the Attorney General to file reports with the legislature on the status of claims, settlements and awards under this law. Reportedly, the fund created to provide this compensation currently has just \$1.1 million, and the estimated amount of claims is \$22 million.

Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14) ❌ YES
Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15) ❌ YES
Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22) ❌ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ❌ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ❌ YES

House Bill 4118: Authorize unposted 25 mph limit on non-subdivision local streets

To establish an unposted speed limit of 25 mph on streets including highway segments that are designated as “local,” if the local jurisdiction has designated the

road to be part of their street system, and if it is within land zoned for residential use. Under current law, subdivision streets are automatically considered to have a 25 mph speed limit and no speed limit signs need be posted; the bill would have the effect of extending this posting exception to other residential streets that are not in subdivisions. A study ordered by the bill could see this changed in 2024.

Passed 106 to 4 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ❌ YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) ❌ YES

Senate Bill 122: Reduce student test score measurements in teacher ratings

To delay for one year a requirement that annual year-end evaluation ratings of public school classroom teachers be 40 percent based on student growth and assessment data (state-administered tests), with the rest of the evaluation based on more subjective factors determined by local school administrators. Under current law, this standard would go into effect for the 2018-2019 school year. The House also passed Senate Bill 202 to delay similar standards for administrators. Matt Hall (R-Dist. 63) cast the dissenting vote.

Passed 109 to 1 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ❌ YES
Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51) ❌ YES

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Kissing bugs heading toward Michigan

■ Insect 'poops' near your mouth and spreads disease

Compiled By Vera Hogan

It's not the kind of kiss anyone wants, but it appears the "kissing bug" is moving north and heading toward Michigan.

According to WILX in Lansing, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is confirming cases of the kissing bug in Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Right now, experts say there is enough reason to believe they could be anywhere in the north, including Michigan. However, the CDC says there have not been any confirmed cases in Michigan — yet.

Kissing bugs are wingless insects that are about 0.75 in. (1.9 cm) long, according to uofmhealth.org. Kissing bugs are dark brown or black with red or orange spots along the edge of their bodies. They are also called assassin bugs or cone-nosed bugs. Like mosquitoes, kissing bugs feed on blood from animals or people.

Kissing bugs have that name because their bites are often found around the mouth. They usually hide during the day and are active at night when they feed. They can go for weeks without feeding.

The bugs can spread a parasite that causes Chagas' disease through its feces. The disease can be spread when the bug "poops on or near a person while it is feeding on (their) blood, usually when the person is sleeping," according to the CDC.

Kissing bugs can hide in cracks and holes in beds, floors, walls, and furniture. They are most likely to be found near places where a pet, such

as a dog or cat, spends time, in areas where mice or other rodents live, and near beds, especially under mattresses or on furniture close to the bed.

Kissing bugs can cause patches of bites, often around the mouth. The bites are usually painless, but they may swell and look like hives. Itching from the bites may last a week. Those who come in contact with the kissing bug may experience flu like symptoms at first, then suffer from heart disease as long as 10 years later.

Home treatment can help stop the itching and prevent an infection. You can wash the bites with soap to lower the chance of infection, and use calamine lotion or an anti-itch cream to stop the itching. Use an ice pack to stop the swelling, and see your doctor if you think the bite may be infected.

Kissing bugs can be hard to eradicate. Bugs can hide in cracks and crevices in the mattress, bed frame, and box spring. They can spread into cracks and crevices in the room and lay their eggs. For these reasons, it is best to call a professional insect control company for treatment choices. The usual treatment is the use of an insecticide that kills the bugs.

IT IS BEST TO PREVENT BUGS FROM GETTING INTO YOUR HOUSE:

- **Seal gaps around** windows and doors. Fill in any holes or cracks in walls or screens that could let kissing bugs into your house.
- **Let your pets** sleep inside, especially at night. Keep pets from sleeping in a bedroom. Keep clean areas where your pet sleeps.
- **Clean up any** piles of wood or rocks that are up against your house.



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At Wings & Wheels events, visitors can see new aircraft as well as historical aircraft. **Times file photo**

WINGS & WHEELS

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Flight education is expensive, said Wings of Mercy East Michigan Founder and President Cody Welch, a resident of the airpark. Wings of Mercy offers free transportation to patients needing specialized medical care in distant locations. They are heavily involved in running this event.

The money raised will likely assist one aspiring pilot through half their flight training. This year, a new Flint youth aviation program will be the beneficiary of the fundraising. "It'll be a game-changer for a younger person and that's what we're all about," Welch said.

The point isn't necessarily just this scholarship program — it's the bigger ripple effect that access to the airplanes can have upon youth.

Children who have never seen an aircraft up close or have never flown can spark their imagination and curiosity about careers they have never considered. "This is going to open doors," Welch said.

The goal is to remove the perceived barriers to learning aviation. Welch added that aviation is a massive industry. "There are literally millions of jobs," he said, whether an air traffic controller or aircraft mechanic. "It's important that kids have exposure so they can pick and

choose."

While the flights at the event are fun, they have changed the course of passengers' lives forever. Pilot Tim Draeger personally has provided a first ever airplane ride to several children. He said three of them have gone on to earn their private pilot's license.

Draeger loves the wonder in their eyes, as they experience seeing the local cities from above, and giving them an opportunity for them to realize that this is something they can do. "This is just another way of giving kids the opportunity to find their passion, and then act on their passion," he said. "A lot of kids don't see it as something they can do; we want to prove it is something they can do."

The May 18 event will run rain or shine, but the turnout of airplanes and classic cars depends on the weather. The 2018 event was suppressed due to the weather. On a good weekend they can see up to 60 aircraft, which includes new airplanes, old warplanes and helicopters. There could be 100 classic cars as well.

On a good day, Draeger said he'll provide 12 to 15 rides with five passengers in each flight. He would expect approximately 12 pilots and aircraft available for the ride program. The pilots donate their time and aircraft.

The rides cost \$40 for adults and \$20 for children. Draeger said the rides last about 15 minutes.

This is part of the overall goal of leveraging the airport as a community asset. Welch said they plan to again host the staging of the Linden Christmas parade.

They're also starting a new program, using an airport building to assemble pushcarts for people in third-world nations with mobility issues.

"We want the community to enjoy their wonderful resource called an airport," Welch said. "We're a community airport and we're acting like it."

Read more about Wings of Mercy in the May 19 Weekend edition of the Times.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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HUNTERS WANT TO take the gray wolf off the endangered list so they can shoot it. Then there were the mourning doves. Now we have some idiot proposing we allow hunting sandhill cranes. What's next, robins, woodpeckers, maybe vultures? Enough already.

■■■
SO YOU THINK blight is wind generators or solar panels alongside the roads? Well how do you feel about a huge, easily over looked, cooling tower or a very attractive smoke stack

from other power generating plants? All these also are put there with taxpayer money.

■■■
THE BIKE TRAILS in Fenton would add value to your home. Bike riding is a growing sport so how attractive would it be to have them when you sell your home?

■■■
ARE YOU KIDDING? Hunting sandhill cranes. For what? Right to protect our farmland. Well, we have deer hunting and my land is still devastated.

■■■
MICHIGAN HUNTERS SHOULD not be able to shoot sandhill cranes. I see

fewer and fewer of them every year.

■■■
I AM GRATEFUL that you served our country and I hate to burst your bubble kiddo, but unless you are an American Indian, you are from immigrants. That is not to say you are not an American. You are, as I am. My mother is 100 percent Polish and is 100 percent American.

■■■
STAY ON THE trails with your bicycles and little outfits. No one wants to see that.

■■■
SANDHILL CRANES AYE? Now there's a challenge. You, my friend, are sick.

WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE MIDWEEK TIMES

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, May 1, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

STEAM Museum comes to elementary students

Games show students that science can be fun.



Is adding 17 boat slips a major or minor change?

Fenton officials hear Silver Spray Sports issue.

Linden teen bound over for trial in Oakland County

Faces additional weapons charges in Genesee County.

Teen murder trial adjourned

Abdurrahman Akl, 18, awaiting trial after two years in juvenile detention.

Retired chiropractor pens book on family's Ukrainian roots

Says 'history is repeating itself' with Russian president attempting to cripple Ukraine's economy in order to overthrow.

Jackson men charged with passing fake \$100 bills

Fenton police arrest pair after they allegedly purchased gift cards with counterfeit money.

Our Future

Meet Eric Niestroy, 17, a senior at Lake Fenton High School.

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The late Donald Lynn's home as it looked in 2016. In the early 1990s the house, along with several other smaller outbuildings, was filled to the brim with all kinds of junk. **Times file photo**

Hoarding is a mental disorder

■ The cause is unknown and therefore cannot be prevented

By Vera Hogan

Hoarding is a mental disorder, but because doctors do not know what causes it, there is no way to prevent it.

Because of “hoarding disorder,” people save a large number of items, whether they have worth. This disorder can lead to dangerous clutter. The condition can interfere with quality of life in many ways. It can cause people stress and shame in their social, family, and work lives. It can also create unhealthy and unsafe living conditions.

Fenton Township had its own “hoarder,” known during the 1990s as the “junk man.” His name was Donald Lynn and he lived on Silver Lake Road. Lynn’s was a big old green, two-story farmhouse. He also had a barn, a couple of outbuildings and a small silver travel trailer, in addition to several inoperable, un-plated, uninsured vehicles.

He held a perpetual yard sale, for which he was regularly in trouble with the township. His yard sale was far from organized. There were several stacks of “stuff” piled 3 to 4 feet high in most cases. Other items were spread across the grass.

There was no rhyme or reason to what Lynn charged for his items. He charged more for the things he liked, even if they were useless — and less for the things he disliked, even though they had value.

See HOARDING on 25A

HOARDING DISORDER

According to the Cleveland Clinic, hoarding disorder affects an estimated 2 to 6 percent of the U.S. population. People with hoarding disorder feel a strong need to save their possessions. Other symptoms include:

- Inability to get rid of possessions
- Extreme stress about throwing out items
- Anxiety about needing items in the future
- Uncertainty about where to put things
- Distrust of others touching possessions
- Living in unusable spaces due to clutter
- Withdrawing from friends and family

WHAT CAUSES HOARDING DISORDER?

Doctors have identified several risk factors associated with the condition.

- Having a relative with the disorder
- Brain injury that triggers the need to save things
- Traumatic life event
- Mental disorders such as depression or obsessive-compulsive disorder
- Uncontrollable buying habits
- Inability to pass up free items such as coupons and flyers

WHEN SHOULD A DOCTOR GET INVOLVED?

People with hoarding disorder rarely seek help on their own. Concerned friends or family members often reach out to a professional to help a loved one with the condition.

Contact a doctor or mental health professional if hoarding makes a living situation unhealthy or unsafe for you or someone you know. A therapist can evaluate the situation and recommend treatments to help manage symptoms for a healthier life and home.

Source: Clevelandclinic.org

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BUTTERFLY GARDEN**Continued from Page 3A**

is also the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) director.

Last May, Hart said there are specific flowers and plants that attract butterflies. Fenton's garden could have approximately 12 to 18 species of flowering plants. "We will make a conscious effort to attract butterflies and potentially hummingbirds," he said. The perennials that will be used are hardy and the bulk of them are native Michigan species.

Hart said there would be flowerbeds all around, with sidewalks so even someone in a wheelchair can have access.

Hart said this week, "The garden is essentially finished and is being utilized even now, with exception to the handrails for the stairs. The handrails are being designed and will tentatively be in place within the next couple of months, possibly June or July timeframe. Part of the issue is that they have to be designed for the radius on each side of the stairs and

then fabricated the same.

Now that the Butterfly Garden features have almost been completed, all that's left is to plant the flowers that will attract the butterflies.

"The flowers will be growing back this spring from what was planted last fall," Hart said. "If some of the plants did not survive our harsh winter, they will be replaced as part of the project. If you can believe this, we actually had some butterflies show up for a few weeks last fall. They will be back this year once the flowers are

in and there should be even more, but I cannot tell you how many will arrive. Many of them are migratory and/or have to be in search of flowers, etc.

"I can tell you that we have had a steady flow of people visiting the sculpture plaza area and taking pictures by the butterfly sculpture both this past winter and through this spring," he said.

Although the original price tag for the butterfly garden project was anticipated to be about \$35,000, additional features added for a variety of reasons that include safety, have resulted in that figure climbing to about \$54,000 late last summer. Final cost figures are yet to be determined.

ELECTION DAY**Continued from Front Page**

Here's where to vote based on where you live.

Fenton City

All city of Fenton voters will cast their ballots at the St. John's Activity Center, 600 N. Adelaide St.

Fenton Township

Fenton Township residents can vote at Lake Fenton High School, 4070 Lahring Rd., Linden. Smaller elections, such as the one on Tuesday, are held in the band room, located in the south wing of the building.

Fenton City and Fenton Township residents will only vote on one topic on Tuesday — 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.

See more information on the pathway at myfenton.com.

Linden

All precincts in the city vote at Faith Baptist Church, 4518 East Silver Lake Rd., Linden.

Linden voters will cast their ballots on the SLPR charter amendment, as well as a mosquito millage that would levy .3859 mills for four years. It would raise approximately \$41,431 when first levied in 2019.

The townships of Argentine, Rose and Tyrone do not have any ballot issues for this election.



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7:30-8:00 Open ADULT Ballet Barre	AGES 18+
8:00-8:30 Beginner ADULT Hip-Hop	
8:30-9:00 Beginner ADULT Tap	

WEDNESDAY

4:00-4:30 Tiny Tot Ballet	AGES 3-4
4:30-5:00 Tiny Tot-Hop	
5:00-5:30 Tiny Ballet	AGES 5-7
5:30-6:00 Tot Tap	
6:00-6:30 Tot-Hop	AGES 8-11
6:30-7:00 Beg/Int Junior Hip-Hop	
7:00-7:30 Beg/Int Teen Hip-Hop	AGES 12+
7:30-8:00 Int/Adv Open Hip-Hop	

THURSDAY

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CRANE

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During the annual fall migration, approximately 20,000 can be counted statewide, like in 2017, according to Richard Naber, president of the Genesee County Audubon Society.

Right now, they're a rare sight. He estimates that there are hundreds of the 5-foot-tall birds in the state currently.

Populations have stabilized over the decades and now, a "sandhill crane hunting season" could be a possibility.

Michigan House Resolution 0154 (2017) was adopted in October 2017.

It's a "resolution to encourage the Natural Resources Commission to add sandhill cranes to the game species list and seek U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approval to establish a sandhill crane hunting season," per the Legislature.

The central argument is that to some, especially Michigan farmers, the bird is a nuisance.

"The sandhill crane is an issue in those areas where they're prevalent," said Jim Zook, executive director of the Michigan Corn Growers Association. He said the biggest areas of concern are in the southwest part of the state, south of the Kalamazoo area.

In the spring, there are 50 to 100 pairs of the cranes spread over Michigan. They eat the germinated seeds, damaging the future yields.

"In those areas, they are a big deal, they are a big problem," Zook said. He said that farmers have to reduce the bird population as part of their risk mitigation plan. He's not sure how much revenue is lost per year to the birds.

The summary of the bill also contains the argument that farmers can already apply for a license to kill the birds, but that meat cannot be harvested, leading to waste. Other states like Minnesota, Tennessee and Kentucky allow hunting.

The Senate introduced the companion legislation, Resolution 0030 (2019), in early April. According to Michigan Radio, it's in the hands of the House and Senate natural resources committees.

Naber conducts the annual crane count, which ends up in the hands of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He officially

voiced his opposition to the idea via John Cherry, his state representative.

He said the issue is that one can't tell the males and females apart just by their appearance, unlike with turkeys, for example. No matter the season they are hunted, breaking up a family is a possibility. In the spring, the hunter could kill the mother, effectively killing the chick as well, hurting the population.

Allen Brushaber of Fenton volunteers with the Genesee County Audubon Society annual crane counts. He said he has friends in agriculture that discourage the bird with a chemical that makes the

seeds taste bad to the crane. He's against the resolutions as well. "I just think they're a fascinating bird," he said. "They've been here long before we have."

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) calls the birds "living dinosaurs." They're believed to be the oldest bird species on the planet with fossils dating back

at least 2.5 million years, and up to 60 million years.

Dana Snavelly of Deerfield Township is used to the cranes. She has hundreds that roost in the marshland behind her home, and a few around all year, including a mated pair with a baby.

She said they can be very loud when they descend upon their property for the fall night roost. Their trumpeting call can be heard a mile away, aided by their 4-foot long windpipe.

What Times readers said online

A post about hunting the cranes drew more than 100 comments in one afternoon. Some commenters were aghast at the idea of hunting them. Others suggested cranes are the "ribeye of the sky." Julie said, "We have hundreds of them in our backyard lake marsh area. They're wonderful to watch and no bother to us at all."

Robert said, "For the tree huggers reading this and saying 'no,' currently in Michigan farmers are granted kill permits for sandhill cranes and no one is allowed to eat them. Sandhill crane meat is very similar to ribeye steak so why not allow hunters to buy a license. That money is used to hire conservation officers, helps protect our natural resources and allows the hunters to feed their families."

“I just think they’re a fascinating bird. They’ve been here long before we have.”

Allen Brushaber
Fenton resident, Genesee County
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MARK RUMMEL

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Times Herald in Port Huron (where I met future wife Sally) — then left the corporate world to buy my own weekly paper in Pigeon, the tiny Thumb town of my birth.

Sally and I raised our two kids in Pigeon for 20 years, before moving to Fenton for another career change. We opened our Mancino's Pizza & Grinders restaurant here in July 1998. We made food for 18 years, until we

sold the restaurant. I semi-retired in 2016 and now do social media and marketing work for a handful of businesses and groups.

Newspaper people know there is a story in everyone. It has to be found and told. I hope to share some of those with you here. Maybe you'll think a little, and I hope you'll laugh a little, too.

(P.S. — As Abraham Lincoln knew, a "score" is 20 years...)

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NEWS

BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

HOLLY ACADEMY TEACHER NAMED AS ONE OF TOP 5 CHARTER SCHOOL TEACHERS IN MICHIGAN

Jennifer Melero has been named as one of the Top 5 Charter School Teachers of the Year in Michigan. Melero has taught kindergarten at Holly Academy for the past 20 years. She, along with the other four nominees, was recently honored at the Capitol in Lansing on the House of Representatives floor. Melero will receive a tribute by State Rep. Mike

Mueller in May.

This is Melero's second time being named in the Top 5 Charter School Teachers of the Year in the State of Michigan. "It

is an honor to be named in the Top

5 Charter School Teachers in the State of Michigan once again," Melero said. "After meeting the other finalists of such a high caliber, I am humbled to be recognized along with them. I am grateful to my family, fellow staff members, and the families that I have had the pleasure of working and building relationships with at Holly Academy over the past 20 years."



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HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■■ **HOW ABOUT EAGLES?** Let's shoot them too and maybe puppies.

■■■■ **PATHWAYS OR HUGE** school millage increase voting decision. Easy, 'yes' on pathways, 'no' on schools. At least everybody will be able to use the pathway. Schools? They need to budget what they have, stop over spending and crying 'It's for the children' when bumping the taxpayers for more and more.

■■■■ **JOE BIDEN IS** talking about how great America used to be. He should use the slogan, 'Make America Great Again.' Oh wait, somebody is already using that one.

■■■■ **HERE WE GO** again. Another mass shooting, more thoughts and prayers, but no real action to fix the problem.

■■■■

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE WRITER who would never choose a doctor if they knew he became one only for the money. Would you ever ask a doctor just why he became a doctor or just assume?

HEY MS. MAYOR, how do you like looking at that big pile of garbage out your front door. It was left by another failed builder you allowed to pull permits in the city. Maybe if your minions would return some phone calls, I wouldn't have written this.

WHY WOULD ANYONE want people in California or New York choosing the next president? Look at the spread of measles in those two states.

DON'T EVER BOOK a site at a Michigan State Park in advance. Not only do they charge a \$10 cancellation fee, they charge you a hold fee for every day from the time of booking until the time of cancellation. It cost me \$49.60 to cancel two lots that we weren't going to use until June.

WHY THE IRANIANS dislike us; Mohammed Mossadeq was Iran's first democratically elected prime minister appointed through popular demand by the people of Iran. In order to regain control of the oil industry, the

British persuaded and collaborated with the US government to overthrow Mossadeq. In 1953, the CIA began to draft a plan to overthrow Mossadeq.

GOP CORPORATE WELFARE is a real problem in America. But McConnell thinks Social Security and Medicare are the problem.

MMM DELICIOUS, ROASTED sandhill crane with pork stuffing, Brussels sprouts and applesauce.

YOU HOPE TO utilize a non-motorized walkway to spend your hard-earned money in downtown Fenton? What's stopping you? Non-motorized walkways already exist; they're called sidewalks; and Fenton is already full of them.

MOTORISTS PUTTING CYCLISTS in danger? Get real. Cyclists demand road equality then flout traffic laws. At stoplights, cyclists pull to the front instead of taking their place in line. Stop signs: all cyclists ignore. They can't maintain minimum speed limits and impede traffic. Cyclists put motorists in danger.

I WILL KEEP it simple, Please vote 'no' for the pathway. Still too many people struggling week to week. 'No' to increased taxes. In advance, thank you for voting 'no.'

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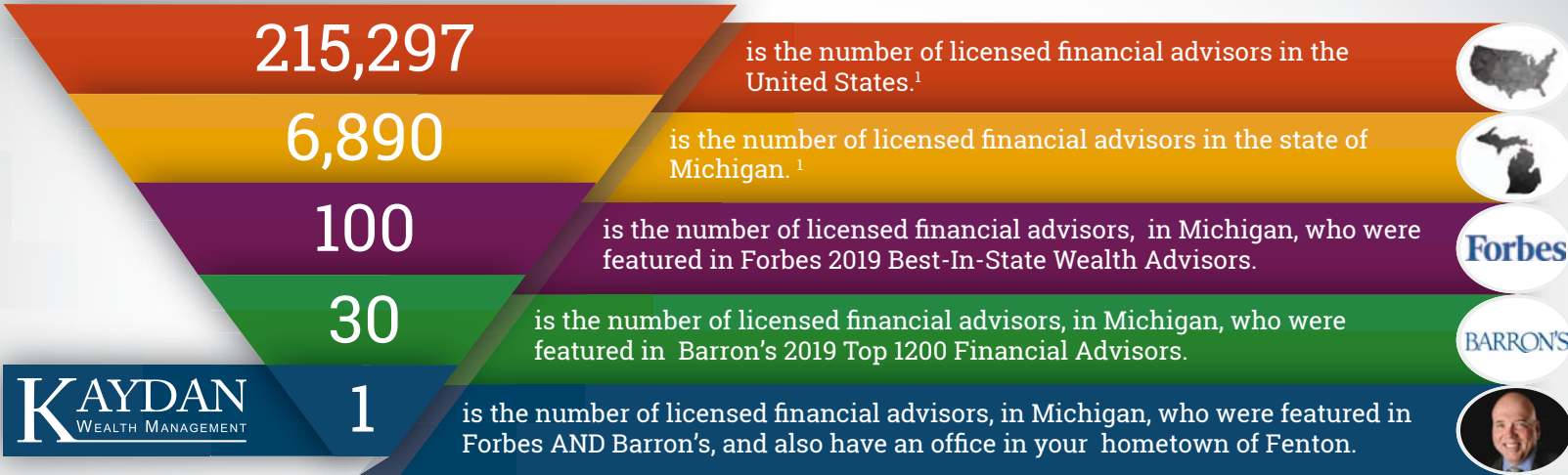
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HOT LINE CONTINUED
JUST AS WE see Rod Rosenstein gone, look for Comey to be arrested soon. And more to come.

■■■
TO THE HOT-LINE 'When will Congress get down to taking care of real business and stop the investigating?' When the Democrats get over the fact they lost the election in 2016. Or maybe when we get rid of as many Democrats and RINOs that will not work with the President. They do not care about the American people.

■■■
PEOPLE CAN'T JUSTIFY their tax grab, so they mislead you to make you think it's about the pathway itself. Even

if 100 percent of the people want the pathway, that's still not justification for a tax increase. Donate your own money instead of stealing mine.

■■■
I FEEL BAD for the Hot-liner that can't get to downtown Fenton to spend their hard earned money unless a non-motorized walkway is constructed.

■■■
I HAVE MORE millages I can count on my home now and have so for the last 40 years. As my home value goes up so does my yearly millage fees. What will happen when I can no longer afford these millages?

■■■

LOOKING BACK *at this week in* **HISTORY**

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

MAY 5

1961: From Cape Canaveral, Florida, Navy Commander Alan Bartlett Shepard Jr. is launched into space aboard the Freedom 7 space capsule, becoming the first American astronaut to travel into space.

MAY 6

2013: Three women are rescued from a Cleveland, Ohio, house where

they had been imprisoned for many years by their abductor, 52-year-old Ariel Castro, an unemployed bus driver. The women —Michelle Knight, Amada Berry and Gina DeJesus — went missing separately between 2002 and 2004, when they were 21, 16 and 14 years old, respectively. Also rescued from the house was a 6-year-old girl born to Berry while she was being held captive and fathered by Castro.

MAY 7

1965: In a Clearwater, Florida, motel room, a bleary-eyed Keith Richards awoke, grabbed a tape recorder and laid down one of the greatest pop hooks of all time: The opening riff of "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction." He then promptly fell back to sleep.

MAY 8

1945: Both Great Britain and the United States celebrate Victory in Europe Day. Cities in both nations, as well as formerly occupied cities in Western Europe, put out flags and banners, rejoicing in the defeat of the Nazi war machine.

MAY 9

1914: President Woodrow Wilson issues a presidential proclamation that officially establishes the first national Mother's Day holiday to celebrate America's mothers. In his first Mother's Day proclamation, Wilson stated that the holiday offered a chance to "(publicly express) our love and reverence for the mothers of our country."

MAY 10

1869: The presidents of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads meet in Promontory, Utah, and drive a ceremonial last spike into a rail line that connects their railroads. This made transcontinental railroad travel possible for the first time in U.S. history.

MAY 11

1949: The body of Leon Besnard is exhumed in Loudun, France, by authorities searching for evidence of poison. For years, local residents had been suspicious of his wife Marie, as they watched nearly her entire family die untimely and mysterious deaths. Law enforcement officials finally began investigating Marie after the death of her mother earlier in the year.

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By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

TEETH WHITENING

Whitening can have a dramatic impact on your smile. Teeth become discolored by different staining processes. External staining is caused by environmental conditions; smoking, coffee, tea, etc. Internal staining is changes in the intrinsic color of the teeth. Internal staining is often natural. And as we grow older our teeth often become darker; a natural part of the aging process. All of these teeth darkening conditions can be treated and improved with the teeth whitening process. There are basically three different teeth whitening methods. The first type is "over-the-counter" whitening kits that can be purchased at your local pharmacy. The second type is professionally supervised home whitening which is provided by your dentist. The third type is in-office whitening done in the dental chair by your dentist and staff. All methods have varying degrees of effectiveness and cost. All three use the same basic chemistry which is some varying form of hydrogen peroxide. The fastest and most dramatic results are achieved through in-office whitening where the entire whitening process is completed in about an hour in a single visit. The number one chief complaint by those who have gone through whitening process is tooth sensitivity both during and after the process is completed. I am happy to report that with advancements in product formulations and chemistry that tooth sensitivity with teeth whitening is not nearly the issue it once was. My office recently hosted a demonstration of the new and improved ZOOM in-office whitening system where it is reported to have greater effective whitening with 99% of the people reporting no sensitivity what so ever. I, myself, had the ZOOM whitening done on my teeth and the results were amazing. My teeth became 7 shades whiter with no sensitivity. For a dazzling white smile call and ask us about teeth whitening and which system is right for you.

I welcome your questions and comments.
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KILL WEEDS

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with one gallon of white vinegar. Do this in a container that is larger than one-gallon capacity so you have room for the salt. Apply the lid and shake to dissolve the salt. Salt dissolves more quickly in vinegar than in water, but it takes a bit of doing. It may not completely dissolve, but that's okay.

Add 1 teaspoon of liquid dishwashing soap. Pour into an ordinary garden sprayer. Apply to weeds or grass on a dry, sunny day to areas you don't want to see vegetation of any kind in the future.

The presence of salt in this recipe is what will eventually bring permanence to your weed killing. The salt will penetrate and leach into the soil. It may take several applications, but in time, the presence of salt will "sterilize" the soil in this area so that nothing will grow there. Plan well before you go this permanent route.

These homemade weed killer recipes are not only cheap, both are completely non-toxic to humans and animals.

Source: *Everydaycheapskate.com*

HOARDING

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Lynn lived in the small travel trailer — at least that's where he slept and kept out of the rain. The house itself was packed so full, every room, top to bottom, that there was no pathway through any door.

It was the same thing in his barn and other outbuildings — packed to the gills with stuff he collected.

Since 1992, Lynn was charged with conducting a garage/yard sale without a permit, and was jailed twice. Nearby neighbors complained that Lynn's house and yard were an eyesore and worried that living near him would lower their property values.

They also said his property was a danger to area children because they were attracted to all the junk. They also said the area was rat-infested.

In October of 1995, the township obtained a court order that allowed them to hire someone to clean the property. On Oct. 16, 1995, heavy demolition equipment rolled onto Lynn's property and began the weeklong process of clearing away the junk and bulldozing some of the smaller buildings.

Although Lynn has long since died, it was believed that he continued collecting for a few more years after the property was cleaned.

NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

MCC STUDENT LEADERSHIP SOCIETY INDUCTS 48 NEW MEMBERS

The Mott Community College (MCC) chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success (Sigma Alpha Pi) inducted 48 new members for the Winter 2019 Semester, and awarded two National Engaged Leaders recognitions, and one Advanced and Executive Leadership Certificate at their winter induction ceremony April 20. The ceremony was the culmination of a years' worth of work. Sigma Alpha Pi is for students with a 2.7GPA or higher, have completed nine credits, and are enrolled for the fall or winter semester at MCC. Membership requirements include completion of an orientation, a leadership training day, three speaker broadcasts, and three Success Networking Team meetings. Locally, the winter 2019 National Society of Leadership and Success Inductees are McKenzie Haubenstricker of Fenton, and Jasmine Burrell and Sara Hogan, both of Linden.

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Argentine police to have K9 unit

■ Costs must be raised through donations

By Hannah Ball

Argentine Twp. — The newest member of the Argentine Township Police Department doesn't carry a gun or handcuffs.

Instead, Felony, a 3-year-old German shepherd, will bring her drug-sniffing skills to aid police in investigations.

Argentine Police Chief Daniel Allen asked the Board of Trustees for permission to create a K9 unit at the Monday, April 29 meeting.

"I feel the need is there. With the recreational laws changing for marijuana, it's going to be necessary to maintain compliance of those laws," he said.

A K9 sniff is not considered a search by law. Currently, when police pull someone over and wish to search a passenger's bag, they need consent. If a dog sniffs the bag and indicates they smell drugs, Allen said that constitutes probable cause and they wouldn't need consent to search the bag.

Recently, they called in the Flint K9 unit to sniff a vehicle an officer pulled over. Police recovered a "sizable amount" of methamphetamine. With the township's own K9 unit, they won't need to wait for another department.

"We've had so many people who want

to donate to this program," he said.

Argentine Township officer Scott Conner, who's also a trustee and planning commissioner, owns Felony.

Treasurer Norm Schmidt made the motion to allow the police department to create a K9 unit as long as the costs are covered through donations to the department.

The vote was 4-0. Conner had to abstain due to his position as an Argentine Township police officer. Felony hasn't finished all the necessary training yet.

The initial expense is the K9 kennel that goes in a police vehicle to hold the dog. Allen estimates it will cost \$5,500.

"Times have changed. A lot of people want a K9 in the community. I'm very, very confident we can raise that money for that K9 kennel," Allen said.

Other expenses include insurance, food, and veterinarian bills. Supervisor Brian Saad asked what happens years from now when they aren't able to raise money for upkeep.

The department had a K9 unit in the past. Det. Sgt. Doug Fulton first had Dewey. When he retired, Fulton got Sirius, who retired in 2015.

Allen said he's spoken with people who expressed their desire to help by donating. "I'm very confident we can make this a very little burden on the township," he said.

He also brought a letter from Linden Community Schools Superintendent Russ Ciesielski stating his support of police having a K9 unit to search the school when needed.

If you wish to donate to the Argentine Township K9 unit, call (810) 735-5050.



“We’ve had so many people who want to donate to this program.”

Daniel Allen

Argentine Township police chief

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Linden's Jordyn Hobson won both games on the mound against Kearsley.

Photo: David Troppens

Eagles capture Metro sweep vs. Kearsley

By David Troppens

Linden — With as many talented hitters as the Linden varsity softball team has on its squad, usually the question isn't if they are going to hit, but just when are the hits going to come.

In wet, cold and occasionally windy conditions Thursday night, the Eagles' potent lineup wasn't always up front against the Kearsley Hornets. However, the squad's lineup came up with enough key hits to earn a pretty important doubleheader sweep, beating Kearsley 7-5 and 6-3.

"We have a good offensive team," Linden varsity softball coach Gordon Jamison said. "It's usually only a matter of time before we get our bats going."

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Blue Devils tie Goodrich in pivotal GAC game

By David Troppens

It seems that the Genesee Area Conference varsity girls soccer race was always decided between one of two schools during its recent history — Lake Fenton and Goodrich.

Chances are, one of those two teams are going to finish the last year

of GAC play with the final one as well. Unfortunately, for Blue Devil fans, it probably will be the Martians.

Entering a pivotal contest against Lake Fenton three points ahead in the schedule, the Martians were able to earn a 3-3 tie against the Blue Devils, maintaining their three-point lead with



two games left in the league season.

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Sports Times

Bronchos, Tigers compete to entertaining deadlock

By David Troppens

Holly — Trailing 2-0 at the half, the Holly varsity girls soccer team wasn't looking like a particularly confident team at halftime against the defending Metro League champions, the Fenton Tigers.

However, with the wind behind their backs instead of in their faces, the Bronchos changed their style of play during the final 40 minutes. The aggressive in-your-face style of play so much associated with the Tigers was being adopted by the Bronchos, and eventually that turned the game around. Holly had goals from two sophomores and senior keeper Citalli

Valdovinos had many important saves of shots and many more important challenges of 50-50 balls inside her goal box, helping the Bronchos leave Fenton High School with a 2-2 tie against their area rivals.

"We never beat Fenton or even come close, so having a tie and coming back trailing 2-0 in the second half felt good," Valdovinos said. "We got those two goals and it feels great."

"It meant so much because they were winning the FMLs and we were in second so it felt so good," sophomore goal scorer Kendall Scribner said.

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Holly's Lindsay Mascorro (center) tries to dribble the ball in between Fenton's Erin Conroy (left) and Hannah Polzin (right). The squads battled to a 3-3 tie on Wednesday. Photo: David Troppens

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Linden's Lance Barkholz slides into second base during the Eagles' victory against Kearsley. Photo: David Troppens

Eagles sting Kearsley Hornets, 10-4

By David Troppens

Linden — It was a tough start of the season for the Linden Eagles varsity baseball team.

A change of coaches about a week into the baseball season interrupted the flow as the squad started practices for the season. After spring break, Tom Derwin emerged as the new head coach. Since then, weather has disrupted the season as much as anything as the coaching staff and

the team try to get acquainted with each other.

The Eagles got off to a slow start in Metro action, losing a pair of contests against Flushing, but the defending co-Metro League champions got their first victory of the league slate on Thursday, defeating Kearsley 10-4. The second game wasn't played due to rainy conditions.

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Staib tosses no-hitter, leads Tigers to twinbill sweep

By David Troppens

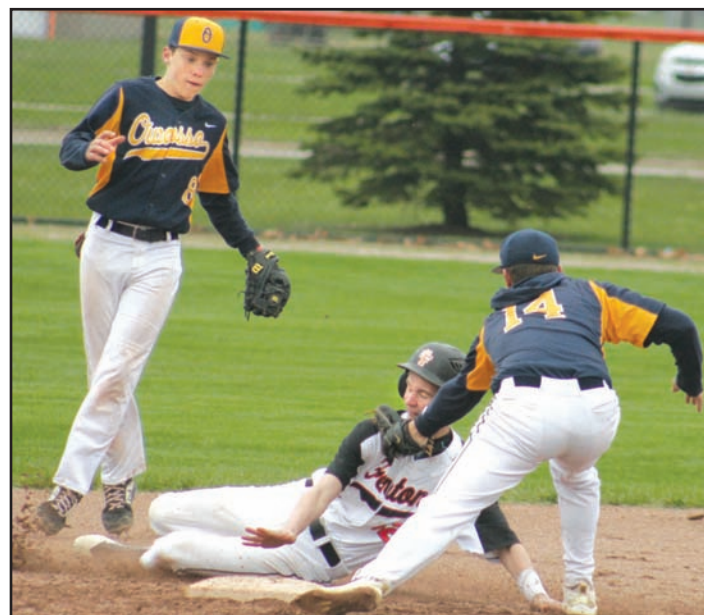
Fenton — Here's a sign of a pitcher who has had a few good outings during the season.

Fenton hurler Graham Staib was dominant against Owosso Tuesday night, posting a six-inning no-hitter while striking out 10 batters.

Yet, Staib wasn't completely certain it was his best outing of the season.

"Right now it's one of my top (pitching performances)," Staib said. "My pitching game against Saline (a 1-0 victory in which he tossed a five-inning three-hitter), was very good. But this one came in league play which is more serious than non-league play, so (it probably was)."

Staib's no-hitter in the 3-0 second game win and Brendan Alvord's five-inning three-hitter in a 10-0 victory in the opening game, sparked the Tigers to a doubleheader sweep



Fenton's Cameron Steeves slides safely into second base during the Tigers' doubleheader sweep against Owosso. Photo: David Troppens

of the Owosso Trojans, probably keeping the Tigers (4-2 in the Metro) in the thick of the league race.

On a day when many games were cancelled, the Tigers found

a way to finish both games in a little more than three hours due to Staib's and Alvord's strong pitching performances.

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Fenton softball sweeps past Brandon Blackhawks

In short, Brandon proved to be no serious challenge to the Fenton varsity softball team. Fenton scored 37 runs

in two games, earning a doubleheader sweep. Fenton won the first game 18-0 and also won the second game 19-8.

Fenton track teams continue winning Metro duals

The Fenton varsity track teams are two wins away from undefeated Metro dual seasons. Both teams earned that right by defeating Kearsley and Holly.

The Fenton boys defeated Kearsley

83.5-51.5 and Holly 124-13 while the Fenton girls defeated Holly 82-49 and Kearsley 97.5-39.5. The Holly girls beat Kearsley 72-49 while the Holly boys lost to the Hornets 83-41.

Holly baseball loses slugfest vs. Flushing Raiders

Holly's varsity baseball team played a game against the Flushing Raiders neither team won't soon forget.

The teams were pushed to 11 in-

nings before a winner was decided. At first, it looked like the Bronchos may leave Flushing the victor, scoring a run in the top of the 11th.

Linden girls soccer earns Metro victory vs. Raiders

The Linden varsity girls soccer team is slowly moving up the Metro standings.

After facing many of the key contend-

ers early, the Eagles struggled at the start of the season, recording two tight losses against the Flushing and Fenton.

Linden track squads earn mixed results in dual

Facing Flushing wasn't going to be an easy task for either Linden varsity track squad. The Raiders proved that

to be the case, beating both Linden teams. They beat the Linden girls 101 1/3-35 2/3, while the boys lost 110-27.

Fenton softball captures doubleheader split vs. Owosso

By David Troppens

Fenton — In between some sprinkles, the Fenton varsity softball team was able to finish its Metro League doubleheader against Owosso before the real rain hit on Wednesday.

While doing so, the two squads played two entertaining contests as well.

Fenton (4-2 in the Metro and 8-4 overall) broke a 1-1 tie with four runs in the bottom of the sixth, earning the Tigers a 5-1 victory in the opening game. In the second contest, Owosso scored three runs in the top of the fifth and then held on to earn a 3-2 victory, meaning both teams had to settle for a doubleheader split.

Owosso (5-1 in the Metro) jumped to a 1-0 lead in the opening inning with the aid of a walk and two singles, but that represented all of the offense until the Tigers' fifth. That's when the Tigers tied the game up when Jessica Dunkel singled, was sacrificed to second by Natalie Thomas and scored on Hannah Bollinger's RBI-single. The squads were tied at 1-1.

The Tigers took the lead for the first time and for good with their four-run sixth. Coral Lefever opened the inning with a double and Erin Carter was



Fenton's Jessica Dunkel throws a ball from her knees during the Tigers doubleheader split with Owosso.

Photo: Chris Summers

walked. Hailee Prater walked, loading the bases. Cheryl Hatch hit a sacrifice fly to center, scoring Lefever. Reger followed with a two-run double, making it a 4-1 lead. Dunkel single, Addy Taylor reached base on a dropped third strike, loading the bases. Bollinger was hit by a pitch, driving in the final Fenton run.

Sara Eisenbeis was strong on the mound, needing just 78 pitches to toss the seven-inning complete game victory.

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Fenton takes first at Holt invite; Holly places fifth

The Fenton varsity boys golf team has captured a pretty impressive performance at the Holt Invitational.

In fact, the Tigers captured the tournament title. The Tigers posted a team score of 319.

FLaX Heat lacrosse crushes Swartz Creek, Davison

The FLA X Heat are closing in on another Flint Metro League varsity girls lacrosse title.

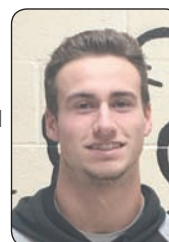
The co-op squad is halfway to the title after beating Swartz Creek 16-2 on Tuesday.

May 5, 2019

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MAIKA
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Tennis



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PREP REPORT

SOFTBALL

► **Holly vs. Flushing:** The Bronchos lost the first game 13-11 and were losing the second game 9-5 when it was called.

In the opener, Marissa Back led the offense with four hits (two doubles) and five RBI. Isabella Lockitski had three hits and scored four times while Jillian Cohoon had two hits, drove in two runs and scored two runs.

In the second game, seven girls had a hit each. Lockitski had a double while Beck had a hit and two RBI.

BOYS GOLF

► **Linden 193, Kearsley 201:** Andrew Skellenger shot a match medal-

ist score of 42 at Spring Meadows, leading the Eagles to the league win. Brendan Johnson shot a 49 while Devin Hubbard carded a 50. Cameron Sproule shot a 52.

► **Fenton 171, Clio 218:** Dylan Conte earned match medalist honors, leading the Tigers to the victory. Conte shot a 40 while Braden Lapa had a 41. Addison McIntosh carded a 43 and Logan Lake shot a 47.

BASEBALL

► **Clio 8, Holly 4:** Trey Ridgway had two hits while Garrett VanGilder and Jack DeVries had a hit each.

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