

Special Aug. 6 election to cost district upwards of \$20,000

■ If 2020 proposal passes, school will collect \$2.1 million

By Vera Hogan

The next local election will be a special election on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

Voters in the city of Fenton, Fenton Township, Rose Town-

ship and Tyrone Township, who are in the Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) district, will be asked to decide a new 10-year sinking fund. The current

fund expires Dec. 31. If voters approve the new sinking fund, the next 10-year collection period will start Jan. 1, 2020.

Why a special election in

August and not November, when at least in the city of Fenton voters will already be tasked with choosing the mayor

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'I was just praying for the safety of my kids'

■ Family home goes up in flames while pastor and wife in Cuba

By Hannah Ball

Less than three days after their house burned down, the Morris family of Deerfield Township was able to pose in front of their charred, destroyed home and smile for a few photos.

Wes Morris, pastor of The Rock Church in Fenton, wife Erin, and their five children looked through the rubble for anything that survived the blaze on Saturday, May 18 that took the children and babysitter by surprise.

"We all found some stuff that we were excited about, but most of it was gone," Wes said.

See **HOUSE FIRE** on 21A

Upon their return home from Cuba, on Monday, May 20, Pastor Wes Morris stands with his wife Erin and five kids, (from left) Franklin, Ella, Quintin, Joelle and Preston. The children were inside the house when the fire started and got out safely with the babysitter and dog.

Submitted photo



Linden man bound over for trial

■ Facing 30 felony counts involving child pornography

By Sharon Stone

Frank Borge Fell III, 72, of Linden has two unrelated court cases involving child pornography in Genesee County, and both have been bound over to circuit court for a jury trial.

See **FELONY** on 10A



Frank Borge
Fell III

Federal court rules majority of voter districts were gerrymandered

■ Michigan Republicans to appeal lower court's decision

By Tim Jagielo

In late April, a panel of Michigan judges determined that dozens of state and U.S. legislative districts were gerrymandered by Republicans in 2011 and will need to be redrawn.

See **GERRYMANDERED** on 23A

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“To all great Americans. As you finalize your Memorial Day plans, please be sure to reserve some time to recognize the reason for the holiday — ‘For those who gave their lives that the nation might live. It is altogether proper and fitting that we should do this.’ — Abraham Lincoln”



“Regarding damage to Linden City Hall building caused by out-of-control driver. Does the driver's insurance pay for damage? It should.”



“Please enforce the traffic laws on Silver Parkway. It's getting dangerous.”



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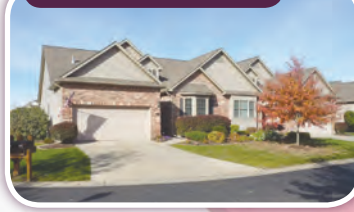
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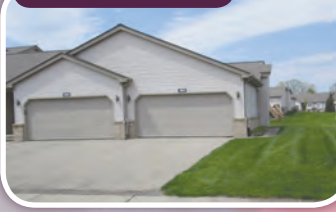
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Mission possible with ‘Impossible’ meats

■ To be in all Burger King restaurants by year’s end

By Vera Hogan

Citing a mission to save meat and the earth, Impossible Foods claim they make delicious, nutritious “meat” from plants.

According to impossiblefoods.com, the company’s mission is to eliminate the need for animals as a means of food production technology, and make the global food system sustainable.

“Animal agriculture occupies nearly half of the world’s land, making it one of the greatest threats to wildlife and biodiversity,” according to the company’s website at impossiblefoods.com.

Raising livestock for food is responsible for 15 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions and consumes 25 percent of the world’s fresh water. Impossible Foods makes meat directly from plants, using a small fraction of land, water and energy as meat from animals—so people can keep enjoying their favorite foods without destroying the environment.

During a sabbatical in 2009, Stanford University Professor Dr. Patrick



With “Impossible” meats, people can still enjoy their burger while protecting the environment at the same time. Photo: Impossible Foods

O. Brown, decided to change the course of his career to address the “urgent problem of climate change.”

In particular, he wanted to make the global food system sustainable by pro-

ducing meat and dairy products from plants, which has a much lower carbon footprint than producing meat and dairy products from animals.

See **IMPOSSIBLE** on 11A

Skin cancer on the rise

■ Use mineral-based sunscreen, reapply often

By Hannah Ball

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the U.S., according to the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), and one local dermatologist is warning people to be wary of the sun in the warmer months.

Lisa Brown, physician assistant at Skin & Vein Center, said skin cancers are appearing in younger and younger people.

Basal cell and squamous cell carcinoma, which are caused by

“I think this should be on billboards — tanning beds cause cancer.”

Lisa Brown
Skin & Vein Center physician assistant

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Mark my words

By Mark Rummel



Mark Rummel

The show must go on — now it's gone

Our generations today cannot imagine how big an impact movie theaters had in small towns from the 1930s to the 1960s. With their flashing, multi-colored, glittering lights and huge screens, movie theaters brought a few hours of stardom straight from glamorous Hollywood to our towns for pennies. And, somehow, boxes of buttered movie popcorn tasted better than any homemade treat.

Before the era when television exploded into homes in the mid-1950s, many people went to the “show” two or three times a week, often at a 35-cent or 50-cent admission price. Families attended together, and young couples sat in the balcony for more privacy on “dates.” In most towns, theaters were the first business to be air-conditioned, bringing relief during sweltering summers.

Fenton ultimately had three theaters, while Linden and Holly had one each. All offered thrills and excitement for local folks, with big-name stars appearing in shoot-‘em-up westerns, war movies, comedies, horror flicks and romantic shows. Each showing included a newsreel,

color cartoon and coming attractions to lure patrons back again and again.

Here’s where local folks went for entertainment before everybody stayed home to watch TV:

The Rowena Theater opened in 1913 with 200 seats on S. LeRoy Street in downtown Fenton. Six years later, it moved a few doors away to 115 N. LeRoy, with 450 seats, according to cinematreaasures.org. It was named for the daughter of original owner Marcus Peck, and operated until 1977, the website says.

Admission to the Silver Drive-In cost just 70 cents when it opened in 1955 at 3315 W. Silver Lake Rd. With space for 400 cars, it operated until 1986 as the only local drive-in theater. The Silver Lake Arbor Apartments are now located on that site.

Near the corner of Broad and Bridge streets, the Linden Theatre at 122 S. Bridge opened in 1946. With seats for 316 patrons, the Linden Theatre featured a soundproofed “cry room” for parents with infants. It closed barely 11 years later, in 1957, another victim of TV’s growing influence. The building has had multiple uses since then.

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PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

on Friday delayed by six months a series of tariffs on foreign cars from Europe and Japan, pushing back the aggressive move.

IN REGARDS TO Cholo Day, why do you assume the students were disrespecting the Mexican people by imitating their fashion. Those who feel the need to judge them should look inside to see why. You feel more superior? Think the Mexican people are weak and need you to defend them?

FELLOW CITIZENS, PLEASE pay attention to what the Democrat party is doing. Moves to open borders, impose a green new deal, eliminate the Electoral College, kill the filibuster, repeal gerrymandering, impose identity politics and carry on baseless congressional investigations are all attempts to impose one-party rule.

THE PHEASANTS DIDN'T disappear because of me. They disappeared because the farms and their habitat disappeared and were replaced by shopping plazas and empty parking lots.

What do you put on your hot dog?

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

street talk



“Relish, ketchup, mustard. Just the normal stuff. I’m just a basic ketchup person.”

—Karen Bethke
Fenton



“You have to have coney sauce, mustard and onions. It’s got to be a Koegel.”

—Mary Ponsetto
Fenton



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—Fred Rozario
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BIRTH CONTROL ISN'T 100 percent. Other than barriers, why is birth control put solely on women? Why is it her responsibility? If your thought was because she's the one who gets pregnant, shame on you.

WE NEED TO start executing these child kidnappers, regardless of the damage or injury to the child. It may not prevent all kidnappings but no one will do it twice.

THREE CHEERS FOR the Genesee County Road Commission. Temporary streetlights and barrels in the road for the last four days, with no work going on. Great job.

INDEPENDENCE DAY IS coming up and that means parades. For the last few years, Fenton's parades have been nothing but an advertisement that is no fun. Kids don't enjoy it, adults don't even want to go and it feels like there isn't any respect for the USA. Why don't we show some excitement and actual appreciation for independence and decorate what we are celebrating for.

NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE



Jeff Simberg earns rank of Eagle Scout

Jeff Simberg, an 18-year-old senior at Linden

High School and a member of Linden Boy Scout Troup 111, passed his Board of Review on Dec. 20, 2018. His Court of Honor was held Sunday, May 19 at Linden Presbyterian Church, which is the Charter Organization that sponsors his troop. His Eagle service project was a fence enclosing the children's play equipment in the side yard of Linden Presbyterian Church.

Parents will know if kids are STOPPED

■ Livingston County Sheriff's Office and State Farm partner with voluntary program

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Parents of young drivers who live in Livingston County, which locally includes Tyrone, Hartland and Deerfield townships, can sign up for a voluntary program if they want to be notified if their son or daughter has been involved in a traffic stop.

Livingston County Sheriff Michael Murphy announced Wednesday, May 22, that the program, which has been around for several years, is being enhanced.

Sheriffs Telling Our Parents and Promoting Educated Drivers (STOPPED) is a voluntary program for parents who would like to be notified when their child is involved in a traffic stop by a sheriff's deputy.

The State Farm-funded program has been around for several years but notification was completed by regular mail.

Blaine Koops, executive director of the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, said, "The enhanced system will fully automate the process. In the event a deputy makes a traffic stop with a young

driver, the deputy locates the STOPPED sticker, puts the corresponding number into an internet-based program and hits the send button.

"The deputy then tells the driver that their parent will receive either a text message or email regarding the traffic stop. However, the deputy informs the young driver that they have 48 hours to discuss the event with their parents before the parent receives the message. This system allows for not only notification but accountability between young driver student and parent."

STOPPED Livingston and Mason counties have been selected to pilot the program.

Koops said, "This is just the initial test run, given the outcome this could have wide ranging positive impact on how we relate to our young drivers and their parents."

Livingston County Sheriff Michael Murphy and Mason County Sheriff Kim Cole will oversee the program.

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Price's Airport approved for 15 new hangars

■ Interest in aeronautics signifies 'economic activity'

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — Horizon Lakes Airpark at Price's Airport has been given the green light to build 15 new individual hangars for aircraft.

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously in favor of the request at its meeting May 20. The proposed amendment is consistent with the existing Planned Unit Development (PUD) ordinance, and the Planning Commission recommended approval.

Currently, the airport has two large hangars more than 50 years old that accommodate seven aircraft. These new individual hangars will be purchased and used by the public who don't live at the park.

Hangars will range in size from 50- by 50-feet, 60- by 60-feet, and 70- by 70-feet, the traditional box shape. There will be paved access to each hangar, which will be shared with vehicles coming and going. Materials relating to aeronautical activity, such as balloon and skydiving equipment, and maintenance equipment for the planes can be stored. Users can store other items in the hangars, such as vehicles and boats, as long as a plane is stored there.

The maximum square footage for these hangars cannot exceed 116,980 square feet, and the maximum height cannot exceed 38 feet in height.

Cody Welch, who co-developed the air park, hopes to start construction this summer.

At the May 6 meeting, Welch spoke about this and how it signifies recovery after the recession.

"When there's finally some economic activity, people are buying more cars and more houses. We're kind of the last beneficiary to get an uptick," he said.

Fenton Township to vote on recreational marijuana

■ Proposal 1, which legalized recreational marijuana, passed by 610 votes in township

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — Recreational marijuana facilities could be prohibited in Fenton Township.

At the May 20 meeting, the Board of Trustees listened to township attorney Jack Belzer explain an ordinance that would prohibit all marijuana facilities

in the municipality.

Michigan voters passed the Michigan's Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act Initiative in the November 2018 election. The law requires that cities and townships opt out of allowing recreational marijuana facilities if they do not want them in their municipality. The law does not fully take effect until December.

The majority of Fenton Township residents voted in favor of legalizing

recreational marijuana. In the November 2018 election, 4,536 residents voted "yes" on Proposal 1 compared to the 3,926 who voted "no."

"Under state law, if you don't want to have marijuana establishments in the township, you have to opt out," Belzer said. This includes any growing, transportation, testing, selling and other establishments mentioned under state law.

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‘Cholo’ situation a teachable moment

■ Other cultures can be explored and appreciated by research without mocking

By Tim Jagielo

The “Cholo Day” situation at Fenton High School was recently covered by several media outlets, made it on Reddit and drew comments from readers who were deeply offended, and others who didn’t get what the big deal was.

The story reached Juani Olivares of Flint. She’s president and CEO of the Genesee County Hispanic Latino Collaborative, which serves as an advocacy group for area families and works to raise Hispanic cultural awareness.

“It wasn’t OK,” she said. To her, there were several problems with it, namely stereotyping and oversimplification.

Olivares said that intention does matter — perhaps the participants didn’t mean to insult Latino people, but there’s a right way and a wrong way to partake in different cultures. The difference is knowing how to appreciate a culture, without accidentally

(or intentionally) mocking it.

For Heather Laube, sociology professor at the University of Michigan-Flint, it’s about power. “People who belong to social groups that have more social power just can’t appropriate words, dress, hairstyles from groups they and others have historically oppressed and marginalized,” Laube said.

Olivares, who identifies as Mexican, said that there is a way to partake in different cultures without insulting them.

To her, the main issue is caring enough to do research about a group. “We are a melting pot; we are in the United States. We do need to know the difference between the cultures,” she said, and care about what’s appropriate.

“Cultural awareness” is knowing that Cinco de Mayo has little relevance to the various Latino communities in Michigan. Mexicans would celebrate their actual Independence Day, which is Sept. 16. Cultural awareness is knowing that Olivares speaks Spanish, not “Mexican.”

Each state in Mexico has its own

traditions, clothing and dishes. “We all make enchiladas, but we don’t make it the same way,” she said. “It’s about respecting those cultures and not making these assumptions.”

National Hispanic Heritage Month is Sunday, Sept. 15 to Tuesday, Oct. 15. Olivares said this is a good time to learn about culture.

Some people wonder why some racial slurs and terms can be used within a group of people of color (POC), but it’s not OK for white people to also use the words. “Words have meaning and when that meaning is meant to create or maintain a social hierarchy it matters a

lot who uses them,” Laube said.

Some words were created by white people to use against minorities. Sometimes POC use the same words amongst themselves, often in jest. “When POC use these terms they take back some of that power,” Laube said.

The term “cholo” itself is problematic because it tends to refer to a Latino male gangster. It can also refer to a man of partly indigenous ancestry, in Latin countries. Either way, it’s derogatory.

“We are a melting pot; we are in the United States. We do need to know the difference between the cultures.”

Juani Olivares

Genesee County Hispanic Latino Collaborative president and CEO

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The Holly Theater had 340 seats, at 104 N. Saginaw St. It was once known as the Liberty and operated from at least 1941 to 1959, according to the waterwinterwonderland.com website. It is now home to the Detroit Model Railroad Club.

Most recently, local movie fans remember the multi-screen Fenton Cinema on N. Alloy Drive. It opened in 1985 with two screens, and expanded to eight before closing in 2008. The building was demolished in 2013.

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10-year-old wins challenge with 'The Talker'

■ Invention would help people who communicate non-verbally
By Hannah Ball

Holly Academy fourth grade student Leland Steele, 10, has a 7-year-old brother who's autistic and non-verbal.

When the school participated in the Invent Challenge this past winter, Leland knew what he wanted to make—"The Talker," a device that would allow nonverbal people to communicate with others by monitoring their brainwaves and then a speaker would say the words.

He hasn't actually invented the device yet, but his drawings won the competition and awarded him a free week at Camp Invention, which focuses on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), after he gets out of school next month.

"The Talker" would be a foam helmet with a small speaker worn as a necklace and a button for settings.

Leland was "excited" and "surprised" to win.

"My little brother has autism and it's always been hard that he can't talk so

I thought of that," he said. His device would also help communicate what animals are thinking to humans, such as expressing that they're hungry.

"We have brainwave technology I'm pretty sure, so if it measured that and then it could say it out of the speaker. If a dog wanted food or water, it probably wouldn't talk normal, but it would probably just say if it was thinking of food or water," he said.

For his submission, Leland drew a dog wearing the device with a talking bubble next to it saying "bacon" repeatedly. "The Talker" could also be used by deaf people.

It took him between one to two days to finish his drawing.

Leland's mother, Kim Ulicne, said the brothers are very close and Leland is very good at handling his little brother.

"He helps him. He's a really good big brother," she said. "We're just so proud of him. At 10 years old to come up with that. He's a very kind kid, very thoughtful."

When asked what he would tell



Ten-year-old Leland Steele sits with drawings of his invention, "The Talker," which won a school-wide competition. After school ends this summer, he will attend Camp Invention for free.

Photo: Hannah Ball

people who don't know much about autism, Leland said, "I would tell them that they can't talk or really show emotions in a way they can understand."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE DEMOCRATS NEED to get off this information, tax returns, facts, impeachment line of thought. As Steven Miller said, 'The power of the President will not be questioned.' Many other powerful leaders believe the same thing (Putin, Kim Jong, and Assad). Democracies are short-lived, dictatorships aren't.

■■■ **HOW MANY PEOPLE** are having issues with Spectrum/Charter On Demand? Had a tech come out he said he could not fix it. It was Charter's fault.

■■■ **YOU WROTE YOUR** words in the wrong order. The idea that we can't act gradually on climate change is crazy. We can absolutely wait 10 years.

■■■ **SOCIALISTS ALWAYS CALL** for 'fair play' without realizing they actually want 'fair outcomes.' Fair play results in winners and losers, something socialists hate. Socialists want a rigged game to get their 'social justice.' There is no fairness, no justice in the rigged system they want to create.



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FELONY

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One court case dates back to June 29, 2017 with Argentine Township Police Department being the arresting police agency.

The second court case dates back to Feb. 7, 2018 with the Michigan State Police-Flint Post (MSP) being the arresting police agency.

With the case investigated by MSP Computer Crimes Unit, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, Fell was arraigned April 16 in Genesee County on five felony counts of child sexually abusive activity, 10 felony counts of using a computer to commit the crime, and five felony counts of possessing child sexually abusive material.

During a hearing April 30, Fell's case was bound over to Genesee County Circuit Court for a jury trial. A cash bond of \$20,000 was ordered.

Lt. David Vergison of the MSP said their case is completely separate from Argentine Township's case. Vergison said there have been no allegations of assault toward Fell.

Vergison said MSP's investigation was prompted by a lead found by an investigator. This led to the identity of an IP address of a certain computer, which led investigators to an address in Linden. Vergison said Fell allegedly downloaded child pornography onto his computers.

After a search of Fell's home and a forensic search on multiple computers in his home, he was arrested.

With the court case investigated by Argentine Township police, Fell was arraigned March 21 with five felony counts of possessing child sexually abusive material and five felony counts of using a computer to commit the crime. A bond of \$10,000 was ordered on each of the 10 counts.

This case also was bound over to circuit court April 30 for a jury trial.

Argentine Township Police Chief Daniel Allen said his police department charged Fell with downloading child porn on his personal computer after police became aware of the allegations. The chief could not elaborate any further.

No new court dates have been scheduled.

WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

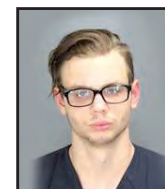
The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, May 22, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

AAA predicts record-breaking Memorial Day travel

AAA and the Michigan State Police are partnering on Operation C.A.R.E. or Crash Awareness and Reduction Efforts.

Linden teen pleads guilty

Faces sentencing in Oakland County, more hearings in Genesee County.



Superintendent: '... we all worked together, learned and became stronger'

Fenton school district responds to controversial 'Cholo Day' incident at high school.

Damage to Linden City Hall costs \$60,000

Building evaluated for structural integrity; only three people allowed on second floor at once.

Slotkin: 'Michigan has a lot to teach Washington'

U.S. representative visits with constituents in hometown Holly to talk healthcare and progress in D.C.

More than 100 kids participate in city planning

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Our Future

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IMPOSSIBLE

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How it's made

Heme is what makes meat taste like meat. It's an essential molecule found in every living plant and animal — most abundantly in animals — and something people have been eating and craving since the dawn of humanity.

At Impossible Foods, plant-based heme is made via fermentation of genetically engineered yeast, according to its website.

Impossible Foods started by using the heme-containing protein from the roots of soy plants. It's called soy leghemoglobin. They took the DNA from soy plants and inserted it into a genetically engineered yeast. They then ferment this yeast—very similar to the way Belgian beer is made. But instead of producing alcohol, the yeast multiplies and produces a lot of heme.

Mark Hamel, co-owner of The Laundry in Fenton said, “We’ve been using it for a few years now. We started after learning about the plant based protein used in the product. On our current menu we use the ‘Impossible Burger’ in a stuffed pepper skillet and spaghetti and meatballs (in our vegetarian section).

“Our new summer menu comes out next week and will not have the stuffed peppers on it, but the meatballs will stay,” Hamel said. “We do not have a burger currently on the menu, although we have in the past. The product comes in packed similar to beef. It looks like beef to the average person. It’s a good product and many vegetarians seem to enjoy it.”

Partnering with Burger King

Burger King’s Impossible Whopper — a patty made with 0 percent meat — will soon be available nationwide.

It was announced in late April that after a successful test run in St. Louis, that Burger King now plans to make the product available in all its 7,200 branches across the United States by the end of this year.

The beefless burger is a partnership with the startup company Impossible Foods, which supplies patties made with heme.

The plan for nationwide distribution is further evidence of plant-based meat going mainstream — a huge deal for those who want to see meat alternatives replace actual meat because of

concerns over animal cruelty or climate change. If this keeps scaling up, it could help save hundreds of thousands of animals from suffering on factory farms, and it could reduce the number of methane-producing cattle. It could also combat other problems related to the factory-farming system, like antibiotic resistance.

Other restaurant chains that sell burgers and hamburger products also are expected to join the meatless “Impossible Burger” movement in the very near future.

Source: Vox.com; impossiblefoods.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■■
RELIGION AND GOVERNMENT
don't mix.

■■■■
TO KOREAN WAR veteran. From one vet to another, I've got your back. Forget the comments from that civilian; she is clueless. Thank you for your service. It makes you a great American.

■■■■
TRUMP'S TERM IS over January 2021. Do the people really want to

waste our time and money on the Democrat's plan to impeach Trump now when their time and effort and our money could be better spent?

■■■■
TIME TO PAINT new lines on Silver Parkway.

■■■■
JUST BECAUSE MONSANTO says it's okay to kill pheasants and farmers, it doesn't justify killing cranes for entertainment. Go get yourself two chickens from Tyson and eat up.

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Carpenter bees are destructive to wood structures

■ Despite being important pollinators in gardens and crops

Compiled By Vera Hogan

Carpenter bees are large, fuzzy bees that are very scary looking when they get near. While they aren't on the lookout for you, they do have an eye on your home, and that is terrifying, too.

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The carpenter bee looks a lot like its cousin the bumble bee, with its yellow and black coloring, but the bottom is the giveaway. Bumble bees are fuzzy all over, including their abdomens — carpenter bees are not.

Carpenter bees are generally not aggressive, but they are cause for concern for different reasons. They are destructive. Their name is a dead giveaway. You should worry about carpenter bees because of the potential for damage to your home and other structures on your property.

These bees like to nest in wood. Your house has plenty. Carpenter bees build nests in soft wood, which is what your home, shed, and decks are made of — just to name a few. Carpenter bees drill holes that are roughly half an inch in diameter. Once carpenter bees build the nest, the next thing they do is lay eggs in it. When the offspring arrive, they are not likely to

leave the nest.

"I had a huge problem with carpenter bees on my log cabin here on the farm," said Stew Oldford Sr. of Parshallville. "They look like bumblebees and they love white pine logs. They drill holes deep into the log usually on the sunny side of the cabin. The holes go at least a foot in the log and the sawdust creates a good-sized pile beneath the hole. They lay their eggs there to start the clan the following season. 'If left alone they can demolish the structure in several years,' he said.

Oldford said he pumped it full of caulk, and hasn't seen the bees around for several years. "But I'm sure they will return someday."

Signs of carpenter bee damage include:

- holes in the side of your home
- wood shavings on the ground beneath holes
- marks on the outside of a hole that



Photo: hgic.clemson.edu

look like a fan

• scratching sounds coming from inside the walls (This could also be rodents, so an inspection is required.)

Once a carpenter bee chews a hole in the side of your home, your home is susceptible to more than these bees. Untreated holes and structural damage invite rodents and other pests, mold, and staining on the wood.

If you suspect the holes in your walls are caused by carpenter bees, here are things you can do today to make them go away.

According to MSU Extension, carpenter bees can be controlled by applying a registered insecticide to the opening. Painting, or otherwise sealing (such as caulking), the wood is reported to discourage the bees from chewing their holes.

Despite being destructive, carpenter bees are important pollinators in native plant communities, gardens, and in some crops. As they visit flowers and feed on nectar, they pick up and transfer pollen.

Source: Bigbluebug.com; msu.edu

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■■■
SERIOUSLY...THANK YOU. I thought Holly was responsible for the horrible Grange Hall Road intersection. I was totally wrong. I called the county road commission as you suggested and they submitted a request for patching. Patching? Seriously, Oakland County?

■■■
IF YOU DON'T think pollution may be a problem think about this advice. 'Always drink upstream from the herd.'

■■■
THE PERSON CLAIMING Governor Snyder was the best ever in Michigan history must be a high ranking executive in either GM, Ford or Chrysler as they received the largest tax break ever in Michigan history forcing our nuisance taxes through the roof.

■■■
LITTLE KENNY THOUGHT he was gonna 'dominate,' Little Kenny was wrong. Don't be like Little

ELECTION

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and three city council members whose terms expire this year.

FAPS Superintendent Adam Hartley said, "Because of the current sinking fund expiring in December, we are placing the new sinking fund on the August ballot so we have an opportunity to go back out to the community in November if the August vote is not favorable to the school district."

School officials are asking to increase the sinking fund millage amount from the current 1 mill to 2.25 mills. It is estimated the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2020 is approximately \$2,110,292.

Along with maintaining quality facilities, enhancing school security and progressing in instructional technology, a new sinking fund will allow the district to equip each school building with new HVAC climate control classrooms within a two-year period.

Because citizens may now be automatically registered to vote at the Secretary of State's office, and up to the day of the election, local clerks

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Fenton Area Public Schools superintendent

anticipate that their number of registered voters will climb higher than their current numbers.

With the passage of Proposal 3 by a 2 to 1 margin in the November 2018 election, citizens can be automatically registered to vote at the Secretary of State's Office, if they want. It also allows a citizen to register to vote anytime, even up to the day of the election with proof of residency, and it provides for "no reason" absentee voting.

All of the local clerks say Fenton Area Public Schools will be required to reimburse their communities for the costs of conducting the election.

City of Fenton

The city of Fenton has 9,129 registered voters currently on record, according to Clerk Sue Walsh. She said the cost to administer the May special election (failed Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation non-motorized pathway proposal) came in at just under \$5,000.

All city of Fenton voters are in the Fenton Area Public Schools district and all cast their ballots in the Activity Center at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Fenton Township

"We have 1,912 registered voters in Fenton Township that reside in the Fenton school district," said Thomas Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk. "I would estimate that the township's total cost to administer the election will be in the range of \$1,500 to \$2,000. That does not include programming or ballot production, which are done and billed by Genesee County."

Fenton school district voters who reside in Fenton Township cast their ballots in precincts four and five, which will be run as a single, consolidated precinct on Aug. 6, Broecker said. Voting will take place at Lake Fenton High School in the Green Room adjacent to the Band Room in the south wing of the building.

Rose Township

Clerk Debbie Miller said there are currently 1,331 registered FAPS voters on record in Rose Township. "But we will be getting more before the election because it will increase due to Secretary of State automatic registration," she said.

The cost for the Aug. 6 special election will be "at least \$8,000 in Rose Township," Miller said. Because of Proposal 3, ballots and other documents have to be replaced, and election workers need to be paid.

Only precinct 1 will be voting in the Aug. 6 election, which takes place in the lower level of the Rose Township offices.

Tyrone Township

According to Clerk Marcella Husted, there are currently 4,489 registered voters in Tyrone Township, who reside in the Fenton school district. "I estimate the costs to Fenton Schools will be between \$3,000 to \$4,000," she said.

Tyrone Township voters in the FAPS district are in precincts 2 and 3 and vote at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church, 10235 White Lake Rd, Fenton, Husted said.

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SKIN CANCER

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exposure to the sun, are being found in people in their early 40s when it used to only be prevalent in people age 60 and up. Rates for both cancers have increased substantially since the '70s, according to the AAD.

Basal cell carcinoma increased by 145 percent between 1976 and 1984, and between 2000 and 2010.

"So many people are getting so much sun exposure and tanning bed use so you're seeing a lot of basal cells at an earlier age," she said. This type is normally non-deadly and won't metastasize if caught early.

If melanoma, the most dangerous type of skin cancer that can spread to other parts of the body, is not caught "extremely early," it can be fatal. Brown has seen melanoma in someone in her 30s.

"They're both caused by the sun and both caused by tanning. Melanoma has a genetic link, too," Brown said, adding that melanoma will also appear in places where sun can't reach. This type of skin cancer has tripled in American adults since the 1970s, according to the National Cancer Institute.

She attributed the increased risk of skin cancer to the popularity of tanning beds in the '80s and '90s and the changing ozone layer.

"The biggest thing I tell people is stop the tanning bed use," she said. Some countries have banned tanning beds or placed age restrictions on them. "I think this should be on billboards — tanning beds cause cancer."

She anticipates that America will eventually have stricter laws or outright ban on tanning beds.

Approximately one in five Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime, and around 9,500 people in the U.S. are diagnosed daily, according to the AAD. Nearly 20 Americans die from melanoma every day.

Staying out of the sun and using sunscreen is the best way to protect against skin cancer. Brown recommends mineral-based sunscreens with an SPF of 30 or higher.

Mineral sunscreens are becoming more popular, giving people another option besides chemical sunscreens. Mineral-based products contain titanium and zinc or other metals, and are more effective than chemical sunscreens. These create a physical barrier

that reflects the sun off the skin.

The Federal Drug Administration has deemed these ingredients safe.

The biggest misconception is people who think their face is protected because their moisturizer contains SPF.

"It only lasts 90 minutes. If you look on the back of the bottle, some say 80, some say 90. So after 90 minutes, it's like having nothing on your skin. Reapply every 90 minutes," she said.

For sensitive skin, she recommends an SPF mineral powder from Peter Thomas Roth that you apply on your face. Neutrogena and Aveeno are two sunscreen brands she recommends.

"Something dermatologist recommended," Brown said. "The biggest thing is 'reapply.'"

Some of the chemicals in other sunscreens have come under scrutiny for potentially harming the environment and disrupting the body's normal hormone functions. Sunscreen with oxybenzone was banned in Hawaii after research found it was partially responsible for damaging coral reefs. It's also a potential endocrine disruptor and can lower testosterone in adolescent boys, according to the Environmental Working Group, a watchdog organization for sunscreens.

Environmental Working Group recommended sunscreens

- **Neutrogena's Pure & Free Baby Sunscreen Lotion**, SPF 50, Sheer Zinc Dry-Touch Sunscreen Lotion, SPF 30 and 50
- **Coppertone's Defend & Care Face Sunscreen Lotion**, SPF 30, Pure 7 Simple Baby Sunscreen Lotion for babies, faces, kids and adults, all SPF 50
- **Clinique's Mineral Sunscreen Fluid for Face**, SPF 50
- **Burt's Bees Baby Nourishing Mineral Sunscreen**, SPF 30
- **Beautycounter's Countersun Mineral Sunscreen** lotion and stick, both SPF 30
- **Babyganics Mineral Sunscreen** stick, SPF 50
- **Aveeno's Baby Continuous Protection Sensitive Skin Sunscreen** face Stick, SPF 50, Zinc Oxide Sunscreen Lotion for babies, kids and adults, ranging in SPFs, Positively Mineral Sensitive Skin Sunscreen

Note: these are only a few of the approved sunscreens. For the full list, go to ewg.org/sunscreen.

LOOKING BACK
at this week in
HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

Source: history.com

MAY 26

1897: The first copies of the classic vampire novel *Dracula*, by Irish writer Bram Stoker, appear in London bookshops on this day in 1897.

MAY 27

1941: The British Navy sinks the German battleship *Bismarck* in the North Atlantic near France. The German death toll was more than 2,000. On Feb. 14, 1939, the 823-foot *Bismarck* was launched at Hamburg. Nazi leader Adolf Hitler hoped that the state-of-the-art battleship would herald the rebirth of the German surface battle fleet.

NEWS
BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

GENISYS CREDIT UNION RECEIVES HIGH HONOR

Genisys Credit Union was named one of the Top 200 Healthiest Credit Unions in the United States by the 2019 depositaccounts.com study. Out of 5,460 credit unions evaluated, Genisys was one of 11 percent to receive an A+ health rating, making it one of the healthiest credit unions in the United States. "We are proud to receive this recognition from depositaccounts.com once again," said President and CEO Jackie Buchanan. "Genisys is committed to maintaining a sound financial foundation for our members." Each quarter depositaccounts.com assesses over 10,000 federally insured banks and credit unions in the United States. A comprehensive health score is calculated, as each institution is graded on several factors including deposit growth, capitalization, and loan-to-reserve ratios. "We believe it is important to give consumers a way to evaluate the financial health of their institutions," said Ken Tumin, founder of depositaccounts.com. "Our list empowers consumers to make informed decisions when selecting a financial institution."

MAY 28

1998: Comedian and actor Phil Hartman, famous for his work on *Saturday Night Live* and *NewsRadio*, is shot to death by his troubled wife, Brynn, in a murder-suicide. He was 49.

MAY 29

1922: The United States Supreme Court rules that organized baseball did not violate antitrust laws as alleged by the Baltimore franchise of the defunct Federal League in 1915. The Supreme Court held that organized baseball is not a business, but a sport.

MAY 30

1997: Jonathan Levin, a popular 31-year-old English teacher, is stabbed and shot to death in his Upper West Side apartment in New York City. The son of Time Warner chairman Gerald Levin, Jonathan was known by many to be wealthy. When he did not show up for work, investigators searched his apartment and found his lifeless body bound to a chair with duct tape. Levin's bankcard was missing from his wallet, and \$800 had been removed from his account around the time that he was killed.

MAY 31

1962: Near Tel Aviv, Israel, Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi SS officer who organized Adolf Hitler's "final solution of the Jewish question," was executed for his crimes against humanity.

JUNE 1

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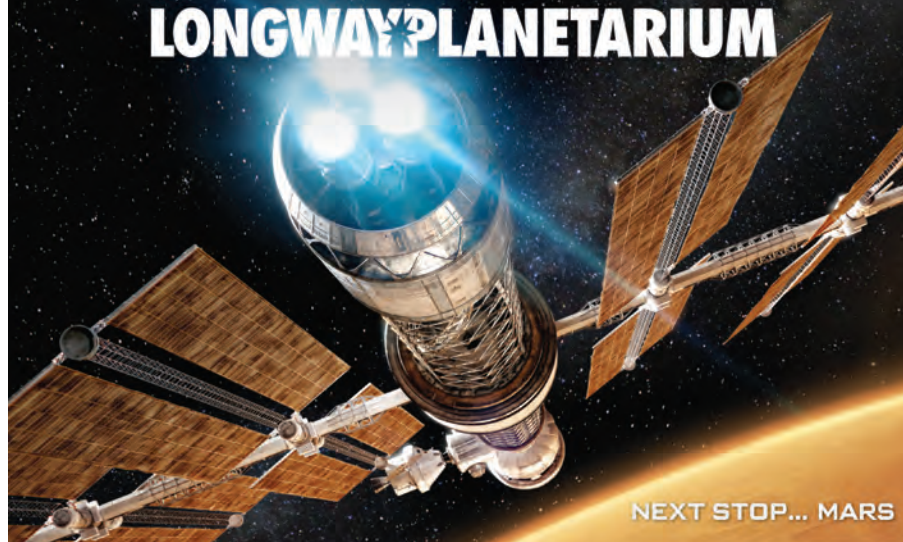


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Avoid foam in rivers, lakes

■ Health department issues advisory because substance could be potential health risk

By Sharon Stone

As the summer recreation season is drawing closer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is issuing a reminder that everyone should avoid foam on Michigan lakes and rivers known to have per and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the water.

Foam on these water bodies can have much higher amounts of PFAS than the water, and swallowing foam with PFAS could be a health risk.

Health advisories for foam exist on these waterbodies:

- Van Etten Lake, Oscoda
 - Lake Margrethe, Grayling
 - Rogue River, Rockford
 - Thornapple River, Grand Rapids
 - Huron River, Southeast Michigan
- Swimming or bathing in water contain-

ing PFAS is not a health concern because the amount of PFAS is typically low compared to the foam. Although swallowing PFAS is the main way to get it in your body, an accidental swallow of river or lake water is not a health concern.

The amount of PFAS in lake and river water and in foam matters in determining if a health concern exists. MDHHS will continue to evaluate surface water and foam data and will issue further recommendations if necessary.

PFAS-containing foam can have high amounts of PFAS. Although, current science indicates PFAS does not move easily through the skin, it's best to rinse off foam after contact and bathe or shower after the day's outdoor activities.

An MDHHS evaluation of how young children might recreate on lakes and rivers shows a health risk could exist from repeated, prolonged whole-body contact with foam containing high amounts of PFAS. Repeated prolonged contact is considered to be three hours per day, five days per week, over three months of a year, representing a summer season.

MDHHS' recommendation to avoid foam with PFAS is protective of everyone, including young children.

Additionally, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development recommends that people not allow their animals — especially dogs — to come into contact with or swallow the foam. Dogs and other animals can potentially swallow foam collected in their fur when grooming themselves and should be thoroughly rinsed off with fresh water after contact with foamy water.

Not all foam contains PFAS. There is naturally occurring foam that piles up in bays, eddies or river barriers such as dams. This foam is off-white and/or brown in color and may have an earthy or fish smell.

PFAS foam:

- Can be bright white
- Is usually lightweight
- Can be sticky
- Tends to pile up like shaving cream
- Can blow onto the beach

More information about PFAS and foam under the PFAS Foam section at Michigan.gov/pfasresponse.

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HOUSE FIRE

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Looking through the rubble was “helpful,” the pastor said. “We talk to the kids about how God spared our lives. We’re able to use this for an opportunity to reach people that we wouldn’t otherwise be able to talk to.”

Wes and Erin were in Cuba when the fire destroyed their home and came home one day early from their planned seven-day trip. They were sitting in a van with their crew, headed to an event when Wes got a text at 4 p.m. that the house was on fire, asking if the family was okay.

“I didn’t know if he was right, that it was my house. I didn’t know where my kids were. It took about 45 minutes to confirm that not only that it was my house, but that my kids were out,”

he said, adding that those 45 minutes were long and quiet. They had sporadic cell service in Cuba, and sending and receiving texts took time.

“It was a blaze. I was just praying for the safety of my kids,” he said. Initially, Wes didn’t tell Erin about the text, but she could tell something was wrong. “When I got out of the van, I told her. I said ‘our house is burning to the ground.’”

Their five children, ages 12, 10, 8, 6, and 4, were with the babysitter and the dog in the house when the fire started. They don’t know the cause for sure, but the likely suspicion is a chimney fire.

“We had an attic that was on fire and they didn’t know. They couldn’t

smell the smoke,” Erin said. A neighbor drove up to the house, honking the horn, and told them the house was on fire. “My daughter was napping so my babysitter ran up and grabbed her, got all the kids out, and they stood and watched it burn.”

The kids were a “little shaken up but pretty good,” she said. They tried to facetime, but the reception was too poor. “They handled it very well, I think,” Erin said.

Wes said they’ve used it as an opportunity to point to their faith in Christ.

“...they ask ‘how can we have joy, how do we have hope when everything is literally burned to the ground?’”

Wes Morris

The Rock Church in Fenton pastor

“It’s what matters. It anchors us,” he said. “I think that has helped them minimize the materialistic loss and the older ones in particular seem to be understanding that.”

Erin said they’ve been trying to show their kids that their life “is not built on

stuff, it’s not built on our house or money, it’s built on Christ and that doesn’t change whether our house is standing or not.”

They’ve gotten “overwhelming support” from The Rock Church congregation, Erin said.

“We are overwhelmed with the love of the body of Christ that is our church,” Wes said. “It’s hard to even understand.”

There’s still uncertainty for what exactly will happen, and the family is currently staying in a temporary home. They plan to rebuild on the same lot. They used the week after the fire to settle and get things in order. Wes met with insurance agents last week.

Because the kids are homeschooled, summer started a few days early for them. Wes plans to go back to work this coming week, which he’s excited about.

“There’s a foundation of sand and there’s a foundation of rock, and this has really allowed

us a chance to declare that to people and we’re pumped about that,” Wes said.

“That sounds strange, but we’re glad because they ask ‘how can he have joy, how do we have hope when everything is literally burned to the ground?’ It’s because the Bible says your life is either built on sand or built on rock. The rock is the Lord Jesus. We want to reach people in their heart for the sake of their own soul through this experience.”

SUMMARY

■ While in Cuba for gospel outreach efforts, Deerfield Township residents Wes and Erin Morris were shocked to learn that their house was burning to the ground. Their five children, the babysitter and the dog got out safe, but the house is destroyed.



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Senate Bill 229: Ban “dismemberment abortion”

To include “dismemberment abortion,” otherwise known as “dilation and evacuation” or D&E, in the acts specified in the state’s ban against late-term “partial birth” abortions. Unless it is to save the life of the mother, providers who perform the procedure would be liable to two years in prison and a \$50,000 fine; a woman who seeks or obtains an abortion would have no criminal or civil liability.

Passed 22 to 16 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)	✗ NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	✗ YES

House Bill 4320: Ban “dismemberment abortion”

The House version of the proposal to include “dismemberment abortion” in the acts prohibited by the state’s ban on late-term “partial birth” abortions. This is a separate bill but its provisions are the same as Senate Bill 229, described above.

Passed 58 to 51 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 products” (“vapes”) or any device that delivers nicotine. The bill would also authorize imposing 16 hours of community service and a “health promotion and risk reduction assessment program” on a minor who possesses or tries to buy a nicotine vapor product, along with a \$50 fine. The community service penalty would double and triple for second and subsequent offenses, but the fine would still be \$50. 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 100 to 9 in the House

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

MARIJUANA

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A violation of the ordinance would be considered a civil infraction, with fines ranging from \$100 to \$500.

Treasurer John Tucker mentioned a Mt. Morris marijuana facility that has 500 plants and a state license.

“Just so we’re all clear, there are very large amounts of money involved here. I don’t say that because I think we ought to get involved in the business because I don’t think the residents want this,” he said, adding that the application for the Mr. Morris facility cost \$5,000.

Tucker said people are watching to see how recreational marijuana facilities play out in other communities. Municipalities which allow these establishments can get a share of the taxes paid by marijuana facilities.

But, this still isn’t something he believes residents want in the community.

This was the first reading of the ordinance. The second reading, when the board will vote, will take place June 3. Other local municipalities, including Argentine Township, Fenton, Linden and Tyrone Township, have passed similar ordinances.

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GERRYMANDERED

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Gerrymandering is the redrawing of legislative maps designed intentionally to benefit the party that drew them.

All local districts, including the 51st House district, currently occupied by Mike Mueller, 14th Senate district occupied by Ruth Johnson, and the U.S. House 8th and 5th districts occupied by Elissa Slotkin and Daniel Kildee are all gerrymandered, according to the court decisions.

"I would like to remain impartial throughout this process, as the districts were re-drawn long before I was elected to office," said Mueller in a prepared statement. "I understand that some concerns may arise as to how the court ruling will work for the 2020 election cycle, but it is my hope that an agreement will be struck that works for everyone."

Historically, both political parties have redrawn districts to their advantage, but it was the Republicans who redraw maps following the 2010 census. The report alleges that Republicans wrote districts to consolidate their areas into parties and even race.

The court case pitted the League of Women Voters of Michigan against Jocelyn Benson, Michigan Secretary of State, in her official capacity.

The plaintiff argued that 27 of the 34 Michigan and U.S. congressional districts were drawn in an overtly partisan way by Republicans in 2011, violating Democrat voters' first and 14th amendments rights, according to Bridge Magazine.

The case was decided by the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division. The court decision summary states, "expert evidence overwhelmingly supports this conclusion ... Today, this court joins the growing chorus of federal courts that



Mike Mueller

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Rep. Mike Mueller
(District 51)

have, in recent years, held that partisan gerrymandering is unconstitutional."

Bridge Magazine reported that Michigan Republicans will appeal the ruling through the U.S. Supreme Court.

The next census is in 2020, after which legislative maps will need to be redrawn. Historically, the party in power has been in charge of redrawing maps.

Because voters passed Proposal 2 in 2018, the Citizens Redistricting Commission will draw maps in 2020.

"I respect the will of the voters who overwhelmingly approved the ballot proposal," Mueller said. "The people have spoken and the best thing I can do as a representative is stay out of redistricting matters."

This will be the first time a non-partisan redistricting panel will choose districts. This is the Michigan Secretary of State's (SOS) responsibility.

The commission has a page on the SOS website. The commission will be composed of 13 Michigan registered voters. There will be four Democrats, four Republicans and five who self-identify as neither.

The application to join the commission begins in late 2019. Selections will be finalized by Sept. 1, 2020, according to the SOS website.

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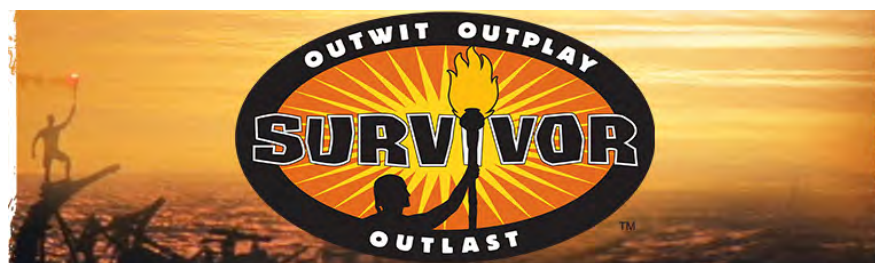
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'Survivor' casting call — June 5 in Novi

Compiled by Sharon Stone

CBS 62 is looking for local adventurers, ages 18 and up, to represent Detroit on an upcoming season of Survivor on CBS. The TV station will hold an open casting call at Value City Furniture in Novi on Wednesday, June 5 from 3 to 7 p.m.

This is one of only two currently confirmed open casting events, nationwide, for the remainder of 2019 – and the only currently confirmed open casting event in the Midwest.

On Survivor, cameras roll 24/7 as contestants participate in both team and individual challenges, competing to keep their places on the remote location.

The grand prize for the winner of Survivor is \$1 million.

Each applicant attending the Survivor casting call will need to bring a signed video release form, along with a valid United States driver's license or passport. Each person will be videotaped by CBS 62 and will have one minute to explain why they should be a contestant on Survivor. video release form and eligibility requirements can be found at www.CBSDetroit.com/Survivor19.

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Fenton's Brandon Miller won the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash at the Metro League Meet. **Photo: David Troppens**

Tigers make it three straight league crowns

By David Troppens

Fenton — The beat goes on for the Fenton varsity boys track team.

The Tigers used the same depth and talent that allowed them to dominate the Metro League's regular season at the Metro meet on Wednesday, crushing the field for a meet title and an outright league championship.

Fenton had eight flight champions at the event held at Fenton High School, and had plenty of other competitors earn strong showings as well.

No one had a stronger showing than sophomore Brandon Miller. Miller took the top spot in the 100-meter dash (11.22) and the 200 (22.35) while taking second in the 400 (50.84). He also helped the 800 relay team to a first (1:29.51). He teamed with Ethan Pyeatt, Noah Sage and Ryan Miller in the event.

Four others earned individual event championships. Pyeatt won the 800 (2:00.66) while Sage was the top performer in the 400 (49.43). Adam Jesse won the 3,200 (9:55.25).

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Blue Devils collect three event titles at GAC track meet

By David Troppens

The last GAC track and field meet experienced three Lake Fenton conference championship performances on Tuesday.

The Lake Fenton boys had two of them while the girls collected one.

Eric Niestroy and Michael O'Brien

were the two male victors. O'Brien captured the 300-meter hurdles title with a time of 40.89 seconds. Meanwhile, Niestroy won the 1,600 run with a time of 4:33.63.

Sophia Clements led the Lake Fenton girls team with

a first in the long jump. She won with a leap of 16-feet-1.

The Blue Devils had nine other athletes earn individual top-five performances at the event.

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**Lake Fenton's
Eric Niestroy**



Fenton's Alexa Keiser (left) takes the baton from teammate Abbey Lee in the 3,200 relay. The Tigers won the event at the Metro League Meet.

Photo: David Troppens

Four straight titles for Fenton

By David Troppens

Fenton — It's been four great years for Fenton's varsity girls track team, and its senior track members.

For competitors like Cassandra Campbell, Cambria Tiemann, Abbey Lee and Hanna Chapin, all they've ever known during their track career is Metro League championships.

The senior class made it four-for-four on its home turf on Wednesday, crushing the field at the Flint Metro League Meet. Fenton scored 200 1/2 points, or 64 1/2 more points than second-place Flushing, earning a fourth straight Metro League title.

"They have worked really hard," Fenton varsity girls track and field coach Melanie Hall said. "I have to say that these girls from the day they came on the team as freshmen they were willing to work hard and do what is necessary to be part of the

team. When you have special kids on your team who are your main point winners, you wonder how you are going to replace those girls. I look at these girls and wonder how we are going to replace them. They are so versatile and they are quality. ... All of my seniors are going to the state meet. It's crazy. They've put the time in."

Campbell capped her career by being a part of four league championships. Individually, she won the 200-meter dash (26.60), the 100 hurdles (15.35) and the 300 hurdles (44.72). She also teamed with Taylor Huntoon, Kaitlin Bayer and Tiemann to win the 1,600 relay with a time of 4:12.47. Her time in the 300 hurdles broke a Metro League record that was set in 1997 by Durand's Kari Karhoff.

"She's worked so hard. It's been

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Bronchos, Eagles have strong efforts at meet

By David Troppens

Fenton — The Flint Metro League track meets had many outstanding performances from several teams.

While Fenton's girls and boys squads dominated, the other area tri-county teams had reasons to be proud about their performances as well.

The Holly girls had one

league champion, had nine other individual top-five performances and finished third at the meet. Meanwhile, the Linden girls had six individual top-five efforts at the meet held at Fenton High School, taking fourth place.

For the boys, the Lin-

den Eagles had one league champion and four other individual top-five performances and took sixth. The Holly boys had two individual top-five efforts and finished eighth.

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Linden's Tyler Buchanan (left) took first in the 1,600-meter run at the Metro League Meet. Fenton's Adam Jesse (right) took first in the 3,200-meter run. **Photo: David Troppens**



Murphy's goal leads Tigers to 1-0 win vs. Goodrich, advance to district semis

By David Troppens

Fenton — When important games come up, great players step up.

Enter Fenton's Lauren Murphy.

A week ago when the Fenton varsity girls soccer team was playing its final Metro contest in pursuit of winning the league title, all she did was score all six goals in a 6-0 championship clinching victory against Swartz Creek.

On Wednesday, the senior striker didn't score six goals, but her impact was just as great.

Murphy scored the only goal in the Tigers' district opening contest against the Goodrich Martians, leading the Tigers to a 1-0 victory. The win means the Tigers will be facing area rival Holly in

the district semifinal round Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Fenton High School. The winner of that contest will play in the championship game May 30 at 6 p.m., also at Fenton High School.

The Tigers dominated possession against Goodrich but didn't get a slew of golden scoring chances despite dominating the Martians in terms of shots.

The game-clinching goal came via a foul and a free kick. With fellow senior Kirsten Foor taking the kick from what was

close to a corner kick attempt, Foor sent the ball to Murphy who initially deflected it with her body at the near-side post about five feet in front of the net.

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(Above) Fenton's Lauren Murphy (7) taps a ball into the net for the only goal in the Tigers' 1-0 victory against Goodrich on Wednesday. (Left photo) Kirsten Foor weaves between two Goodrich defenders.

Photos: David Troppens

Tigers defeat Blue Devils in annual Pink Out game : Broncos take OT to defeat Brandon, face Fenton in semi

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — It was a rivalry game.

It was Lake Fenton's senior night.

It also was the annual Pink Out Game against cancer.

The Lake Fenton varsity softball game against the Fenton Tigers (22-6) had a lot of significance behind it on Tuesday. When the game was completed, it was the Fenton Tigers who had earned bragging rights for this season, defeating the Blue Devils 6-1.

Fenton had three two-run innings, and never trailed. Fenton starting pitcher Angela Hanners kept Lake Fenton's usually potent bats in check the entire game, allowing just three hits and two walks. She struck out two batters. Meanwhile, different players stepped up in different innings to provide the six runs.

The opening inning started with Fenton's Coral Lefever reaching base with a single. An out later, Erin Carter reached on a fielder's choice play that got neither runner out. Then, with two out, Jessica Dunkel hit a two-run double, giving the Tigers a 2-0 lead.

Fenton's two-run third began with three straight singles by Lefever, Cheryl



Fenton's Coral Lefever slides safely into third base during the Tigers' victory against the Lake Fenton Blue Devils. Photo: David Troppens

Hatch and Carter. Carter's single plated a run, making it 3-0. With one out, Dunkel hit an RBI-ground out, making it a 4-0 Fenton lead.

Lake Fenton had a chance to get back into the game in the bottom of the fourth.

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By David Troppens

Maybe for Holly's next girls soccer district contest the Broncos should petition to start the game in overtime.

After playing to a scoreless tie during 90 minutes of regulation play against the Brandon Blackhawks, the Broncos scored three goals in overtime, earning a 3-0 victory in Division 2 district action.

The win means the Broncos will have another chance to play the Fenton Tigers in a district semifinal contest at Fenton High School at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The winner of that match will play in the Fenton district title game on Thursday at 6 p.m.

"Our first district game started out a little rocky," Holly varsity girls soccer coach Jolie Gregory said. "We had multiple opportunities to score, but struggled to get the ball in the net throughout the game. We went into overtime and came out a new team, playing more like ourselves and determined to win."

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FLaX Heat complete strong season with loss to Clarkston in tourney game

By David Troppens

Fenton — A little more than four years ago Kyle Bliss was alerted about the Fenton-Linden co-op varsity girls lacrosse program.

About four years after that day, she was playing in her last game for the FLA X Heat squad on Tuesday against Clarkston.

In between, she wouldn't trade the memories.

The FLA X Heat had another successful season this spring. The squad won its first-ever postseason playoff game, won its fourth straight Metro League championship

(they have yet to lose a league game) and completed the season with a winning record. But the season came to an end against a superior Clarkston team in the second round of the playoffs in a 20-2 loss.



FLaX Heat goalie Kyle Bliss makes a save during the squad's 20-2 loss to Clarkston. Photo: David Troppens

"I had a friend that played and I thought it was kind of cool," Bliss said. "I saw the meeting so I thought I may as well go to the meeting and show up."

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Eagles move two wins within a title, beat Clio

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity softball team is two victories away from earning a share of the Flint Metro League title, a title they haven't won since 1998.

The Eagles, who are tied with Owosso in the loss column, moved to within two wins of the league title by sweeping Clio on Wednesday.

The Eagles won the opening game 7-4, and then won the second 16-4.

The Eagles led the opening game rather comfortably for the majority of the contest, leading 7-1 entering the bottom of the seventh. Clio did cut the lead to 7-4, but never got the game-tying run to the plate during the inning.

The Eagles jumped to a 4-0 lead in the top of the first. With two out and one run already in, Maddie Morse hit a three-run home run, establishing the early lead.



Linden's Mikayla Dettman is met at home plate after hitting a home run in a recent game. Dettman hit a home run in the Eagles' sweep against Clio.

Photo: David Troppens

The Eagles added another home run in the seventh. Ellie Klocek opened the stanza with a single and Mikayla Dettman continued her recent home run tear, nailing a two-run shot. That gave the Eagles a 7-1 lead at the time.

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great to see her growth and to see her determination," Hall said. "I'm excited to see what she can do in the state meet. If she can put it together, I think she can be the state champ in the 300 hurdles. It's anybody's ball game once you get to the state meet."

Another hard worker is junior Alexa Keiser. Keiser won the 1,600

(5:00.06), the 3,200 (11:59.4) and teamed with Kaitlin Bayer, Lee, and Tiemann to win the 3,200 relay (11:22.72).

Fenton's depth was reflected well in the relays as three of the four won titles. The 400 relay team of Chapin, Klump, Emma Hall and Callie Dickens took the top spot in a time of 52.15 seconds.

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