

Convicted shooter faces up to life in prison

■Mentally ill Grand Blanc woman to be sentenced Aug. 6

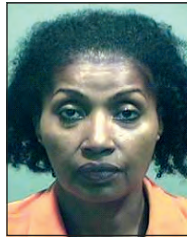
By Hannah Ball

The 57-year-old woman charged with shooting and killing two women in a Grand Blanc leasing office was found mentally ill and

guilty of second-degree murder and other charges July 9 in the Genesee County 7th Circuit Court.

Jacquelyne Faye Tyson also was found guilty and mentally ill beyond a reasonable doubt on three other counts, including two counts of felony firearm and one count of premeditated murder in the first degree.

The court rejected her insanity



Jacquelyne Faye Tyson

plea. She was returned to a treatment center in Ypsilanti. Tyson will be sentenced on Aug. 6. She faces up to life in prison with no chance of parole.

On July 26, 2016, Tyson entered the Grand Oaks Apartments offices and shot Lyric Work, 20, formerly of Linden, and Tamara Johnson, 45, from Mt. Morris.

Doctors were able to save Work's baby girl, who is almost 3 years old.

Since the killings, Tyson has been declared incompetent twice, but was found to be competent this past January. She rejected a plea deal late last year. Tyson underwent months of psychiatric treatment in Ypsilanti. She pleaded guilty but mentally ill or insane in February.

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Community advocate sustains grave injuries

■Fenton Township man hit by vehicle while crossing street in Minneapolis

By Vera Hogan

Although he has been an advocate and volunteer for his community for many years, most people today know Randall Thompson, 47, of Fenton Township as the president of Citizens

See **INJURIES** on 11A



Colleen and Randall Thompson



FOOD TRUCK FAMILY — Dana Ahrenberg, owner of D & W Street Eatery, stands with her food truck outside her Fenton home with her daughters, Wesley, 8 (right), and Wiley, 5, on Thursday, July 11. The "W" in her business name is for her children. Ahrenberg had an event in Frankenmuth later that day and said her business is on the road six or seven days a week. She has engagements in most local municipalities.

See story on Page 6A. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Opioid prescriptions down 15 percent last year

By Tim Jagielo

The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) recently announced that opioid prescriptions dropped by 15 percent in 2018 compared to 2017. These include Oxycontin, Vicodin and Fentanyl.

The overall number of schedule II through V controlled substances dropped 11 percent.

See **OPIOID** on 16A



Photo: statnews.com

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“People seem to misunderstand the purpose of the census. The Constitution mandates that every person in the U.S. be counted every



10 years. Not just voters, or legal residents, everyone.”

“He needs to be fined \$10,000 per day by NREPA for his violation. Who builds a bridge without permits just to access his VRBO?”



“C'mon people, if you don't know you should be driving in a counter-clockwise direction on a lake to pull a wake boarder or tuber, get off the lake. It should have been a clue to you when every boat was going toward you on Lake Ponemah.”



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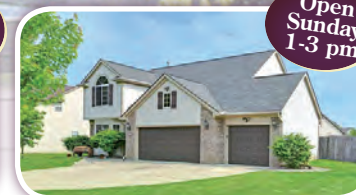
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Summer is prime time for local car sales

■2020 models arriving daily, plus special summer events, rebates

By Sally Rummel

Lifestyle, safety and technology features are the three main selling points that put today’s savvy car consumers into the driver’s seat.

If you’re in the market for a car, you’ve likely done your research and know what you’re looking for. But most prospective buyers want to shop at a dealership to try a vehicle on for size and get acquainted with its features.

“Most people like dealing with a local dealership,” said Matt Stevens, general manager for Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton. “Either they buy a vehicle off our lot or we find the car they’re looking for with a dealer trade.”

Summer is one of the busiest auto sales seasons, with road trips and the arrival of new 2020 models at area dealerships.

See **CAR SALES** on 17A



The 2020 models are on display at Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Should you lease or buy?

Whether leasing or buying a vehicle is your best decision depends on the kind of car buyer you are, according to Consumer Reports. If you put on a lot of miles each year, you may be better off buying because there are hefty fees associated with going over your leased mile allotment. If you tend to hold onto a car for a long time, subjecting your vehicle to several “dings” along the way, you also might want to consider buying your car. However, if you’re a young person with little or no credit history and student loan debt, you might appreciate a lower monthly payment that leasing usually offers. Also, if you like to experience new style designs, technology, etc., you’ll appreciate getting a new leased car every two to three years. If you’re a penny saver, a monthly lease program will provide you with an affordable option. However, be sure to read the fine print before signing any contract and remember you won’t have a car to sell at the end of your lease period.

Average new car cost:	\$37,185
Average used car cost:	\$20,247
Average new car monthly payment:	\$548
Average used car monthly payment:	\$411
Average lease monthly payment:	\$487

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Words with Hannah

The cost of lies (spoilers ahead!)

“3.6 roentgen. Not great, not terrible.”

One of the best lines from HBO’s “Chernobyl” perfectly emulates the idea that people will discard the truth, or actively not seek it, because it could mean they screwed up.

It’s rare that those situations involve a nuclear explosion and tens of thousands of people getting cancer, which is what makes the event of Chernobyl so astounding.

The Chernobyl disaster occurred on April 26, 1986 at the No. 4 nuclear reactor in the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant, near the city of Prip’yat in the north of the Ukrainian SSR.

“Chernobyl” is a five-episode (much too short) docuseries about the catastrophic and fatal event. I went from having little knowledge of the incident to becoming obsessed with the show and feeling like I could explain how a nuclear RBMK reactor works.

The science was explained that well (please don’t actually ask me how one works).

The dosimeters in the facility,



Hannah Ball

which measures ionizing radiation, read 3.6 roentgen because that was the highest number the machines could read. The actual number was much higher. But that didn’t matter to the people in charge. They refused to believe anyone who said the reactor exploded.

The plot formed a perfect circle. Episode one shows the explosion and direct aftermath. Episode five shows the trial, which is broken up by flashbacks of the workers in the reactor building, leading up to the explosion. It makes you want to watch the entire show again. (I’ve watched it three times).

Producers changed a few aspects for the show. Main scientist Valery Legasov had a team of scientists helping him, but those heroes are represented by one character—Ulan Khomyuk.

The entire show is seeded in frustration and sacrifice. Each character, from the scientists to the young men who sacrificed themselves to clean up the mess, served a purpose. The people trying to contain a nuclear explosion had to navigate

the world of self-obsessed bureaucrats who cared more about saving face than saving lives.

Legasov had to decide whether to risk his life to tell other scientists how to prevent another Chernobyl because the KGB didn’t want to admit the state made a mistake.

The idea of the villain is threaded perfectly throughout the show. At first, it’s the people who caused the explosion. Then it’s the people who created obstacles for the scientists trying to fix it. Then it’s comrade Dyatlov. Then it’s the Soviet Union, which suppressed information that could have prevented the explosion. It’s understood that while the workers certainly played a part in the explosion, it wasn’t entirely their fault.

The fault lied in the lies.

Legasov recorded his thoughts on cassette tape before he killed himself two years after the explosion. He left the world with this gem — “Where I once would fear the cost of truth, now I only ask: What is the cost of lies?”

The show, and Jared Harris who played Legasov, deserve every award they can get.

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GREAT JOB ON the recent opinion piece about skateboarding. It’s refreshing to hear someone support our youth. Our community needs more perspective like this. While the idea of an ‘anti-skateboarding device’ is offensive, it’s actually ridiculous. Does the city realize that skateboarders use rails for tricks? Maybe the joke is on them.

PLEASE STOP FEEDING bread and other processed foods to ducks and geese at the Fenton Millpond. It is not good for them and also leads to messy walkways where people want to walk and enjoy the park.

ANIMAL CONTROL SHOULD carry guns, but not for the abused animals out there. They should be trained properly on how to deal with these angels. The guns should be for their abusers. The Genesee County Operations Committee should spend their efforts on investigating animal abuse and making it a felony.

IMMIGRANTS MUST ACTUALLY cross the border to apply for sanctuary status.

What is your go to fast-food item?

Compiled by Logan Shanafelt, intern

streettalk



“I do not really eat fast food. I might get a vanilla shake from McDonald’s, but I prefer everything homemade.”

Brady Damic
Linden



“I get fish and chips from Burger Street. I know that it is family owned and it will always be good.”

Nathan Damic
Linden



“My favorite is raspberry frozen yogurt from Uncle Ray’s. It makes me think I am eating healthy when I might not be.”

Jim Hager
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“Definitely a Tuscan chicken Panini from Tim Hortons. Personally, I think it is the best thing on the menu, and may even be the best chicken I have ever had.”

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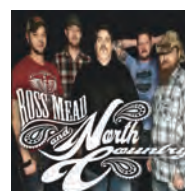
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Food for thought:

Do food trucks help or harm brick-and-mortar eateries?

By Vera Hogan

Councilman Scott Grossmeyer brought up the idea of a food truck ordinance at the June 3 Fenton City Council work session.

According to the minutes of that meeting, Grossmeyer advised there is a food truck operating within the city at this time. He shared several possible options regarding a food truck ordinance.

Grossmeyer said when the owners of (unnamed) restaurants were asked about food trucks being allowed outside of events, they were split 50/50.

After some discussion, it was agreed that Mayor Sue Osborn would seek direction from the city attorney.

In the meantime, the food truck operating in the city of Fenton is **D&W's Street Eatery & Events**, a member of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce. It is owned by Dana Ahrenberg, a 2008 graduate of Fenton High School. She started the business a year ago, in July 2018. Although she operates her business throughout mid-Michigan, Ahrenberg is a lifetime resident and homeowner in the city of Fenton. A single mother, the D in D&W's is Dana and the W's are for her daughters Wesley, 5, and Wiley, 8.

"I've been working in the restaurant industry since I was 14 and managing restaurants since I was 18 with a dream of owning my own someday," she said. The food truck business has been a great start for bigger opportunities.

"Since I started my company it has rapidly grown, becoming known throughout lower Michigan," Ahrenberg said. "We serve Latin-American BBQ specializing in smoked gourmet street tacos, and more including vegan-friendly and gluten-free options."

D&W Street Eatery & Events operates mostly at locally known breweries, dealerships and small businesses during the week. "Then farmers markets, festivals and special events usually on the weekends," she said.

"We love catering," Ahrenberg said. "We do many open houses, weddings and private parties throughout the year, operating all four seasons. We operate an average of six to seven days a week



Mark Hamel, co-owner of The Laundry, El Topo, Fenton Relief & Resource and CRUST, says he understands why brick-and-mortar restaurants would object to food trucks, but also said people like them and believes there will be a place for them. **Times file photo**

in a different city every day, from Grand Rapids to Detroit."

Ahrenberg strongly disagrees with those who say food trucks take away from brick and mortar restaurants.

"I believe food trucks draw more attention to businesses, including restaurants," she said.

Food trucks usually operate for limited times, once or twice a week — usually only for a few hours — making themselves more of a treat than a place to get a consistent meal like at a restaurant, a primary place to dine, she said.

"Food trucks create a unique dynamic while providing something fun to do. Our personal focus with D&W's is to support family businesses and give back to the community," Ahrenberg said. "I believe food trucks are an asset."

See FOOD TRUCKS on 19A



Dana Ahrenberg stocks 20 different hot sauces for her food truck and grabs unique ones whenever she finds them. **Photo: Tim Jagielo**

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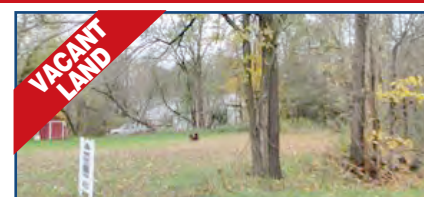


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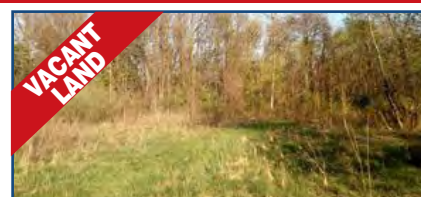


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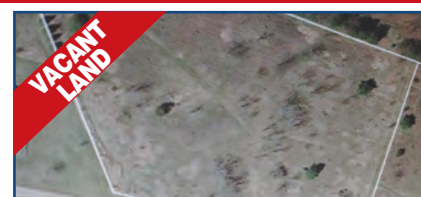
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A Chevrolet Silverado was stolen from a garage on Lovejoy Road in Argentine Township the night of June 29. Michigan State Police recovered the unoccupied vehicle in Shiawassee County at 4:30 a.m., June 30. The vehicle did not sustain any apparent damage, however the license plate and several items, including two chainsaws, were stolen from the vehicle. Police are actively investigating.

OFFICER RETURNS DROPPED MONEY CLIP

On July 3 at 8:43 a.m., a Holly police officer found a money clip holding cash, credit cards, a driver's license and a store receipt laying on the edge of the road in Holly. The officer made contact with the owner of the Harley-Davidson money clip and made arrangements to return it on his way home from work since the owner lived in the area of the officer.

WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE MIDWEEK TIMES

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, July 10, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Unauthorized bridge installed on Lobdell Lake

Owner did not apply for permits; structure includes drawbridge.



Sunken treasure: Lost wallet surfaces in Lake Fenton

Local woman shocked that her Coach wallet is still intact with cash and contents one year later.

Fenton officials form Construction Board of Appeals

Members are licensed and represent the building trades.

Tri-county eateries embrace live music

Blues, acoustic classic rock and '90s cover bands on the menu for dining and listening.

Sharin' the spotlight

Editor Sharon Stone gives humorous account of what it's like to share the same name with a famous actress.

Local Key Clubs pick up trash after parade

High school volunteers collect garbage left on parade route after Fenton Freedom Festival.

Superintendent's contract extended

Lake Fenton school board gives Julie Williams "highly effective" job performance rating.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

JUST READ THE wording for the 'sinking fund' proposal for Fenton schools. The person who wrote that must be real smart with words. You can barely understand what he is saying. Good thing I already knew that it means my taxes will go up. So, maybe they should have called it a 'rising fund.'

MAYBE THE PERSON who raises funds for DDA can also fundraise for proper road repair.

WHEN WILL FENTON buy property across from Ellen Street Campus? That would have made a super parking lot instead of expensive sculptures. Just wondering.

I'M GLAD THE U.S. women won the soccer championship, however, I wish they had shown more class while celebrating.

THANKS TO WHOEVER stole the Fourth of July ornaments from my front yard in Holly. I'm a senior citizen who doesn't have a lot of extra money so I won't be replacing them.

Don't leave kids and dogs in hot cars

■ Nearly 40 children die every year from being alone in quickly warming vehicles

By Hannah Ball

From May 1 to July 1 of this year, Fenton police responded to 14 calls for dogs locked in cars. In 2018, from May 1 to Sept. 1, that number was 57, according to Jason Slater, Fenton police chief.

Summer is the season when the insides of cars will reach dangerously hot temperatures if the air conditioning is not running. People become more vigilant in watching for children and dogs left in hot cars in parking lots.

Some people will wait by a car that has a dog or child in it, waiting for the owner of the vehicle to come back. Slater said in 2018, two of those incidents included a verbal confrontation between the caller and dog owner.

"Fortunately, we have never responded to a call involving a fatality due to a child being forgotten in a vehicle," Slater said.

In Michigan, it's a misdemeanor to leave a child less than 6 years in age unattended in a car for a period of time that poses an unreasonable risk of harm or injury to that child. The crime is punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine not more than \$500. If the child is hurt, the penalty is more harsh. If a child dies, the person can be found guilty of a felony and could spend 15 years in jail and be fined \$10,000.

"Unattended" means alone or "without the supervision of an individual 13 years of age or older who is not legally incapacitated," according to Act 328 of the Michigan Penal Code.

Scott Sutter, Linden police chief and interim city manager, said they do not track these numbers but they do get a few calls every year for children or dogs left in cars.

"We have not had a child die from

“If it’s 70 degrees outdoors, the car’s interior will rise to 104 degrees within 30 minutes...”

Scott Sutter
Linden police chief

Tips to remember child in car

(Source: parents.com)

Be extra alert if your routine changes.

That's when the risk of unintentionally leaving your child in your car increases.

Put something of your child's, like a toy, on the front seat.

Even if you can't see your child in the backseat (especially if he's in a rear-facing car seat), the toy should trigger a reminder that he's there.

Leave an item you'll need at your next destination in the backseat,

such as your cell phone, purse, or briefcase.

Place your child's car seat in the middle of the backseat rather than behind the driver.

That way, it's easier to see her in your rearview mirror.

Set up a system with your childcare provider.

If you don't plan to drop off your child that day, call her. If the child doesn't arrive as expected, have the caregiver call you.

Discuss the topic of hot-car deaths with every person who drives your child anywhere.

This includes partners, grandparents, babysitters, and friends.

Always "look before you lock."

Get in the habit of checking the backseat every time you get out of the car.

being left in a hot car in Linden. If you frequently have kids, animals or people with mobility issues on board, be aware that it doesn't have to be a blazing 90-degree day for an unattended person or animal to quickly succumb," he said. "The sun heats up the surfaces and air inside the vehicle — but the air cannot escape back through the glass, so the interior of the vehicle gets far hotter than the outside air, fast.

"If it's 70 degrees outdoors, the car's interior will rise to 104 degrees within 30 minutes, according to the website Heatkills.org — and leaving windows cracked doesn't alleviate the danger. So don't leave your children or pets in the car."

On average, approximately 38 children die each year from being left alone in hot cars in the U.S.

According to the National Safety Council, 52 children died in the U.S. in 2018, which was the deadliest year on record for the past 20 years. Nearly 800 U.S. children died of heatstroke in vehicles between 1998 and 2017.

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See a tick; report a tick

■ New app assists researchers in tracking ticks to fight Lyme disease; educates users

By Tim Jagielo

Spring and early summer are the peak danger seasons for ticks because they're smaller and more difficult to spot.

During this time, Kaitlyn Begley of Fenton removed three of the tiny arthropods from herself, as reported on the Times Facebook page. Removing ticks quickly is important because they can infect humans with Lyme disease (see sidebar).

A new smartphone app created by researchers with Columbia University, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, seeks to fight Lyme disease by educating residents on ticks and tick safety, and track when and how they were exposed to ticks to prevent encounters with ticks.

It's named The Tick App, and includes a useful, well-designed app and website. It is a way to enlist citizens to be scientists' "eyes and ears" in tick-heavy regions, and eventually better inform the public on avoiding ticks.

While the app was developed by Columbia University and the University of Wisconsin, Michigan State University (MSU) also has been instrumental with the project.

Jean Tsao is associate professor at MSU for the departments of Fisheries & Wildlife and Large Animal Clinical Sciences. She developed questions and content along with other collaborators. Her graduate student, Megan Porter, has been identifying ticks for users based on photos they submit.

Tsao likens the overall project to annual bird counts. She said this study, to her understanding, is the first of its kind when studying ticks and the risks of exposure to them.

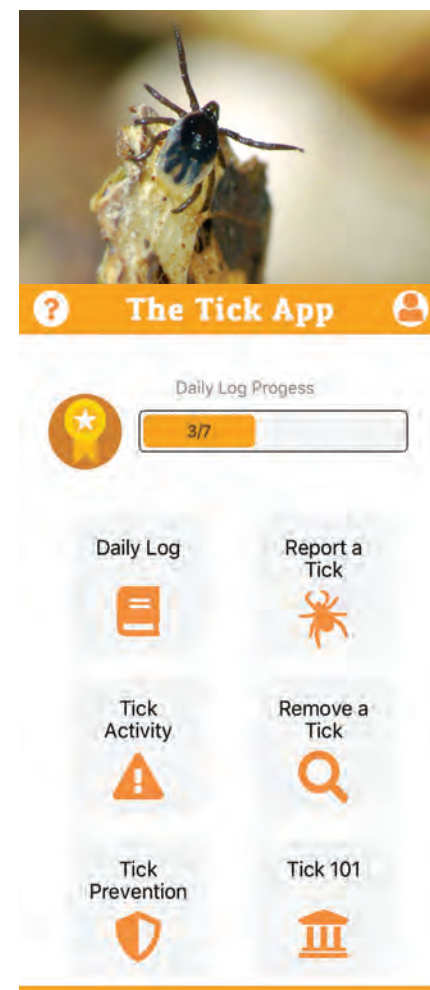
Whether Michigan is in a "tick boom" is a complicated question. She said Lyme disease is still spreading and emerging. Opting into the geo-location feature to the app can help scientists further.

Tsao said the eventual goal is to identify ways people are encountering ticks and to help health agencies inform people on how to avoid them. They can also target specific groups of people, like placing signs at parks. The results will also include academic reports.

“If the experiences of citizens can be harnessed, the spatial and temporal resolution of where ticks are can be improved immensely.”

Jean Tsao

MSU associate professor



More about the app

To download The Tick App, go to Google Play or the Apple App Store. The app is free.

After installing it, the user will register an account. Because this is about science after all, users will take an enrollment survey, which helps the app establish a base line for tick exposure.

Users will receive notifications during high-risk months (May through September) to answer questions about

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INJURIES

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for a Better Genesee County. He was also involved with Freedom Works, with local debate clubs and volunteering with Fenton and Lake Fenton schools' sports programs.

His most recent accomplishment was to help get the countywide arts millage on the Aug. 6, 2018 passed. In a Times article before the millage passed, Thompson was quoted as saying, "Our area is more than just the bad news of the water crisis or how we were depicted in Netflix's 'Flint Town. We are in the midst of rebuilding and rebranding our community. From better jobs and wages — to increasing property values, this is just another step in the direction of making people understand that Genesee County is a great place to live, work and raise a family."

On June 14, while in Minneapolis to give a speech, Thompson's life changed in an instant when the driver of an SUV turned a corner and struck him as he was crossing a downtown street after the "Walk" indicator was displayed.

Thompson's sister, Connie Leurck, describes what happened on a gofundme account she established to help her brother with mounting medical bills.

"Although he was thrown in the air (one of his shoes was even knocked off his foot), he miraculously had no head/brain trauma," Leurck said. "However, he sustained many other serious injuries, including over 60 breaks/fractures to his right leg, multiple breaks in his left leg, breaks in his right wrist, right elbow, and a cracked rib. He has been through two surgeries and upcoming surgeries are required.

Those who know Thompson know he is a fighter. It will be at least several months before he will be able to work again. "As a husband and father, his biggest fear and concern right now is being unable to provide for his family," Leurck said. "Although the driver of the SUV that hit him was insured, it was basic/minimal coverage for this type of situation and won't begin to cover the expenses incurred, the lost income, and many more costs still to come."

Thompson, his wife, Colleen and their school-age children — David, Connor, Ashley, Reid, Josh and McK-

enna — will need to move to a handicap accessible apartment suitable for his recovery once he is able to come home.

"My brother has touched countless lives through his work to make life better for Michigan residents, through his volunteer work with many charitable causes, through his children's lives, sports and activities, through his faith, and through the many neighbors and friends he's had through the years," Leurck wrote on the gofundme page.

"It is never easy to ask for help. It

is humbling and difficult to admit that you need support. So I am asking on behalf of him and his family," she said.

On July 6, Colleen Thompson posted this update on Facebook: "I am so happy to report that Randy has been accepted by the University of Michigan Orthopedics program and we have an appointment to find out when his next surgeries will be. Until then, as hard as this is, I know many of you have been asking how you could help or contribute, and I know I haven't had very good

answers. Now that we're getting a better grasp of the magnitude of our situation, we ask that you read, contribute if possible, and share this with as many folks and/or organizations as possible. I have been blessed to see my husband do so much for many families, businesses, candidates and causes — I pray that many of you will consider helping our family during this difficult time."

To make a contribution, go too www.gofundme.com and look for "Rally 4 the Randall Thompson family."

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MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

House Bill 4464: Gov. Whitmer's "Michigan opportunity initiative" scholarship

Introduced by Rep. Sheryl Kennedy (D), to authorize a community college grant program for individuals with a high school diploma or equivalent, with grants in the amount needed to cover tuition and fees for up to 60 credit hours of career-oriented classes at a community college. The bill does not specify a household income or age cap for this benefit. Also, to authorize a university grant program for individuals with household income of \$80,000 or less, which would pay up to \$2,500 of the amount that is not covered by other scholarships and government aid. This is the "Michigan opportunity initiative" program proposed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in her 2018 State of the State address. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4483: Require officials create model cursive handwriting instruction

Introduced by Rep. Brenda Carter (D), to require the Department of Education to create a model program of instruction in cursive handwriting, and invite but not require schools to use it. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4502: Ban shooting and more while on marijuana

Introduced by Rep. Jim Lilly (R), to ban carrying, using or having a firearm "in possession or control" if a person has a tetrahydrocannabinol content of 2 nanograms or more per milliliter of blood. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4586: Increase carnival ride inspection fees

Introduced by Rep. Thomas Albert (R), to increase annual carnival and amusement ride inspection fees. These currently range from \$20 to \$115 depending on the kind of ride, which would increase to between \$30 and \$172. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

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PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S administration is threatening to veto legislation because of steps it would take to address PFAS contamination in Michigan and elsewhere.

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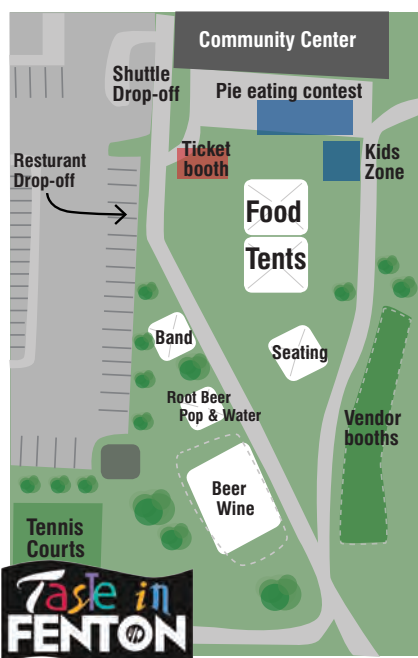
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Prepare to please your palate

■ Organizers finalize plans for 19th annual Taste in Fenton on Wednesday, Aug. 7

By Sharon Stone

Be sure to mark your calendar for this year's Taste in Fenton. The popular event will be held on the grounds of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center in downtown Fenton, from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 7.

Summertime boasts the perfect time of year for people to go outside and indulge in what so many people love — food and drink.

The Taste in Fenton brings restaurants from the Fenton regional area together to serve some of the most delectable samplings of their menus to the public.

A free shuttle service for parking also allows Taste-goers easier access to the event, as well as the food, patrons can enjoy the beer and wine tent, live music and a pie-eating contest.

Children can play and have fun at the Kids Zone and take part in a doughnut-on-a-string eating contest.

Matt Sherrow, co-owner of Fenton Winery and Brewery and chair of Taste in Fenton, is excited about this year's event.

Lee Mitchell, events co-

ordinator for the Chamber said, "There are also a couple of exciting, new things for the event. We will have a 50/50 Raffle (sponsored by LaFontaine), to sponsor the Chamber's scholarship program.

"And, our liquor license this year allows us to accommodate Relief & Resource Co. to share some of their signature cocktails for the first time."

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TICK

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household tick encounters. These daily logs will include questions about who encountered a tick where and what they were doing.

The app also offers safety and tick removal information. "The app is not supposed to take the place of medical advice, but the information can be taken into consideration by The Tick App user and their health care provider," Tsao said.

About Lyme disease

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), untreated symptoms of Lyme disease include fever, rash, facial paralysis and arthritis.

Early signs of Lyme disease, which are between three and 30 days after the bite, include fever, chills, fatigue, joint aches and swollen lymph nodes. The erythematous migrans (EM) rash can also appear around the bite area.

Days and months after the tick bite, symptoms can include short-term memory, large joint swelling and facial paralysis.

How to remove a tick

According to the CDC, the goal is to remove a tick as quickly as possible. The best method is to use a pair of fine tweezers to pull the tick out of the skin.

Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull upward with even pressure to avoid breaking the tick and leaving mouthparts in the skin. If this occurs, the CDC suggests removing the remaining mouthparts with tweezers.

Clean the site with rubbing alcohol and soapy water.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IF I CAN just walk across the southern U.S. border and gain entry into the United States without any paperwork why do I need a passport to prove my citizenship in order to come in from Canada and wait 75 minutes? Why is the only border control enforced at airports and northern border crossings?

MICHIGAN HAS BAD roads because, essentially, the whole state is a sandy, marshy peninsula surrounded by three of the largest bodies of water on the planet. Anyone who's tried to maintain a trail, driveway or road through wetlands

knows how challenging that is. Add to that the lenient weight requirements and the freeze/thaw cycle.

WELL SAID IN the Just Sayin' column about skateboarders. My sons enjoy the sport. When they want a bigger challenge than from our own driveway, I take them to the skate park in Howell. I hope this column encourages our leaders and future developers of the need for a safe recreation area for preteen/teenage youth to enjoy.

GOOD ARTICLE CONCERNING off brands. As a former store director, I can tell you that you can save a lot buying

house brands. Nonfood items is where the real savings can occur. Sometimes it's a matter of taste and to ensure quality meat and produce trump cheaper cuts and products for the average shopper.

WHAT IS GOING on in our Fenton Township subdivision? There is now a house with painted over vinyl siding that doesn't match the neighborhood. I bet that instantly dropped the value of adjacent homes.

I SURE DO love cleaning up all the candy wrappers your brats leave in my yard after the parade each year. Learn to be a good parent or keep them at home.

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By Alex Petrie

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to be able to look at what coverages are available to them, which allows you to pick and choose, or prioritize the things you do or do not want."

"Another part of what sets us apart is the fact that we place a great deal of importance on the continued education of our employees," said Barbara Walker, who is Hartland's vice president, as well as David's wife. "We have current and thorough knowledge of the industry in order to help our clients make the best decisions possible regarding their coverage."

Because of their superlative service and dedication to maintaining their education and reputation within the insurance industry, Hartland has been the recipient of countless industry awards and recognitions. Most recently, David received the prestigious Woodworth Memorial Award at the Big "I" Legislative Conference—the highest honor bestowed on an individual member by the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America (IIABA, or The Big "I").

The Big "I" is a national alliance of more than a quarter million business owners and their employees, all of whom recognize an independent broker or agent each year for outstanding contributions. Along with the Woodworth Memorial Award, David has also been recognized as Michigan's Agent of the Year on two separate occasions, along with being presented a Lifetime Achievement Award and being inducted into Michigan's Insurance Hall of Fame.

"We value being involved in the industry beyond just locally because it gives us opportunities to communicate and network with people in all different areas," said Barbara.

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Schedule I drugs are illegal drugs. Schedule II through V drugs include opioids, but also medications with a varying possibility of abuse.

According to a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) fact sheet, these include amphetamines like Adderall and other drugs like Tylenol with Codeine and Xanax. These have decreased 11 percent.

LARA attributes this change to the implementation of the MAPS registration system. MAPS is an acronym for Michigan Automated Prescription System.

The system was created per Public Acts 248 and 249, which requires

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the prescribers of these drugs to be registered and share their numbers with the MAPS system. Most types of medical doctors are included, along with physician assistants with practice agreements.

The system first launched in April of 2017 as a digital web portal.

These diminished numbers are tabulated from the 2018 Drug Utilization report, which breaks down the drug type, quantities and age information by zip code and county. The 48430 zip

code for Fenton had dozens of entries ranging from acetaminophen to Fentanyl. Linden's zip code of 48451 also had dozens of responses, and so did Holly (48442).

The National Institutes of Health reported that between 2004 and 2014, the instances of children being born addicted to opioids increased five-fold. The NIH estimated that a child was born every 15 minutes addicted to opioids.

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CAR SALES

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"Summer is our biggest season," Stevens said. "People are excited about the new cars. We already have some of the new models and are clearing out our 2019s to make room for 2020s."

Lasco Ford is also in the midst of its busy sales season. "The last month of every quarter is very strong," said Matt Lasco, vice president of Lasco Auto Group in Fenton. "Manufacturers come out with big summer events, including large rebates, zero percent down and 20 percent off all new Ford vehicles."

Car sales are about an even split between new and used, and leased cars make up the lion's share of the new car market, according to local dealerships. "You get more car, more options, for less money," said Jeff Canever, general sales manager at Vic Canever Chevrolet. "You don't have to worry about depreciation."

Monthly payments are almost always lower with a lease, because buyers are only paying a portion of the vehicle's total value — the depreciation of the vehicle during the lease period, plus other fees, not the vehicle itself. Loan options will also depend on a person's credit score, term length of loan, age of car being financed and lender's risk.

Buyers usually know what type of model they feel will best fit their lifestyle and budget. Because of their versatility, sport utility vehicles (SUVs) and pickup trucks now account for most new vehicle sales, according to Forbes.com.

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The 2019 Chevy Electric Bolt is plugged in at Vic Canever Chevrolet.

Photo: Tim Jagielo

to buying a new car. Heated seats and steering wheels, cooled seats, Apple CarPlay, Android Auto and Blue Tooth capability, backup cameras, power lift gates, front park assist, fast USB charging and keyless entry are just a few of the convenient amenities available to buyers.

"Adaptive cruise is one of our favorite features, especially if you take a lot of road trips," Stevens said.

"You can do 75 on the highway, and if the car in front of you slows down, it automatically maintains an equal distance," Canever added.

Many new car features are related to safety issues, including forward collision warning, lane assist, crash-imminent braking, 360-degree surround-view cameras and more.

With so many new features, car selling has become more consultative than "pushy," Stevens said.

"There isn't any 'high pressure selling' today," Canever said. "It's more about explaining the product really well."

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'International trade is not an even playing field'

■ Tri-county industrial businesses weathering the storm of U.S. steel tariffs

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — Robert Bloomfield, director of manufacturing for **Atlas Technologies** stood atop a metal platform, watching the controls for the large boring machine, occasionally referring to drawings behind him.

The platform and machine moves very slowly along an 11,000-pound piece of steel. He joked that this is why it's called a "boring" machine.

While on the international level a trade war between the U.S. and countries like China and Turkey might be heating up, things are calmer for businesses in the tri-county area.

The tariffs were spearheaded by President Donald Trump, with developments along the way. The most high profile items are a 25-percent tariff on imported steel from countries like China.

The tri-county area is home to several



Machinist Steven Liley cuts a piece of aluminum in preparation for his next job at Atlas Technologies in Fenton on Wednesday, July 10. Photo: Tim Jagielo

industrial businesses that use steel for their production.

Bill Rogner is a consultant for Atlas Technologies. His company provides automated machinery for high volume

sheet metal manufacturers, mostly for the auto and appliance industries. They buy steel for individual projects, but said that their suppliers buy steel from both the U.S. and abroad. He said tariffs or not, the price of steel has been volatile, with higher prices before the tariffs kicked in.

He said they're indirectly impacted by tariffs. "Our customers buy a lot more steel, and they are affected," he said. When customers are affected, it hurts their bottom line, and they may be less likely to invest in capital expenditures like this factory equipment they make.

To compensate, they try new markets like aerospace, rail and trucking.

"In a perfect world I would not support a tariff, in an imperfect world

which this is, there are occasions when I can support tariffs," Rogner said. "International trade is not an even playing field."

Chris Douglas is an associate professor of economics for the University of Michigan-Flint.

He said the goal of the tariffs is to make certain international players, like China, opt for a trade deal more equitable for the U.S., and work to protect U.S. intellectual property.

But are the tariffs working? Douglas said it's too early to tell. He said most economists say tariffs don't work, and more jobs are lost than gained.

Still, Douglas said that this is a non-traditional use of tariffs. "Perhaps there's a short-term cost in exchange for a long-term benefit," he said. If China accepts a more favorable trade deal, and better intellectual property protection, the tariffs could be a success.

Of course, China can retaliate with its own tariffs on U.S. goods.

Paula Swigert is supply chain manager for **KUKA Assembly & Test** on Fenway Drive in Fenton. They build automation equipment for the auto industry.

She said she's concerned for the future because KUKA does a fair amount of both importing and exporting.

They don't buy as much raw material like steel, but they do buy components from abroad which are set to have tariffs applied. She's planning on about a 20-percent tariff, depending on the item, which could hurt profit margins. "Right now it's a little unsettling not knowing what will happen in the future," she said.

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FOOD TRUCKS

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Mark Hamel is the co-owner of **The Laundry, El Topo, Fenton Relief & Resource (speakeasy) and CRUST, a baking company**, all in downtown Fenton.

Regarding food trucks, Hamel said, "On busy holidays, I don't think it affects restaurants since there are so many additional people in town. I don't think food trucks would have hurt anyone on the Fourth of July because so many additional people were in town. But on regular non-holiday or non-event days I think you could make a case that it takes away from restaurant sales, some more than others."

"For example, it might affect El Topo more than The Laundry since El Topo is similar to a food truck and The Laundry attracts more people that want to sit down, which is the same for the other downtown restaurants," Hamel said. "Additionally it would not affect the speakeasy and bars at all. Many restaurateurs are against them because of the overhead and sales issue. I guess most would not want more competition given the option. However, I think there is a place for them. People love them and they attract people to town and create a fun atmosphere, which is a good thing."

"As the town grows and becomes more of a destination, food trucks will come knocking — they already have," Hamel said. "It is something people are used to seeing in towns like Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Brighton. Maybe it is not a question of 'whether'

they can come into town but 'when' they can come into town, such as when there is a significant population increase."

Future trends

According to an IBISWorld report, the food truck industry alone is projected to hit \$1.1 billion in 2022, but the report also shows a slowing down in the industry. Where growth was at 7.3 percent up to 2017, it is now expected to stay at about 3 percent through 2022 due to increased competition and

enforced municipal regulations.

While many food truck owners are expanding their mobile operations, there are others with years of branding under their belts converting their mobile businesses into brick and mortars — and they are keeping their food trucks.

On the flip side, many restaurant owners are enhancing their brick-and-mortar operations by adding food trucks, using their vehicles to focus on private events.

Source: Acitydiscount.com

Correction

In the Sunday, July 7 article, "Cornerstone parking situation reviewed," the first bullet point should have said all of the existing temporary "handicap" parking signs will be removed and made permanent. Also, \$250 a year parking permits will not be offered to residents and businesses.

Summer Pet tip for dogs:



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Swigert said she has mixed feelings on tariffs, but echoed Rogner's views that the playing field needs to be fair.

Mike Parker, CEO of **Epic Machines**, said they've also been impacted very little because they buy American steel — approximately \$500,000 worth each year. His company has accounts with the likes of GM, John Deere and Caterpillar. "Personally I'm all for the tariffs," he said.

Parker is able to secure his own steel mill runs to buy directly from U.S. steel manufacturers. "I do my best to purchase U.S.," he said. "To me it's not all about the money," he said. He likes providing jobs. "If it goes overseas I can't do that," Parker said.



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Neuropathy Treatment Breakthrough

■ By Erica Rainer

Reprint due to successful response.



If YOU suffer from Neuropathy, Pain and Numbness in your Hands and or Feet, we have some news, though Drugs, Surger-

ies and Injections are Failing, there is now new hope for you, and anyone suffering with this life altering condition.

Neuropathy is a term used to describe the breakdown and damage to the nerves in the hands arms, legs and feet due to a lack of blood supply and nutrients getting to the nerve. It can be caused from Diabetes, Peripheral Vascular Disease, Poor Metabolic Health, Chemo Therapy, Agent Orange Exposure, Misaligned Spinal Bones and so on. "Patients experience extreme sensations, loss of feeling or even **no feeling in their hands and/or feet** along with muscles spasms, pain, weakness, numbness, tingling and burning sensations and have a very hard time with balance" says Dr. James Ide, clinic director at Painless Chiropractic of Fenton. Other symptoms associated with the condition are problems with urination, bladder and bowel control, sexual dysfunction, vomiting, nausea and dizziness among others. **This condition can eventually lead to further nerve damage causing complete loss of leg and/or arm leading to amputation, along with organ failure in some cases.**

Are you or someone you love suffering with weakness, numbness and pain from Nerve Damage in your hands and/ or feet? You are not alone. More than 20 Million people across the United States are dealing with some form of Neuropathy. Most commonly noticed first in the hands and feet, causing weakness, numbness and tingling pain and most debilitat-

ing... balance problems. "Most people find themselves feeling frustrated with no place to turn and no hope of recovery. By the time they come see us, they feel like they have tried everything. Their primary care doctor put them on Anti-Seizure or Epilepsy medications like Gabapentin, Neurontin, Cymbalta or Lyrica and told them they will just have to live with the pain." said Dr. Ide.

That is until now. With recent advancements in nerve regeneration technology and treatment options, clinics all over the world are seeing larger success rates and faster results for their neuropathy patients. "This new technology paired with a multifaceted approach has been life altering for our clinic and our patients. The development and success of the Painless Neuropathy Protocol by Dr. James Ide and his care team at Painless Chiropractic in Fenton has been the talk of the town in recent months. "We have seen an increase in Neuropathy patients and the results that they are getting in such a short amount of time is truly amazing" said Kaitlin Johnson, the Patient Advocate & Coordinator at the Fenton clinic.

"I suffered with neuropathy in my feet along with back and shoulder pain. Walking was very difficult and I had to use a cane. After starting on the Painless Neuropathy Program, I feel 100% better. Each day I can tell a difference in my foot and am just so thankful that I will be able to fully walk again."

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There are some things people can do at home to aide in the healing process of their neuropathy however healing neuropathy is an all encompassing process that will require lifestyle changes along with guidance from a medical professional

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My advice, don't wait around suffering a moment longer...

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Wednesday Night Races at the Park remain a hit

By David Troppens

Fenton Twp. — Running traditions lie deep in the tri-county area.

The AppleFest Run and the Bastille Day Run are two of the area's greatest traditions. Another one since 2003 has been the Wednesday Night Races at the Park, held at Linden County Park.

The event is now in its 17th year and going as strong as ever. Some of the rac-

ers listed in the results during those early seasons — like Linden varsity cross country coaches Brad Ferrara and Ben Cox — are now helping run the event, but little else has changed in the format.

For 17 years, the event has given tri-county residents of all ages a chance to run a series of races during the summer. The younger competitors can run as little as a quarter-mile or people can run

much as three miles for minimal cost and maximum fun.

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Sports Time

Tri-county players compete in All-Star game

■ Fenton's Henson wins South Team's MVP award

By David Troppens

Midland — Six area tri-county graduate prep baseball players were given one more chance to wear the jerseys of their high schools Tuesday.

Playing as members of the South Team, Fenton's Brock Henson and Cam Steeves; Linden's Travis Klocek and John Miller; Lake Fenton's Hunter Schramm and Holly's Garrett VanGilder competed in the fifth-annual North vs. South High School Baseball Classic All-Star Game held at Midland's Dow Diamond.

And while the South lost the contest 11-7, the players had a great time representing the Flint area schools against the Saginaw area players.

"It's pretty cool," said Henson, who left as the South's Most Valuable Player. "I'm out here with all these great guys to get the job done. I wish we could've won it, but it was a lot of fun."

"I got to be here with a bunch of people I didn't know. It was special," Schramm said. "Some of us are playing in college, and we are not going to know the guys (on our college teams). We will have to interact with them and get to know them. It's special to be with other people you don't know and we'll bond with them. It was great to be a part of it."



Fenton's two members on the South Team at the North vs. South All-Star Game were Brock Henson (middle) and Cam Steeves (right). Photo: David Troppens

"It's awesome," VanGilder said. "This kind of sums up my senior year."

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Fenton resident Drew DeRidder recently attended a Red Wings Development Camp. Photo courtesy of mihockey.com

DeRidder spends a week with Wings' development camp

By David Troppens

For a week, Fenton resident Drew DeRidder was living a dream.

He was a Detroit Red Wing, sort of.

The Michigan State hockey goalie recently spent a week at the Red Wing's development camp, earning some valuable lessons and giving the organization a chance to see what he may be able to offer the squad sometime in the future.

"It was a dream come true for me," DeRidder said. "Of course the Red Wings were my hometown team"

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and it's great to come back out one more time and play with the best players in the area."

The area players had varying levels of success in the game. For the second straight year, a Fenton player was the South squad's MVP. Offensively, Henson went 2-for-2 with a walk, and two stolen bases. His second hit was a triple down the right-field line, leading off the ninth inning. It began a three-run ninth for the squad.

"I had a nice 3-and-1 count," Henson said. "I saw a fastball and it was near the end of the game. We were down by a lot anyway so I figured I may as well see how far I could hit it. It was a fastball and I hit it well."

"It was a great experience. I feel blessed to be out here. Playing with all these great baseball players on a great field like this is awesome. You can't beat it."

Henson opened the game with a walk and two stolen bases, but was stranded on third. He singled to lead off the third inning, but didn't score then. He did score in the ninth inning.

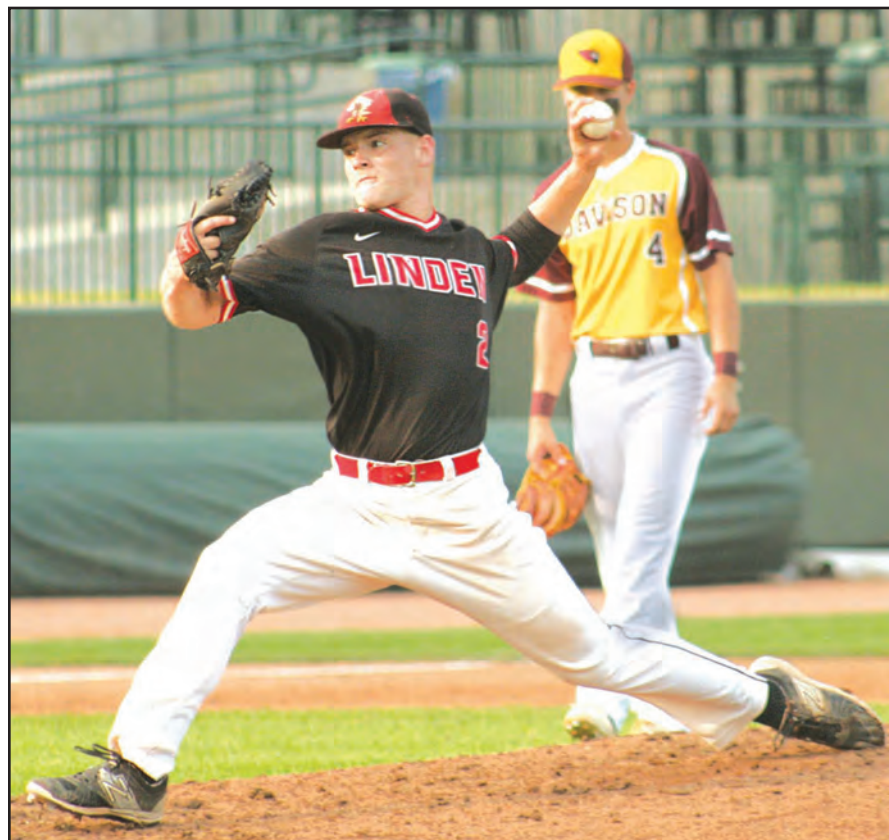
He wasn't the MVP, but Miller had to be one of the top candidates for the honor. In a game that offense dominated, Miller's pitching was strong. He mixed up his slow curveball with his fastball well, tossing two innings of shutout ball. He allowed a lead-off single to start the North's third inning, but then struck out the side. He struck out the first two batters in the fourth inning as well before walking a batter. The next batter singled, but Fenton's Steeves threw a strike to third base, gunning out the runner at third base ending the threat.

"For me, my curve ball is my put-up pitch," Miller said. "I want to give that pitch to the batter to perceive a slow pitch, and then get it by them with the fastball. I try to keep a good difference in speeds."

Schramm came in relief in the bottom of the second inning, replacing starting pitcher Klocek. Schramm did well, striking out two of the three batters he faced. He didn't have much time to prepare himself in the pen.

"I came in and I wasn't completely warm," Schramm said.

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Linden's Travis Klocek was the starting pitcher for the South Team in the 2019 North vs. South High School Baseball Classic All-Star Game at Midland's Dow Diamond on Tuesday. Photo: David Troppens

DERIDDER

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growing up since I lived in Fenton. It was a dream come true putting on the jersey."

DeRidder was asked if he wanted to join the camp about a week prior to its start.

"Their goalie coach just called me and said, 'We'd love to have you at this camp. What do you think?' Obviously, I said yes," DeRidder said. "I think it was a little more than a week before the camp."

The week was spent doing a lot of training and learning a lot of other lessons beyond those on the ice.

"We had workouts and instruction time," DeRidder said. "They were showing us how to take care of ourselves at the professional level."

"It was a lot of the same stuff we do at Michigan State. ... It's good to hear information like that from different people. It helps you figure out what works



Fenton resident and Michigan State goalie Drew DeRidder recently spent a week at a Detroit Red Wings Development Camp. Photo submitted.

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The culmination of the week was the development game's scrimmage contest among all the Wings' prospects and other camp members.

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The event has always been a hit with the youngsters, giving children as young as 3 their first chance to run a competitive race and earn a ribbon while doing so.

Wednesday was the third installment of this season’s race series. The final one is Wednesday with registration starting at 6 p.m. and the races starting at 6:30 p.m., starting with the shortest race.

“The key is getting young kids out here excited about running,” Cox said. “That’s the best part. Just to see them light up and get excited about running around a field is awesome.”

The event usually draws about 50 athletes, and is a hit with families. It isn’t uncommon to have children run shorter

races while older siblings or parents may run a longer race later during the event. The last week is usually the highest attended, so with good weather its likely Wednesday’s event should eclipse this years 50-something crowds.

“Consistency and letting the community and kids know that we are here is important,” Ferrara said. “Once they come out, we want to make sure they are having a good time. Our high school does a good job. The kids, the community and the adults always seem to enjoy themselves and that’s important.”

The event has been aided by the Greater Flint Athletic Club (GFAC) this year. This is the first year the organization has set up a tent with children freebies during the races. The event is run by the Linden



The Wednesday Night Races at the Park finished its third week of four on Wednesday at Linden County Park. the last race will be Wednesday with registration starting at 6 p.m. and races starting at 6:30 p.m. Times photo: David Troppens

Wednesday Night Races at the Park

Here are the results for the second week of the Wednesday Night Races held at Linden County Park. About 50 athletes ranging from the ages of 3 to 74 competed in the quarter-mile, half-mile, one-mile, two-mile or three-mile event. The final Wednesday Night race is July 17 starting at 6:30 p.m. Registration starts at 6 p.m. The cost is \$2 a person and \$5 for a family.

JUNE 26 RESULTS	
HALF-MILE RACE	
GIRLS (AGE)	
Anna-Kate Larsen (6)	6:05
Luay Sawyer (3)	6:29
Abigail Wright (5)	6:39
Maria Derwin (3)	6:51
Mila Ashley (4)	6:55
Sophia Ward (5)	6:58
BOYS (AGE)	
Abe Sapkiewicz (5)	4:43
Finn Case (6)	5:22
Loca Astorino (5)	5:23
Matt Crawford (5)	5:42
ONE MILE RACE	
GIRLS (AGE)	
Kendra Kuch (11)	8:22
Kassidy Johnson (10)	9:05
Melody Meckstroth (10)	9:53
Kailyn Bowles (10)	11:11
Jillian Bowles (10)	11:11
WOMEN (AGE)	
Lori Taylor (38)	9:52
BOYS (AGE)	
Dillon Hamilton (11)	6:45
Lincoln Floyd (12)	6:57
Kasen Johnson (13)	6:58
Jacob Orzol (8)	8:17
Carson Kuch (11)	8:23
Abram Larsen (9)	8:44
Davin Meckstroth (13)	8:47
Connor Brunshole (12)	9:03

Jonah Taylor (10)	9:06
MEN (AGE)	
Wesley Meckstroth (43)	9:03
TWO MILE RACE	
GIRLS (AGE)	
Skylar Lee (14)	14:27
Kendra Kuch (11)	22:17
WOMEN (AGE)	
Holli Bell (42)	19:54
BOYS (AGE)	
Patrick Hamilton (14)	12:32
Carson Kuch (11)	22:18
MEN (AGE)	
Andrew McDonald (18)	15:46
Anthony Hughes (40)	19:36
THREE MILE RACE	
WOMEN	
Meghan Hitt (19)	27:00
MEN	
Kagen Griffith (21)	19:32
Eric Larsen (48)	21:05
Nolan Pinion (13)	22:16
Jay Kelly (49)	23:40
Dave Koley (45)	23:53
Tony Micallef (58)	24:47
Brian Burnell (53)	24:59
Ron Nachtigal (59)	26:48
Gary Mundy (74)	39:47

Community Education program with the help of Linden’s cross country programs. Many cross country runners help with the race, aiding runners around the course.

“Our goal is to create camaraderie and community through athletics — running, hiking and swimming in the area,” GFAC youth sports coordinator Lacey Sapkiewicz said. “Specifically, what we are trying to do by partnering with the races

is bring out more families and bring the kids out. We are trying to create a whole youth aspect while building a sense of community among the younger population — getting them involved and active. We wanted to partner with Linden because they already have an awesome established race to attract more of our members out here.”

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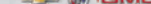
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