Charges possible in boating accident

12-year-old victim remains hospitalized, more surgeries to come

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The Genesee County Sheriff’s Office is continuing its investigation involving a boat that ran over a 12-year-old swimmer on Lake Ponemah in Fenton Township at 8:45 p.m. on Sunday, June 4.

According to the sheriff’s office, there were three occupants in the boat and one person wake surfing behind the boat. A 21-year-old man and his 19-year-old girlfriend, both of Swartz Creek, were in the boat with a 22-year-old Fenton Township man. A 39-year-old Fenton Township man was the wake surfer.

Sgt. Thomas Zak said he hopes to submit the case to the prosecutor’s office.

See CHARGES on 8

Summertime smiles

West Shore Elementary School graduated 140 second-graders on Tuesday, June 13, with a school-wide clap-out. In front are Delilah Cherry and Gabrielle DeMasi (right). See more photos and video at tctimes.com.

Feisty Fenton council meeting

Temper flare over variety of issues

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Fenton — Perhaps it was the extreme heat that got some tempers flaring at the Monday, June 12 Fenton City Council meeting. Whatever it was, things were said that are not often heard in a public meeting.

Former Councilwoman Cheryl King asked to discuss the appointment of

See FEISTY on 10

County board votes against adopting holding times for strays

24- and 12-hour holding period before euthanizing voted down

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On Monday, June 12, the Genesee County Board of Commissioners struck down two motions to create a mandatory holding period for strays at Genesee County Animal Control. This comes after outrage broke about a 16-year-old dog named Capone, who was euthanized within three hours of arriving at the shelter.

At the Governmental Operations Committee, the board met with GCAC Deputy Director Renea Kennedy where she explained what happened.

Animal advocacy group GRACE (Genesee Residents for Animal control Evolution) was charged with the case.

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"Anything is better than nothing, but they still voted it down.

Drew Shapiro
Genesee County commissioner

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Local golfer celebrates 99th birthday

**Annie VanLeuvan:**

“I’m like Tiger Woods. I’ve had my good days”

By Hannah Ball
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Fenton Twp. — By coincidence, a total of 99 golfers came out Thursday, June 8 to Fenton Farms for a 99-year-old’s birthday party.

The golf course’s usual Ladies Day League had an added celebration of Annie VanLeuvan of Burton and formerly of Linden, one of their longest returning members, turning 99.

“This course here and the people who run it are just fantastic,” she said. “All the ladies are just wonderful out here. Everyone is so helpful. If they see me struggling with my golf bag, they’ll help.”

After golfing nine holes in the league, everyone had lunch and cake to celebrate her birthday. VanLeuvan has been golfing at the course for 48 years and hasn’t missed a year. She was invited out to play by a friend in 1969 and hasn’t stopped since.

“I’ve been here for a long time,” she said. VanLeuvan said she likes the outdoors and the competition that comes with playing golf.

“I’m like Tiger Woods. I’ve had my good days. I don’t care whether I win or lose, I want to play the game. Of course everyone wants to do well,” she said, adding that she’s playing better this year compared with last year because she was able to see both with the death of her husband in 2016. She married him 14 years ago, when she was in her mid-80s.

“I’ve made a lot of friends over the years. I’m with younger people. Maybe that’s why I’m living longer. I don’t know anybody my age. I have to be around younger people. I think that makes a lot of difference,” she said.

Her stepdaughter Karen Demars, daughter Mona Kosa, and granddaughter Camille Oskey celebrated VanLeuvan’s birthday with her. Fenton Farms celebrating her birthday wasn’t a surprise.

“They have been giving me a cake for a long time because I’m so old and I keep coming back. They say it’s a surprise I keep coming back each year. I think they’ve been giving me a cake for last 10, 12 years,” she said.

“Don’t let her tell you she’s old,” De

Demars said. “She bought a car last year, a new car. She drives, she plays golf, and if you play Rummy with her she’ll beat the pants off you. She has no mercy either.”

Demars said VanLeuvan has taught her a lot, including how to play golf.

Pat Wallace, one of her friends, said she would describe VanLeuvan as “an inspiration. That’s the best word you can think of, she inspires us all. I think Annie is probably the most positive person I’ve ever known. She never ever has a negative thought or attitude. I’ve never heard her complain about anything, not even once.”

Christopher White, owner of Fenton Farms said, coincidentally, 99 golfers for the league checked in today. The number of golfers depends on the weather, and on Thursday, it was warm and sunny.

“It’s the perfect day for this,” he said. White said he really admires this group, which has been golfing since 1957. “A lot of them are widows and this social network that they’ve created for themselves is really special. I just overheard a story where someone said ‘if it weren’t for these girls, I wouldn’t have survived cancer.’ It’s a really cool club and when I get this age I hope I can have something like this to sustain me and keep me going socially,” he said.

As her birthday candle unfolds into a small fireworks display, Annie VanLeuvan (left) claps along with Fenton Farms Golf Club owner Christopher White at her 99th birthday party on Thursday, June 8.

**Movie experience becoming more sophisticated**

**Beer, cocktails and movie theaters have changed drastically since they were first established.**

The first movie theater was established on June 19, 1905 in Pittsburgh, according to npr.org. Tickets cost a nickel, but the experience was much different.

More and more theaters are selling beer and full meals to moviegoers. Emagine Entertainment is planning to build a 10-screen theater in Hartland that serves craft beer, wine and cocktails.

**MOVIE on 10**

Movie tickets used to cost less than a dollar, and they now cost anywhere from $5 to $15.
If I Were King...

The ultimate legacy

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n important message to all fathers: Dad, we need you now, more than we have ever needed you in history. Your wife needs you. Your sons and daughters need you. And, most of all, society needs you. Good fathers have been the nucleus of strong families and communities since the beginning of time. Hopefully, the above statement will help encourage all the dads who have had the good sense to reject the dysfunctional ramifications of a crazed culture that does its damndest to berate, belittle and devalue them. Those dads who still teach their sons to open doors for women, who demand respect for, and from, their daughters, who stand on principle in the face of adversity and are bastions of courage, conviction and character in a world gone mad. My father died six years ago. But in my mind he is still the same man I admired all my life. Like most fathers and sons, we had differences, but we never harbored old grudges. I never wondered if he loved me, I knew he did. My father was a rock in my life — someone who was always there for me. Not a day goes by that I don’t think about him. By that I don’t think about him.

Sons of good fathers become good fathers. Daughters of good fathers marry good fathers. Being a good dad is the ultimate legacy to pass on to your children. If you are blessed enough to have a good father in your life, you should thank him on Father’s Day — profusely because he won’t be around forever. Even more important is that the primary reason you are, or will be, a good father also. And your grandsons will be good fathers as well. And on and on it will go. It’s the ultimate legacy to pass on to your children.

To all dads, Happy Father’s Day. — Linda Sippola

Holly

“I was always there for me. Not a day goes by that I don’t think about him.”

— Morley Biesman

Fenton Township

“Eating rhubarb custard pie; homemade all the way. It’s a tradition in this family. I’ve made several already.”

— Rosemary Oppenheuser

Fenton

“When I was a young fellow, I spent the whole summer in the Upper Peninsula, me and two other fellows.”

— Bill Cook

Fenton
Natural remedies for some of summer’s unpleasantries

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Nothing can ruin some of your happy summer days like feeling “blech!” In order to enjoy all that summer has to offer, you can take a few precautions to make sure you don’t waste precious time not feeling well. Try these natural remedies to alleviate and prevent common summer ailments.

**SAMUNGER**

The first priority is to cool the affected area. Standing under a cool shower for 10 minutes will provide pain relief and prevent the sunburn getting any worse.

Dab cooled chamomile tea gently on affected areas.

Apply the gel from the inside leaves of the aloe vera plant for a cooling and soothing effect.

Natural remedies to soothe heat rash include:

- Mixing one cup of baking soda and four drops of lavender oil and adding this mixture to a tepid bath.
- Applying chilled chamomile tea directly to the skin (only a drop or two is needed) to avoid further complications.
- Apply lavender oil directly to affected areas with undiluted apple cider vinegar.
- Garlic is an excellent antibiotic and studies have shown its compounds can kill the fungus that causes athlete’s foot. Rub a clove of garlic on the affected area.
- Washing your feet daily and wearing open sandals or thongs whenever possible, as well as keeping feet and toes completely dry, will help put an end to athlete’s foot.

**SWIMMER’S EAR**

If you are prone to swimmer’s ear, there’s no need to panic. There are several tick removal devices on the market, but a plain set of fine-tipped tweezers will remove a tick quite effectively.

- Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as quickly as possible, not wait for it to detach.
- Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don’t twist or jerk the tick; this can cause the mouth parts to break off and remain in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouth parts with tweezers. If you are unable to remove the mouth easily with clean tweezers, leave it alone and let the skin heal.

After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub, or soap and water.

Dispose of a live tick by submerging it in alcohol, placing it in a sealed bag/container, wrapping it tightly in tape, or flushing it down the toilet. Never crush a tick with your fingers.

Avoid folklore remedies such as “painting” the tick with nail polish or petroleum jelly, or using heat to make the tick detach from the skin. Your goal is to remove the tick as quickly as possible, not wait for it to detach.

**TRAVEL SICKNESS**

If you are going on a long car journey and are prone to travel sickness, ginger is your friend. Powdered ginger is easy to transport — add half a teaspoon to tea or another beverage — or you can use fresh ginger; just double the dose. Make sure you have plenty of filtered water on hand and eat small, protein-rich snacks such as mixed nuts or a can of salmon or tuna.

- Garlic is an excellent antibiotic and studies have shown its compounds can kill the fungus that causes athlete’s foot. Rub a clove of garlic on the affected area.
- Mullein oil is specifically for middle-ear infections and is ideal to use after swimming to avoid further complications.
- Garlic oil infusion is effective for acute infections.
- Ginger is also effective for nausea. Drink ginger tea or try ginger candies or ginger syrup, if available.
-薄荷 tea, spearmint oil or peppermint oil may help.

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Happy National Flag Day

The mighty ‘red, white and blue’ has been flying high for nearly 250 years

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Today, June 14, is National Flag Day and we celebrate by glorifying our red, white, and blue American flag. Those who regularly drive down Owen Road or Silver Parkway are privy to seeing the big American flags at auto dealerships and vehicle maintenance shops fly in the breeze. Hundreds of other businesses and homes show their patriotism by hoisting the American symbol high in the sky.

The Continental Congress passed an act establishing an official flag for the nation on June 14, 1777 with a resolution that states, “Resolved, that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.”

President Harry Truman declared June 14 as Flag Day in 1949 and it has been celebrated ever since. Many historians believe that the flag was designed by New Jersey Congressman Francis Hopkinson and sewn by Betsy Ross, a seamstress in Philadelphia.

Ross was a young age that the 13 stripes represent the 13 original colonies, and the 50 stars represent the 50 states of the Union. The colors weren’t haphazardly thrown together — red symbolizes hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity an innocence and blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.

The flag has inspired other national icons, like “The Star-Spangled Banner.” Poet Francis Scott Key, who has an amateur writer at the time, saw the American flag still flying over Baltimore’s Fort McHenry after a British bombardment, and wrote our national anthem on Sept. 14, 1814. The song officially became our anthem in 1931.

WHERE THE FLAG IS FLOWN 24/7
— Fort McHenry, National Monument and Historic Shrine, Baltimore, Maryland
— Flag House Square, Baltimore, Maryland
— United States Marine Corps Memorial (Iwo Jima), Arlington, Virginia
— The Green of the Town of Lexington, Massachusetts
— The White House, Washington, D.C
— United States customs ports of entry
— Grounds of the National Memorial Arch in Valley Forge State Park, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

Source: pbs.org

WE SHOULDN’T HAVE

IMPEding TRAFFIC ON Silver Lake Road exit? Are you referring to the kindness we’re showing when we leave enough room for someone to exit while waiting for the light? I, for one, will not stop.

WHAT? YOU MAY BRING your dog in outdoor dining areas? Next people will want to bring their pet chickens, pigs etc. Come on people, get a grip. You’ll survive without your pets near your side, or eat on your own deck.

I’LL TURN RIGHT out of Linden’s Taco Bell and use a neighboring business’ parking lot to turn around.

THE HEARTLESS MAN that euthanized poor little Capone should be injected with his own medicine.

HE SHOULDN’T HAVE to wait three traffic light cycles to make a left turn in Fenton. Traffic backed up past Tim Hortons on Silver Lake and LeRoy. Left turn signal allows three cars before it turns red. DPW do something.

WOULD LIKE TO thank one of our Vietnam veterans with a shout-out on receiving her 50th year pin. Thank you Linsey and to all who served America.

FENTON IS a great town that I really enjoy. But seriously, is it that hard to walk on a crosswalk? They’re there for a reason. So a car doesn’t hit you.

DEMOCRATS ARE AGAINST free speech? You’re mistaken. Free speech only prevents you from being arrested for your beliefs. It does not absolve you from social consequences. Your homophobic views are ignorant and bigoted.
Lake Fenton superintendent retiring

Popular Wayne Wright calls it quits after 43 gratifying years in education

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Lake Fenton — While seniors at Lake Fenton High School say their goodbyes as graduation approaches, the top administrator is saying goodbye as well.

Superintendent Wayne Wright is retiring this summer, after 43 years as an educator. His last day, after working as superintendent in the district for seven years, is June 30.

“I’ve been fortunate to work for three districts and every one of them has been great,” he said. “One of the reasons I’ve worked so long in my life is because every place I’ve been at, I’ve enjoyed working at.”

Wayne and his wife have lived in the Fenton area for 19 years. Before he came to Lake Fenton, he was the Birch Run superintendent for seven years. For 29 years prior he was a teacher, basketball and baseball coach, and administrator at Montrose. He currently doesn’t have any retirement plans.

He said being superintendent at Lake Fenton has been his favorite position. “Lake Fenton has a phenomenal school district. I’ve really enjoyed myself here,” he said. “I’ll miss the people and the kids.”

Something that sticks out in his mind is how well the students do academically every year. “We look at our state tests and our kids are always scoring at the top in the county. It’s phenomenal,” he said. Wright had high praises for the parents in the district, as well as school programs like band and sports.

“I’ve never seen a band like we have here at Lake Fenton. Our sports program is just performing extremely well right now,” he said.

Working with the Board of Education has been a high point for him. “The board has only one thing on its mind and that is to do ‘what is best for the students at Lake Fenton.’

One thing he’s learned in his 43 years as an educator is to not count out troubled kids. “They may be troubled, they may have difficult situations in school early on, but don’t write them off because I’ve seen many of these kids be extremely successful after school,” he said.

Lake Fenton School Board President Larry Godlewski said, “Wayne Wright has impressed me since the first day I set foot in the board room six years ago. His passion for student success and willingness to make the necessary decisions has been essential in our success. He is fully committed to his responsibilities and it is shown in everything that he is involved in within the district. Lake Fenton will miss him and we wish him the best in his retirement.”

The Lake Fenton Board of Education has approved Julie Williams as the interim superintendent starting July 1.

Lake Fenton superintendent retiring

Knock and talk

In neighborhoods all over Michigan people visit and talk with each other on a daily basis at their homes. Indeed it is a common practice for one neighbor to go to another neighbor’s home, knock on the door (or ring the doorbell), and then engage in friendly conversation.

Other people or groups go up to these same doors and engage in such things as selling Girl Scout cookies, requesting contributions to various causes, or campaigning for public office.

There are many other examples of these interactions and it is simply an accepted fact of life.

But what of the situation where the police suspect criminal activity at a person’s house, knock on the door before dawn asking permission to search the house, permission is granted, and the police find evidence of a crime?

This procedure is commonly known as “a knock and talk” and the question is can the discovered evidence then be used in a criminal prosecution?

The answer to this scenario came on June 1, 2017 in the Michigan Supreme Court cases of People v Frederick and People v Van Doorne.

In these two joined cases, the Kent Area Narcotics Enforcement Team made predawn visits to the defendant’s homes at 4 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. respectively.

They knocked on each defendant’s door and asked for permission to search for marijuana butter. Consent was given by the defendants and drugs were found in each home.

In a unanimous decision, the court held that the police should not have made their approach at these early predawn hours. The court cited a number of United States Supreme Court cases and recognized an implied license or permission, which is given to everybody to approach homes during reasonable hours.

This license does not extend to predawn hours and, in a case of first impression, the Court found the police were trespassing. Since they were seeking information on illegal drugs, the search was a violation of the Fourth Amendment prohibiting illegal searches and seizures.

Absent a showing at the Circuit Court at a subsequent hearing that the illegality can be set aside, the evidence cannot be used in the criminal cases.

This is an important case under Michigan law and gives guidance to all as to what is and isn’t allowed.

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sometime in the next two weeks for re-view of possible charges.

According to Michelle Thomas, her daughter Cora is recovering at Mott Children’s Hospital in Ann Arbor after her leg and foot were struck by the boat’s propeller and badly injured. Cora and another 12-year-old girl were swimming on inflatable devices in front of the Lake Ponemah Mobile Home Park where Cora has lived for years.

The girls made it back to shore and Cora’s friend rushed to Cora’s home to alert her mother of the accident. Emer-gency responders arrived within minutes and transported Cora to the hospital.

The girls reported that the boat kept going after it struck Cora. They described the boat as a black ski boat with green on the side, and possibly some yellow mark-ings. A boat matching the description, provided by the girls, as well as the boat owner, were eventually located.

On Tuesday, Cora’s mother said they have been thrown a curve ball on her daughter’s recovery. “Cora has an infec-tious disease caused by the antibiotics they were giving her for her leg called Clostridium difficile,” she said. “It’s cur-able but it’s going to take 10-14 days before she’s better.

“It’s like the flu. She’s nauseous and has a bad headache.”

Thomas said doctors told her that Cora needs another surgery on Tuesday to check on the wounds to see if there is any infection and to see if she will need any skin grafts.

“She’s doing the best she can,” she said. “I was informed today that she will need two to three more surgeries before this is over.”

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**FRONT PAGE STORY**

**HOME INVASION ON ISLAND VIEW**

On May 31, the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office received a home invasion complaint from a resident in the 5000 block of Island View Drive in Fenton Township. A 46-year-old female reported her purse stolen from the inside of her vehicle, which was parked inside of her garage attached to the house. Three white males, in their mid to late teens, were seen in the 4000 block of Eleanor Drive at approximately 3 a.m. on May 31 looking inside of vehicles. All three were wearing dark hoodies with the hoods pulled up. A homeowner chased the teens from the area, however, did not contact police until later in the morning. This incident remains under investigation.

**DOMESTIC ASSAULT**

On Friday, June 2, the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office received a domestic assault complaint from a resident in the 12000 block of Clover Knoll Drive in Fenton Township. A 46-year-old Fenton Township woman reported being assaulted by her 20-year-old son. This complaint was investigated by the Sheriff’s office, which resulted in the arrest of her son. The man remains lodged in the Genesee County Jail on a domestic assault charge and remains incarcerated on a $7,500 general (10-percent) bond.

**FRAUD COMPLAINT**

The Genesee County Sheriff’s Office received a fraud complaint from a resident in the 11000 block of Princedown Circle in Fenton Township on June 5. A 75-year-old male reported that he was a victim of a scam. A fraud victim, who had received a phone call from someone claiming to be him, had been given several numbers to call. The call was then transferred to a second number and a Comcast account was opened in his name without his knowledge or permission. This incident remains under investigation.

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- **OBAMA, HILLARY AND the Demo-crats showed their contempt for our police. They showed their disrespect to our VA system. That is why our U.S. military, our nation’s police, and our border patrol guards support President Trump.**
- **THE PARIS CLIMATE Accords was just another bad deal orchestrated by Obama. It was not fair to the U.S. or achievable and it would have contributed to lost jobs, lost GDP, and it would have cost the U.S. $3 trillion over the next few years.**
- **THROUGHOUT THIS WEEK President Trump is going to propose a multi-trillion dollar program to overhaul the U.S. air traffic control system, to rebuild our roads and railways. However, the obstructionist Democrats will probably try to block all this because they just want more money for welfare, food stamps and Planned Parenthood.**
- **TRUMP IS AN idiot for taking us out of the Paris Climate Accords. Have you read the agreement? No one is obligated to give money and there are no repercussions to not meeting our goals, nor was it hurting jobs. All the reasons Trump listed are moot points. Do your own research.**
- **JUST ‘DON’T GET pregnant? Are you kidding me? One thousand dol-lars says a man wrote that one.**
- **AS IT TURNS out, we are learning that the Russians are more honest and less intent on harming America than the Democrats.**

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**SUNDAY**

Koegel Hot Dog Bar!
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also at the meeting. On a Facebook post about the meeting, GRACE wrote that GCAN requested to hold all dogs that have any type of collar or harness for seven days, and that dogs with no collar or harness are normally held for seven days as well. Commissioner Drew Shapiro first proposed that the city hold all dogs for seven days as well. Commissioner Ellen Ellenburg was the other approving vote. The issue was referred to the County Commission Subcommittee, which Shapiro serves on as an alternate, to find a permanent solution.

“In the meantime we should show some leadership and take swift action so this doesn’t happen while we’re trying to work on a permanent solution. I said ‘anything is better than nothing,’” but they still voted it down, he said.

Bryant Nizanton, district 1 commissioner and chairman of Government Operations said “It wasn’t that we voted it down and that we were against it. We wanted to have conversations with the board and we are going to talk with the animal control director and assistant director and have discussions with the Animal Control Subcommittee.”

An Animal Control Subcommittee meeting was held Wednesday afternoon in the County Administration Building in Flint, in Room 301 to discuss the issue. He said it was a very terrible situation and they want to make sure they have the best possible solution going forward.

“We’re going to talk about the best course of action so that this terrible situation will never ever happen again. We want to make sure we do this in a way that we can have some dialogue on this. We don’t want to do something that’s not in the best interest of everyone involved,” he said.

Shapiro said it was disappointing that both his motions were voted down because he doesn’t want this to happen to any other animals, especially pets that become lost.

This is what happened with Capone. The 16-year-old dog was euthanized within three hours of being dropped off by a Linden resident, Todd MacDonell, who found Capone wondering the streets around Saginaw Canina in Fenton Township on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 6. He said the dog was wearing an orange harness, an obvious sign he belonged to someone.

MacDonell dropped the dog off around 1:15 p.m., and when the owners called to claim him at 4 p.m., Capone was already dead, according to the owner’s ex-girlfriend.

According to GRACE, Kennedy made the decision to euthanize the dog after the veterinary advised that she believed the dog was suffering. Reportedly, Capone was having a hard time walking on the tile floor and was crying while in a cage.

If an animal is beyond saving, it’s up to the discretion of the shelter to euthanize it or not. Shapiro told them they’ve saved dogs with terrible injuries like a grease spill and amputated legs.

“They couldn’t even confirm with me if they checked for a microchip. The assistant director said ‘I’m not sure, I couldn’t tell you,’” Shapiro said.

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City council members voted to authorize City Manager Lynne Markland to sign contracts with the state of Michigan and pass a resolution, which is required by MDOT to move the project forward. In April, Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Czarnecki said MDOT had been informed that federal funding was available to pay for the project. The funding would be available once the federal government approves its new appropriations bills.

The resurfacing and realignment project is estimated to cost $364,600. The city is scheduled to receive $322,500 in Federal transportation money through MDOT. The remaining cost of the project will be the responsibility of the city of Fenton to pay, which will be approximately $124,100.

The city had two options, the first being to wait until the federal appropriations bills are approved and MDOT goes out for bids. Or, the city could have MDOT get bids now with the city paying for all of the work, and be reimbursed later once federal funds are received.

This option is called Advance Construct. According to the DDPA April 24, 2017 minutes of the Fenton City Council meeting, if the city should proceed with the Advance Construct option, the city will be required to pay for the entire project if federal funding does not become available.

Czarnecki expressed his concern in April that if the city waits until funds are available, an opportunity will be missed to complete the Poplar Street project during the 2017 construction season.

According to the April 24 minutes, administration discussed this with the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) and OHM, the city’s engineering firm.

Councilwoman Pat Lockwood, who said she has been on the GCMPC for a long time, said that it’s the right thing to do to move forward with the project.

Although Markland referenced the April 24, 2017 council meeting minutes in his memo for the June 12 meeting, there was no discussion among council members about the two separate options — to wait or proceed.

During public comment, when asked, Markland acknowledged that the federal appropriations bills have not yet been approved, and that the city could be on the hook for the money if federal funds do not come through. He expressed his confidence that the money would be available and that the project would proceed.

The city’s engineering firm has prepared a scope of services for the project, and design engineering services cost $71,000, with another $6,500 to perform the signal study work to create a model to provide for the proper timing of signals at Poplar Street and North Road. On Monday, Czarnecki said Chapman & Mars Excavating, Inc., the low bidder made it possible to shave about $80,000 off the total cost.
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Alamo Drafthouses, popular indie-type movie theaters, have been established around Michigan and serve meals and alcohol.

One local resident, Barbara Mirskey, 85, has been going to the movies since she was in elementary school. She said she sees about three movies a month at a cinema.

One change is that the movies are bigger. Another is the adult content.

“The movies have more dirty language, more exposure to crime and fantasy,” she said. “There’s more killing in the movies.”

Mirskey said this is because we’re living in a new generation.

“People now don’t want reality, they want crime and fighting,” she said.

In regards to the movie theaters, Mirsky said they’re also getting bigger and expanding the seating. Many theaters have upper level seating and lower level seating, and Mirsky said that it was just one level when she was a child.

The price of movies has gone up significantly.

Fenton theater resident Norma Jean Wilke, 96, started going to the movies when she was 3. Her parents used to take her and her brother to the Flint movie theater after church on Sundays.

It cost 10 cents for a kid at the time. Wilke said that price went up to about 35 cents by the time she was 9 or 10.

“For a dollar you could go to the movies and have popcorn and candy,” she said. “I feel sorry for the kids today, it’s pretty pricey to go on a date these days.”

Then in the late ’40s, Wilke said the price went up to about 50 cents per ticket.

They lived on Saginaw Street and out of their window through our neighbor’s yard, they could read the marquis at the Flint theater. She watched the old buildings construct the theater.

“We were lucky. Coming out of the Depression, we went there three times a week, all the neighborhood kids went with us. On Saturday, there were always double features. That was a big treat for kids back then,” she said.

Wilke’s favorite kind of movie has always been musicals. She recently saw “La La Land” and really enjoyed the singing, dancing, and story.

She said most movies now are filled with nudity and sex.

“I don’t care for that,” she said. “I like the old movies when there was Betty Grable, when they fell in love and they kissed and it blacked out.”

Wilke said there’s a decrease in family movies and musicals now, but she enjoys movies about history and the wars.

“I can still remember as a child seeing ‘Gone With the Wind’ and some of those old movies. They were really good and back in our day, that was one of the main entertainments,” she said.

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Councilman Scott Grossmeyer to the Solid Waste Committee. The matter was on the council agenda for approval.

King first asked that each council member reveal how many boards, commissions and committees they serve on. Councilman Dave McDermott said he was on two. Grossmeyer asked what this was all about.

King was not permitted to finish polling the council and came to her point by stating she has a concern that Councilwoman Cheryl Smith has only been appointed to one.

She said Smith represents the people, too, and was more active as a volunteer before she got onto council.

Mayor Sue Osborn interrupted her and, off topic, yelled, “Cheryl, I don’t appreciate what you’re saying about me around town and to my husband. It was very embarrassing.”

Osborn explained that at the time appointments were made, she was “having trouble with her (Smith).”

“I want it on the record that I talked to you,” said King.

Smith also questioned why she was not appointed to any other boards, commissions or committees. After some discussion, Osborn said she would entertain an appointment in the near future.

During the second round of public comment, Michael Romines, whose residence abuts Oakwood Cemetery, approached the council.

He described something that occurred the morning of Friday, May 26. Romines said he and his wife, Judith, were working in their backyard. Their two dogs were outside with them.

Romines said two cemetery maintenance people were working on a piece of equipment to try to get it started. He said one of the maintenance workers kept banging a 4-foot pipe on the equipment, which was using profanities and every time he banged the pipe, the Romines’ dogs would bark.

“This went on over and over,” he said.

Romines said the man then yelled at the two dogs’ lungs. “If those f—ing dogs bark one more time that’s it for them.”

Romines said they did not appreciate him threatening their dogs and called city hall, but has yet to receive a call back.

“The lawn care company should be replaced, or at least reprimanded for their language,” he said.

Smith, who serves on the Oakwood Cemetery Board will look into the matter and report back to the council.

LARCENY ON CUTLER DRIVE
The Genesee County Sheriff’s Office received a larceny report from a resident in the 10000 block of Cutler Drive in Fenton Township on June 6. A 34-year-old Linden woman reported that two purses were stolen, which were located inside of her unlocked vehicle, while parked in the roadway. This incident remains under investigation.

LARCENY ON PONENAH ROAD
On June 8, the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office received a larceny report from a resident in the 3000 block of Ponenah Road in Fenton Township. An 82-year-old Fenton Township woman reported the theft of her purse from her residence by a relative. This incident remains under investigation.

LARCENY ON HOGAN ROAD
On June 8, the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office received a larceny report from a resident in the 14000 block of Hogan Road. Two 16-year-old Fenton Township juveniles reported the theft of a backpack and fishing equipment that vehicle near their vehicle while swimming in the Shiawassee River. This incident remains under investigation.

DOMESTIC ASSAULT ON LAKE FENTON
On Friday, June 9, the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office responded to a domestic assault complaint in the 14000 block of Manatawauka Drive in Fenton Township. A 35-year-old Millington woman reported being assaulted by her boyfriend, a 41-year-old Swartz Creek man, while on Lake Fenton near the Moose Lodge. The suspect was taken into custody.

THEFTS FROM UNLOCKED AUTOS
On Sunday, June 11, the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office responded to a larceny from an automobile (LFA) complaint in the 4000 block of Island View Drive in Fenton Township. A 53-year-old Fenton Township woman reported her purse, containing her driver’s license and credit cards, were stolen overnight from inside of her unlocked vehicle. Also, the sheriff’s office responded to another LFA complaint in the 3000 block of Island View Dr. A 26-year-old Fenton Township woman reported her purse, containing her driver’s license and credit cards, were stolen overnight from inside of her unlocked vehicle. Both incidents remain under investigation.
Eagles make history, capture regional crown

Rain delay helps Linden refocus, defeat defending state champs Notre Dame Prep, 3-2

By David Troppens
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Fenton — Alia Frederick noticed a change.

Ten minutes into the Linden varsity girls soccer team’s regional championship game against the defending Division 2 state champion Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, Linden was playing a spirited contest, competing right with the Irish.

But then something changed. The Eagles were lying back, absorbing the Irish’s pressure and found themselves down 1-0 when thunderstorms created about a 90-minute delay.

It may go down as the greatest rain delay in Linden school history, as the Eagles dominated the contest after the delay and captured the school’s first-ever regional championship in girls soccer, defeating Notre Dame Prep 3-2.

The win means Linden played in a D2 state semifinal at Novi Meadows Stadium against Bloomfield Hills Marian on Tuesday. If the Eagles won that contest, they play in the Division 2 state championship game at Williamston High School, Friday at 4 p.m. against either Grand Rapids Forest Hills or Holland Christian.

For more information on Tuesday’s contest, go to tctimes.com.

Tourney notes

Linden played Marian in the state semifinal on Tuesday. The winner of that contest plays in the D2 state championship game at Williamston High School on Friday at 4 p.m. against either Grand Rapids Forest Hills or Holland Christian.

Fiebernitz has been this far before, at Powers Catholic boys soccer team has never made it to the state championship victory against his Powers team to an 1-0 overtime win.

He had done it all season long while playing the position at Holly High School last fall.

Stapleton’s experiences may have helped him record one of the greatest prep football games he’s ever played. Competing for Team Grind, Stapleton threw four touchdown passes in the fourth quarter and in two overtimes, leading his squad, Team Grind, to a 27-21 quadruple overtime win.

The game-winning touchdown was thrown to Lake Fenton graduate Liam King. The pair of tri-county graduates were just two of the many area all-star players who participated in the contest. Among those also listed on rosters were Holly’s Kyle Staple, Bryce Jacopiec, Griffin Backs and Nick Michels; Fenton’s Greg Lukas; Lake Fenton’s Bryce Andres, Andrew Foerster, Ryan Franks and Daniel Osnimski; and Linden’s Hunter Michael.

Many others were invited but were unable to attend or compete in the contest. Team Grind’s coaching staff also had a local flavor as Holly varsity football coach Ryan Culloty and Lake Fenton varsity football coach Eric Doyle shared the co-head coaching duties.

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Fiebernitz has been this far before, at Powers

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Fenton — When it comes to Linden varsity soccer history, the Lady Eagles are charting new territory.

A Linden varsity girls soccer team has never made it to the state semifinals of the state tournament. So when the Eagles faced Bloomfield Hills Marian on Tuesday for a state semifinal contest at Novi Meadows Stadium on Tuesday, the girls were rookies to such games.

However, their coach isn’t. He’s been to a state semifinal before, back in 1996 when he coached the Powers Catholic boys soccer team to a Class B state championship. In fact, this was the first time the local sports editor met Linden varsity boys and girls soccer coach Kevin Fiebernitz. While he was coaching his Powers team to an 1-0 overtime state championship victory against the Marshall Redskins, this reporter was working in Marshall covering Marshall’s first-ever trip to a state title game.

Fiebernitz said there are a few things he can use to help his squad prepare for a state semifinal contest. The Eagles earned the right to play in a state semifinal after defeating defending Division 2 state champions Notre Dame Prep 3-2 in a regional title game at Fenton High School on Friday.

“The thing I can take out of that ordeal is understanding what to expect,” Fiebernitz said. “I think the deeper a team gets the tighter everyone gets. The boys team was loopy goosy. I wanted to keep it loose. So one thing I preach to the girls is you can’t be afraid to fail. You need to come out and play the way you can, play aggressive. That is going to be the big thing. Hopefully the girls can come out and play just like they did after the rain delay (in the regional final).”

In the regional championship game at Fenton High School, the Eagles trailed 1-0 when a lightning/rain delay created a 90-minute delay. When the Eagles returned they were a different squad, taking the play right at Notre Dame Prep. The result was three consecutive goals, making the 1-0 deficit into a 3-1 lead.

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Holly’s Stapleton sparks Team Grind in Flint all-star game

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Sharing snaps at quarterback wasn’t a big deal to Garrett Stapleton at the 2017 Flint Football All-Star Game played at Davison High School on Saturday.

He had done it all season long while playing the position at Holly High School last fall.

Stapleton’s experiences may have helped him record one of the greatest prep football games he’s ever played. Competing for Team Grind, Stapleton threw four touchdown passes in the fourth quarter and in two overtimes, leading his squad, Team Grind, to a 27-21 quadruple overtime win.

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Linden’s Alia Frederick (right) dominated the remainder of the first half after the rain delay, eventually scoring the game-tying goal with 25.9 seconds left in the opening half.

“I think that rain delay helped us a lot,” Frederick said. “But then we went into kind of a laid back. I noticed it in myself,” Zayan said. “We got to sit down, calm down. … The bench was up cheering and that helped us down. … The bench was up cheering and that helped us down.”

“This is the first time in school history the Linden varsity girls soccer team has won a regional title. The squad had a 22-3-1 record entering the state semifinal contest on Tuesday. “We came out strong but then we were wondering if we could keep this up (in the second half), and we did. We did not stop. I’m so proud of us.”

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Linden’s Madeleine Zayan scored two goals in the Eagles’ 3-2 victory against Notre Dame Prep.

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scoring chance. Frederick scored during the final 12 minutes of the first half, tying it at 1-all and then fellow senior Madeleine Zayan scored two second-half goals, giving Linden a 3-1 lead.

Just when it looked like Linden had it locked up, the Irish scored a goal with 2:48 remaining, cutting the gap to 3-2. The contest wasn’t truly over until senior keeper Madison Paige made a diving save to the ground on a shot in the final second of the game, getting the wind knocked out of her in the process, but making the save for the 3-2 regional championship victory.

“We came out strong but then we were kind of laid back. I noticed it in myself,” Frederick said. “But then we went into that rain delay and something just came over us. We just wanted to do this. We came out with more fire than I’ve ever seen before. I felt like we were working our butts off. There was only 12 minutes left in the half and I was nervous, wondering if we could keep this up (in the second half), and we did. We did not stop. I’m so proud of us.”

“I think that rain delay helped us a lot,” Zayan said. “We got to sit down, calm down. … The bench was up cheering and our fans were cheering and that helped us a lot. I believed we could, I believed in our team and we didn’t stop.”

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