Honoring American heroes

Veterans from Fenton Post 3243 march through Dibbleville in Fenton during the Memorial Day Parade. The parade started at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center and ended with a ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery. (See story on Page 11)

Sheriff believes speed and alcohol were contributing factors in fatal crash

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Fenton — A 22-year-old Tyrone Township man was pronounced deceased at the scene of a one-vehicle crash early Friday morning.
Livingston County Sheriff Robert Bezotte said a passerby called 911 at about 3 a.m. on Friday, May 25 to report the crash, which killed Brian Zaffer. The sheriff said Zaffer lost control of his 1993 GMC Sierra pickup truck on Linden Road, just south of Turner Road.

Siblings together after nearly 50 years

Wanda Cofer Long (center) spent her entire life never knowing that she had two sisters, Joanne Cofer Pottorff (left) and Brenda Cofer Trumbo, meeting them for the first time in April.

Majority of bikers opting for helmet-free rides

By Ryan Tackabury
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A motorcyclist rides his bike down Bridge Street in Linden on Tuesday. This rider has opted to ride without a helmet.

‘I still love this country’

WWII vet took part in key battles

By William Axford
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Fenton — Les Butler choked up whenever he mentioned Memorial Day on Monday. The 86-year-old veteran had great respect for his fellow service people that had fallen or passed on, attending the parade in Fenton and later the ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery. When it comes to speaking of his own military service however, Butler is humble and reserved.

Decades-long search turns up long-lost brothers and sisters

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A gift of black ballerina slippers when she was 5 years old was the last memory that former Fenton resident Wanda Long had of her father. Now 66 and living in Chattahoochee, Florida, Wanda had spent a lifetime praying and searching for the father she knew she once had but had lost. The youngest of

‘I would say at this point there are probably more people not wearing a helmet than wearing one.’

Fenton Chief of Police
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‘There’s just something about the campfire’

Thinking of camping? Here’s how to get started...

By Tim Jagielo

“The campfire, there’s just something about the campfire,” said Jon Lawrence, camp director for Myers Lake United Methodist Campground in Argentine Township. “You get people around it, they start to talk and tell stories, and camping is all about that,” he said. “You come together in a new way.”

Camping is a social experience; and people that go camping tend to want to get together, he said. “That’s why it’s still going, and still growing.”

With the unofficial start to summer behind us, it’s time to start thinking about spending some time in the great outdoors. Here are few tips to get started.

“The joy about camping is it’s something different to everyone,” said Lawrence.

Many travelers will think to book a campground because it’s convenient and cheaper to book a campground than a hotel in busy tourist areas.

For a successful camping trip, the right tent, campground and preparation are all important. Book in advance after the research has been done to find the right site for you, and your family.

Mackinac Island is an example of a place with campgrounds available nearby. Lawrence suggests looking into what amenities are available. Make sure the campground has things you need; most people want electricity and shower facilities, but not all campgrounds have them.

“There are all ranges of camping,” said Lawrence, from tents to very upscale sites — research and see what you want.

Lawrence strongly recommends people research sites to make sure they are matched with the right campground for them.

Buying a tent, or trailer

If you plan to rough it a little, you need a good tent, and good groundcover, he said. Lawrence said many people forget about ground cover, which protects the tent from ground moisture. A simple tarp will do.

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The right webcam for the right job

Video conferencing and surveillance are popular uses

By Ryan Tackabury

It was 1994 when webcams first entered the marketplace and promised the ability to communicate face to face, similar to the Jetsons television cartoon. Unfortunately, the slower Internet speeds available back then, as well as the low quality camera technology may have made the video conferencing experience feel more like the Flintstones.

Nearly two decades later, times have changed. Not only has video conferencing been around for some time now, the onward march of technology has made the experience faster, easier, and cheaper than ever.

In fact, the uses of webcams have expanded, and are now used for more than video conferencing.
Cal Thomas
Nationally syndicated
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OUR GOVERNMENT IS THE GRASSHOPPER
In the Aesop Fable 'The Grasshopper and the Ant,' there are many economic and political lessons for our time.

As the story goes, the lazy grasshopper flies away his summer days singing, hopping and having an all-around good time while industrious ants work to store up food for the winter. As you would imagine, the inevitable happens. Come winter, the ants have plenty of food to see them through the cold, fallow months. The fun-loving grasshopper has nothing. The grasshopper begs the hardworking ants to share their bounty, but they refuse.

Government, the grasshopper in this tale, is constantly trying to get its citizens, the ants, to cough up more and more of what they’ve earned by the sweat of their brows so that it might pay for its own needs.

Only if the tax-and-spend ‘grasshopper’ politicians start feeling the heat from the taxpaying ‘ants’ are they likely to reverse course. Some of that heat I hear from the Ants is coming from the 2012 tax and budget negotiations.

The economic lesson is this: human nature has demonstrated that if government can squeeze more money out of its citizens without having to cut wasteful spending, it will; and if citizens can get other people’s money without having to earn it, they will become addicted to government and come to regard the sustenance as an entitlement.

In America, too, many of our domestic programs merely sustain people in poverty rather than help them to become self-sufficient. Liberal politicians, especially, think this is perfectly fine because addiction to government means addiction to them and to the perpetuation of their liberal agenda.

The moral, political and economic lessons of the past are in fables and reality to teach the present and ensure a better future. By ignoring them, Europe and America risk repeating costly mistakes and suffering the consequences.

Are you an ant, or a grasshopper?

IF YOU REALLY want to know the truth about Obama, our country and everything else that’s going on, tune onto Fox News. They tell you exactly like it is and get you up to date.

THE MONEY THAT the government gave to General Motors was a loan. The union has taken care of their own healthcare plan. The big banks got $700-800 billion, and big executives gave themselves big raises. There were Southern senators that tried to drive GM into liquidation because they had their own foreign automobile plans in their states.

WHAT IS ALL with the stupid people these days? Come on people grow some brains!

MY BEAUTIFUL AMERICAN flag was stolen from our home on Oakhurst Road in Rose Township. It was my father’s who courageously served and was wounded in World War II. Please do the right thing and return it, no questions asked. Please, it’s on a wooden pole with an eagle on it.

IF YOU WERE the man in the red pick-up with a topper at Cafe Aroma over Memorial weekend, Saturday morning, please respond back with a Hot Line.

TO EVERYONE THAT went to Seven Lakes State Park on Memorial Day and left their trash — you’re welcome! I went there to go for a walk, and I just spent an hour helping the DNR clean up your trash because you people are too lazy. You are pathetic.

I’D LIKE TO see the Tri-County Times run a progressive columnist along with its right-wing columnists. That way we would see both sides of an issue and it would stimulate debate. The one-way rhetoric is getting old.

IT’S INTERESTING HOW Romney will not allow himself to be interviewed on NBC, CBS or ABC. He only appears on the Fox network. I guess he doesn’t want to answer the tough questions like ‘why won’t you show us your taxes from last year. Too many Swiss tax shelters?’

FENTON’S DEMISE happened right after the Pellet’s store burnt down. What ever happened to Fenton’s Urban Renewal Program? I thought it was to bring big business into downtown Fenton? Where did it fail?

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA bypassed Congress to effectively give amnesty to millions of illegal aliens in the United States. He has no right to skip Congress on rules and regulations — this is not a dictatorship.

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA simply does not get it! He has zero grasp of what made America great and as a result no capacity to fix our problems.

THANKS TO THE Fenton High School Band that marched in the Memorial Day parade. I know you could have spent your time on the lawn or other fields. So, thanks again for helping honor our veterans.

WHERE HAVE OUR freedoms gone? They’ve been replaced by outlandish regulations and taxation. Washington needs a complete house cleaning, beginning at the White House and on down, while eliminating dozens of useless departments. Agreed? If not, then you are part of the problem. Pray for America and its freedoms.

IF THE DICTATOR is reelected president and his health care is not rescinded, the average lifespan will drop for the first time for young and old alike due to the restrictions and the costs that few can afford or treatments that won’t be allowed. Where has our freedom gone?

REPUBLICANS HAD CONTROL of the White House, the House of Representatives and the Senate from 2000 until 2006 and the result was massive borrowing to give the wealthy a tax cut, two unpaid wars and an unpaid Medicare prescription drug benefit. Enough with the fake debt outrage.

TO THE CHICKEN hater, I have some. Belief I did. I have pets and dogs running loose, raccoons, skunks, opossums tearing up my garage and deer destroying our garden. My chickens are clean, parasite free and don’t smell. My neighbors love my rooster. I’m sure you annoy your neighbors too.

THIS MAY BE a strange Hot line, but I’ve asked everyone to no avail, is there someone in the area who cuts, shapes and styles wigs? If there is, please e-mail me. 76.8@comcast.net Thank you.

ADS ARE BASED on half truths — media reporting half truths — all to support their ideology. No wonder Americans are divided, often talking points are based on these half-truths. We can never be too busy, too lazy to search for the truth/then debate.

See HOT LINE throughout Times
From failing to valedictorian

Former Hollywood student overcomes odds, attends law school

By William Axford

If you had met Marcos Gooden during the two years he was at Holly High School, you would never have expected him to graduate high school. A troubled student whom rarely attended class, Gooden accumulated a 0.5 grade point average by the time he was a sophomore. Teachers tried in vain to reach out to Gooden, says David Nuss, principal at the time, had to physically restrain Gooden in one instance.

“Multiple teachers tried to stop me from acting crazy all the time sitting down with me and talking,” Gooden said. “There were a lot of times I just didn’t come to school. It’s not that I didn’t want to – I just couldn’t.”

Gooden was homeless multiple times during his high school career. At one point, his family had moved back toDetroit while he was still attending Holly High School.

Flash forward seven years later and Gooden has graduated from Lane University in Tennessee as a valedictorian. He’s currently enrolled at Cooley Law School in Lansing and plans to study either constitutional law or tax law. Eventually, he plans on moving back to Detroit and make a difference in his hometown.

How did a student who barely showed up to class in high school achieve so much by his mid 20’s?

“It was more of a thing where I eventually said to myself, ‘I’m different. I’m not like everyone else and you need to stop acting like everyone else,’” Gooden said. “‘When I was in Holly, my mindset wasn’t right. I was consuming trying to be this person I wasn’t.’

After leaving Holly in 2007, Gooden attended school in Southfield and had reliable transportation, arriving to class every day. Gooden realized academic success paid in participation and achieved a 3.0 GPA.

After a year in Southfield, Gooden found himself moving to Alabama where his family relocated. In his final three years of high school, Gooden had to find his own rides to school and lived without comforts like washing machines and stoves. He was determined to succeed however, maintaining a 3.5 GPA during his final years of high school.

“‘I wasn’t going to sit there and let myself deteriorate,’ Gooden said. ‘I wasn’t going to let anything stop me and would have walked to school every day if that was the only way.’

But Gooden’s low grades from Holly were a roadblock and brought his overall GPA down to 2.1, too low for most colleges. Gooden seriously considered joining the marines, thinking he wouldn’t be accepted into college. After speaking with multiple college recruiters however, Gooden was accepted to a handful of schools, including Lane University.

“Lane wasn’t just about to do good, I was going to do the very best I possibly could in every way, shape and form,” Gooden said.

During his undergrad years, he was the student government association president and had an internshhip every summer. His last internship was with Alabama Congresswoman Terri Sewell of the seventh district of Alabama. The experience inspired him to pursue law school and he become involved in public service.

Soon, waves of high school students and college graduates will be entering the adult world, some worse off than Gooden was, some far better. Gooden’s advice is to never let anything hold you back and to do what you love.

“It doesn’t matter where you come from, you can still succeed,” Gooden said. “Every day is a new day. Whatever mistakes you made in the past is in the past. You can change, but it’s up to the person to do it.”

Summary

Marcos Gooden, 30, was homeless during his high school career, but has since graduated from Lane University and is currently studying to be a valedictorian. He has left his past behind and is now attending law school. He credits his success to never giving up and always trying to do the best he could in every situation.

Marcos Gooden, Former Holly High School student.
HOT LINE CONTINUED
LET OBAMA DO his job. I am so sick of hearing about Obama's birth certificate, and the death panel on health care. Get your facts straight, and quit spreading more manure. Stop divideing, we are all Americans. ■

TO THE FENTON DDA or whoever is in charge of choosing the new tenant for the old fire hall. If you want people to be closer to Fenton, your final choice should be the Union Woodshop. They have a wonderful atmosphere and fantastic food. They would do wonders for Fenton. ■

GRANDDAUGHTER WAS VERY sick on Memorial Day, chose to go to after hours clinic. She was given a prescription for an antibiotic and was told they don't know any pharmacies that are open. ■

THANK YOU NORTH Road Elementary School, for a wonderful year. The whole staff is awesome and I am very lucky to have you all in my family's life. Have a wonderful summer. ■

I'M A CHRYSLER UAW employee. I will not support anyone who is trying to communize our country. Any president would have needed what was needed to save the auto industries. Bush set aside funds for the auto industries when the first TARP was passed. ■

OBAMA HAS AROUND $200 billion left in TARP funds. What's he waiting for? Part of his re-election campaign? ■

IT IS ABDUNDANTLY clear that those complaining about the 'Click It or Ticket' are the same ones who don't use their turn signals, run red lights, roll through stop signs, etc. These are laws, not invasion of the government. You disregarding these rules puts others in harms way. ■

WHEN MY SON was in a near-fatal car accident in California the nurse said, 'We have a lot of experience with closed head injuries, thanks to California's no-helmet motorcycle law.' Watch health care costs rise even higher in Michigan as the families of new quadriplegics sue. ■

THE NORTH ROAD PTO is the best. Thank you for all you do for the school. ■

I DON'T KNOW why everybody is so upset about wearing seatbelts in the car. ■

TO THE PERSON who believes that it is impossible to create a dictator-ship in this country, I'm sure that belief gives you a sense of security. That's exactly what the citizens of Germany believed until Hitler outlawed the presi-dency and declared himself supreme leader. Read your history and learn. ■

I READ WITH utter disgust the caller who stated they knew the only reason Romney helped in locating the kidnapped child is because she was wealthy. Wow, what a narrowed-minded idiot. ■

WHEN PEOPLE SAY that Obama is our first black president, they negate the fact that he is more white than black, as he grew up with his white mother and white grandparents and had no contact with his father from the time he was 2 until he was 14. And his white grandfather was an American war veteran. ■

WE'RE ALL MIXED breeds. President Obama is a shining example of an individual from a racially mixed back-ground who has risen to power and prominence. ■

BUSH AND OBAMA have done noth-ing to deal with the China problem. They take all the jobs. They pay no Social Security taxes, no property taxes, no retirement, and they are getting a free ride from Washington. ■

OPEN LETTER TO whoever owns the building where Andrico's used to be. The inside of this building is perfect for a bar, but we do not need another pizza place in our downtown. Something else would do wonders for Fenton. ■

A legislative and court rule update
This week I have two legal updates. A couple of weeks ago I wrote about a bill that had been passed by the legislature increasing the jurisdictional limits for small claims cases starting Sept. 1, 2012. The bill had been sent to the governor for his consideration. I can now report that this bill was signed by Gov. Rick Snyder on May 22, 2012 and given immediate effect.

The second update concerns the status of proposed new Michigan Court Rules for situations involving non-citizen crim-inal defendants who wish to plead guilty to a criminal charge being advised of the possible consequences of the plea.

The proposed court rules were introduced in light of the 2010 United States Court case of Padilla v Ken-tucky, which held that an attorney must advise non-citizen defendants about the possible immigration and deportation consequences of a guilty plea. I wrote a column about this some time ago. The proposed rules would require that the trial judge in felony cases either advise a non-citizen defendant that their guilty plea may result in deportation, exclusion from admission to the United States, or denial of naturalization under federal law or alternatively ask the defendant and their lawyer if they have discussed the possible risk of deporta-tion that may be caused by the convic-tion. Additional time for discussion and or consideration would be required to be given to the defendant.

For misdemeanor pleas, a similar court rule was proposed.

In considering whether to adopt new court rules, the Michigan Supreme Court normally allows comments to be made by judges and attorneys and other interested parties and also holds a public hearing. The comments that were made on the proposed rules are available for review on the Michigan Supreme Court Rule Amendments and Proposed Rule Amendments web page. On May 16, 2012 after considering the proposed amendments, the Supreme Court declined to adopt them. This does not mean that there won’t be proposed rules on this subject in the future, and we will all wait to see what happens.
PARK USER ARRESTED FOR POT
Just after 7 p.m. on Monday, May 28, a Fenton police officer made contact with a 23-year-old Fenton man at Bush Park. The officer had observed the man show a plastic bag into his pants as soon as he spotted the officer patrolling through the park. When the officer approached the man, the man dropped a plastic bag containing marijuana, to the ground. The man was arrested and transported to the police station for processing. He has a July 9 court date for possession of marijuana. Lt. Jason Slater said Fenton police would continue to increase their patrols of the park, based on complaints.

TOOLS STOLEN FROM GARAGE
At 4:40 p.m. on Friday, May 25, Fenton police were sent to a home in the 200 block of Armstrong Street to investigate a home invasion complaint. The 44-year-old resident said someone entered his garage the previous day and stole his Craftsman toolbox, containing about $70 in tools.

CATALYTIC CONVERTER TAKEN
At 6 a.m., on Saturday, May 26, a 55-year-old Grand Blanc man stopped by the Fenton police station and reported that someone had cut off the catalytic converter from his Chevy Venture van while it was parked in a lot in the 18000 block of Silver Parkway. The man believes the part was stolen sometime the previous day.

DRIVER TICKETED FOR FAILURE TO MOVE OVER
At 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 27, a Fenton police officer was conducting a traffic stop on northbound U.S. 23 near Silver Lake Road. While at the stop, a white 1999 Chevy Prizm drove by at posted speeds without moving over one lane. State law states motorists must move over one lane if possible, or slow down and drive with caution for stopped emergency vehicles that have emergency lights flashing. The officer saw that there was nothing preventing the Prizm from moving over to the other lane. The officer caught up with the Prizm and made contact with the driver, a 68-year-old Linden man. The driver said he was unaware of the law and claimed he moved over slightly. He has a July 2 court date on the violation.

HELMET-FREE
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While riding without a helmet is much more dangerous, it appears that it may also be much more popular to Michigan motorcyclists. “I think everybody has taken advantage of the law,” Aro said. “I would say at this point there are probably more people not wearing a helmet than there are wearing one.”

What can be expected to happen as more time passes? The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning analyzed statistics that share similar no-helmet laws to the one enacted in Michigan. Based on findings from other states, it is predicted that the law will result in each year seeing, 30 additional motorcycle fatalities, 127 more incapacitating injuries, and approximately $129 million in economic costs to citizens.

The consequences of not wearing a helmet are not only dangerous for a rider’s health, but can also be extremely expensive. A study done by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute determined that the average cost per crash involving a motorcyclist could increase by about 48 percent. On the other hand, those supporting the repeal of the law requiring helmets to be worn argued that the state would see an increase in tourism in an estimated amount of $1 billion. The American Bikers Aiming Toward Education (ABATE) group fought for the optional helmet bill. Jim Rhoades, ABATE legislative director, argues that helmets may not always protect lives, and may even intensify certain types of motorcycle accidents. “Helmets do not prevent accidents, they haven’t reduced fatalities, nor do they make for a safer motorcycle rider,” Rhoades wrote on the ABATE website.

Locally the law has not had major observable impact so far — otherwise than seeing many motorcyclists riding around helmet-free. “I have heard of fatal accidents and people who have died, though we haven’t had any direct experience with that in this area,” Aro said.

Gabe Ford to be honored for being ‘America’s Voice for the Bullied’
In honor of her 11 years of endless dedication to prevent bullying in schools, Gabe Ford, formerly of Fenton, will be honored in Washington, D.C. at the Washington National vs. Atlanta Braves baseball game on Friday, June 1. Game time is 7:05 p.m. on Direct TV. Ford, who now resides in Florida, will speak at a school in Washington D.C., prior to the game, and students will go on the field as she is honored as America’s Voice for the Bullied, at the invitation of the Gio Gonzalez Foundation. Gonzalez pitched in the All-Star game in 2011 and he was a pitcher for the Oakland A’s last year. He currently pitches for the Washington Nationals. This award is just one of many awards Ford has received over the years, including the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce “Community Hero” award.

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four children with three older brothers, she felt the loss keenly, al-
ways looking for her father around every corner. Even as an adult, when her sales
work took her on the road, she’d look in phone books
under his name — Charles
Durham Cofer — trying to find the man who had
seemingly disappeared after he and her mother had
divorced.

Little did she know that not long after
her mom and dad divorced, he moved to
Iowa, remarried and had two little girls.
When oldest sister, Brenda Cofer was 11, she was going through a linen closet and
found a photo of a rosy-cheeked little girl whom she didn’t know.
She asked her mother, who told her that her dad had been married
before and had four children.
“How come I’ve never seen them before?” she asked. Her mom
said that they had too make
contact, but that her dad’s first
family had been kept from them
all these years.
Brenda made a promise to her
mother, saying, “I will find Wanda
one day.” It was a
promise that kept her
searching throughout her
lifetime, too. She’d always
look through phone books under her
maiden name Cofer,
when she traveled in
the southeast—always
looking for brothers
and a sister, she knew
she had, but couldn’t find.

For Wanda, the ballerina slippers
were a link to her father whom she
knew nothing about. She had no way
of knowing that he died in 1980 at the age
of 73, leaving two separate families
constantly searching, even
though Wanda knew nothing
about his second family.
In 1998, Brenda did find
Wanda’s older brother, Ken-
neth, but he hung up on her,
thinking it was a prank. It wasn’t
until last October when she was
playing an online trivia game with an acquaintance from her
Iowa hometown that she mentioned
to her that she was looking for three brothers
and a sister.

Within a week, Kaye Van Fleet had
called her back with a message that she
had found Brenda’s long-lost brother, Kenneth on ancestry.com — and this
time, he knew it wasn’t a prank call.
Now 25 years later, Kenneth — Ken-
neth, learning that the two youngest
Cofer brothers had died, leaving just
the two siblings from her dad’s first
marriage — including Wanda.

While Wanda went on to be married and
a mother herself, she never got
over the emptiness of not knowing her
dad. Even when she and her second
husband, Virgil, moved to Fenton
in 2000 to pastor the River of God Tabernacle until 2010, she always
had one eye watching for any news
of her father.

This past January, when the movie
“Courageous” was shown at their
church in Florida, she got tearful—
because the movie was about the
importance and honor of fatherhood.
“I always just wanted to be my dad’s
little princess and sit on his lap and
feel loved,” said Wanda.

She never dreamed that one Facebook
message from Brenda this spring would change
Wanda’s lifelong longing — to find
cofer ever. Once Brenda established that this Wanda Long was truly her sister, they
talked by phone for over two hours. “I
never even knew I had two sisters!” said Wanda.

It wasn’t until April that Brenda and the sister she grew up with, Joanne Cofer Pot-
torff, could arrange to travel at the same
time. Joanne from Iowa and Brenda from California, to Jacksonville, Florida, near
Wanda’s home. In the airport terminal, the
siblings saw one another for the first time.
Following this emotional meeting, there
has been an extended family re-
union, a visit to Kenneth’s first house
and a visit to a home their father had
built. Since Wanda knew nothing of her
father and didn’t have even a photo of him,
she was thrilled to get an 8x10 photo of
her father from her sisters, plus a gift
of mother-of-pearl golf cufflinks that
her dad wore to work everyday. Brother
Kenneth was gifted with a pocketknife
that had belonged to his dad. “We had
our dad with us for all these years,” said
Brenda. “We want you to have these gifts
to remember him by.”

Today, the siblings are regularly in touch.
“Words can’t describe what I feel
and how it has brought healing to my
heart after years of thinking I was abandoned
and rejected,” said Wanda. “I am so thank-
ful to have two sisters I didn’t know that I
had. Thank you, Lord, for this miracle!”

**SISTERS**

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Former Fenton resident Wanda Cofer Long (center) meets her sisters for the
first time, Brenda Cofer Trumbo (left) and Joanne Portoff at the Jacksonville, Florida airport in April. Long lived
in Fenton from 2000-2010 when her husband, Virgil, was pastor of River of God Tabernacle. She
worked at the cosmetics counter a Macy’s in Flint.
CAMPING
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How much you plan to spend on a tent depends on its use. If you only plan to camp once or twice, you might be able to get away with a cheaper tent. If you plan to camp for years, you’ll want a good quality, name brand tent.

If you plan to bring kids, families can buy multi-section tents that even have room inside for a table, and it gives parents a little privacy.

Shelly Patterson is assistant manager at the KOA Campground in Holly. For a beginner, Patterson suggests a pop-up trailer. “If you’re only a weekend warrior look into the small stuff.” Look for a camper that has a fresh water holding tank, and always ask about specials.

Preparing for the weather

Lawrence said that people make the mistake of not packing for foul weather. He doesn’t just mean rain jackets and a moisture guard for the roof of the tent. He means games and activities to keep kids and adults occupied. “Have those things to do,” he said.

Many campites will have activities like educational programs for kids, and it helps to plan ahead of time. Make a “Plan B” to include other activities the closest city can offer.

Pack games and have more than just a campsite to do. “Kids need stuff to do,” said Lawrence. “Be sure to check resources provided when you check in.”

Patterson said that severe weather sometimes comes through her campsite. “Prepare for Mother Nature,” she said, even if you’re not in a tent. “When you have a huge storm even in trailers you have to make sure your awning can handle that. We get some major weather that goes through here.”

Cooking and other necessities

Unless you plan to eat out every day, you need a grilling surface, with necessary tools and a cooler or refrigerator of some kind. Lawrence said the number one item his camp store sells are can openers, because people forget them. Always buy bug repellent that contains DEET, and buy “local” firewood for a campfire.

Lawrence said campites have had to adapt with the times. Don’t be surprised if your site has free WIFI access. WIFI allows parents to stay connected as needed and still get away on a trip.

Selecting a campground

“You truly want to select a campground that’s going to offer you a good quality camping experience,” said Patterson. “It’s not necessarily about the tent, the camper, or the cabin; it’s about what they offer.”

If you have kids, look for a child-friendly campsite. “You just really want to evaluate the kind of experience you want to have.”

Patterson stressed that you must also book ahead of time, especially if you want to camp with more than one family. Just last week, she had four different families who showed up, begging for a spot. She was able to put the group together with a little flexibility from other guests. Patterson suggests that guests be flexible. Even if you book a spot, if the current guest chooses to stay longer, she might ask if another plot would work. “Be prepared to have fun, for real,” she said. “Camping is not about stress.”

CAMPGROUND RESOURCES

- Michcampgrounds.com provides tips like a detailed campground checklist, and a guide to private and state sites.
- Michigan.gov also has resources on campgrounds, parks and trails, and includes detailed information on amenities.

Fun Field Day

Conner Kerspilo, 9, dashes up an inflatable slide during the Linden Central Elementary School field day on Tuesday. Every student in grades first through fifth took part in the activities that included a snow cone truck and games.

“The joy about camping is it’s something different to everyone.” Jon Lawrence
Myers Lake United Methodist Campground camp director

Follow these simple tips from Mr. Appliance to help your laundry room conserve energy and money.

Washer:
• When appropriate, wash clothes in cold water. This saves the energy needed to heat the water.
• Wash full loads. Washing machines use about the same amount of energy for all load sizes, so fill up the load to avoid wasting energy.
• Use the high-speed spin cycle, to take moisture out of your clothes resulting in less drying time and more energy saved.
• If you have an older top-loading washing machine, consider converting to a front-loading washer, which uses about 70 percent less water.

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in Tyrone Township. The truck veered from the road and struck a tree on the passenger side of the truck.

Bezotte said Zaffer was not wearing a seatbelt and the impact of the crash caused him to be partially ejected from the vehicle.

From their preliminary investigation, detectives believe that Zaffer had just left Old Hickory Bar on Bennett Lake Road and he was intending to drive home.

The sheriff’s department believes speed and alcohol were contributing factors in the crash. Toxicology testing is being conducted and the sheriff’s department should have those results in six to eight weeks. The crash and Zaffer’s whereabouts prior to the incident remain under investigation.

Livingston County EMS and the Fenton Township Fire Department assisted at the scene.
Veterans lead parade of hundreds through Linden

By Christopher Jones

Linden — “The words are hard to describe,” said Charlie Blain, retired Airman 1st Class, about the Memorial Day Parade in Linden. “I wish we could have this every day.”

Hundreds marched through downtown Linden in observance of the federal holiday. Participants in the parade included Veterans of Foreign Wars, of which Blain is the Vice Commander, and Boy Scout Troops 111 and 711. The role of marching band was filled by the students of Linden High School.

The parade began at 10 a.m., starting on Mill Street in front of the VFW building. The parade ended at Fairview Cemetery, with attendants gathering in front of the veteran memorial.

There, members of the VFW paid their respects to soldiers lost in battle. In honor of fellow veterans who have passed away over the years, plaques were given to their families.

VFW member Mike Jacques spoke about prisoners of war (POWs) and confirmed MIA (missing in action) in overseas conflicts, represented by a black flag under the American flag in the cemetery. Jacques concluded his speech with the words, “You are not forgotten.”

Gold Star Mother Barbara Kincaid of Linden, spoke on behalf of mothers who have lost their sons and daughters in foreign conflict. “There are times when mere words seem far from being adequate. This is such an occasion because we are gathered to recall veterans who have made the supreme sacrifice. Thus our actions speak louder than our words.” Kincaid then placed a floral arrangement on the veteran memorial.
Local Boy Scouts march in this year’s Memorial Day Parade. Once at Oakwood Cemetery, the Scouts presented the American flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Memorial Day in Fenton

By William Axford

Parade members and residents continued on to Oakwood Cemetery, were veterans prayed and read poems for fallen veterans. The Boy Scout troop presented the flag and raised it at half-mast. The Fenton High School Marching Band played patriotic songs and veterans ceremoniously fired guns.

“When I think of these things,” said WWII veteran Les Butler. “I kept looking at all the graves and those who served.”

Tim Grove, the incoming junior vice commander of Post 3243, enjoyed the day’s activities. “I’m proud to do this, glad to let the community know we’re here,” the Navy veteran said.

WWII VET

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“At 16 I still had a great love for this country and was incensed when we were attacked,” said Butler, who enlisted into the Navy at 17 on Oct. 1, 1942. Then living in Brooklyn, New York, Butler would go on to travel to the other side of the world during his service.

Butler was an airplane gunner during World War II and served in key battles that took place in the Pacific Theater. The veteran was a member of the aircraft carrier the U.S.S. Enterprise and was involved in pivotal battles including Ad- miralty Islands Campaign and the Battle of the Philippine Sea. He was part of the airplane fleet that cleared the path for General Douglas MacArthur’s invasion of the Philippines. And although he didn’t land on Iwo Jima, Butler said, “We were close enough.”

Despite constantly being shot at and the dangers of flying in war zones, Butler loved flying. He said it was the only time he felt he was doing something during the war.

“It was exciting, as a kid. In truth, I was only 18 and I felt indestructible,” Butler said. “I was there to do justice. I fought like hell to get in a squadron.”

Butler saw his fair share of close calls during WWII however, including the Typhoon of 1944 where the Navy’s Third Fleet was nearly destroyed by a tremen- dous storm in the Philippine Sea. Butler said the aircraft carrier he served upon came close to capsizing multiple times. In another instance, Butler’s plane slipped when it landed on a flight deck, causing the plane to end up on its side over the edge of the ship.

“If I’d drop the escape hatch, I would’ve fallen 50 feet and died when I hit the water,” Butler said. “But the plane was secured by the ship’s crane and I was flying the next day.”

Butler was awarded 14 battle stars for his service during WWII. Butler was recalled for duty during the Korean War as well, where he was awarded two addi- tional stars for his service.

After the Korean War, Butler worked for Uniroyal Tire as a salesman and eventually a manager. Uniroyal transferred Butler to Michigan nearly 40 years ago and the veteran has since raised his family in the state. He’s lived in Linden for 14 years.

Butler wears his awards on his U.S.S. Enterprise hat, hoping to run into other shipmates.

Butler said he hasn’t run into fellow veter- ans who served on the U.S.S. Enterprise, but he did attend the wedding of one of his pilots. After learning the pilot had received an award for a battle the two were involved in, Butler was eventually given an air medal.

“I know we sank that damn sub,” Butler said, recalling the battle.

Although WWII ended more than 60 years ago, Butler is just as patriotic today as he was when he joined the military.

“I still love this country. It’s the great- est country in the world,” Butler said. “You have more opportunity here than anywhere else in the world.”

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with Skype or a similar program. When looking to purchase a webcam, people may also be looking for a tool to provide household surveillance, or to record their own videos for websites such as YouTube.

"Most people are looking for a webcam to set up in their home or business, and be able to log in remotely and view it at any time over the Internet," said Michael Oliver, owner of Hometown Computers in Fenton. A webcam may be used to keep an eye on a sleeping infant, or even to keep an eye on your house outside at night.

On average, a webcam could run between $40 and $100, depending upon what features are included. A wireless camera for example, is likely to run higher. The level of picture quality is of course also a determining factor.

"In terms of quality, you kind of get what you pay for. Just like regular digital cameras, it's about megapixels," Oliver said. "When looking to purchase a webcam, a higher resolution and a higher frame rate will result in higher quality. Another determining factor for image quality is the type of lens used; plastic or glass. This distinction can get you the best bang for your buck, as a glass lens will yield a better quality without a dramatic price increase.

A common feature found in webcams is motion detection. In some cases, these integrated microphones will work fine, such as when using Skype or if using a webcam to monitor a room. When high quality sound is important, such as recording a YouTube video, an external microphone would be better.

"Some cameras offer features that allow them to function better in low light — a very important feature for those people looking for outdoor surveillance." Oliver said. Another big choice to make is to decide if you are better suited with a wireless camera, or a wired camera that is attached to your computer. While those using the camera for surveillance purposes will likely want to go wireless, for those who are video conferencing a wired camera is likely better.

"For video conferencing, I wouldn't recommend a wireless camera," Oliver said. "I personally would much rather have one plugged directly in, where I am not potentially losing the signal. A wireless camera is not as fast."

Two other webcam features to look for are autofocus and motion detection. Autofocus will allow your camera to provide a clearer image for video conferencing, while motion detection is helpful for those doing performance. In some cases, depending upon your type of webcam, these features can be added or managed through the use of software even if they are not built into the camera itself.

"I would say probably Logitech, and Microsoft have decent webcams," Oliver said. Still, it is important to shop around to see what the best fit is for you, based upon your needs and price point, as there is no shortage of different types.

There is no shortage of different webcams, and likewise no shortage of brand names to look for. Oliver suggested Logitech and Microsoft have two companies that produce decent webcams, though the many different products available make it in your best interest to shop around.

"There are a lot of different brands out there that people haven't heard of," Oliver said.

MAKE YOUR SMART PHONE A WEBCAM

You may already own a webcam — and not even know it. Your smart phone can easily be made into a wireless webcam by downloading an app such as DroidCam for Android phones, and iWebcam for iPhones. The quality of your phone’s camera will of course determine what it will be capable of as a webcam.
Fenton, Holly tennis teams ready for state

Fenton’s Ballard earns No. 3 seed in top singles flight

By David Troppens
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The Fenton varsity girls tennis team is going into the Division 2 state tennis meet at Kalamazoo College as a regional champion for the first time in 33 years. Meanwhile, the Holly Bronchos have made making the state meet a part of their regular schedule routine since missing out in 1998.

So, there’s reason for both teams to feel pretty good as they prepare for Friday’s meet.

“We’ve put ourselves in a position to do something,” Fenton coach Gary Ballard said. “Now, if the girls work hard and the draw falls right, maybe we can win some matches.”

“Right now, we’re balancing injuries, flu and colds, but the girls are excited,” Holly co-coach Will Sophrea said. “It’s going to be a nice way to send our seniors off. We feel we have some flights that can enjoy success.”

One of the keys to enjoying success at the state team tennis meet are See TENNIS on 15

Schwerin gunning for memorable run at state

By David Troppens
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Luke Schwerin isn’t a household name in tri-county sports. In fact, it’s just hard to pronounce his last name.

It’s about time his name does become familiar, because when the Division 1 State Track and Field Championships start on Saturday at East Kentwood High School, the Bronco middle-distance runner is going to be the person everyone is aware two seats prior. In 1982, Schwerin and a fellow runner from the Lansing area were traded in the same date.

For those who are soccer fans, there will be district action going on all week at two area schools. Holly is hosting a district which includes the host school, Fenton and Linden. Both Linden and Fenton played on Tuesday, but if both teams won, that would mean all four area soccer teams will be playing games on Thursday with chances to win district titles on Saturday. That’s because Lake Fenton is also hosting a district, and is expected to face Powers Catholic on Thursday at home.

But that’s not all the action. Lake Fenton and Linden are hosting baseball/softball districts, while Holly and Fenton are at Lakeview High School. Lake Fenton and Fenton started with district games on Tuesday. They will join the rest of the teams in Saturday action if they won on Tuesday.

And then there’s district golf, state tennis and state track. The season might be coming to a close, but there’s still a lot of bang left until that time.

Eagles have high hopes for state track meet

By David Troppens
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Ted Parcher knows how it feels to get close to winning a state track and field individual title.

As a freshman, he came within .01 seconds of winning one in the 100. This season, Parcher could have as many as three chances to win a state title when the Linden Eagles head to Houseman Track for the Division 2 State Track and Field Championship.

Linden’s Austin Buerkel (right) takes the baton from Kevin Baker during the 400 relay’s school record performance at regionals. The team is seeded first entering the state meet.
A doubleheader dandy

Tigers split a pair of one-run games vs. Western at U-M’s baseball field

By David Troppens
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The Fenton varsity baseball team got a chance to compete at the University of Michigan’s college baseball field on Friday.

And while the Tigers were there, they decided to play a couple of thrillers with Parma Western High School.

The Tigers (17-16-1) won the opener 3-2, but lost a tight nightcap 7-6. Earlier this year the Tigers also played at Eastern Michigan University’s baseball field.

“We try to play at one or two of these places a year now,” Fenton coach Chad Logan said. “It’s an annual thing we do now. They were two great games.”

In the opener, the Tigers took the lead for good in the bottom of the fourth when Connor Muntin reached base on an error, and was plated on Alex Chase’s two-run home run that hit off the foul pole, right above a 30-foot fence. That put the Tigers up 3-2.

From there, the pitching staff held. Patrick Leaske, who was the winner, started. He tossed five innings of two-run ball, allowing his eighth win of the season. Meanwhile, Jamie Castiglione pitched the final two innings, earning his fifth save of the season.

Earlier in the game, Western took the lead, scoring a run on two doubles in the top of the first. Fenton tied it when Derek Jenkins got hit by a pitch and eventually scored on a wild pitch.

Western scored a run in the top of the fourth after a leadoff double and a single. Fenton trailed 2-1 until the two-run shot. In the bottom of the fifth, the Tigers led 6-5 until Western picked up a single run in the bottom of the fifth and the go-ahead run in the bottom of the sixth.

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number one, but honestly, it means nothing,” Schwerin said. “It’s only a seed time. What I ran there is what I will feel more proud of than what I ran at (regionals).”

“It just makes you more nervous. That’s all it does,” Holly track coach Rob Basyldo said.

“Everyone knows who you are. “The kids will tell you, that if I could hide said. “I never let them know if I can. It just gets in their head. But I think Lake is stepping up to the challenge.”

Schwerin had a good preview of what the state meet will feel like last week at the Oakland County Meet on his home track. There, he posted a time of 1:55.34, taking second to Avondale’s Nate Chapman’s 1:54.54, so no state title is a lock.

Schwerin is one of eight tri-county athletes scheduled to compete at the state meet. Holly has three girls and another boy competing, while Fenton has two boys and one girl.

Perhaps the next most likely to have a chance at a state title is Fenton’s Matt Gilbert in the 1,600. He’s seeded ninth after posting a time of 4:21.30 at regionals, but he’s posted much better times than that in the past, and also has enjoyed state success before. He recorded a third-place time of 4:17.04 in the 1,600 a year ago. However, at the Metro meet he said he was nursing a possible hamstring injury.

“I am the top returning guy from last year and won regionals, so I’m confident,” Gilbert said. “I should be over (the hamstring injury) in a few days. My goal all season after last year was to win states. I did really well lastyear, so that’s my goal this year. Hopefully, everything works out and I get it.”

The only other area top 10 seeded athlete is Fenton’s Kira Rentschler. She enters as the eighth seed in the discus (114-11).

Other area athletes competing are: Holly’s Rachel Domagalski in the pole vault, Sarah Deweleisch in the discus, and Melissa Bott in the 800; Fenton’s Max Krzyza in the 3,200; and Holly’s Colin Banes in the discus.

Lake Fenton’s Zac Zielinski is one of the members of the Blue Devils’ state-qualifying 800 relay team.

Blue Devil relays could make some noise at D3 state meet

By David Troppens
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Lake Fenton’s varsity boys track season may have been the best kept secret in the tri-county area this spring.

The squad completed the season by capturing the GAC Red Division title recently.

But now, the squad has a chance to make some waves at Comstock Park High School during Saturday’s Division 3 State Track and Field Championships.

The Lake Fenton boys have five competitors that will be at the meet. The Blue Devils have two relays that enter with top-10 seedings.

The 400 relay team of Austin Frank, Rob Kesler, Matt Hommer and Max Watters lead the way with a sixth seed of 44.3 seconds, just one second longer than Union City’s top seeded time.

Meanwhile, the 800 relay team of Zac Zielinski, Kesler, Frank and Watters is seeded 10th with a time of 1:32.1.

Both relays hope to do well.

“We ran our fastest time of the year at the state meet last year (in the 800), and we think we can do that again this year,” Lake Fenton coach Eric Doyle said. “Our 4 by 200 team has progressively gotten better, ran our best time in regionals and bested that on Tuesday (at the GAC Red meet).”

“I hear we are ranked pretty good, but I really don’t look at the rankings,” Frank said. “If we can run what we can and get our handoffs, I want to get higher than sixth.”

Two Lake Fenton boys have individual aspirations as well. Kesler is qualified in the 100 and the 200, although it’s likely he will drop one of the two events to help enhance his chances of doing better in the other three events.

“I want to win something. I want to win a championship. That’s what I want,” Kesler said. “(Being here last year) means it’s not as unfamiliar this year. I’m more prepared for it.”

Zielinski is scheduled to run in the 300 hurdles. For the Lake Fenton girls team, Alyssa Martin qualified for the 100 hurdles.

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ter posting a school-record time of 43.22 seconds at regionals.

“The team is excited about the upcoming meet at Grand Rapids,” Linden coach Nick Douglass said. “I think the 4 by 100 relay team is excited to do the best they can.

“As far as expectations, the No. 1 seed is based only on regional times, and there are several teams running comparable to the time we put down two Fridays ago. So who knows what will happen,”

Parcher is slated to compete in two individual events. He’s the fifth seed in both the 100 (10.6) and the 200 (21.9). However, he’s certain one of the competitors that can win either of the two events. Last year, he tied for second in the 200 final with a time of 10.8.

“I have to make sure I eat well, sleep good and make sure I run as fast as I can,” Parcher said. “Yeah, I’m confident.”

Other Eagles will be at the meet. Graham Elliott is slated to compete in the 1,600 and the 3,200, while Roger Phillips is entered in the 3,200. O’Connell also is in the pole vault competition.

For the Linden girls, Sydney Elmer leads the group. She’s in the 3,200 and 1,600.

“I am feeling really good,” Elmer said. “At regionals I ran a personal record 11:36, and

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SILVERCREST CHANNEL LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To the residents and property owners of The Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the township signed by the record owners of land whose area constitutes more than 50% of the total land area of the hereinafter described Silvercrest Channel Lake Improvement Special Assessment District, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton proposes to provide an improvement project consisting of the eradication and control of aquatic weeds in the Silver Lake channel that lies immediately west of Silvercrest Drive, and to create a Special Assessment District for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be implemented and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

Lots 1-14 of the Silver Knoll Estates platted subdivision
Parcel 09-33-100-013

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received an estimate of the costs of the improvement project in the approximate total amount of $8,068.47 spread over a 4-year period, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the aforementioned Special Assessment District and has further tentatively found the petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said Plans, Special Assessment District and Petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this Notice until and including the date of the public hearing hereon and may further be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such Plans, District, and Estimate of Costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the Township commencing at 7:30 p.m. on June 4, 2012.

At such hearing, the board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said board at or prior to the time of said hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to said Plans, Estimates and Costs or to said Special Assessment District.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

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Public Hearing Notice

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton will hold a public hearing on the proposed State Revolving Fund Project Plan for stormwater management within the City of Fenton for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The hearing will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, June 25, 2012 at the Fenton City Hall, 301 S Leroy St, Fenton, MI 48430.

The purpose of the proposed Project Plan is to secure low interest funding for non-point source water quality treatment improvements in the Shiawassee River watershed. The purpose of this project is to help reduce stormwater pollutants, flooding and flow to the river and low-lying neighborhoods by retaining, delaying, and infiltrating the stormwater runoff. Five projects sites are being proposed based on the potential stormwater management opportunities they provide to the watershed.

This project will be funded through loans from the State of Michigan Revolving Fund. The five project sites have a combined estimated construction cost of $5,460,000. This project will be funded by the City’s general revenue fund. There will be no additional user costs associated with these projects.

Copies of the project plan detailing the proposed projects will be available for public review on May 25, 2012 at the City Hall, 301 S Leroy St, Fenton, MI 48430.

Written comments received through June 25, 2012 will be entered into the public hearing record and should be sent to the Fenton City Hall, Attention: Dan Czarnecki, 301 S Leroy St, Fenton, MI 48430.
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Eric Brian Riley
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Eric Brian Riley - age 39, of Fenton, died Tuesday, May 29, 2012. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM on Friday, May 31, 2012 at the Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 West Hill Road, Pastor Rick Cich McAffee offering. Cremation will take place following the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the family. Visitation 3-8 PM Wednesday at the funeral home. Rick was born in Taylor, Michigan on July 9, 1956. On October 14, 1984 he married Lori in Livingston County. He was a member of the Freedom Center. He loved playing the guitar, fishing and doing stonework. Surviving are wife, Lori; son, Jeff; daughter, Jamie; nieces, Nicole, Karen, Jeff, Jamie, Nick, Blaire, Marissa, Samantha, and Cobin; father, Frank; and four grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Northwood Regional Hospice, 34 Coll Square, Fenton, MI. Arrangements are being handled by the Nelson-Berna Memorial Home & Crematory of Fenton.

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Some people will be present to witness refuse and property owners.

All barrels and fuel tanks must be open-ended. No stumps, brush, leaves or concrete will be accepted. Paint cans must be emptied or filled with sand or kitty litter. There is a $2.00 per item charge for tires and a $5.00 per item charge for tractor tires. All appliances will be taken.

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Additional information may be obtained by calling the Jesse Lambert, Holly Town-

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