Fenton Township opposes ET Rover Pipeline

Board of Trustees to submit letter to FERC

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Fenton Twp.—The Fenton Township Board of Trustees unanimously agreed on Monday to submit a letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) expressing its views of, and opposition to the ET Rover Pipeline. Township Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said, “Personally am opposed to this pipeline.” She said there were a few reasons for her opposition, which See PIPELINE on 6

Changing the culture of concussions

Better education, more reporting is solution

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Fenton High School Athletic Trainer Mitch Smelis has treated 10 to 15 concussions since August. He’s actively managing approximately eight, which include fresh concussions, managing some, and also ending treatment as athletes resume play. See CONCUSSIONS on 7

Bubbler discussion heats up

Ordinance to ban devices on lakes to be voted on by council

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Fenton—In July, Fenton City Council discussed the possibility of passing an ordinance prohibiting the use of ice retardant systems, also known as bubblers, on Fenton lakes. After issues See BUBBLER on 10

The logistics, and cost, of school busing

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Fenton: 17 bus routes transport 2,400 elementary and secondary students each school day

The goal of the Fenton Area Public Schools’ transportation department is to provide students with a pleasant and safe ride to and from school, according to the school district’s website. Just like all schools, there are certain rules and See TRANSPORTATION on 5

7 million drivers, 2 million deer

Odds are 1 in 94 you’ll hit one in Michigan

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The annual car/deer collision study was released by State Farm Insurance Agency last month and Michigan is number 11, of the top 20. According to a press release from the Insurance Institute of Michigan in conjunction with the DNR, “One in every five motor vehicle crashes in Michigan involves deer.”

According to an article on bowhunting.com, “U.S. drivers are three times more likely to collide with a deer over the next 12 months than they were over the previous 12.” It continued, “Those odds have climbed to 1 in 169 drivers and nearly double during the deer breeding months of October, November, and December.” See DEER on 6

Summary

Parents might find school transportation confusing, but schools have laws they must follow that include how far each bus stop is from the previous stop.
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Local Boy Scouts take over Silver Lake Park for big event

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Fenton — A small crowd of Boy Scouts and their families gathered outside the roped-off safety zone, a few feet away from a large, medieval-looking device mounted to a trailer.

After a brief countdown, a pumpkin was flung down field by the wooden trebuchet, breaking it into pieces as it struck the ground. A cheer erupted from onlookers.

While boys might like watching objects explode, actual lessons were being taught.

Fenton Troop 212 Scoutmaster Brad Koch said the trebuchet was built to teach the scouts about engineering.

This was one of about 10 stations at the Skill-O-Rama event that was hosted by Troop 212, with help from Linden Troop 111 at Silver Lake Park. About 120 young scouts attended the Saturday event to see how the older boy scouts do things.

Technically, the Boy Scouts are divided between “Cub Scouts,” and then “Boy Scouts.” They begin as Tiger Cubs in first-grade, moving on to Wolf Cub Scouts in second-grade, Bear Cub Scouts in third-grade, and Webelos are fourth- and fifth-graders.

Sixth-grade and above are technically Boy Scouts, which have their own ranks, all the way up to Eagle Scout (see sidebar). Eagle Scout projects are everywhere around town, by the way. In Fenton there are several wooden foot paths in the Daum-er-Martin Nature Preserve, and baseball dugouts at St. John School.

See BOY SCOUTS on 7

So much more than a ‘jelly of the month’ club

Many opt for monthly subscription boxes to receive all sorts of goodies in mail

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If you’re not familiar with this relatively new retail trend, subscription boxes are a fast-growing business model that sends everything from prepackaged dinner ingredients to baubles or shoes straight to your doorstep. If the Times Facebook fans are any indication, subscription boxes are already popular in this area.

If you’re confused about the concept, it’s easy to picture a wine-of-the-month club, where new wines are mailed to you each month. These subscription boxes are the same concept, but allow you to try many different items. For instance, BarkBox sends dog lovers a monthly package filled with fun toys for Fido and even snacks for your dog to try.

See ‘JELLY OF THE MONTH’ on 11

FAKE $20 BILL DISCOVERED

On Sept. 30, Fenton police received a counterfeit money complaint from a grocery store on Silver Parkway. Employees said they noticed a fake $20 bill in the cash office. The bill appeared worn and old, however, there was no watermark and other details.

The bill will be forwarded to the Secret Service, which investigates counterfeit currency.

SMALL FOUR-WHEELER STOLEN

A 36-year-old Fenton woman reported to Fenton police that sometime between Sept. 30 and Oct. 2, someone stole her child’s Kawasaki four-wheeler, valued at $200, from the back porch of their home in the 400 block of Dauner. The four-wheeler was described as small, gas-powered, lime green with Monster stickers on it. If anyone has information, call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

ORTONVILLE MAN BEHAVES SUSPICIOUSLY

At 12:20 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 1, Fenton police responded to Silver Lake Road at Silver Parkway to see why an unoccupied vehicle had pulled over.

See POLICE on 6
Obama's flawed guardians
Let's hope Secret Service snafus don't spark even more attackers — or maybe I'm being paranoid.

There's a lot of paranoia going around these days, as the Secret Service slips from its former position of glory to its new status of being unfairly compared to the Keystone Kops.

As someone who has worked in or near the White House for a couple of decades, I have a hard time believing the level of incompetence displayed by such episodes as that of the fence jumper Omar Gonzalez. The mentally ill former sniper climbed a very high fence, darted across the North Lawn, entered the oddly unlocked front door, ran around the first floor and headed toward the stairs to the second floor, where the presidential living quarters are located — before he was tackled by a Secret Service agent — who happened, as it turned out, to be off-duty.

This episode turned out to be only the latest in a string of scandalous security breaches. One man fired a weapon at the White House, for example, only to have the guns hotly downplayed as an automobile backfiring. Hey, there is a difference.

Meanwhile, the slip-ups and snafus touched particularly sensitive nerves in African-American communities, as I recently learned during phone interviews with callers in programs on black-oriented radio stations.

Asked about the possibility of an internal plot to kill Obama, I answered sarcastically that if there were such a plot the conspirators surely would have been more competent than the clown show we have witnessed so far.

Donald W. Tucker, one of the first black members of the Secret Service, told the Times that he also has regularly heard such worries. Yet he also said he felt there was no good reason to think the agency had not protected Obama vigorously.

I think the right questions to ask in the Secret Service snafus is why so many of their details were kept secret, even from the president, until the agency couldn't sit on them any longer.

Sure, they're supposed to be a 'secret' service, but not from the president they're assigned to protect.

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If you had time to volunteer, what would you do?

“I volunteer at the Fenton Museum. I go there once a month. At my age, that's all I can do.” — Nathan Woodward, Fenton

“I have done quite a bit in [Fenton Methodist], with Sunday School.” — Shirley Wilcox, Fenton

“I'd like to do something for kids. That kind of thing.” — Michael Cronan, Holly

“I work at the nursing home. There aren't enough people to help out.” — Deena Baker, Holly

“I'd do what my dad did and help in the soup kitchen.” — Al Johnson, Graveland Township

“I would work with sick kids. I'm an RN, and that would be what I'd do, no question about it.” — Becky Young, Fenton

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guidelines set in place that determine where the bus stops and what route areas are covered.

With situations, such as “school of choice,” sometimes it becomes a confusing task for parents to get their kids on the right bus.

Michigan.gov, in their FAQs about school transportation, point out that school districts are not required by law to transport regular education children, which means that this is something schools choose to offer.

Barbara Bunker, assistant transportation supervisor for Fenton schools said, “We have 17 bus routes each day transporting 2,400 elementary and secondary students. Our total transportation budget is $990,000, and is paid for by the district General Fund.”

There are no special laws as to where children can be picked up or how far they will need to walk to get to their bus stop. Bus stops are determined by a few factors, including distance between each stop and visibility of the bus to other trafﬁc. These legal requirements are found in the Michigan Pupil Transportation Act MCL 380.1321. Section 55, available at Michigan.gov.

District boundaries also say a lot about where kids are picked up and what children ride what bus. Bus routes are drawn to ensure maximum coverage for all students, in each district. While school districts within the tri-county area are mostly square, school districts are not defined by counties and different districts have different amounts of students.

Laura O’Lewin, location manager for First Student, who works with Linden and Lake Fenton school transportation, said, “There are a ton of rules on the bus stop locations and distances,” She suggested looking on the Michigan Department of Education website, 1990 Pupil Transportation Act 187. PA187 is also the act followed by Fenton schools.

Bunker said, “Bus stops are located in areas where students live.” Some examples she gave on laws that need to be followed regarding bus stops include, “stops may not be located on a hill, may not be near a curve in the road, and students may not cross three lanes of trafﬁc.”

O’Lewin added, “Each school district has their own set of by-laws on their books. Some have very specific guidelines for stop variation and others are more general,” she said. “In both Linden and Lake Fenton, riders are permitted a.m./p.m. stops and they can be different with written request and approval. All ‘alternative’ one time changes are approved by school personnel, either the school principal or other administrative staff. This is done by emergency requests and judged on a case by case basis.”

When it comes to school of choice, parents can apply for a transportation request with the choice school. Busing will be determined by the nearest established bus route and how many students already take that bus. Bunker said, “Fenton Schools only has bus stops within the Fenton school district. If the bus has space, we do allow school of choice students to be picked up at an existing Fenton bus stop. Parents may contact the transportation department for students to be placed on a bus.”

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‘Cloud 9’ e-cig vapor banned in southeast Michigan

Synthetic drug sold at gas stations, convenience stores has caused 20 hospitalizations

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If you’re a parent and you’ve never heard of Cloud 9, you may want to talk with your older kids about it. Cloud 9 is a synthetic drug that has caused more than 20 hospitalizations in southeast Michigan, and was the subject of a recent NBC-TV news report.

Containing the chemical AB-PINACA, a synthetic cannabinoid that can cause serious side effects, Cloud 9 is legal and unregulated. It has recently been banned for sale by retailers and individuals in Macomb and Wayne counties, following emergency orders from local health departments in these counties.

Cloud 9 is usually marketed as a liquid in an eye dropper bottle that is not labeled with any ingredients or origin of the product. The clear liquid has no smell, isn’t detected through drug testing, and is primarily used in e-cigarettes or hookah pens. This synthetic drug is also labeled as Relax or Crown. Its use can cause hallucinations, agitation, severe vomiting and psychotic episodes.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro hasn’t seen any issues with Cloud 9 locally. The same goes for Genesee County Undersheriff Chris Swanson, who said the sheriff’s department has not dealt with this product.

Aside from Cloud 9, the drug also goes by the names “Relax” and “Crown.” It is legal and unregulated.

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Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said, “We have policed 20 car/deer crashes in the past 12 months. We took three during the past month of September.” He added, “Typically, October and November are the months with the most crashes of this type.”

While being at number 11 is one down from number 10 the previous year, there is still a 1 in 94 chance of hitting a deer on Michigan roads. According to Matt Evans, Legislative Affairs Manager for Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC), “A few short years ago in 2010 and 2012 Michigan was number three and number four on the list with a 1 in 70 chance, so we are doing better.”

Evans said, “One of the reasons Michigan is so high is because we have a high deer population and a very high human population and whenever you mix the two you are bound to have accidents.”

Evans believes that one of the biggest factors to Michigan being so high on the list is that over the last decade or two the state has really seen a dramatic increase in the number of deer populating the southern portions of the state, where the human population base is.

“Deaths were once more prevalent in the northern lower peninsula and the UP where there aren’t as many people so there were fewer accidents,” Evans said. “But now that they have made their way south the accident ratio has increased.”

Aro said, “Drivers should be vigilant for deer late in the evening, night and early morning hours.” Evans said, “Another key piece is that people just need to be more aware of deer. Deer are very active during October and November due to hunting activity as well as the rut.”

The chief added, “It’s important not to over-react when attempting to avoid a collision with a deer or any animal. Do not swerve or leave the roadway which significantly increases the chances of injury to yourself or passengers.”

Why has the car/deer ratio dropped in Michigan? Evans said, “Michigan has dropped on the list not necessarily because there are more hunters in the woods, that number has stayed pretty steady the last four years, but more so because we have recognized there is a problem down here with the deer population.” Evans added that not just with car accidents but also with overpopulation, damage to farm fields, and more. This has led the DNR to institute quite a few newer management programs the last few years to help.

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included the fact that the natural gas pipeline would pose too many dangers to the community, it would decrease property value, and it is not a public necessity.

The board pointed out that two years ago ET (Energy Transfer) abandoned a natural gas pipeline that it sold to Enbridge. Just seven months after it applied to FERC for permission to start the ET St. Clair Pipeline.

Township Clerk Robert Krug said that when he attended the recent ET open house hosted at Spring Meadows in Linden, ET’s public relations representatives continually said they would find someone to answer questions they couldn’t, and never did. “Everybody had smiles, but nobody had answers,” said Krug.

In response to newspaper Hot line comments as to why Mathis did nothing about the pipeline, Treasurer John Tucker said, “It’s not in our authority or jurisdiction to do anything about it.”

While townships can send notes of opposition to FERC, it is a symbolic gesture to show their community they stand behind them.

An update on roadside saliva testing for controlled substances

A few years ago, I wrote a column about the introduction of legislation that would change Michigan law to allow a police officer who had stopped a person suspected of operating while intoxicated to not only administer a preliminary breath test (PBT) to determine the person’s blood alcohol content but additionally be allowed to take the person’s saliva to determine if they was the presence of a controlled substance. If this law were passed, Michigan would be the first state to allow it.

This week it was announced by one of the co-sponsors of this bill that the saliva sample provision was being removed and a new amended bill would be introduced. This amended bill would supplement existing law, which allows a preliminary chemical breath analysis by a police officer. The addition would provide for a new procedure called a ‘preliminary roadside analysis.’

This legislation will continue providing for the administration of a preliminary breath test to determine the presence of alcohol. Additionally field sobriety tests could be used to specifically determine the presence of a controlled substance, another intoxicating substance or any combination of alcohol or substances.

There was considerable discussion on the original saliva sample bill as to the accuracy and reliability of saliva testing and the possible impact on medical marijuana users.

This amended bill has now been passed by both the Michigan House and Senate and is being sent to the governor for his signature.

What the future will hold for such sampling is anybody’s guess. However, I have recently learned that there is another type of testing device, currently in the patent pending stage in Canada, which is described as the world’s first ‘marijuana breathalyzer.’

According to the co-founder of the company that invented it, the marijuana breathalyzer is able to detect the use of marijuana by a subject within one breath sample, as long as the sample is taken within two hours of ingestion. The device is still in development and would be a roadside device similar to a PBT unit. Who knows where this will lead but it is certainly an interesting concept.

Fenton City seeks volunteers

The City of Fenton Beautification Commission is asking volunteers to help decorate the city for the fall season. This Saturday, Oct. 11 from 9-11 a.m., volunteers will be placing wreaths on streets and bows on light poles throughout the downtown area. To volunteer, call Chairman Dawn Overmyer at (810) 629-0465.

Vacancy filled for Fenton Township Planning Commission

David Cypher was appointed to fill the vacant spot on the Fenton Township Planning Commission. He will serve through May 31, 2016. Cypher served six years on the Tyrone Township Planning Commission, from 1992 to 1998. The members of the Board of Trustees indicated they were happy to fill the position with such a qualified individual.

Fenton Fire Department to buy new fire truck

The Fenton Fire department’s truck is nearing the end of its useful life. A new unit will be necessary to continue providing fire protection for the community.

The Fenton Fire Department, in an attempt to be more efficient, decided to pursue alternative funds to purchase a new truck. Fire Chief Krug stated that the price was ultimately to be $223,801. He expects to sell the current vehicle that is being replaced for roughly $30,000, which would help offset the cost of the new purchase.

Fenton City Council called for information and public comments regarding the purchase of a new truck. All comments need to be submitted to the Fenton City Clerk, 212 E. Maumee, Fenton, by Thursday, October 9th, 2014.

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maroon Chevy van was parked in the westbound lane. Police saw a man walking nearby, however, the man said he knew nothing about the van. Police impounded the van and the man walked away. At 5:15 a.m., Fenton police saw the same man standing in the roadway at Silver Lake Road and the U.S. 23 entrance ramp. As police approached, the man dropped his pants and exposed himself. Police then learned the man, identified as a 53-year-old Ortonville resident, into custody and transported him to Hurley Medical Center for a psychological review. Neither drugs nor alcohol were suspected.
CONCUSSIONS
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Concussions are in the news lately with the University of Michigan apologizing recently for letting quarterback Shane Morris return to play, after exhibiting what many labeled as signs of sustaining a concussion during play.
School sports are back in full force, and concussions don’t just happen in football — a cross country runner can take a spill on the trail and hit their head, or a swimmer can collide with the barriers in a practice.
As previously reported in the Times, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), U.S. emergency medical facilities will handle around 173,000 sports and recreation-related traumatic brain injuries, which includes concussions, in children 0-19.
Concussions are a sudden blow, or jolt to the head, according to webmd.com. It can lead to coordination, sleeping and thinking problems.
Symptoms are persistent headaches, extreme drowsiness, and blurred speech — these could also be symptoms of a serious side effect of the concussion, like a blood clot in the brain, which can be life threatening.
The problem with concussions, is that a player can’t really self-diagnose. Sometimes it’s not a concussion — sometimes the symptoms are from low blood sugar or something else.
Likewise, athletic trainers had to fight with the “walk it off” mentality. “It’s still kind of a cultural thing,” he said, adding that “touch it out” is still sometimes the paradigm.
Smelis said one in 10 concussions are moderate to severe, which makes it easier to diagnose. A player might appear disoriented, speak gibberish or even go to the wrong huddle.
Unfortunately, there is no simple test to diagnose a concussion. Smelis said a trainer or coach will ask a series of questions to determine what’s going on — often someone else on the team needs to speak up, because the player with the concussion won’t know they had one.
“It requires everyone to be working together,” he said.
Smelis will treat around 25 concussions each year, though gradually awareness is improving, something Lin- den High School trainer Shari Oole has also seen — students willing to mention a possible concussion in another student.
To trainers like Smelis and Oole, it’s not about equipment, it’s about culture and training. The Michigan High School Athletics Association (MHSAA) has also instituted rules for limited contact days for football practice, and limited full-padding use to mitigate excessive hits in practice.
In 2013, Smelis said Michigan state law began requiring pamphlets on concussions to be handed out during youth leagues.
Another challenge is getting all the medical professionals on the same page, said Oole. Sometimes she will diagnose a concussion, but the student’s doctor won’t agree, and might say the athlete is safe to return. “Then I’m in a battle with the parents,” she said. “Every specialist is going to have that different opinion on things.”
Oole said she sees about 20 concussions a year, but students are coming forward to report problems more. Before, students would hide other athletes exhibiting symptoms of a concussion.
Science may soon find an answer — Oole said research is being done on animals that should get concussions but don’t, like rams and woodpeckers. A test may be developed to check for an enzyme the body releases if the person has experienced a concussion.

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What degrees do you need to be a doctor, nurse, teacher or accountant

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Whatever it is you want to do with your life, it will require some type of training, from a simple certification to a doctorate degree. Some careers take more time in school than others and some have special certifications and boards you must pass.

Jenn Swank, associate director of admissions at the University of Michigan-Flint, said, “There are a number of avenues that one can take to reach a career goal and the pace is often determined by the student and the amount of coursework they can complete given other demands.”

Because many students work while they are pursuing their education, it may take them longer than a student who can devote all of their time to their education. She added that, “Most undergraduate degrees take four to five years and graduate work can take anywhere from two to four additional years.”

Medical Doctor

According to education-portal.com, someone wishing to become a medical doctor must first earn a bachelor’s degree, in no specific major, which takes an average of four years. Swank said, “Most of our students who are pursuing careers as doctors work toward a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Biology.”

After that, they need to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) in order to be considered for medical school, and of course, apply to medical school. Medical school is another four years, followed by a three- to seven-year medical residency. After residency, in order to become an actual doctor, they must obtain medical licensure to practice in hospitals and other types of medical facilities, which requires passing the United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE).

Nurse

Georgia Wilson, M.S.N., R.N., director of nursing for Baker College of Flint, said, “To become a practicing nurse, one needs to complete either a two-year associate degree or a four-year bachelor’s degree and pass the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).” Once they pass they are a registered nurse (RN) and available for employment in their field.

Nurse practitioners, or advanced practice nurses, need a master’s degree in the area of specialty they want to get their license in. Swank said, “The differences between these types of certifications range from amount of training, education, and responsibilities in the workplace.”

Teacher

Students pursuing teaching careers generally pursue a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Elementary or Secondary Education. In addition, students must also obtain their teaching certification (MTTC). Students can choose to complete their graduate work as well, although this is not generally required to begin teaching and most wait to do this until after they have started their teaching career.

Accountant

Students pursuing a career in accounting generally pursue a Bachelor of Business Administration, majoring in Accounting. Students who wish to pursue CPA licensure need to complete at least 150 semester hours (approximately 18 additional semester hours than their BBA includes) and pass the CPA exam. The specific credit hours required can be pursued through additional courses at the undergraduate level or by completing an MBA.

“Being an accountant can be a very rewarding job,” said John Cote, MBA, Ph.D., dean of business administration, Baker College of Flint. “Company management relies on accountants for keeping financial records, preparing budgets, implementing payroll and completing tax returns. These documents are needed for planning, decision-making and operational performance.”

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- Annual wages for accountants average about $65,000.

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Meals together help kids do better in school

▸ Studies show importance of family time around breakfast, lunch or dinner table

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According to studies, a regular family meal can help make kids smarter. One survey done a few years ago by Columbia University showed that teenagers who eat with their families at least five times a week were more likely to get better grades in school. It also showed they are less likely to have substance abuse problems. Specifically, the study found that teens having family dinners five or more times a week are 42 percent less likely to drink alcohol, 59 percent less likely to smoke cigarettes, and 66 percent less likely to try marijuana. It also found that family dinners were associated with better school performance, with teens 40 percent more likely to get As and Bs.

A Reader’s Digest survey of more than 2,000 high-school seniors compared academic achievement with family characteristics, according to Purdue University. Eating meals with their family was a stronger predictor of academic success than whether they lived with one or both parents.

Not only is family dinnertime a great time to educate your kids, it’s also a great way to find out what is going on in their lives. It’s a great way to wind down from the day and find out how everyone’s day went. Use this time to give encouragement, talk about problems, and just enjoy each other’s company.

Facebook comments

Lora said, “Raising my children, we did as often as possible.”

Jennifer said, “Yes we have family dinner almost every night, sometimes it’s 7:30 before we eat. We rely on the crockpot a lot since both parents work, but the time around the table is very important.”

Carrie Lynne said, “We have four boys and we try our best to do family dinners six nights a week. Growing up my family only had them occasionally for holiday things and other times our parents let us eat in our rooms. I am a very different parent than my own, but I want to make sure my kids know I’m there for them to talk to.”

Sometimes collaborating dinner doesn’t work, Nicole Kilpatrick said, “I try to do at least one meal a day, it’s not always dinner sometimes it’s breakfast or lunch. I just find it important to have at least one part of the day we all can gather as a family.” If the crockpot, or swapping meal times, isn’t enough to bring the family together for a meal a few times a week, try meeting at a restaurant. While it doesn’t give the at-home privacy for quiet family conversations, it does allow everyone to get together and share a little about their day.

Summary

▸ Family dinners are still an important part of childhood and the teenage years. Making time to get together helps make smarter kids.

Gathering around the table for a meal with the family helps kids perform better in school, eat healthier and more.

“Just find it important to have at least one part of the day we all can gather as a family”

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According to The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, kids and teens who share family dinners three or more times per week:

▸ Are less likely to be overweight
▸ Are more likely to eat healthy food
▸ Perform better academically
▸ Are less likely to engage in risky behaviors (drugs, alcohol, and sexual activity)
▸ Have better relationships with their parents

Source: thescramble.com
**BUBBLER**

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were brought up by Silver Spray Sports, which utilizes bubblers to perform boat maintenance in the winter. The issue is now expected to be voted on during next Monday’s city council meeting. The consensus among the majority of council members at last Monday’s work session suggests that the ordinance will likely be passed without allowing for exceptions. However, not all council members saw eye-to-eye. Those in favor of the ordinance cited safety reasons, as bubblers only stop ice from forming in a particular area of the lake, but also noted it could make a potential danger for those traveling on the frozen lake.

“I did as much research as I could possibly do. I could not find a way to relocate the bubble from the rest of the lake,” said Councilman Scott Grassmes. Councilman Bradley Jacob stood opposed to the ordinance, saying that in his own research, he believed the danger ice bubblers posed was minimal to nonexistent. “Sometimes we go to prohibitions when we don’t really need to. I can’t see a need for this ordinance,” Jacob said. “I don’t think that it’s necessary, and I don’t think it’s morally right.”

While it would be possible to allow exceptions to the ordinance, Fenton Fire Chief Bob Carrall suggested against this, as the city does not have the ability to inspect or enforce a containment system that would allow the bubble use to remain safe. Silver Spray Sports utilizes the ice containment system to allow them in an area to do boat work throughout the winter. The system they currently use consists in the business doing work on an estimated 300 boats throughout the winter, according to co-owner Jeff Smith. Many boats need to be in the water so that work can be done. The owners of Silver Spray Sports however say that they have taken steps to ensure the safety of their bubble, establishing a barrier to prevent people from wandering close, lighting it in the evening and keeping it under camera surveillance.

Councilman Pat Smith asked the council for special consideration for their business. “Our bobbler is our insurance policy that we will be able to get a boat in the water that day,” she said. “It is a fact without it we would be unable to complete work that is essential to our business and livelihood in a timely manner.”

The ordinance was drafted after the city received a letter from the Fenton Township Supervisor Bonnie Mathis, asking the city to consider passing an ordinance consistent to the one the township has put in place.

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— Bradley Jacob

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**JELLY OF THE MONTH**

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Love what you get? Go to the store and buy more.

Stores are even offering these now. Walmart recently started a beauty, and baby box, which you pay a flat fee for shipping and receive free samples of products to store coupons.

There is a subscription box out there for everyone.

Birchbox and Ipsy are great for women who love to look good, sending makeup, skincare, and other beauty items every month.

Either on FB said, “I get Ipsy monthly and love it! I can’t wait to see that shiny pink bag in my mailbox.”

Katy on FB said, “Love love love Ipsy! I’ve been getting it for six months and can’t imagine quitting.”

Food lovers aren’t left out, with subscriptions to things like Graze, and Door to Door organics.

FB fan Rebecca said, “Door to Door Organics is great — been subscribing for a few years now. Many of their choices are local, and I can get not only produce (and swap out what we won’t use) but also other grocery store items as well. I have 10 pounds of organic apple ‘sour’ (that came today) that I will chop up and freeze for winter use in pies. But normally I just get what we will use in a week.”

Subscription boxes aren’t just for women or those who want to eat healthy. Men will love options like LootCrate that send fun items like movie memorabilia and comic books (although some girls will love this too). Kids will also enjoy options like Bluum, full of luxury baby supplies, and The Honest Co. Filled with eco-friendly goodies for home and child.

It’s easy to sign up for subscription boxes. First search out the one you want and fill out their profile. You’ll find different questions on different ones, like shirt sizes. The monthly subscription price ranges from $10 per month at beauty-centric Birchbox to upwards of $100 for more indulgent, high-end items. You’ll enter your credit card info and automatically get your monthly payment taken out until you cancel. Most allow month-to-month subscriptions, but some also offer six-months and one-year membership options too.

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Courageous Cupcake Stand at Linden’s homecoming game this Friday

The T.A.G. (Together Achieving Greatness) team is hosting its first ever, Courageous Cupcake Stand at the Linden High School homecoming football game this Friday evening. The T.A.G. team is a community service group consisting of young ladies from Fenton, Grand Blanc, Lake Fenton and Linden. The girls will be selling Courageous Cupcakes in memory of 12-year-old Jessie Rees who fought two brain tumors from March 2011 to January 2012. They are raising more resources for kids fighting cancer. Proceeds will go to the Jessie Rees Foundation (the support for families dealing with pediatric cancer) and Mitchell’s Mission.

Sasha birthed at 8 p.m. and cupcakes are $3 each.

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Tri-county
Technology and young children

How to balance a child's need to be tech-savvy in the future with a need for creative play

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Child experts warned a generation ago that children were watching too much TV. Today, that concern is about technology: how much is too much and how do parents find the balance?

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has recommended that TV and other entertainment media be avoided for infants and children under age 2. A child’s brain develops rapidly during these first years, and young children learn best by interacting with people, not screens.

The recommended technology for children from ages 2 to 5 is for no more than two hours of screen time total per day, including TV, iPads, iPhones, even tech toys.

While Linda Mora, the early childhood director for Fenton Area Public Schools Ellen St. Campus agrees with the spirit of this recommendation, she admits to having a little heart of change.

“There are some amazing apps out there for early childhood,” she said. “The important thing is to be with them while they are doing the activity. Engage with them. Talk about it. Share in the delight of learning and do it together.”

In a preschool or kindergarten classroom, that kind of interactive sharing can come from having two children on a computer or screen working together. “This provides the social dynamics kids need, while the technology itself can help with the learning,” said Mora. “It’s the best of both worlds.”

She also suggests that parents look for endorsements from national education organizations for young children or by magazines like Family Fun or Parents, in seeking out age-appropriate apps and tech toys.

Even with all the positives about technology and learning, a recent article in The Washington Post said that the onslaught of technology has come so quickly that there hasn’t been time yet to properly gauge its affects on children.

One thing that is known already from research tracked in the last 50 years is that children’s creativity is undergoing a significant decrease for the first time.

This Washington Post article suggests that it’s because the way kids are interacting with screens is sometimes taking the place of learning through play. Learning in the early years is active, through direct play and hands-on experiences with people, with materials and in nature.

Kids need first-hand engagement, being able to manipulate objects physically, engage all their senses, move and interact with the three-dimensional world, in order to maximize their learning and brain development. When kids spend too much time with screens, they play less, which has resulted in the decline in creativity.

According to the AAP, studies have shown that excessive media use can lead to attention problems, school difficulties, sleep and eating disorders and obesity. Plus, the Internet and cell phones can provide opportunities for illicit and risky behaviors.

The AAP recommends that parents establish “screen-free” zones at home, by making sure there are no TVs, computers or video games in children’s bedrooms and by turning off the TV during dinner.

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Early Childhood Director

Traditional college vs. online degree

Both types of educational settings have their pros and cons for students

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Angie Common of Linden has her “dream job” as a registered nurse at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

“Nursing is my calling,” said Common, 29, an admissions manager to both the adult and children’s hospital from the ER, operating room, clinics and other hospitals. “I can’t imagine doing anything else. I feel very comfortable with some of the best doctors and nurses in our area, in a challenging environment of a teaching hospital with state-of-the-art care.

Like everything else in life worth getting, it took a lot of hard work, and a non-traditional path for her to get there.

“My associate’s degree in nursing was traditional class and clinical learning from Mid Michigan Community College in Harrison,” said Common. “After graduation, I started working full time at U-M and earned my bachelor’s of science degree in nursing online from Ferris State University.”

In Common’s experience, online education is more flexible, but more difficult. “Online classes lack the human interaction of student, peers and professor,” she said. “To be successful, one must demonstrate dedication, time management and organizational skills. These skills are important for traditional classes, too, but with all the distractions of life at home when you’re not physically in class, you have to be more dedicated.”

She felt both were excellent experiences and is grateful she had the choice of both settings. “Looking back, I still think online was much more difficult.”

From associate’s degrees to doctoral degrees, online programs are becoming more mainstream as part of today’s educational process.

With more adults joining the ranks of college students as careers change and evolve, online study can be a way to re-integrate higher education into a person’s lifestyle. As online programs become more prevalent, they are earning a reputation as a viable alternative to a traditional classroom setting.

Before signing up for online courses to obtain a degree, here are a few pros and cons to think about:

**Pros:**

- **Flexibility**
  - Many online degree programs use asynchronous learning, which means that a distance learning student doesn’t need to be online at the same time as his or her instructors. Students can complete their coursework anytime, anywhere and around any schedule. There’s usually some flexibility with deadlines, also.
  - Tuition for online degree programs may be the same, but there are cost savings in other areas, such as gas, re-location, childcare, etc.
  - Many learning materials are offered digitally, such as e-books, that often cost less than their physical counterparts.
- **Greater options**
  - Students who live in small towns or rural areas without nearby colleges or universities have limited on-campus options. Online degree programs give them access to hundreds more potential educational choices.

**Cons:**

- **Self-motivation issues**
  - There’s no one holding a student accountable for deadlines or lectures, so some students might find it difficult to complete unpleasant tasks or assignments.
- **Isolation**
  - Online students’ only communication with professors and peers is through email, chat and online forums, which can’t replace face-to-face interactions.
  - There’s also a lack of social experiences with an online degree program.
- **Non-Accredited programs**
  - Many online degree programs are offered by reputable colleges and universities, including Baker College in Flint. All Baker Online undergraduate and graduate programs are accredited by a regional institutional accreditor, and some graduate programs have additional accreditation. Prospective online students need to check out the accreditation of their prospective programs and do some research to ensure that the school’s policies are legal and legitimate.
- **Lack of hands-on training**
  - Some degree programs require hands-on training, such as clinicals for nursing programs. Many institutions offer blended programs that allow students to complete a portion of their coursework online, and commute to a local campus for clinical courses, labs, etc.
Eagles on top of the Metro again, beat Fenton 5-0

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Linden — Winning league titles is fun.
Clinching the championship against your rival — that makes it even better.
The fifth-ranked Linden Eagles got five goals from four different players, leading to a 5-0 victory against Fenton and clinching the Linden varsity boys soccer team’s second consecutive Metro League crown at Claude Cranston Stadium on Monday.

“It means everything to go out on top,” Linden senior Cameron Davis said. “It is a really cool thing to do. I’m just proud of the boys. I thought we played a good all-around game today, especially in the second half.”

“Winning a league title is great, but to beat Fenton makes it even better,” said Linden senior Ben Thornton, who provided the Eagles with their first goal. “These boys are great, great to play with. It means a lot being my senior year. We weren’t sure how this team was going to be at the beginning, losing 12 players. But we haven’t lost a ball.”
The Eagles (6-0-1, 14-2-1) scored just 3:35 into the game on a direct kick. Thornton took it and nailed the shot from about 25 yards out.

“I just saw the box looked pretty spread out,” Thornton said. “They weren’t together and it was a good shot. It had some power behind it, but I got a lucky deflection. The goalie was going one way and the ball went the other. It ended in the back of the net.”

It was the only goal of the first half, but it helped the Eagles establish control from the start.

In the second half, the Eagles scored another quick goal to begin the period. This time it was a nice assist from Marcos Toledano to Nolan McDonald, resulting in a gently placed goal by McDonald in the right corner just 1:29 into the second half. Linden led 2-0, and would cruise from there.

Minus the occasional ball sent into Linden’s box by Adam Gornick from about 40 yards out, Fenton was unable to generate any offense in the second half.
Meanwhile, Linden scored three more goals before the game was over. The next two were provided by Derek Deighton within 61 seconds of each other. The first was assisted by Austin Lapham and the second was by Luke Lapham.

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Injury-plagued Linden finds way to beat Brandon, 28-24

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Ortonville — Life on the football field hasn’t been easy for the Linden Eagles this year.
The Linden varsity football team seemingly experiences at least one serious injury to its starting lineup every week. And it’s gotten to a point where players who weren’t expected to play a lot this year are now making up the starting lineup.
The Eagles (3-1, 4-2) still grinded out a victory Friday night, beating the Blackhaws 28-24 during Brandon’s home-coming game.

“We’ve had injuries left and right,” said senior Jacob Marshall, who ran for a TD and caught a TD pass. “We are trying to get our guys in there, trying to get our reps in. We don’t have too many reps with the starting guys in.”

“It’s been crazy,” said junior running back Ryan Young, who finished with 136 rushing yards and a TD. “But we are coming together as a team real nice.”
The Eagles’ offense struggled in the opening half, watching turnovers and penalties limit Linden to just seven first-half points. Those points came during the Eagles’ third drive of the game. Quarterback Ethan Quessellec capped a 68-yard, 12-play drive with a one-yard run. Bailey Davis made his first of four extra points, cutting Brandon’s lead at the time to 10-7 with 2:36 left in the half.

Meanwhile, Brandon scored on its first two possessions. On Brandon’s opening drive, Marshall batted down a pass on a third-and-goal play from Linden’s 7, forcing Blackhaws’

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LF football falls to Beecher
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Flint — It had already been an up and down year for Lake Fenton’s football team, and they had only played five games. Big wins coupled with big losses left head coach Eric Doyle wondering what he truly has for a team.

That question wasn’t answered on Friday night, as the Blue Devils fell to the Beecher Buccaneers, 44-6.

“They’re a good football team, and we made them look better,” Doyle said. “We’ve been playing better lately, but we took a step back. It is what it is.”

Beecher started off the game strong with a 65-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Marcus Wright to receiver Darius Blackburn, the first pass of the game. Until that point, Lake Fenton’s defense had been strong stopping the run.

The kicking problems for Beecher showcased early, however, as freshman Jose Zaldivar was unable to connect on many extra points, including the first.

The Blue Devils were less successful in the run defense the next time out. Beecher almost exclusively See LF on 15

Tigers qualify for playoffs; Holly loses to Flushing
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The Fenton varsity football team is headed to the playoffs for the seventh straight season after defeating the Clio Mustangs 41-20 on Friday night.

The Tigers (4-0, 6-0) scored 35 first-half points, earning the blowout victory.

Ross Ebert completed 10-of-16 passes for 177 yards and four touchdowns. Each TD toss was to a different receiver. Justin Norris caught a 33-yard pass in the first quarter, while Alec Thomas had a 24-yard TD catch. The final two were to Bryce Roney (19 yards) and Dominick Weiss (four yards).

Norris had one other TD via the air route, but this one came on an interception. He returned the pick 36 yards for the score. Fenton’s only running score was provided by Roney who scampered 31 yards for a TD.

Clio (1-3, 3-3) is an improved squad from past years and did score three times. Kane Williams had two TDs, catching a 65-yard TD pass and earning a five-yard TD run.

Flushing 43, Holly 14

The Bronchos (0-4, 0-6) celebrated their Pink Game but were unable to collect their first victory of the season, losing to the first-place Raiders.

Flushing had two TDs in each of the first three quarters, with quarterback Garrett Oginsky running for three scores and passing for two more.

Holly wasn’t able to get much go-

Area XC teams do well at recent Flint meet, Portage invitational
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Fenton’s varsity cross country program took top honors at the Greater Flint Area Championship Cross Country Meet, taking fifth in both events.

The Fenton girls scored 148 points, and comfortably finished in fifth, while the Fenton boys scored 179 and held about the same comfort zone for fifth.

The Linden boys and girls didn’t field true starting lineups, but both still finished 11th place. The Lake Fenton boys and girls each took 16th.

The Fenton girls had all of their top five runners finish in the top 75. They were Jenna Keiser in fifth (19:44.8), Emma Lane in 11th (20:37.1), Danielle Hack in 27th (21:29.8), Madeline Johnson in 52nd (22:32.5) and Cory English in 53rd (22:36.2).

The Fenton boys accomplished the same task. Jacob Lee took third (15:55.4), finishing just five seconds out of first. He was followed by Lucas English in 24th (17:27.5), Luke Chabot in 42nd (18:14.8), Mitchell Chabot in 46th (18:27.1) and Samuel Strickhouer in 67th (18:55.5).

Sixth runner Sean Bleicher also took 69th (19:01.2).

“We had a nice finish considering we were not running two of the top three boys on the team,” Fenton coach Todd Mills said.

“I think the boys are starting to come together and race instead of just running races.”

Jenna ran a very nice race considering she’s been bothered by a slight hip issue. See XC TEAMS on 15
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kicker Blake Crawford to kick a 24-yard field goal. Brandon led 3-0 with 5:35 left in the opening quarter. Quesnelle was picked off on a fourth-down play on Linden’s first possession, and Brandon followed the pick with a 10-play, 63-yard drive. Brandon quarterback Nick Hudson scored on a one-yard run, putting the Blackhawks up 10-0 prior to Linden’s TD.

In the second half, the Eagles’ offense scored the first two times they had the ball. The first set up on a 52-yard run by Young, giving the Eagles the ball at the Brandon 14. Four plays later, Marshall scored on a four-yard TD off a direct snap. Linden led 14-10.

“I had my two blockers in front — Ryan Young and Marshall Ryan,” Marshall said. “They didn’t go down, Brandon responded with a TD drive of their own when Udoon scored on a 31-yard TD run, capping a 65-yard drive. Brandon led 17-14 with 7:25 left in the third quarter. Linden returned to the lead after a 75-yard, six-play drive. The key play was a fourth-down punt play which the Eagles drew Brandon offside. With renewed life, Quesnelle completed a 42-yard TD pass in the middle of the field to Marshall. Linden led 21-17 with 5:17 remaining in the third.

“He threw a nice ball,” Marshall said. “I found a little grass behind the linebackers. He threw a perfect ball and I had open grass after that.”

Brandon retook the lead on the first play of the fourth quarter when Kevin Bickett caught a six-yard TD pass, earning the Blackhawks a 24-21 lead.

The Eagles answered back with the last TD drive of the game. This one was a 14-play, 71-yard drive in which the Eagles converted on two fourth-down plays. Young scored on the second-fourth-down play on a tough six-yard run. Linden led 28-24 with 6:44 left.

“It didn’t look like anything at first, but then the O-Line gave a great second effort, opened a nice hole and I got there,” Young said.

The Linden defense held the rest of the way. On the Blackhawks’ next possession, Davis held Brandon’s Lucas Woch to a two-yard gain on a screen pass on a fourth-and-7 play. Brandon had the ball one more time, but Linden’s Kyle Kornman earned a sack on first down, setting up Brandon’s ultimate failure on the drive. Brandon’s drive ended with an incomplete pass on fourth down.

Quesnelle completed 18-of-23 passes for 170 yards. Zachary Kentish caught five passes for 40 yards, while Young had four catches for 26 yards. Defensively, Andy Roberts had nine tackles, while Austin McNeill and Marshal Ryan had eight tackles.

“It’s been real tough,” Linden co-coach Denny Hopkins said about the injuries. “We have a lot of kids that haven’t played very much, and all of a sudden they are playing a lot of football. We went from a veteran team to a young team. … We have three games left and they are going to be tough ball games. If we keep practicing hard and keep doing what we are doing, we’ll be OK.”

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the second by Toledano. Toledano got his third assist of the game on a goal by Kevin Wright with 2:38 remaining in the game. The defense was strong, with keepers James Howard and Andrew Coppler combining for the clean sheet.

“It’s all about organization,” said Davis with his hands on defense. “Just making sure everything is working and making sure we are talking up what we have to do.”

Fenton (5-2 in Metro) finished the season in third place, behind second-place Brandon and champions Linden.

“They were too much for us,” Fenton coach Matt Sullivan said. “We knew we had to play a perfect game in order to stay in it. But they were too good, too much on the back side, too much Thornton, too much Wright. What can you do?”

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... Emma Lane continues to improve. She runs so hard and competitive.”

Linden’s boys had four in the top 75. They were Jack Needham in 47th (18:28.2), Connor Brooks in 59th (18:46.1), Trent Schrader in 61st (18:46.8) and Bryce Sommers in 65th (18:49.7). Linden’s girls had two in the top 75, led by Megan Bennett in 7th (21:55.4). Sydney Gagner placed 59th (22:43.0).

Lake Fenton had two boys and one girl in the top 75. Jacob Fletcher took 23rd (17:23.8), while Winston Ray was 74th (19:06.4). Lake Fenton girls had Cash and the Lake Fenton girls taking 26th (21:27.7).

Linden, Holly
at Portage Invitational

The Linden boys, ranked 14th in the state, had finished ahead of five teams ranked ahead of them in the poll. Meanwhile, the Linden girls, ranked 15th, finished ahead of four teams the Lady Eagles are behind in the polls, and placed eighth.

“It was a fantastic performance by the boys,” Linden boys coach Clint Lawhorne said. “Finishing in the top five is a great accomplishment. We had two medalists and two more kids within just a few places of a top 50 medal in a field of 304. … It was a great effort from each individual from gun to the finish.”

Mikey Varacalli placed fifth and was one of Linden’s two medalists (16:09). The other was fellow senior Ryan Torok taking ninth (16:12). The rest of the scoring five were Nick McDonald in 53rd (17:03), Jack Eck in 56th (17:05) and Andy Bennett in 57th (17:20).

The Linden girls had Jordan Holshcer earn a medalist spot by taking 44th (19:59). Linden’s other scorers were Savannah Ferrara in 54th (20:13), Taylor Gagner in 63rd (21:03), Courtney Davis in 70th (20:29) and Maya Gossett in 75th (20:35).

“Of the 11 that went, four set lifetime PRs and three set season PRs,” Linden girls cross country coach Teresa Wright said. “We finished eighth out of 41 teams in a competitive field which should help us prepare for the league championship.”

Holly’s girls also competed and took 26th in the Division 1 race. Two finished in the top 75 and both were medalists. They were Samantha Tschirhart in 25th (19:25) and Lauren Hackett in 44th (19:42).

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Linden’s Derek Deighton (right) scored on this shot in the Eagles’ 5-0 win against Fenton Monday night.

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stayed on the ground and pounded it toward the end zone that culminated in a 1-yard touchdown plunge from running back Jawuan Taylor.

Lake Fenton’s next offensive possession went much better, as the visiting Blue Devils began to find the holes in Beecher’s defense. Lake Fenton’s junior running back Jake Zielinski broke off a big run that put the Blue Devils in the red zone. Unfortunately, on the next play Lake Fenton fumbled with a recovery by the Bucs.

Soon after, on the first play of the second quarter, running back Raumello Cooper scrambled 65 yards for a touchdown to put the Bucs up 19-0.

When the Blue Devils got the ball back, they tried some trickery as junior receiver Chris Bell threw the ball.

Two Buccaneers were waiting for him, however, with defensive back Cedric Moten picking him off. Beecher took advantage of the turnover when Wright connected with Blackburn again from 32 yards out for a score.

Lake Fenton (2-4) still had a lot of fight left, showcased by junior safety Mitchell Arens as he swatted the ball away from Beecher’s Taylor near the end zone. The Blue Devils were unable to do anything with it however, and after Wright scrambled for a 13-yard touchdown run to put the Bucs up 32-0 at halftime.

The second half was much better for Lake Fenton, as they only allowed 12 points and found the end zone for the first time all game on a two-yard touchdown run from sophomore fullback Trent Hilliger early in the fourth quarter.

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Sealed bids will be accepted from qualified bidders by Lake Fenton Community Schools for the West Shore Elementary School Water Filtration System located at 3076 Lanning Road, Fenton, Michigan, 48430. Proposals must be clearly marked “West Shore Water Filtration System Bid” and may be mailed or delivered in person to:

Lake Fenton Community Schools – Attn: Jake Staley
Administrative Services
11425 Torrey Road
Fenton, MI 48430

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Linden’s Ryan Young (middle) gets tackled, but not before gaining some of his 136 rushing yards in the Eagles’ 28-24 victory against Brandon.

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Wednesday, October 15, 2014
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Open workshop for public input for the Parks Commission Master Plan.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE SQUAW LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESSEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To the residents and property owners of Fenton Township, Genesee County, Michigan, the owners of land within the Squaw Lake Improvement Special Assessment District, and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor and assessing officer of the township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by her covering all properties within the Squaw Lake Improvement Special Assessment District benefited by the proposed renewal of the Squaw Lake Improvement project. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs of the erodation and control of aquatic weeds in Squaw Lake and work incidental thereto within the aforesaid assessment district as more particularly shown on the plans on file with the Township Clerk at 12060 Mantawawa Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the township, which assessment is in the total amount of approximately $8,245 per year for five years.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcel bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawawa Drive, Fenton, Michigan on Monday October 20, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal.

An owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. (The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the state tax tribunal within 30 days after the certification of the special assessment roll.)

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ACROSS
1. Pleasant
5. Arrest, slangily
9. Long, crosser
12. Press
13. Colorful fish
14. Id counterpart
15. Huge victory
17. Eccentric
18. Like — of bricks
19. Wild West show
21. Inane
24. Antitoxins
25. Seed covering
26. Countrywide
30. Cooler
31. Heathen
32. Before
33. Try
35. Long story
36. Farm fraction
37. Cook-ware?
38. Cultural character
40. Verdi opera
42. CNN alumnus
43. British capitalists?
48. Sun Yat—
50. Sea eagle
51. Final blow
52. Favorable votes
53. Beefy entree
54. Cultural character
49. That material
50. Final blow
51. Superlative suffix
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DOWN
1. Zero
2. A Gershwin
3. Opposition
4. Ultimate goal
5. Cultural character
6. — arms
7. Despondent
8. Regard
9. Jason’s ship
10. Cheryl
11. Dorothy’s dog
12. Piggies
13. The Year
14. Living
15. Dangerous
16. — of Living
17. Oscar winner
18. Mid-month date
19. Piggies
20. Acapulco gold
21. Secure
22. Persia, now
23. “The Year
24. Celebrity
25. Church area
26. Past

Answer here: ____________________________________________________________

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Funeral services were held 1 PM, Thursday, October 7, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd, Fenton. Burial in Great Lake National Cemetery. 10 AM Wednesday, October 8, 2014. Visitation was held at the funeral home Sunday from 5-8 PM, Monday from 1-4 and 6-8 PM, and Tuesday from 12 PM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to the James Lloyd Diamond Memorial Fund. James was born August 28, 1946 in Flint the son of Lloyd and Elsie (Groux) Diamond. He was a 1965 graduate of Mt. Morris High School. He was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the U.S. Marine Corp. James retired in 1999 from GM Buick City after 36 years of service. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Fenton Knight of Columbus Council #7418, American Legion, V.F.W. and the U.A.W. Local #599. Surviving are: wife, Maria; 4 sons, Lawrence “Larry” and wife Veronica Diamond, Steve “Sonny” and wife Karyn Diamond of Woodstock, GA, Robert “Bob” and wife Kristin Diamond of Fenton, and William “Bill” Diamond of Cincinnati, OH; 8 grandchildren, Evaristo, Santiana, Roselynd, Cason, Justin, Cameron, Serenity, and James “Ace”; brother, Tom Diamond of Mt. Morris; brother-in-law, Sam Camero of Houston, TX; nephew, Randy Camero of Fenton; other nieces and nephews; and his beloved dogs, Coz and Max. He was preceded in death by his parents. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.
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