

Bishop Airport has impressive safety record

■ Only two crashes reported since 1935

By Vera Hogan

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Disasters in the air, such as the doomed Malaysia Air Flight 370 crash in March 2014, and most recently the Germanwings Airbus A320 crash on March 24 in the French Alps, may have

many people apprehensive about getting on a plane anytime soon.

In recent weeks, there also have been several news reports about different airline pilots around the country, having to make emergency landings because

See **BISHOP** on 23A

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The 1935 plane crash at Bishop International Airport in Flint made the pages of the St. Petersburg Times.



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2012 - 2013 - 2014 **NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR**

Holly ranked 11th best town to raise a family

“It’s still a small town community yet offers so much.”

Nancy Hanks
Holly resident

By Vera Hogan

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According to Niche.com, a website started in 2002 as collegeprowler.com by Carnegie Mellon University students, Holly has been ranked the 11th best town in Michigan to raise children.

The U.S. Census Bureau shows that Holly had a population of 6,192 in 2013.

Factors considered for the 2015 ranking included crime and safety and the location’s general safety, education, access to libraries, community involvement, the ability to purchase a home, residents 35-44 years old, residents 9 years old and under, access to day care centers and access to grocery stores.

Long-time resident Nancy Hanks, who with her husband raised three children in Holly, couldn’t agree more.

“I love Holly,” said Hanks. “It’s still a small town community yet offers so much. Historic downtown is a happening place with several restaurants and one-of-a-kind gift boutiques.”

See **HOLLY** on 9A

Area students sign off for summer vacation



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Thursday morning, 470 Lake Fenton Middle School students sign yearbooks, notebooks and scraps of paper to say goodbye to the 2014-15 school year. At Lake Fenton, 169 eighth-graders will move to the high school. Fenton and Linden schools also finished the school year on Thursday, while Holly schools began their summer break last week.

See more photos at tctimes.com



Cornerstone business tenants say everything is going well

“Our business has probably more than doubled since we moved over here.”

Stephanie Evans
Co-owner Rough Draught
Coffee & Barroom

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Laura Buhse pours a drink Wednesday at the Rough Draught. Prior to noon, she serves a combination of coffee and mixed drinks.

By Vera Hogan

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It’s been just over six months since the ground-floor business tenants moved into their new digs in the Cornerstone building, 134 North LeRoy St. in Fenton.

The Rough Draught Coffee & Barroom, owned by Andrew and Stephanie Evans, is one of them.

“Everything is going great,” said Stephanie. “Our business has probably more than doubled since we moved over here.”

Stephanie describes their customers as an eclectic group, representing all ages. They also have special events like “tap takeovers,” when a brewery comes in and takes over the beer taps, serving only their unique beers.

See **CORNERSTONE** on 15A

SUMMARY

■ Cornerstone business tenants give an update on how things are going six months after moving in to the downtown icon.



“Rising insurance rates?

Where do you think all the ‘settlement’ money comes from that lowlife lawyers brag about in TV commercials? Nearly all our elected leaders are lawyers. That’s why the laws never change.”

“I can’t be the only one who notices that nearly all the problems we have in our lives stem from incompetent government employees. The federal government has hired 72,000 employees in 2015; more unaccountable bureaucrats.”

“Why doesn’t anyone ask the question, would so many people be able to march, protest, riot and loot if they had to get up in the morning and go to work? Jobs are the key to almost all social problems. All young people need jobs.”

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**COMMENT
OF THE WEEK**

“So the Powerball lotto sells \$500 million in tickets, but if you win it and want all your winnings immediately they reduce it to about half. What kind of idiots are we to continue to buy tickets to a legal Ponzi scheme?”

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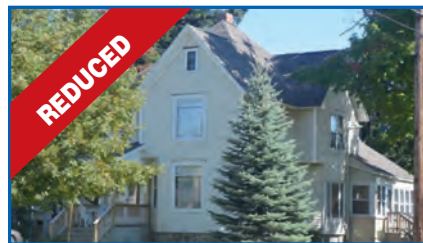
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DUPLEX. This home has a great location within walking distance to downtown Fenton with its lovely Mill Pond, quaint shops and restaurants. Home currently being used as rental property with one unit up and one down but it could very easily be made back into single family home. Home features very large living area, tall ceilings, and kitchen on the main floor.

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FENTON

Driftwood Drive

10.64 acre waterfront parcel on Lake Shannon West (5 acre lake). Property also has access to larger Lake Shannon. This heavily wooded piece of land is full of mature hardwoods and is a hunter's paradise. This is a walk-out that has been perked with a deep cut perk approval. Acreage has spectacular views and is just waiting for you to build your dream home.

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NEW LISTING

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4 BEDROOMS

HOLLY

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LINDEN

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LINDEN

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Big family? We've got the home for you. Beautiful 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home with a huge 12x20 finished bonus room. Main floor master suite, spacious fire-lit living room with vaulted ceiling. Roomy kitchen with plenty of cabinets & counter space as well as a nice size dining area. Great walk out basement with daylight windows could add more living space in addition to the 2400 sf you already have. 3 car attached garage. This home is move-in ready.

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Longway Planetarium Manager Buddy Stark said the new theater provides a more immersive experience. The 7:1 surround sound system, new surfacing, carpeting, new seats and dual IMAX projectors make up the enhanced experience. This \$1.8 million system is the first of its kind in North America.

STARRY, STARRY NIGHT

■ **Flint's Longway Planetarium completes \$1.8 million renovation in time for summer**

By Sally Rummel
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Imagine sitting back and watching the stars of our Michigan sky shine brightly overhead, while doing so from the comfort of reclining seats in the newly renovated Longway Planetarium in Flint.

Longway Planetarium is located among a trio of destinations in the Flint Cultural Center area on East Kearsley Street, including the Sloan Museum and Buick

Automotive Gallery.

If you haven't visited this local educational landmark in quite a while, you'll have to put this on your must-do list with your family this summer. This area is about 18 miles from Fenton.

The largest planetarium in Michigan, Longway now has even more to boast about since it first opened to the public in 1958. Thanks to a major \$1.8 million renovation, the planetarium is now a state-of-the-art facility. **See PLANETARIUM on 22A**

“This is a monumental achievement not just for Flint, but for Michigan and beyond.”

Andy Turpen
Longway Planetarium

Summer is here – time for family fun

■ Now is the time to plan visits to museums, zoos, parks and more

By Sally Rummel

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School's out, so it's time to plan some family fun with your kids this summer. Think about day trips and excursions you can take with your children for a day of exploration and education.

There are plenty of nearby opportunities for fun and most of them are easy on the wallet. Check out a few of these possibilities:

Sloan Museum

The Flint Cultural Center includes the family-oriented Sloan Museum and Longway Planetarium, along with the Buick Automotive Gallery, The Whiting, Flint Institute of Arts and Flint Institute of Music.

See SUMMER on 10A



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Nolan Petty, 6, plays a game at the Sloan Museum exhibit with security officer Martell Cook on Wednesday. Nolan's grandparents, Patrick and Cammy Keely of Burton, have year-long passes to the Sloan Museum.



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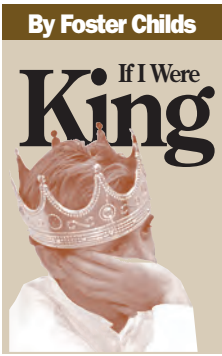
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Random royal thoughts

• **Death is a lot** like birth — everyone's is different. Some are relatively quick and painless and some are prolonged and traumatic, but they're all pretty messy and unpleasant.

• **Wouldn't the worst** time to have a heart attack be while playing Charades?

• **The media and the** mayor threw the police under the bus during the riots in Baltimore. The result is that murders in Baltimore in May were more than double what they were in May last year, and higher than in any May in the past 15 years. Meanwhile, the number of arrests is down by more than 50 percent. Thousands of businesses will go under as tourism will be non-existent this



summer.

• **While checking** out at the grocery store the cashier asked me, 'Would you like to help feed the hungry today?' I replied, 'Um, yes. That's the reason I'm here at the grocery store.'

• **Unless you've** been there, most Americans don't know that it is illegal for motorists to pump their own gas in New Jersey and Oregon.

• **Have you ever** noticed that 'Boob' is the perfect word for what it describes? The 'B' looks like a top view, the 'oo' looks like a front view, and the 'b' is a side view. It is the most accurately created word in the English language.

• **Definition of a liberal:** A person who feels a great debt to his fellow man,

which he proposes to pay-off with other people's money.

• **The constitutional right** to free speech was designed to protect so-called controversial speech for one simple reason: Why would we ever need to protect speech that no one disagrees with?

• **I don't like** country music, but I don't say that to denigrate those who do. And for the people who like country music, denigrate means to 'put down.'

• **If kids today** are not being taught cursive writing — and they are not — how in the world will they ever develop a signature?

Experts have said handwriting training helps small children develop hand-eye coordination, fine motor skills, and other brain and memory functions. Cursive writing is a critical first-step for children who grow up to

be surgeons, artists or other professional careers that require laser-like precision with their hands.

• **Americans have** been so intimidated by political correctness that it is now a 'social sin' to identify people who climb over a wall to enter this country illegally as 'illegal immigrants.' When did common sense become so uncommon.

• **In high school** I wanted to join the debate team, but someone talked me out of it.

• **As a tribute** to Bruce Jenner's self mutilation/emas-

culation, liberals are awarding him the Arthur Ashe Courage Award at the 2015 ESPYs. Jenner's actions earned him the award over a soldier/motivational speaker who lost his arm and leg fighting in Iraq. Yeah, that makes sense.

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THE BEST THINGS in life are free. Try making this world a better place. Things you can't buy are love, kindness, helping others and prayer.

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THERE ARE THREE things I truly believe in. Number one: the earth is warming up. Number two: the earth is flat. Number three: Obama's a great president.

■ ■ ■

I JUST WANT to say that Foster Childs, his column on graduates was excellent. That's the best article I've ever seen concerning graduates.

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I JUST WONDER if any other readers wish you would have a different type of crossword than what you have in your paper. Thank you.

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THE ROAD IS being torn up. I hope after they put the new road down the telephone company, the gas and electric doesn't decide they need a new line and they cut up the road. I hope they had enough sense to contact the other utilities.

■ ■ ■

I AGREE WITH the person who responded to Bruce Jenner. I think he should just shut up. Stop telling our kids that stuff is OK. It's wrong.

■ ■ ■

IT'S NOT JUST the village of Holly that gets refused by the road commission, it's also the township of Argentine. We pay money for a service and we do not get it. I have not seen one truck come down this road this summer. They're mad because they didn't get Proposal 1 passed.

■ ■ ■

I WAS AT the Fenton High School graduation and I just want to thank the band for playing for our graduates. You did a very nice job and we appreciate you being there. Thank you.

MORE OF OUR money is being spent by Jeff Wright. He's fencing in an overgrown field around the sewer plant and is installing cameras saying it's for liability when federal law covers county land from being sued. What about his promise of paving Hogan Road?

■ ■ ■

IT'S SUMMER AND bow fishermen with their obnoxious lights, loud generators and shouting mouths are out in force during midnight to early morning hours on Lake Fenton. Don't lake residents have any rights or recourse when it comes to stopping this outrageous disruption of peace and sleep in our private homes?

■ ■ ■

WHO IS MAKING HR decisions for Fenton schools? You're paying a teacher who

clearly demonstrated unprofessional conduct and paying someone to do his job while you decide what to do? What a waste of taxpayer money.

■ ■ ■

SPEAKING OF DEAD trees in Fenton. I've reported mine several times in the 2.5 years I've lived here. Dead limbs down every time the wind blows. Some are too heavy to move. With all the sidewalk activities, much potential for a sad story. Please clean up dead trees city workers of Fenton.

■ ■ ■

THANK YOU FENTON DDA for spending excessive amounts of my tax dollars on the Streetscape project to benefit yourself. Any business, which is not successful based on quality, selection, price, and service, should close, and be replaced by one that will be successful.

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STOP STOP STOP! Since when do punk kids run the world? Geez, all they have to do is lay down and scream and threaten cops for abuse. Please stand up and fight this. Most cops are good. Enough said.

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MR. POSTMAN (FENTON) I know you appreciate it in the winter when I keep the sidewalks shoveled, I would appreciate it if you did not walk in my yard and over my flowers. Thank you.

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A SCHOOL BUS held up six cars to stop four times on the half mile of Crane. Then we wait for it to make a double Y turn in the intersection at the end. Have some courtesy and let us pass after the first stop.

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How did you spend your summer as a child?

streettalk



"I grew up in California, so I spent most of my time at the beach."

— Kim Broom
Fenton Township



"I used to ride my bike around town because all my friends lived in town and we went to each other's houses."

— Kristine Tedrow
Mundy Township



"At the beach on the water."

— Robert Lark
Holly Township



"Just outside. All I did was play outside."

— Alicia Adams
Holly Township



"My mom always tried to take my sister and me on trips and made sure we had fun as a back-to-school shopping trip."

— Erin LaVanway
Fenton



"Either at the beach or hanging out with friends. Camping. Stuff like that."

— Dave Abraham
Fenton Township

Native American proud of his heritage

■ Bob Geroux talks about Chippewa membership

By Vera Hogan

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There are about 44,000 members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. They are a third-world nation, within a nation, located primarily in Michigan's Upper Peninsula counties.

Hartland resident Robert (Bob) Geroux is a proud, card-carrying, member of this Chippewa tribe.



Robert Geroux

Although most people today are fascinated with and enjoy their Native American friends and neighbors, it wasn't always that way.

"My father lived in the Mullett Lake area of Cheboygan County," said Geroux. "His parents moved the family down this way for jobs when he was 11 years old."

"My grandfather never told my father that he was a Native American," Geroux added. "Back then, it was a bad thing. People got into fights over that."

Native Americans were treated as badly then as some ethnic groups are unfortunately still treated today.

"He was in his 50s before he found out he was Native American," Geroux said of his father. "I was 9 years old at the time."

Geroux's family settled in the Dearborn Heights area, where he remained throughout his growing up years. He relocated to the Hartland area, where he resides with his wife, Sharon, about 15 years ago. The couple has two adult children and two grandchildren, who are elementary students in the Fenton school district.

Geroux said his children and grandchildren also are members of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribe, himself having completed the necessary documents as soon as each was born.

Although Geroux admits he is more modern-day than traditional, he embraces the privileges afforded to his family by his being federally recognized as a Native American.

Geroux and his family have often enjoyed attending tribal events, including ceremonial pow-wows, which are held throughout the year. They also are able to



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This is one of three bald eagles owned by Bob Geroux. Native Americans are the only people legally allowed to possess these birds.

receive funds for minor and preventative dental and medical care.

"Once you turn 62, you receive 'elder payment,'" Geroux said. "But it's not much, only like \$800 to \$1,200 a year."

Native Americans who reside on the reservations receive far more benefits, Geroux said, adding that those living "under the bridge" are often referred to as "trolls."

The greatest privilege Geroux enjoys, however, is being able to legally possess bald eagles, of which he has three at his home.

In order to obtain a deceased bald eagle, Native Americans must complete an application and have it approved by a federally recognized tribal chairman, who must sign the paperwork, Geroux said.

Once a dead bald eagle becomes available, U.S. Fish and Wildlife will ship it on ice, next day to the recipient, who then takes it to a taxidermist. Bald eagles, according to Geroux, die of a variety of causes. "Windmills do a lot of damage," he said.

It is against federal law for anyone who is not a Native American to possess a bald eagle, or any part of a bald eagle, such as a feather or talons, for example.

"Hillary Clinton almost got in trouble for accepting a gift with bald eagle feathers on it," Geroux said. "The lady who gave it to her really got into trouble."

The incident took place in 1995, when an Illinois woman gave Clinton a dream catcher made with bald eagle feathers.

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“My grandfather never told my father that he was a Native American.”

Robert (Bob) Geroux
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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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A NEW POLL by Politico shows that 57 percent of people believe Hillary Clinton is not honest or trustworthy. We're going from a president who is the most inexperienced and incompetent president we've ever had to a Democratic candidate who is dishonest and untrustworthy. Let's go Republicans.

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I THINK THE Streetscape project is far more involved and complex than most residents thought, and I read every article in the Times about it. Short-term pain, long-term gain. Hang in there Fenton residents.

■■■■

HOW IS IT that I have left multiple messages for the Michigan Treasury Department and no one has ever returned a single call? Snyder and Schuette should be held accountable for ensuring these people do their jobs.

**Police&Fire
report**

FENTON WOMAN SHOPLIFTS \$32 IN MERCHANDISE

At 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, Fenton police responded to a grocery store on Silver Parkway to investigate a retail fraud complaint. Lt. Jason Slater said loss prevention employees observed a female shopper, later identified as a 48-year-old Fenton resident, inside the store. Employees watched as she placed some items in her shopping cart and some items in her purse. The woman proceeded through the check-out and paid for the items in her cart, but she failed to pay for the \$32.87 in merchandise concealed in her purse. Once outside, the woman was escorted back inside to await police arrival. Slater said the woman had enough money to pay for everything, however, she chose not to. She has an Aug. 3 court date for retail fraud.

**Calendar of
events**

LOVE TO PLAY SOFTBALL CAMP

The Love To Play Softball Camp is scheduled for **June 29, 30 and July 1** from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Linden Elementary, 400 South Bridge St. in Linden. The camp is for fourth- through sixth-graders (beginning the fall of 2015). **For details and to request a registration form**, check out the calendar at tctimes.com or call Suzanne Taylor at (810) 938-2899.

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Shinola watches are made in Detroit and are available locally at Bridge Street Exchange in Linden, which is owned by Kevin Begola.

Gift ideas for that 'hard-to-buy-for' dad

■ Father's Day is Sunday, June 21 — still time to find the 'perfect gift'

By Sally Rummel

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Oh dear, Father's Day is just around the corner on Sunday, June 21, and the only gifts you can think of are a tie, cuff links or package of golf balls.

While Father's Day is not as big a gift giving holiday as Mother's Day, the National Retail Federation says that the average person will spend about \$114 on a gift for dad, compared to about \$163 on mom. When it comes to sharing a thoughtful sentiment, about 64 percent of consumers plan to get dad a card, compared to 81 percent for mom.

Even though it may be easier to find gifts for the women in your life, there are still a number of creative and thoughtful ways to celebrate your man's special day.

For one local store, Bridge Street Exchange in Linden, Father's Day is the single biggest holiday for sales, according to owner Kevin Begola. Known as a gentleman's emporium, Bridge Street Exchange is filled with the interesting, the unusual and the unique small finds, whether you're looking for hats, shirts, watches, drink mixes, grooming supplies, funky socks or more.

Other local retailers geared specifically toward the men in your life include Taylor Hardware and Sears Hometown Store in Fenton, Village Ace Hardware in Linden and McKay's Hardware and the Holly Tool Chest (open weekends only) in Holly. Some consignment shops have specific areas designed for men and their man caves.

Here are a few ideas to get your ideas flowing in time for Father's Day:

Foodie gifts: Whether dad fancies himself a chef or not, chances are he likes to eat well, so a gastronomical gift is always welcome. Grownup barbecue sauces, gift baskets filled with favorite upscale sweet, salty or savory snacks would be welcome. Gift certificates from dad's favorite bake shop or restaurant

would be another idea.

Sweets: What about a nostalgic mix of favorite candies from the '60s, '70s or '80s from your favorite local candy shop, Sweet Variations, or "Dad Cupcakes" sweetly boxed up and ready to go from Round Town Cupcakes in Fenton or Cupcakes & Kisses in Holly? Pick up his favorite pastry or pie from Crust - a baking company, Cupcakes & Kisses or let Sweet Dee's Bake Shop in Linden do the baking for you.

SUMMARY

■ If your husband or father is difficult to buy for, check out these gift ideas for Father's Day on Sunday, June 21.

Tech gifts: You can't go wrong with a new tablet or smartphone, or a classy case or cover.

Bar gadgets: Chilled wine glasses, custom beer labels, drink rocks to keep his favorite beverage chilled without getting diluted,

unique cocktail mixes are just a few ideas for your favorite bartender. What about a mix and match of favorite craft beers, wines, etc.?

Events: Buy dad the gift of something special to do, whether it's Tiger tickets, tickets to his favorite concert at DTE, or admission to Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village.

Hobbies: Whether dad loves to golf, camp, kayak or fish, give a gift related to that hobby and he'll be a happy man on Father's Day. Watch the Times for discounts from many golf course advertisers.

Grilling: Just about every guy enjoys cooking outdoors. Shop at Sears Hometown Store for the latest in grills and outdoor kitchen supplies, or pick up a grilling gadget, outdoor cooking apron monogrammed with his name, etc.

Jewelry: Men love watches, whether you choose a traditional Citizen's Eco-drive solar watch, a hand-assembled Shinola Watch made in Detroit or a high-end Rolex he has always dreamed of.

The most important thing to look for is that it's waterproof," said Chip Beltinck, owner of Sawyer Jewelers in Fenton. "Whether you're a sportsman, boater or just do a lot of outdoor work in the heat of the summer, you'll want to be sure your watch is waterproof. If it's solar powered and doesn't have to be opened to change a battery, it will always stay waterproof."

City evicts squatters from city-owned home

■ Couple 'renting' foreclosed home claim to have contract with relative

By Sharon Stone

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The city of Fenton told a young couple to vacate a home in the city on May 29 when city employees realized the couple was "squatting" in a foreclosed home currently owned by the city.

Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said city employees became aware of the situation and reported it to police. Apparently, the couple had a rental contract, which turned out to be bogus, with a relative who claimed to be the owner of the home.

The home was a foreclosed property and the city, which now has ownership of, was set to rehabilitate the home. It is currently being upgraded.

Slater said it is unclear at this time as to whether the young couple living in the home were aware of the bogus rental contract. However, with a signed "contract," the couple was able to have the electricity turned on.

On May 29, the couple was told they had an illegal lease and they moved out without incident. Slater said police have had no prior contact with the young couple, however, police did have prior knowledge of the relative. There was no damage done to the home.

The case remains under investigation.

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Graduated May 2, 2015 with 'High Distinction', earning a 3.91 GPA, from the Stephen M. Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Ryan is the son of Matt and Cheryl Delecki. He is a 2011 Fenton High School graduate.

Ryan has accepted a position with Microsoft in the Corporate Finance department and will move to Seattle, Washington in July.

Congratulations!

Business **briefs****Manager named at Fenton Home Furnishings**

Fenton Home Furnishings is pleased to introduce Michael Gidelski, Jr. as the manager of the company's Fenton store. "Mike always treats the customer first," said Gerry Willey of the family-owned and



Michael Gidelski, Jr.

operated full-service furniture store since 1979. "Whether you have a design question or a service issue, you can rest assured he will handle it promptly and properly." Gidelski also has a specialty of modern and trendy designs, offer-

ing customers at Fenton Home Furnishings the most current colors and styles incorporated into his timeless designs. He resides in Grand Blanc with his wife and two children. Fenton Home Furnishings is located at 1136 North LeRoy St., with three other locations now in Lapeer, Waterford and Frankenmuth. "Each store is unique and offers only superior quality furniture at affordable prices," said Willey. For more information, call (810) 629-0650 or visit fentonhomefurnishings.com.

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Senate Bill 133: Adopt state budget for next year

The non-education portion of the state government budget for the fiscal year that begins on Oct. 1, 2015. This would appropriate \$38.6 billion, compared to \$37.3 billion this year. Of this, \$17.4 billion comes from state tax and fee revenue (compared to \$17.5 billion this year) and the rest is federal money. With education spending (next bill) this comes to \$54.4 billion, up from \$53.1 this year.

Passed 22 to 16 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ NO
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

Passed 70 to 39 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Twp.) ☒ YES

House Bill 4115: Adopt state education budget for next year

The K-12 school aid, community college and university budgets for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, 2015. This would appropriate \$13.9 billion for K-12 public schools, \$1.5 billion for state universities, and \$388 million for community colleges.

Passed 24 to 14 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES
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Downtown Holly's picturesque look is one of the many reasons it was rated highly as a great place to live.

HOLLY

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"Did I mention the stores offering cupcakes and ice cream?" she added. "So much fun to enjoy a dessert delight and chat with old and new friends. Car shows on Wednesdays are always lots of fun."

Hanks also complimented Holly's great schools and hometown bonding. "Yet we enjoy one of the lowest tax rates in Oakland County," she said.

Holly is close to major thoroughfares including airports and train stations as well as big box stores, she added.

"It's a perfect location for us," Hanks said.

George Kullis, who as of May has lived in Holly with his wife for five years, said, "I can't find the words to tell you how truly proud I am to say I live in this community, the people I've met, the friends I've made."

"My wife and I look forward to being a part of this community for many more years," Kullis added.

The top-ranked town was Troy, followed by Novi, Chocoday Township in Marquette County, Raisin Township in Lenawee County, Petoskey, and Farmington Hills.

HERITAGE

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She was subsequently arrested and convicted, but later pardoned by President Bill Clinton.

When asked why some Native Americans object to being called "Indians," Geroux said it is not necessarily that word that bothers them. The term "red skin" is offensive because in the early days of this country, bounty hunters were paid to kill Native Americans, and as proof of the kill, presented the "dead skin" or "red skin" from the body.

Today, Geroux is a licensed builder and owner of Ugly Shingles, LLC, which he is expanding to the Fenton and Genesee County areas.

UP ON THE ROOF

Today, Robert Geroux is a licensed builder, and the owner of Ugly Shingles, LLC (www.uglyshingles.com), a professional soft-wash roof and exterior cleaning company. According to Geroux, most roofs today are made with fiberglass instead of asphalt as in previous years. The newer shingles become moldy and turn black after a few years, predominately on the north side of the house or building, Geroux said. The soft wash removes that mold and bacteria.

"Power-washing the roof or siding only spreads the bacteria," Geroux said.

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SUMMER

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The Sloan Museum offers a variety of hands-on science exhibits, as well as ongoing displays.

Especially fun for kids this summer will be "The Scoop on Poop," based on a popular children's book by the same name. With a little detective work, kids will learn a lot about an animal by what it "leaves behind." This exhibit continues through Sept. 6.

Interesting for all ages will be a "Collecting Flint from A to Z" exhibit now through Aug. 28, 2016. Nearly 400,000 artifacts

SUMMARY

■ The list for fun summertime activities is almost endless, but here are a few places to start not too far from our own tri-county area.

are in Sloan's large eclectic collection recording life in Flint and Genesee County over the last 200 years. This exhibit highlights 26 groups chosen from the letters of the alphabet, from Archives to Zoology.

The Sloan Museum is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$9 adults, \$8 seniors, \$6 youth, free admission for age 1 and under.

For more information, visit sloanlongway.org.

Flint Children's Museum

The Flint Children's Museum, on the campus of Kettering University, offers a number of summer activities for kids.

In addition to its regular hands-on exhibits, the museum presents changing exhibits on a regular basis. This summer's

exhibit is "It's a Bee's Life."

FCM's unique "Sproutsides" is one of only three Nature Explore-certified outdoor classrooms in Michigan, offering child-curated gardens, outdoor science demonstrations and nature-based activities.

Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, from 12 to 4 p.m. First Tuesdays of the month, admission is only \$2.

Howell Nature Center

If you've never been to the Howell Conservation Area and Nature Center, this will be a delight for your whole family. It's only a half-hour drive to 1005 Triangle Rd., six miles south of I-96 between Howell and Pinckney. You'll find more than 60 Michigan native animals and birds in the Wildlife Wonder Park, open daily for self-guided tours, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This local wildlife rehabilitation center also offers day camps, adventure camps and programs for all ages. To check on programs, call (517) 546-0249 or visit www.howellnaturecenter.org. Otherwise, just hop in your car and enjoy a day trip.

Applewood Estate (Ruth Mott Foundation)

Built for Charles Stewart Mott in 1916, Applewood's 65 acres was a gentleman's farm, and today is open free to the public with many family-friendly events, including Bring Your Lunch & Learn on four Thursdays in the summer, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Garden Tours, Strolling Saturdays, and more.

One upcoming event, Getting Artsy at Applewood, is on June 18, from 5 to 8 p.m. and includes family-friendly activities and entertainment.

Applewood Estates is located next to Flint's Cultural Center. Visit ruthmottfoundation.org/applewood.

Detroit Zoo "Dinosauria" Exhibit

Forty lifelike animatronic dinosaurs have taken up residence at the Detroit Zoo through Labor Day. Visitors will travel back in time along a winding five-acre DinoTrail re-creating prehistoric life. Enormous primeval creatures lurk at every turn, including adult dinosaurs, youngsters and even a nest with eggs and hatchlings.

Dinosauria is open daily from 9:30 a.m.

More free and inexpensive ideas for family fun this summer

• **Michigan Science Center** in Detroit, Ford Family Free Day on Saturday, June 20. Watch for other discounts, including military, grandparents, etc.

• **Great Lakes Loons** minor league baseball at Dow Diamond in Midland, lawn seating just \$6.

• **Kensington Metro Park** Splash 'n' Blast, Farm Center, beaches and play areas.

• **Spicer's Orchard** at Clyde Rd., Hartland Township, for u-pick strawberries and blueberries (when in season).

• **ForMar Nature Preserve** at 2142 North Genesee Rd. in Burton is a 383-acre nature preserve and arboretum with a full schedule of events, including family hikes, animal area, etc.

• **NCG Trillium Theater** has a list of summer movies that will be shown free for families and a separate showing of new movies for children with sensory issues or autism.

• **Day Out with Thomas at Crossroads Village**, Aug. 21-23, Aug. 28-30, advanced reservations recommended.

to 5 p.m. (until 8 p.m. on Wednesdays in July and August). Tickets are \$5 with Zoo admission for visitors ages 2 and older and are available at main admissions or the Dinosauria ticket booth.

Toledo Zoo & Aquarium

You don't have to drive to Chicago to visit a world-class aquarium. About 100 miles south of Fenton, the Toledo Zoo has renovated its aquarium, housing 3,000-plus aquatic animals in 178,000 gallons of water, where you can touch a stingray with your own hands or stand beside a sea turtle as it glides by. You can also interact with a diver inside The Reef, a huge 90,000-gallon exhibit.

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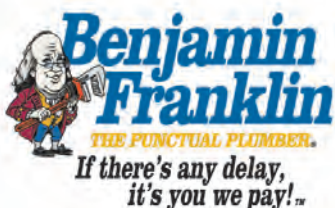
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WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 edition

■ Background checks to adopt a dog?

■ Flushing couple hospitalized after motorcycle crash

■ Fenton man pulled from Shiawassee River

■ Former long-time Holly Village council member dies

■ Field days ... sign of summer, educational experience

■ Fun activities for a fun summer



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LOOKING BACK at this week IN LOCAL HISTORY

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5 years ...

Sunday, June 20, 2010

Council pulls funding for event marketing from chamber. Fenton City Council took action about the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce endorsing council candidates, and the city's desire to consolidate services. The Downtown Development Authority is hiring a consultant to promote Fenton-sponsored events.

10 years ...

Sunday, June 19, 2005

Carter Churchill, 81, a resident of Fenton since the fall of 1936, earned something he's been waiting more than 60 years to obtain, his Fenton High School diploma, which he received from Superintendent Patrick O'Donnell. Churchill, a World War II veteran, enlisted in the military in February of 1943.

15 years ...

Sunday, June 18, 2000

Fenton businessman resubmits mill offer. Dennis and Gail Schaefer, owners of Creative Wood Products in Fenton, hoped to buy the Wolcott Mill in Argentine Township and turn it into a farmer's market.

20 years ...

Sunday, June 18, 1995

Auto thefts rise in tri-county area. An official with the Michigan State Police reported that last month 26 cars were stolen from the townships of Holly, Rose and Groveland. Det. Sgt. Gary Muir said most of the stolen cars have been GM products. Residents said this is a high crime area that's worse than Detroit and people here are sick of it.

25 years ...

Sunday, June 17, 1990

A Sherman Middle School student was sentenced to the maximum term allowed for the murder of a former Fenton High School homecoming queen. He could not be tried as an adult because he was only 14 when he was arrested. He pleaded no contest on a charge of murdering Tammy Kay Billips as she walked her dog in front of her Fish Lake Road home in Rose Township.

30 years ...

Sunday, June 16, 1985

Vandalism plagues city parks. A vandalism problem has continued to plague the city of Fenton in recent weeks, with city official Les Bland blaming the dilemma on young people with nothing to do at night.

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CORNERSTONE

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"They're rare beers, the kind you can hardly get your hands on," Stephanie said Wednesday, just before the third tap take-over was scheduled to take place.

One concern the Evans' had before they signed their lease was parking. They have not had any issues yet, but there are currently no tenants occupying the top floors.

Stephanie believes the Streetscape project will help in the long run to make downtown more walkable.

"We're hoping that once Streetscape is completed, it will encourage people to park elsewhere and want to walk," she said.

Stephanie said the fluctuating hours of the other three first-floor tenants complement each other.

"It's not too bad on weekends because not all businesses in this area are open," she added. "We think going into the future, downtown parking will work itself out."

People enjoy walking in the summer when it's nice out, she added. "We are looking forward to a walking friendly community."

The Rough Draught Coffee and Barroom opened on Nov. 25, 2014. It serves craft cocktails, craft beer, wine, and a light dining menu giving customers an opportunity to have a meal that's fast and fresh.

Toni Widing, owner of Salon 416, said it was worth the wait to get into the Cornerstone building.

Widing said she remembers well when she signed her contract as the first tenant of the Cornerstone building three years ago, when it was in its first initial stages of development in downtown Fenton.

"I got to pick my spot," said Widing,

Parking resolved for now

Cornerstone parking has been a major topic of discussion among city leaders and administrators. In February, the Fenton City Council requested that a parking consultant review the proposed parking plan to see if it was the most suitable. At the time, council members discussed leasing parking spaces to Corlin Builders for them to distribute to their tenants. At the May 26 City Council meeting, Ghassan Saab of Corlin Builders commented that the biggest concern of potential tenants is parking. According to the minutes of that meeting, Saab said he doesn't see the building being as successful if parking is not provided for tenants and stated he is losing reservations for the residential units due to the parking issue. David Goldstein of RE/MAX Platinum also addressed the parking issue. He said he feels anyone investing money in one of the residential units will want a guaranteed parking space and encouraged the council to approve a parking agreement. The council approved a resolution at that meeting to lease 23 parking spaces to Corlin Builders for tenants at a lease rate of \$100 per parking space. The money would be used to pay for reserved parking signs. Because of concerns over the redevelopment of 132 North LeRoy Street, the property just south of the Cornerstone building, an agreement has been made between city administration and Corlin that the leased spaces will be moved if that development begins within the next year.



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Sawyer Jewelers co-owner Chip Beltinck said that although the Streetscape construction can affect business temporarily, it will be worth it in the long run.

who had no idea at the time that it would take three years to get the project literally off the ground.

She had already carefully chosen her business name from a favorite Bible verse and had a vision for her salon after almost three decades as a hair stylist in local salons.

"It was three years of waiting," said Widing, who finally opened the doors of her salon on Dec. 2, 2014.

Even though the process took much longer than she expected, due to building and budget delays, she says it was well worth the wait.

"The salon turned out even better because of the wait," she said. "I'm glad I stuck it out. I couldn't be happier with the way it turned out. We've been even busier than we expected."

Sawyer Jewelers was the last tenant to

move in to the Cornerstone building, taking occupancy on Jan. 15.

"We wanted our customers to know exactly where we were during the Christmas shopping season, so we stayed where we were," said owner Mary Ann Beltinck.

Now that Sawyer Jewelers is in its new store, longtime customers say that they love the colors and ambiance of the new space. "Some customers were afraid our new store would be really modernistic or ostentatious, and they were pleasantly surprised," said Mary Ann. "We also have a lot of new 'walk-by' customers who have found us while walking to restaurants and other shops. It's amazing how only two blocks away, it's a different crowd of people."

Three times the size of its former location, the "new" Sawyer Jewelers can now offer more lines and services. "Now we have a private Diamond Room for a more discreet shopping experience," said Mary Ann.

However far they've come, the Beltincks don't want to forget where they came from. "We're still who we always were, just a little bigger," said Mary Ann.

Sagano Japanese Bistro and Steakhouse also enjoy doing business in the Cornerstone building.

Staff Reporter Sally Rummel contributed to this article.

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THE THIRD TIME IS A CHARM

The Fenton varsity soccer team has been in two other Division 2 state semifinal soccer games in the last six years, but was unable to win those contests. Both of them were against the same team, Marian. Here is a quick look at the previous two contests.

2009

Marian 1, Fenton 0, OT

Marian controlled most of the action, outshooting Fenton 27-11, but the Tigers' defense remained strong, keeping the game scoreless entering overtime. However, Marian scored in the overtime session on a shot from Martha Stevens from 20 yards out. Fenton keeper Laura Wing made 13 saves.

2013

Marian 2, Fenton 1

Marian jumped to a 2-0 lead, scoring a goal in each half. Anna Kemp scored the game's first goal with 2:45 left in the opening half, while Amy Stroud scored the second with 11 minutes left in regulation.

However, Fenton's Maggie Devan scored on a Carly Granger assist with 4:11 left, cutting the gap in half. Fenton wasn't able to put together another strong scoring chance after cutting the lead to 2-1.

FENTON'S TOURNAMENT RUN

DISTRICTS

Fenton 3, Goodrich 0
Fenton 1, Holly 0
Fenton 3, Linden 1

REGIONALS

Fenton 4, Clio 0
Fenton 1, Regina 0, SO

STATE SEMIFINAL

Fenton 1, Trenton 0

STATE TITLE GAME

Fenton vs. Gull Lake

Tigers are state-final bound, beat Trenton

■Foor's goal sparks Fenton girls soccer team to first-ever state title contest

By David Troppens

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West Bloomfield — The Fenton varsity girls soccer team's attention has been on one specific goal since the post-season began.

That goal is to do what it takes to stay together for another practice and another game.

It's worked. The Tigers will be playing in their first state championship game in school history on Friday after edging out Trenton 1-0 in a Division 2 state semifinal contest Tuesday night at West Bloomfield High School.

The win earns the Tigers a spot in the D2 state championship game at Michigan State University against Richland Gull Lake at 4 p.m. at DeMartin Stadium.

"This feeling we have is indescribable because we've never been here before," senior Carly Granger said. "Making it this far, especially as a senior, is so precious. I think it's awesome to be here."

"That's all it means. I get to play another game with my dad as our coach and another game with my team," senior Brennan Sullivan said. "Honestly, I can't describe it. It's pure joy. Gratefulness we get to keep playing because there are only two teams that get to keep playing and we are one of them."

The Tigers got the game's only goal from junior Chloe Foor on a breakaway. The breakaway was set up by fellow junior Brianna Costigan who had to fight just to keep possession of the ball in her

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The Fenton varsity girls soccer team (above) celebrates in a pile near one of the goals just seconds after the Tigers defeated Trenton 1-0 in a Division 2 state semifinal contest at West Bloomfield on Tuesday. (Left) The Tigers celebrate after Chloe Foor scored the game's only goal in the second half.



Gilbert returns to Fenton boys basketball's helm

By David Troppens

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When Fenton athletic director Michael Bakker was looking for a candidate to replace Tim Olszewski as Fenton's varsity boys basketball coach, all he had to do was look to the person Olszewski

replaced to get his man.

John Gilbert, who was the Fenton varsity coach during the 2002-03 season and for most of the 2003-04 season, is the Tigers' new mentor. Gilbert is excited to start his second tenure at the helm.

"I miss being in the gym,"



John Gilbert

said Gilbert, who is a 1984 Fenton graduate. "It's going to be good to get back in there, teach basketball and enjoy the game."

"We are excited to have John rejoin the staff," Bakker said. "He teaches in the district and he brings a tremendous amount of basketball knowledge to the program. We are excited to see him put his plan into place and see how he foresees building the program, and to see him continue on the winning tradition."

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GILBERT

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Gilbert was one of three who went through the interview process. Bakker said many of the people who initially showed interest were also looking for a teaching position to go with the coaching spot. However, with Gilbert that wasn't an issue since he's already a teacher within the district.

"Having John, who is a teacher in our district, is such a benefit," Bakker said. "He can keep closer tabs with the kids and he can build a rapport within our faculty in the building. He can bridge that gap. ... Don't get me wrong. There are great coaches who are not inside the school, but it is a huge advantage to find someone who can coach as well as teach."

Gilbert said he's met with the future sophomores, juniors and seniors within the program and is working on getting caught up.

"We are a little bit behind, trying to get the summer organized," Gilbert said. "That's the big push, trying to get that thing going. We only have three weeks before the dead period."

Gilbert spent almost two years with the Fenton program during his first tenure. After winning three contests his first year, the program was showing signs of progress during his second season, posting a 6-13 record before he resigned his position. He resigned before the team's last regular-season game at Lapeer West. Gilbert removed a player from his varsity team because the player was disgruntled about his playing time. The removed student brought up the issue about his playing time in a column in the school's newspaper. After Gilbert removed the player from the team, Fenton athletic director at the time, Scott Thurlow, reinstated the

player. Gilbert was upset that his views weren't addressed before Thurlow reinstated the player, and felt compelled to resign the position. Gilbert said what happened in the past is just that — the past. He's moving forward.

"I'm not concerned about it. It was a long time ago," Gilbert said. "I've been away long enough. Things are different now. We all wish we could do things slightly different. ... The decision I made cost me 10 years in the gym. That part I'm not getting back, but I'm looking forward to the new challenges. I want to move forward."

Bakker said Gilbert's first tenure as coach was examined during the interview process.

"That was something we took into consideration," Bakker said. "He resigned originally and we talked to him about it in the interview process. ... Throughout the interview process he cemented himself as the top candidate. He didn't shy away from any of the questions we had for him. ... Everyone felt comfortable with John being our head coach."

Gilbert, a Fenton graduate, was a pretty outstanding player during his playing days. He continued his playing career at Lake Superior State from 1984 to 1988, scoring 1,329 career points. In fact, he was inducted into the Lake Superior State University Athletic Hall of Fame on the same date his wife, Teresa, was inducted for her outstanding basketball career as a Laker. During most Fenton varsity basketball games, Gilbert could be seen watching the games from the stands.

"I've been playing basketball and involved with basketball since I was 4-years old," Gilbert said. "I can't get it out of my blood. I love to watch it. It's fun to watch when it is played right."

Tigers' defense leads the way to Fenton's first-ever state title trip

By David Troppens
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West Bloomfield

— There are a lot of reasons why the Fenton varsity girls soccer team played in its first-ever state championship game on Friday afternoon.

But one of the biggest reasons can be seen on Fenton's defensive side. In short, the Tigers' defense has been strong all season long, and particularly outstanding since the D2 state tournament series began.

Fenton captured a regional title against Regina by not scoring a goal during regulation and two 10-minute overtime periods. Yet, they advanced during a shootout penalty kick because the Tigers' defense kept

Regina, a squad that scored 15 goals in its first four tournament games, scoreless. And during Tuesday's 1-0 semifinal victory against Trenton, the Tigers' defense posted another clean sheet. This time they did it against a Trojans' squad who had scored 35 goals in five previous state tourney games. In fact, no one is scoring goals against Fenton during the postseason. The Tigers have recorded five shutouts in six tourney games. The only team to score on Fenton's defense in the postseason was Linden, in the Tigers' 3-1 district title victory.

"We always give it our best. It's unbelievable how we work together," sophomore defender Miranda Campbell said. "I wouldn't want to play back there with anybody else. We have a strong defense. We come from strong travel teams. We have a strong team all together. We always have everybody's back no matter what. And we couldn't do it without Abby (Quesnelle)."

"It's just the communication and the love we have together," freshman defender Margaret Berry said. "It's incred-



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Fenton's Lucy Foguth (left) battles with Trenton's Angela Davis for a ball during the Tigers' 1-0 state semifinal victory. Foguth is one of the defenders who come off the bench, providing necessary depth to the Tigers' squad.

ible. I don't even know the words to describe it. We weren't concerned about them at all. It was all about us — keep it about us, work together as a team — and all we have to do is keep looking at each other as a team and looking at the love, the love."

The Tigers are accomplishing the task with a young group in the back. Berry and Sophia Crews are freshmen starters on defense, while Campbell is a sophomore. Alexis Brissette is the veteran among the starters on the defensive line, and she's a junior. The Tigers rotate frequently and the players who rotate in are young as well. Lucy Foguth and Madison Wood are freshmen as well. Hannah Beauchamp qualifies as the only consistent senior within the unit.

"We held up. It's amazing the kids keep doing it," Fenton varsity soccer coach Matt Sullivan said. "They are literally kids back there — a couple freshmen, a sophomore and a junior. I'm so proud of them back there."

The other units are impressed with
See DEFENSE on 19A



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Fenton's defense has allowed just one goal during the state tourney series, and it is doing so with two freshmen starting. They are Sophia Crews (above) and Margaret Berry (below).



Fenton's Chloe Foor scored the game's only goal on this shot in the second half.

State Semifinal Soccer Box

Trenton vs. Fenton at West Bloomfield High School

Score by Halves	1	2	-	Final	Record
Fenton	0	1	-	1	(15-3-3)
Trenton	0	1	-	1	(19-4-2)

Starting Lineups

FEN Abigail Quesnelle (keeper), Miranda Campbell, Riley Moore, Chloe Foor, Carly Granger, Alexis Brissette, Sophia Crews, Margaret Berry, Brianna Costigan, Brennan Sullivan, Miranda Crews.

TRE Christina Wynn (keeper), Brooke Teska, Madeline Olszewski, Madie Knaggs, Alexia Moody, Madie Menna, Marla Cobetto, Angela Davis, Sara Vinca, Kayla Czarnik, Jennifer Phippen.

Scoring Summary

First Half

No scoring.

Second Half

FEN Chloe Foor (Brianna Costigan), 23:12.
Costigan sends thru ball to Foor who shoots to her right-side post for the breakaway goal.

Player Shots On Goal

FEN Total: 5 - Chloe Foor 2, Riley Moore, Brianna Costigan, Miranda Crews.

TRE Total: 3 - Sam Vinca 2, Madeline Olszewski.

Other Stats

FEN Corners: 3. Yellow cards: None. Red Cards: None. Substitutions: Approximately 48.

TRE Corners: 2. Yellow cards: None. Red Cards: None. Substitutions: Approximately 10.

Shots (On Goal)	1	2	Totals
Fenton	5(1)	6(4)	11(5)
Trenton	3(1)	4(2)	7(3)

Keeper stats

	Name	
Fenton	Abigail Quesnelle	3 saves
Trenton	Christina Wynn	4 saves

Fenton keeper Abigail Quesnelle didn't have a ton of action on Tuesday, but she made the three saves she needed in order to preserve the clean sheet.



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& David Troppens



Jennifer Phippen (left) and Trenton's offense scored 35 goals in their other five tournament games, but Alexis Brissette (right) and the rest of the Tigers' defense held them to just seven shots for the entire contest.



Fenton's Brianna Costigan sent the thru ball to Chloe Foor, resulting in the game's only goal.

DEFENSE

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what the Tigers' defense, along with keeper Quesnelle, have performed.

"They just have heart," senior Carly Granger said. "Each and every one of them buy into the program and that's what a coach asks for. They ask you to buy into the program, and if you do, you are going to be successful. All of them follow their lead and follow each other. They all work very hard."

FENTON'S SUBBING

It may be the words most yelled at a Fenton varsity girls soccer game. That's because the Tigers may substitute players as much as any team in the state. But, who is complaining? It works for Fenton.

The Tigers are a pretty deep team, with bench players that are strong performers. Therefore, Fenton coach Matt Sullivan frequently substitutes his players, allowing them to play hard for spurts and then earn a rest for a spurt. During Tuesday's victory Fenton made about 48 substitutions, while the Trojans made approximately 10. There's no doubt the strategy has paid off in the state tourney



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Fenton's Miranda Campbell (right) is one of the Tigers' young starting defenders that have helped Fenton advance to the Division 2 state championship game.

series, as it's become apparent teams can't match the same energy the Tigers typically have on the field.

"We just wore them down," Sullivan said. "It was the same old story. We haven't changed a thing. We just keep talking about doing the same thing and not changing. It's outstanding."

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TIGERS

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own defensive zone. Once she earned possession, she dribbled to midfield and sent a perfect thru pass to Foor. Foor drove and then delivered a shot to the right side of the Trenton net, earning the goal with 23:12 remaining in the contest.

"Bri and I have played a long time together, so we can just make eye contact and I knew she was going to pass it to me," Foor said. "I was looking for it. I was nervous. I didn't want to miss it, obviously."

"I knew I had to get the ball to her because I saw their defense was pretty spread out," Costigan said. "Chloe and I play together on club so I knew if I was able to give her a ball, she would be able to put it in. I just ended up giving her a beautiful ball. She was wide open and I knew she was going to finish it."

Once the Tigers had their goal, Fenton relied on its defense to do the rest, and it certainly did. Trenton never got a shot on net after Fenton's goal and, for the most part, never seriously threatened to score. Trenton managed just seven shots all night long and mustered just three on net. Abigail Quesnelle snuffed out

all three of those shots, earning her fifth shutout in six tournament games.

The Tigers, who were playing in their third state semifinal contest since 2009, took control of the game from the start. However, while the Tigers had control, the possession was choppy and didn't result in a ton of shots. That said, Fenton had the best chances to break the scoreless deadlock in the opening half. One came about 11 minutes into the game when Foor found herself open for a shot from about 20 yards out. Her shot sailed just wide. Then, about four minutes later, a lead pass to Costigan set up a good shot for the junior from around one of the top corners of the 18-foot box. Her shot sailed to the far post just wide.

The Trojans had only one decent scoring chance in the opening half. It came on a direct kick from about 30 yards out with about six minutes left. Initially a shot didn't get on target, but eventually Sara Vinca took a shot that was saved by Quesnelle. While Fenton controlled action, the game was in a scoreless tie at the half.

Trenton came out early in the second half and had its best period of offensive play during the first 15 minutes of the fi-



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The Fenton Tigers pose for a photo just minutes after capturing a 1-0 Division 2 semifinal victory against Trenton. The Tigers' state championship trip on Friday was the first in the school's history.

nal 40. About six minutes into the half, Vinca had another shot from about 35 yards out. Quesnelle caught the shot, earning her second save. Then, another set play created a header attempt on target. However, that shot was saved by Quesnelle as well.

It was only about 90 seconds later when Costigan sent her thru ball to Costigan for the game's only goal.

"This means a lot," Foor said about earning the first state semifinal victory in school history. "This is the first time. I want to win now. I wanted to win it already, but now I really would like to win (a state championship)."

Fenton's constant substitutions allowed the Tigers to keep the energy high on the pitch. Unofficially, the Tigers made 48 substitutions, while Trenton made just 10.

"We controlled the midfield," Fenton varsity girls soccer coach Matt Sullivan said. "They were a good team. We knew they wanted to possess the ball and play on the ground, and they tried, but we kept pressuring, pressuring and pressuring them."

"It was just like last game (a regional title victory against Regina), I think we keep fighting harder," Granger said. "All we want is one more game together. That's our whole season. We want as many games as we can together, so we go out and give it our all every single game."


Trojans coach Mike Hatfield admitted the energy level was too great for his squad to overcome.

"I thought we played well, but we couldn't match their work rate," Hatfield said. "And that's the difference when you get to this level."



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Fenton's Chloe Foor collides into Trenton keeper Christina Wynn during the Tigers' 1-0 state semifinal victory against the Trojans on Tuesday at West Bloomfield High School. Fenton played two-time defending state champions Richland Gull Lake for the D2 state title on Friday.

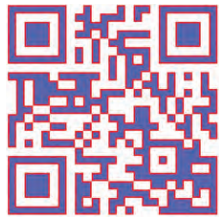


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Meet Ashlee Latimer

- Cheerleading coach
- Young Life leader
- Dance teacher

By Hannah Ball

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Ashlee Latimer, 33, of Fenton has lived in the tri-county area her entire life, along with her husband, Josh. These Lake Fenton High School sweethearts are moving their family to Tamarindo in Costa Rica on July 13, and plan to start a Young Life outreach program. She's the mother of three, Maverick, 8, Tucker, 6, and Sawyer, 5, and is pregnant with their fourth child, who is due August 21. She's spent the past decade mentoring children in the tri-county area, and is sad but excited to move.

When did you start coaching cheerleading? In 2004. I was 22. Youth ministry and cheerleading has taught me a lot about people and a lot about life. People need friends and they need love. Some people just need a positive influence. I've learned how words can hurt people and how they can help them.

How is it seeing students grow? It is interesting because I have Young Life kids and cheerleaders now who are doctors and dentists and moms. It's really cool to see. I have a long history of being in the community. It's hard to say goodbye.

How has it been living here your whole life? It's just cool to have a community around you that you've grown up in. I've lived here my whole life. Now, I'm going thousands of miles away.

Why are you moving? My husband said that he had been praying, about three years ago, and God told him we're supposed to move to Costa Rica. I thought he was crazy. I had a dream that I was moving to Costa Rica. Then everything has just lined up from there. Within 24 hours, someone offered to



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Ashlee Latimer

buy our house, someone offered to buy our business, and someone offered us a job in Costa Rica.

What are you going to do there? My first job is to have a baby and be a mom. In the first year, I'm going to home-school the kids. My husband does an online app and he'll be doing it mobile. We're living by faith, completely by faith.

How does Costa Rica compare to here? They have a lot of things that are new to us. We're just learning how to have basic manners there. What's similar to Fenton is they have a strong community. It's hard to sell everything you have and move away from the people you love, the community you love, but knowing we're going to a good community down there helps. We're learning about the heat in a new way and animals and poisonous creatures. They have the most poisonous snakes in the world there. I've learned how to kill scorpions.

How do you kill scorpions? Swift thrust with a shoe. They're very sneaky.

What are you most looking forward to? The craziest part is we're moving July 13 and that is our wedding anniversary. It's gonna be a different thing to not be so plugged in. We know the teachers and the staff and we know where to go to get ice cream. It's gonna be interesting.

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HANNAH BALL

Ashlee Latimer, 33, stands next to her and her husband's now sold business, Birds Beware. They've been learning Spanish for the past year to prepare for moving to Costa Rica, and they're excited for their kids to be bilingual.

The Latimers are starting a blog to stay in contact with the community, called www.thelatimerleap.com.



ASK THE MECHANIC

Chris Wilkinson,
Certified Mechanic

Q: I have a 2005 Dodge Neon SRT4 commemorative edition number 111/200. My check engine light came on recently so I had my mechanic check it. They said it was the ignition coil/coil 2 or spark 2. I replace my ignition coil twice with 2 brands, my spark plugs twice and my wires once. It fixes it for a few hours and then the check engine light comes back on. When this happens, my car loses half its power and will come back but it's a constant battle with it, especially on the highway. Please help what could this be?

- Noah

A: Noah, You need to check the connector where the coil plugs in. It is possible that it looses contact intermittently, or has opened up like a wall plug in your house that is old and does not have a tight fit any longer. When this happens it will cause this type of issue and it is an easy fix. If that is not it, you may have a bad powertrain control module or a wire from it to the coil shorting out or opening up somewhere. This type of problem is better diagnosed at a repair shop with specialty tools that will aide in an accurate diagnosis.

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The Longway Planetarium is an anchor for the Flint Cultural Center and has been open since 1958.

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renovation, this planetarium theater now has new seats, dome, 7.1 surround audio system and a change in configuration to a tilt full-dome theater.

But the real technical breakthrough is Longway's cutting edge, high-resolution planetarium projectors called "Christie Boxers" that are the very first of its kind in North America.

These projectors are three times as bright as most current planetarium projectors. In addition to providing 4K resolution across the dome, they also produce stunningly beautiful images and re-creation of the night sky, according to Longway's website, sloanlongway.org.

Kathy Byers, 26, of Grand Blanc, visited Longway Planetarium last weekend with her boyfriend, Brandon Myers, after months of missing their regular visits while the planetarium was closed during its renovation. "It was really cool, especially the new projectors," said Byers, assistant manager at The UPS Store in Fenton. "The quality of the images you're seeing is just amazing. If you haven't gone in awhile, you should definitely go."

These renovations and technical additions were unveiled during Longway

Planetarium's "Weekend of Wonder" at the end of May.

"This is a monumental achievement not just for Flint, but for Michigan and beyond," said Andy Turpen, acting marketing manager for Longway Planetarium. "It's another milestone in Michigan's momentum and Flint's transition from a manufacturing city to an educational destination."

In addition to being a premier education-

al facility in mid-Michigan, Longway Planetarium is also open to the public at special viewing times seven days a week. This unique viewing experience allows visitors to explore the universe, study history and science through live discussions and virtual journeys.

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Watch for First Fridays special events on the first Friday of each month. Trivia Night will be Friday, July 3 at 6 p.m. for teams of two to five that need knowledge and history of astronomy, nerd and pop culture. Participants are invited to stay for the 7 p.m. planetarium theater show.

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Michigan Child ID Program

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, the Linden Masonic Lodge, 119 North Bridge St., in Linden will be providing free "Child ID Packets" to parents and guardians. Michigan Ma-

sons believe that every child deserves to be safe. While countless children fall victim to predators each year, there are steps that parents can take to help prepare for and prevent this horrific tragedy. The Michigan Masons have stepped up to help with one of the most comprehensive child recovery and identification programs in the nation. The Michigan Child ID Program provides parents and guardians with a Child ID Packet that contains all the vital information necessary to expedite law enforcement efforts to locate a missing child. The program also helps to educate families about abduction prevention and safety. The packet includes a CD, which contains the child's vital information, digital fingerprints, a digital photo and a short interview that captures the child's voice and mannerisms. It also includes a dental impression kit that can provide vital DNA to police.

BISHOP

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of equipment problems or unruly passengers.

Locals have little reason to fear, however. Bishop International Airport, located a few minutes north off Bristol Road in Flint has a great safety track record. Quick, easy access and nearby parking make Bishop a natural choice when plans call for flight travel.

Research shows there have been only two crashes at Bishop since 1935. According to the Aviation Safety Network, on May 18, 1935, three people were killed when the Ford 4-AT-E Tri-Motor plane they were flying on through Knowles Flying Services, crash-landed at Bishop Airport. Of the 12 people onboard, two were pilots and 10 were passengers. One of the pilots and two passengers died, while the other pilot and eight passengers survived.

According to the Aviation Safety Network report, the airplane, which was nearly seven years old, was used throughout the day for local flights during dedication celebrations. It apparently ran out

of fuel causing two of the three engines to lose power immediately after takeoff. The airplane crashed and nosed over.

The second fatal accident took place on Jan. 6, 1977. It involved a cargo Learjet 23, which was occupied by two crew members. It departed from Detroit-Willow Run Airport and crash-landed near Bishop Airport. Both crew members died.

According to the report, the crew failed

to maintain flying speed while on a runway back course approach. The Learjet rolled in a steep right turn 45-degree nose down and crashed. Weather was reported to be poor, with the sky obscured and snow. The report indicated the probable cause was that the

pilot in command lacked familiarity with the aircraft, failed to initiate a go-around, improperly operated flight controls and failed to obtain or maintain flying speed. Traffic control personnel were also believed to have issued improper or conflicting instructions to the pilot.

Two accidents involving three fatalities in 80 years — those could be viewed as comforting statistics.

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