Fenton Township firefighters train to be public safety divers

■Owner estimates it will transfer 30 full-time jobs and bring 55-60 new jobs

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Fenton Township has an owner who estimates it will transfer 30 full-time jobs and bring 55-60 new jobs for the area. The owner, owner of the Miller Steel Manufacturing company, is calling the decision a win for the community.

“Fenton Township is a great place to live and work,” said the owner. “We’re excited to bring in new talent and help grow the local economy.”

No bidders for seminary demolition

■Expert recommends that city try to salvage, repurpose as much as possible

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Surprisingly, most don’t know basic bicycling rules, laws and safety

Here are Michigan rules for bikes and vehicles sharing the same road

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Bicyclists emerge during spring and summer with their helmets and padded riding shorts, zooming around on the road with vehicles that could cause serious injury to them. Here are several laws and suggestions by the League of Michigan Bicyclists.

For bicyclists

Bicyclists are not required to wear a bike helmet, but Michigan law strongly recommends it. Check the brakes on a bike before using it.

Bicyclists are not required to ride on the sidewalk, and it’s not recommended either. They could cause harm to pedestrians. Although, when riding bikes on a sidewalk, they must give the right-of-way to pedestrians and voice to the pedestrians when passing them.

Only two bicyclists are allowed to ride next to each other.

Bicyclists must ride on the right side of the road, with the flow of traffic, and must stay as close as possible to the curb or edge in accordance with state law. They are not allowed on limited-access highways.

When turning left, bicyclists must extend their left arm horizontally. When turning right, extend left arm upward or extend right arm horizontally. To notify other people on the road of a stop or decreasing speed, extend the left arm downward.

For visibility, during the half hour after sunset and half hour before sunrise, bicyclists must use a lamp with a white light, visible from 500 feet in front of the bike, and a red reflector on the rear visible from 100 feet to 600 feet. Bike pedals must have reflectors. A blue light is only used for emergency purposes and cannot be lawfully used during normal situations, according to state law.

Bikes can park wherever motor vehicles can, at an angle or edge to the curb or highway, but cannot obstruct traffic.

See BICYCLING on 8

SUMMARY

Being mindful of other people, motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians is crucial while operating vehicles.

Police & Fire Report

SHOPLIFTER FLEES, NEARLY STRUCK BY CAR

At 4:25 p.m. on June 13, Fenton police responded to a grocery store on Silver Parkway because a loss prevention employee had a shoplifting suspect in custody. While the officer was en route, the suspect fled from the employee, nearly getting hit by a car as he ran across U.S. 23 and then to an area behind buildings on South Allyn. Police set up a perimeter and located the man, a 41-year-old Fenton resident. Lt. Jason Slater said the man had concealed a $7.98 bottle of Powerade Zero Drops in his pants pockets. The man said he fled because he had a substance abuse problem and he was nervous about being caught. He has a court date of Aug. 10 for retail fraud.

WHERE DID THE PARTY BUS GO?

At 5:33 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, Fenton police were sent to the parking lot area near Walgreens on Silver Lake Road on a report of a suspicious male walking around, trying to open vehicle doors parked in the lot. The 911 caller said the man also pulled down his pants exposing his underwear. Police located the man lying down on grass near the parking lot. The man, identified as a 23-year-old Fenton Township resident, appeared to be intoxicated (he blew a .16 on the preliminary breath test). The man said he had been with friends on a party bus drinking and smoking pot, but he did not know where the bus went. On the ground beside the man was a clear glass container, filled with marijuana. Because of his condition, an ambulance was called. He was arrested for possession of pot and lodged at the police station until sober. He has an Aug. 10 court date.

DON’T URINATE IN PUBLIC

At 2:11 a.m. on Sunday, June 14, a Fenton police officer on patrol on Ellen Street, near Walnut Street, observed a male urinating near a parked vehicle. As the male entered the vehicle, the officer approached and made contact with the 43-year-old Fenton resident. The man admitted to urinating in public and the officer observed that the man’s boots were wet. The man was arrested for indecent exposure (urinating in public) and was given an Aug. 10 court date.

Michigan wildlife book features a little bit of everything

Area wildlife enthusiasts may enjoy a new paperback book by freelance writer and self-published book author, Yvonne Stegall. “Experience Michigan Wildlife” offers a variety of information about Michigan’s critters. She also includes photos and information about the state’s many parks and outdoor attractions. The book includes an A-Z section of where to see wildlife in its natural habitat throughout Michigan. A chapter called “Up in the Sky” is all about the birds found in Michigan. Additional chapters called “Small Critters Above and Below” and “Large Critters Above and Below” feature information about all of the animals that can be found in the state.

“Just a Peek Into The Waters” provide a glimpse of what’s under the waters, and a chapter called “The Things That Bug You” is – well, just what it says. Michigan Trivia, a little poetry and a few coloring pages complete the charming publication, can be found in the state. “Experience Michigan Wildlife” is available at Fenton’s Open Book and at online sources such as amazon.com.

Fenton Township planning commissioners re-appointed

Fenton Township Planning Commissioners Scott Hemeyer, Tom Richard and Donna Warren were re-appointed to the planning commission at the June 1 meeting. Their terms expired March 31. Supervisor Bonnie Mathis recommended the Fenton Township Board of Trustees re-appoint them for another three-year term. She said all three have done an excellent job and all three expressed interest in serving on the planning commission again. Treasurer John Tucker agreed with Mathis and supported her recommendation. Voting to re-appoint the members was unanimous.
Living with color blindness

Color blindness can affect one’s daily life, from simple tasks to career choice

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Bill Thurston of Tyrone Township used to color trees with the wrong hue of crayon back in elementary school, giving him the first hint that he couldn’t distinguish between colors like other kids did.

However, it would be many years before he was officially diagnosed with color vision deficiency, more commonly known as color blindness.

As he got older, Thurston’s inability to distinguish colors had more life-changing consequences.

Graduating from high school in 1961 with an eagerness to start a career, Thurston applied for a job at the Fisher Body Plant in Livonia, but he didn’t pass the color perception part of the test that would have landed him a production position working on car door panels and upholstery.

Another dream of his was dashed when he couldn’t pass a color perception test to become a crew member on a Naval Aviation team. It was ironic. Thurston recalled, that during Naval military service he did work as an electrician and had to wire color-coded wires. “I’d have to ask people what colors the wires were,” said Thurston.

His type of color vision deficiency is known as red-green, the most common type of hereditary color blindness. “I can see red well, but green sometimes looks brown,” said Thurston. “I’ll call anything from here to there ‘blue.’”

Color vision deficiency occurs in about one in 12 males and about 1 in 200 females. “It’s a sex-linked recessive trait,” said Dr. Scott McDowell, O.D., of McDowell Eye Care in Fenton. “I see it often in my practice. It’s fairly common.” Thurston’s daughter, Kristy Weimer, is also color blind, and he and his wife, Lennie, believe their son, Mark, is too.

Inherited color blindness is caused by abnormal photo-pigments. These color-detecting molecules are located in cone-shaped cells within the retina, called cone cells. In humans, several gene variations are needed for the body to make photo-pigments, and defects in these genes can lead to color blindness.

Next to red-green color blindness, blue-green is the most common. Blues appear greener and it can be difficult to tell yellow and red from pink. Some people have complete color blindness, meaning they don’t experience color at all, and the clearing of their vision may also be affected.

People with color blindness aren’t aware of the differences among colors that are obvious to everyone else. In fact, most people do perceive slightly different variations of the same color, because color vision depends on a person’s eyes and brain working together to perceive different properties of light, according to color-blind.com. If their condition isn’t severe, they may not even be aware of it unless they’re tested in a clinic or laboratory.

“There’s no way to medically compensate for it, and there’s no treatment for it yet,” said McDowell. “We identify it through a screening tool called the Ishihara Color Test, and then follow that with another test, the Farnsworth D-15 test. I’m one of the few doctors that have the ability to perform this more thorough testing. Color vision deficiency is a mild passion of mine.”

For Thurston, 72, a Ford retiree after a 29-year career in industrial materials handling, being color blind as an adult is more of an inconvenience.

“It’s embarrassing sometimes,” admitted Thurston. “It gets to the point where you don’t comment on color too often. It’s a good thing I have a wife who can tell me what goes with something when I’m looking in the closet for what to wear.”

Think varicose veins are just a cosmetic issue?

Think again!

Varicose veins are a sign of vein (venous) disease.
What’s your best or worst vacation memory?

“My best vacation memory was Kure Beach and that was when my husband proposed to me.” — Jeanette Gerard, Tyrone Township

“My best memory is camping in the UP because being outdoors and the quiet.” — Nicole Russo, Fenton Township

“My worst memory was when I went to Florida and it rained the whole time.” — John Dotson, Holly Township

“My best vacation memory was Australia because it was very unique.” — Mary Helka, Green Oak Township

“My worst was when I wore a single-color jumpsuit.” — Nicole Russo, Fenton Township

“My best was when we were on an Alaskan cruise ship because it was all you could eat throughout the whole cruise.” — Richard Hoffman, Tyrone Township

Nicki Szafranski, news editor
International artist inspires others at Fenton workshop

Joseph Fettingis demonstrates watercolor techniques in new classrooms

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Fenton — The Lakes Area Arts Council is wasting no time to utilize the recently remodeled Fenton Community & Cultural Center to reach out past the tri-county area.

In a watercolor workshop class, taught by internationally acclaimed watercolor artist Joseph Fettingis from June 11-13, people traveled from Canada to attend. Attendance was so good that the class location was moved to a bigger classroom because the small room wasn’t big enough.

“I travel everywhere,” Fettingis said. “People come from everywhere. It’s not unusual to get people from three or four different states.” He’s 68 years old and had been teaching seminars for 35 years. It was his third time teaching a workshop in Fenton.

In this class, Fettingis taught how to apply watercolors when painting people and animals.

“I had one person who never painted before but she’s doing so well,” he said. Canadian attendees, Vicki Shaw, Debbie Gilpin, and Lise Cook traveled an hour and a half from Port Huron for the class.

Cook said Fettingis always changes his material. “You’re going to have something new,” she said.

For more information on Fettingis, go to his website at www.jfettingis.com.

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From A-Z....Vitamins and Supplements

Whether you are getting all the vitamins and nutrients you need in your meals each day, it can help to have a guide to what some important nutrients are and how you can get them without taking them in pill form.

Sometimes there are reasons that make it important to take a vitamin or supplement in pill form, like illnesses or certain medications that can cause the body to have trouble absorbing certain nutrients.

Sometimes there are even supplements that can only be found in pill form and offer you different healing and healthy elements.

Here are a few of the different vitamins and supplements available that begin with Q and R.

Limited or not, you will find some great things in this section when you start shopping for supplements.

Quercetin

Quercetin is a plant pigment used for healing. It is naturally found in many plants and plant based foods, such as green tea, apples, berries, onions, and even red wine. Quercetin is used to help with heart health, it can help lower high cholesterol, and it can even fight chronic fatigue. Get it naturally in foods, or take it as a supplement.

Raspberry Ketones

Raspberry Ketones are a popular supplement for weight loss. There have been many commercials and infomercials on the amazing benefits of this natural chemical found in raspberries. However healthy it is to eat raspberries, since they are rich in vitamins and antioxidants, science has shown that they really don’t melt away the pounds as those commercials would have you believe.

Red Yeast Rice

Red Yeast Rice is about as disturbing as the name sounds. It’s a fermented mix of rice. However gross that may seem to you, it does have some great health benefits. Take this supplement for cholesterol issues, as well as for stomach issues.

Resveratrol

Resveratrol is basically an antioxidant. It has some of the same health benefits, making it good for heart health and more. Red wine is one of the most well known sources, and you can find it in supplements as well. If you aren’t a drinker, try getting it from blueberries, red grapes, peanut butter, or dark chocolate.

Rooibos Tea

Rooibos is a red tea that is caffeine free and low in tannins. There are many reasons to drink this particular tea, from its ability to help fight cancer to the fact that it can help ease menstrual cramps.

Royal Jelly

Royal Jelly is a substance secreted by honey bee works. It has a milky look to it. While that may sound gross, the amount of good stuff in it, from proteins to vitamins, make it great for your health. It can help both asthma and allergy sufferers. It’s most commonly found in capsule form.

Next week you’ll learn more about vitamins and supplements you should be adding to your diet.

Sources: WebMD and rxlist.com

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Argentine Township Fire & Rescue has new leader

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Argentine Twp. — One could say firefighting is in the new Argentine Township fire chief’s blood.

Matthew Lafferty, 36, comes from a long line of family firefighters. One uncle retired as a senior fire chief in Detroit. Another uncle was a long-time member of the Redford Fire Department.

“I have a lot of family members in firefighting that inspired me to follow suit,” Lafferty said.

Lafferty, who took over for the now retired Chief Jim Reid on May 18, has been with Argentine Township Fire & Rescue since 2007. Prior to that, he worked for the Novi Fire Department for almost 10 years. Before that, he worked at fire departments downriver.

“I was a lifeguard in high school,” Lafferty said. “That’s when I decided I wanted a career doing what I enjoy, helping people.” He also is an emergency medical technician (EMT).

Before retiring, Reid recommended to the Argentine Township Board of Trustees that Lafferty, a captain at the time, take over as chief.

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Several occupations are applying for to hr@rosehillcenter.org

If you are unable to make it to the Job Fair, you can e-mail your resume and cover letter indicating which position you are applying for to hr@rosehillcenter.org

Rose Hill Center, located in Holly, Michigan, is a non-profit residential rehabilitation and treatment center designed to assist adults with major psychiatric disorders, primarily serving those with a diagnosis of schizophrenia or bi-polar.

Recognizing that mental illness is treatable and manageable, Rose Hill’s professional mental health team directs programs aimed at helping people successfully achieve and maintain independent living.

Mackinac Island

To get to Mackinac Island, you simply add a ferry ride onto your St. Ignace trip. If you are going to the island, you definitely want to arrange to stay the night because there is so much to do.

If the cost of a hotel stay on the island is too much, just stay in St. Ignace. First, there are no vehicles allowed on the island, so be prepared to do some walking. You can also rent bicycles and ride around the island.

Mackinac Island is definitely a romantic destination, but it does offer fun stuff for the kids as well. Many couples plan their wedding on the island, or at least have their honeymoon there.

If you love being a tourist, don’t miss the museums. If you just want some fun, you can enjoy the beach or play a couple rounds of golf.

Michigan offers so many wonderful places and great things to do. Stay tuned next week for more of what our ‘mitten state’ has to offer.

MICHIGAN

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House Bill 4605: House GOP road package
To earmark a portion of state income tax revenue to road funding, starting with $182 million in 2016 and increasing to $717 million in 2019. According to the House Fiscal Agency, this and other bills in the House package would generate an additional $1.163 billion in annual road repair funding by 2019 with just modest tax increases (see House Bill 4616 below). Given projected increases in income tax revenue over that period, with the road funding package the annual general fund dollars spent for other (non-road) spending would increase by $335 million in 2019, versus an increase of $1.137 billion without the package.
Passed 62 to 47 in the House
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) – YES
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Twp.) – YES

House Bill 4606: House GOP road package (ETC repeal)
To eliminate the state earned income tax credit, which grants recipients an amount equal to 6 percent of the federal EITC. The EITC is a “refundable” tax credit that sends checks to low income workers totaling around $115 million annually, which would be reallocated to road funding (see House Bill 4605).
Passed 57 to 52 in the House
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) – YES
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Twp.) – YES

House Bill 4607: House GOP road package (corporate subsidies repeal)
To no longer spend $75 million annually on various direct and indirect subsidies granted to corporations and developers under the “21st Century Jobs Fund” rubric, and instead use this money on road repairs. House Bill 4608 defunds other subsidies, but both bills require spending to continue for government tourism industry promotion (“Pure Michigan”) ads.
Passed 60 to 49 in the House
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) – YES
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Twp.) – YES

House Bill 4615: House GOP road package (diesel tax increase)
To increase the current 15 cents per gallon diesel fuel tax to 19 cents per gallon, and index future diesel and gasoline tax rates to inflation. Also, to tax natural gas and other “alternative fuels” burned by vehicles at an equivalent rate. This is part of a House package that by 2019 generates $1.163 billion more for road repairs by repricorlizing current spending, except for this bill’s $717 million tax increase.
Passed 58 to 51 in the House
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) – YES
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Twp.) – YES

Senate Bill 351: Ban divorce lawyer “ambulance chasing”
To prohibit a lawyer from soliciting business from a party to a divorce action within 21 days after proof of service in the action was filed with the court, punishable by fines of $1,000, and $5,000 for subsequent violations.
Passed 38 to 2 in the Senate
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) – YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) – YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) – YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) – YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) – YES
POLICE

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and records video of in front of the vehicle, and the second records video of the backseat. The touch-screen display integrates a control panel situated between the driver seat and passenger seat, allowing easy access for officers.

“What we like about these cameras is a couple things,” said Fenton Police Chief Robert Arko. “The camera is continuously recording in a not quite high definition, but slower quality recording so we can store more of it.”

Video starts recording several ways—when the overhead siren is turned on, if the car is in a crash, and manually by the officer. The equipment can record when the officer slows down, the vehicle accelerates, when brakes are applied, if the siren is on, and if the microphones are on. The camera has a range of 200-300 feet with the microphones the officers wear.

The cameras record 30 seconds before and after being directed to record for a better chance of getting a recording of a crash or an incident.

“Let’s say we had a crime committed the officer didn’t know about,” Arko said. “He may have driven by. We can go back and pull the video footage from the car, even though the camera wasn’t activated when he drove by.”

All the video from the cars is automatically stored on an 18-terabyte server in the station, and they’re only using about 10 percentages. The video is automatically uploaded when officers return to the station.

Compared to the old equipment, which recorded things on VHS tapes, these new cameras are “much clearer, much higher quality,” he said.

“You can see that plate well enough so if we had to recover the plate number, we could,” Arko said.

“Where we typically have problems is if someone alleges some misconduct on the part of the officer or in an arrest situation, like a drunk driving case,” Arko said. “It really helps us out. If that’s presented in court the jury can see exactly the condition that the defendant was in when he or she was arrested.”

Security cameras in the station were also upgraded from analogue to digital.

WatchGuard camera tools

• Multiple Resolution Recording

The cameras record both high definition (HD) and standard resolution simultaneously. With important recordings, the HD version is saved.

• H.264 Main Profile Compression Technology

More video can be stored with this MP technology.

• 16:9 widescreen Aspect Ratio and 720p Resolution

This ratio eliminates sky and police car views in order to capture the important images. The resolution helps police read license plates up to 38 feet away.

• Record-After-the-Fact

The system continuously buffers video to the hard drive, making it possible to go back and look at past not-recorded video.

• Library and Timeline Graphing

The library of uploaded videos is easy to use with a search engine, and uses a media player for user-friendly playability.
**BICYCLING**
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It’s illegal for a bicyclist to carry anything that impedes keeping both hands on the handlebars. It’s illegal to text while riding. They cannot lawfully carry more people than the bike has seats.

While it’s not required to carry a driver’s license, it’s recommended bicyclists carry photo identification in case of an accident.

It’s illegal for a bicyclist to grab the door or other part of a vehicle “to hitch a ride.”

Bicyclists cannot receive a DUI.

Violations of any of these crimes is a civil infraction.

For motorists

Motorists are required to give bicyclists at least three to four feet of space on the road. Someone driving a vehicle who wishes to pass a bicyclist must drive at a reasonable and proper speed. They must make sure they’re able to stop abruptly and not run into the bicyclist.

It’s illegal to park in a bike lane or operate a vehicle in a bike lane. This crime is a misdemeanor.

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**SEMINARY**
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earlier this spring. Because the 10,000-square-foot building, built in 1868, has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1983, city officials decided earlier this year to ask the experts to determine whether the building could be restored, or if it should be demolished.

The seminary sustained significant damage during a rainstorm with high winds in November 2015. The subsequent harsh winters of 2013-2015 resulted in further destruction of the deteriorating building, which is now in near ruins. The structure has collapsed completely on the east side, and rooms on all three floors are exposed.

The engineering study resulted in a recommendation to demolish the building, salvaging as much of the ornate items and materials that can be repurposed as possible.

Last month, Cheryl Early, associate engineer with Fitzpatrick Structural Engineering, P.C. said, “I do believe this is the first building I have recommended to be demolished in my 20 years of experience as a structural engineer in the historic preservation field.”

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“I like the family aspect of the fire department and being able to give back to the community,” said Lafferty. “I know it sounds cliché, but it’s true.”

Lafferty gives credit to the last original member of Argentine Fire & Rescue, John Cross, for the success of the department.

“He’s definitely the biggest asset to this department,” he said.

Leland Wigglesworth, another long-time member of the fire department also is a major asset to the team, Lafferty added. Currently, there are 25 paid, on-call firefighters on the department and they are always looking to keep a list of candidates interested in fire service. Calls to the department are primarily medical calls, Lafferty said. Then there are the seasonal grass fires to deal with.

Both Cross and Wigglesworth are chief engineers.

Lafferty and his wife Carol will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary in July. They have two daughters and a son. Carol just retired after 25 years of teaching in Novi. “This week is her first time on vacation,” Lafferty said.

Aspiring firefighters encouraged to apply

Argentine Township Fire & Rescue is always looking to maintain a list of candidates interested in pursuing a career in firefighting, according to Chief Matthew Lafferty. Interested individuals can pick up an application at the fire station, 9048 Silver Lake Road across from the township hall, any time.
Tigers come oh so close to state title

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East Lansing — The Fenton varsity girls soccer team wanted its season to last as long as it possibly could.

The Tigers earned the right to say they did exactly that while playing in the Division 2 state championship game. However, the scoreboard results weren’t exactly what Fenton hoped.

The Tigers (15-5-3) pushed the two-time defending state champion Richland Gull Lake Blue Devils to a shootout for the right to possibly be Division 2 state champions, but lost the shootout 4-1, resulting in the Tigers’ first state championship title match ending in a 1-0 state runner-up finish at Michigan State University’s DeMartin Stadium Friday.

The Tigers played 80 minutes of regulation soccer and two 10-minute overtime periods to a scoreless tie against the Blue Devils, setting up a scenario the Tigers craved — playing in a shootout with a chance to win the state championship. However, Brianna Costigan’s and Miranda Crews’ PK attempts to save each one were saved and Gull Lake converted each of their four PK attempts, resulting in the 4-1 Blue Devils’ win.

Once the game was over, there were some tears, but those tears quickly became smiles and proud faces as the Tigers understood that they had done something no varsity soccer team — boys or girls — had done in school history. They celebrated getting their medals and the trophy, and posed with them as the champions they had been all season. The Tigers understood their mission was complete — they had earned a Division 2 state runner-up trophy, and remained together as long as they possibly could.

“Honestly, we just gave it our all,” Fenton senior Miranda Crews said. “We all knew this was going to be our last game, so I think we just went out there and had fun. Obviously, we worked our butts off.”

“It was amazing,” Fenton senior Brennan Sullivan said. “It was so much fun just being there, and the Tigers crowd was amazing. We were soaking up every second of it. We had so much fun.”

Family relationships enhance state tourney run

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East Lansing — The state championship game at Michigan State was over.

When the Tigers lost their heartbreaking 1-0 Division 2 state title against now three-time defending champs Richland Gull Lake, the Fenton varsity girls soccer team experienced some tears, some cheers and plenty of hugs — a lot of the expressions you’d expect from a team which considers itself more a family.

But for some of the members on the team, they did experience the Tigers’ run to a state championship game with a true family member.

Only two players were sisters on the squad. They were senior Miranda Crews and freshman Sophie Crews.

“It’s been fun,” Sophie said. “I look up to her a lot. It’s going to be sad not playing with her tomorrow.”

Of course, considering the reasonable age gap between the two sisters, it’s incredible they were on the same team to enjoy the experience. Miranda Crews said they have some fun with it at home.

“TIGERS on 10

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(Top) Fenton’s net sees a lot of activity in front of it during the Tigers’ 1-0 Division 2 state championship loss to Richland Gull Lake. (Left, above) Fenton celebrates its state finalist trophy as coach Matt Sullivan hands the hardware to the team. (Above right) More action happens in front of the Fenton net.

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much fun.”

“All we wanted was to make the season last as long as possi-
ble, spend the most possible time together and that’s what we did,”
said Fenton varsity girls soccer coach Matt Sullivan, noting it
took 100 minutes and a shoot out before the championship game
was over. “Win or lose, that’s what we won. Win or lose, we got
the most possible time together.”

It was apparent why Gull Lake (25-1-1) were the two-
time defending state champions to those witnessing the contest,
but at the same time the Fenton Tigers proved why they had a
shot to win the contest as well. In fact, the Tigers had an out-
standing chance three minutes into the second overtime to potentially
score the winning goal.

Pushing the ball in transition, Fenton senior Riley Moore sent
a diagonal cross to junior Chloe Foor. The delivered ball deflect-
ed off a Gull Lake defender, but still went right to its intended re-
cipient. Foor took a dribble and shot the ball from about 18 yards
out before the Gull Lake defend-
ers could contain her, but the shot
went off the crossbar. It was one
of two shots Foor had that hit a
crossbar in the contest.

Gull Lake also had a shot to-
ward the Fenton woodwork with
about 2:30 left before the end of
the second overtime, but Fenton
keeper Abigail Quesnelle made
the final of her 10 saves, giving
the Tigers their sixth shutout in
seven postseason contests.

The Tigers allowed the Blue
Devils to maintain possession
for good chunks of the game, but
did so with 10 players between
the player with the ball and the
Fenton goal. The Tigers, with the
help of Quesnelle’s strong work
in goal, made the game plan
work for 100 minutes. Gull Lake
did manage 22 shots, including
10 on net, but when a danger-
ous attempt came, Quesnelle and
the defense was up to the task.
Just 10 minutes into the game,
Quesnelle made the first of her
handful of quality saves, mak-
ing a diving stop of a ball shot
by Gull Lake’s Kristen Taylor.
Later in the first half, junior de-
defender Alexis Brisette stopped a
goal with a header on a shot that
looked poised to hit the farside corner of the net.

“I guess we just fought,” Fen-
ton senior Carly Granger said.
“Our defense out there was just
scraping at everything. And Abby Quesnelle made some
amazing saves.”

“Our defense worked their
butts off,” Quesnelle said. “I
have to give them credit — Mar-
garet Berry, Sophie Crews and
all of them. None of them gave
up. No matter what, they just
went after it.”

In the second half, Quesnelle
faced her toughest save of the
game when the Tigers were
called for a handball in the box.
Gull Lake’s Maddie Fouts shot
the ball to Quesnelle’s left near
the post. However, Quesnelle
made the save by diving and
knocking the ball out of bounds
with about 25 minutes left in regula-
tion. The Tigers quickly came to celebrate Quesnelle’s save with her before
clearing a Gull Lake corner kick
attempt.

“(Seeing that save) pumped us
up, made us even more excited
and made us want to fight harder be-
cause we know she’s working her
butt off for us,” Granger said. “We
have to do the same for her.”

The Tigers did just that right
until the final shot in the shootout.
However, while Gull Lake’s shoot-
ers were converting their shots in
the shootout, the Tigers had two of
their first three attempts saved by
Gull Lake keeper Regan Troff. The
only Fenton attempt converted was
by Foor. For the most part the Ti-
gers refused to let the loss dampen
their celebration, as they hugged,
sang and celebrated together until
they were forced off the pitch.

“There is nothing I could
complain about,” Moore, a senior, said.
“We all went out there and gave
everything we had. It was one of
the greatest games I’ve ever played.”

“It was indescribable,” Granger said.
“(None of us have been out
there before. So being out there is
just a blessing. We got to represent
our program and to represent our
program. Just to make it this far
was a blessing.”

FAMILY
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“We kind of make fun of each other,”
Miranda said. “We make fun of each
other’s mistakes and talk about what we
could’ve done better.”

Miranda said it’s her mother who
seems to be enjoying the duo being on
the same team as much as anyone.

“Every time we prepare to go to a
game, she’s telling us to play hard,” Mi-
randa said. “She’s like, ‘You better
win. I want this to keep going.’ Obviously
(since Miranda is graduating), it’s not go-
ing to happen again.”

The other family relationship is father-
doughter. Matt Sullivan is the varsity
girls soccer coach and one of his key senior
players is his daughter Brennan Sullivan.

Brennan has talked at past games
about the importance of the team keeping
the run alive so she could be coached
by her father at least one more game. And
now, the pair have a state finalist season
to remember the rest of their lives.

“I can’t describe it,” Matt Sullivan
said. “She’s basically like an assistant
coach for us. To be able to experience
this ride together is something we’ve
been talking about for 10 years, and now
it’s happening. It’s amazing.”

CAPTURING THE FLAG
As the Tigers advanced in the state
tourney series, the games got more im-
portant. But one thing that never left
the Tigers was their relaxed attitudes before,
during and after the games.

That remained true at the state champs-
ionship game. One example of how relaxed
the Tigers was displayed during halftime of
the 0-0 contest against Richland Gull Lake.

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(Above) The Fenton varsity
girls soccer team poses with
their new Division 2
state finalist trophy just
minutes after losing to
Richland Gull Lake 1-0
in the state champi-
onship game. (Left) Fenton
keeper Abigail Quesnelle
(on ground) made several
big saves in the contest.

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DAVID TROPPENS
Fenton’s Miranda Crews (right) and Emma
Flannery work on putting the corner flag
back on its post at the state meet.

Needing something fun to do, Miranda
Crews figured it was time to “steal” the
corner flag.
She stripped the corner pole of its only
material while her teammates watched.
She quickly put it back on, but the story
shows just how relaxed the squad was.
Also, while talking at half, the Tigers had a
much different view of what the score was.
They’d look at the scoreboard and mention
how it wasn’t 0-0, but a different score in
Fenton’s favor. Of course, they were using
other numbers on the scoreboard to create
fake the positive halftime score.

It was actions like this that kept
the Tigers relaxed and allowed them to play
a state title game as though it was a non-
league contest in March.
State Championship Soccer Box
Fenton vs. Richland Gull Lake at Michigan State University

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Starting lineups

**FEN**
Abigail Quesnelle (Keeper), Miranda Campbell, Margaret Berry, Chloe Four, Carly Granger, Sophie Crews, Riley Moore, Brianna Costigan, Brennan Sullivan, Miranda Crews, Alexis Brissette.

**GL**
Regan Troff (Keeper), Mickey Hostetler, Hannah Phommavongsa, Maddie Fouts, Haley Buckhout, Kenzie Hanley, Kirsten Taylor, Amanda Pavlatic, Olivia Sullivan, Riley Wisser, Annie Walbridge.

Scoring, PKs & Card summary

**First Half**
No scoring, PKs or cards.

**Second Half**
- **GL** Yellow card: Fouts, 41:40.
- **GL** Penalty kick: Kick given on handball in box. Fouts shoots to her right. Quesnelle save, 54:03.
- **GL** Yellow card: Gull Lake bench, 55:25.

**First OT**
- **FEN** Yellow card: Campbell, 84:37.

**Second OT**
No scoring, PKs or cards.

Shoot Out Results

**GL** Phommavongsa goal.
**FEN** Costigan shot saved by Troff.
**FEN** Fouts goal.
**FEN** Foot goal.
**GL** Buckhout goal.
**FEN** Crews shot saved by Troff.
**GL** Walbridge goal.

Player Shots On Goal

**FEN** Total: 5 - Berry, Foor, Granter, Sullivan, Miranda Crews.

**First Half**

- **FEN** Shots (on goal): 13(5), Corners: 2, Fouts: 18, Substitutions: 70.
- **GL** Shots (on goal): 22(10), Corners: 9, Fouts: 10, Substitutions: 15.

**Keeper stats**

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Matt Sullivan
Fenton varsity girls coach talking about what the Tigers’ state runner-up season meant to him.

“I have learned not to only trust myself, but to trust others. I have learned not to play for myself, but to play for the people around me.”

Carly Granger
Fenton senior varsity soccer player on what she learned about herself during her four years with the varsity girls soccer program.

Photos by: Mark Bolen & David Troppens

Gull Lake’s Kristen Taylor sent a ball destined to the far corner but Alexis Brissette made a header clearing the ball from scoring.

Fenton’s Riley Moore (right) sent a cross to Chloe Four, about three minutes into the second overtime period, almost resulting in the game-winning goal when the shot hit the crossbar.

Gull Lakes Annie Walbridge clinched the Blue Devils’ win by scoring the squad’s fourth goal during the shootout.

Fenton’s Chloe Four (left) was the only Tigers’ player to score during the PK shootout. She also hit the crossbar on two shots during the game.

The Fenton Tigers finished the season with a 15-5-3 overall record and came home with the Division 2 state finalist trophy.
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Jeffrey James Jerome
1945-2015
Jeffrey James Jerome - age 69, of Fenton, MI, died June 12, 2015. Jeffrey was born July 13, 1945 in Pontiac, MI, to Virginia and Benjamin Jerome Jr. He worked all of his life in various aspects of the auto industry, including the family dealership, Chrysler and Buick management and Buick Motorports. Jeffrey enjoyed the Jerome family home in Grayling, MI, and cherished his time with his family. He was also a devoted MSU fan. Jeffrey was survived by his wife of 43 years, Laurie Olson Jerome; daughter Amy Laura Jerome Bush (Cody); granddaughter Anna Lauren Bush; brother Tony Jerome (Barbara); sister Jill Gerlinger (Kelly). He was preceded in death by his parents. Services will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 11:30 AM at the Hartland United Methodist Church, 10300 Maple Rd., Hartland, MI. Luncheon to follow. Private interment in Grayling, MI, at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to AuSable Valley Animal Shelter (5786 Fairground Ln, Grayling, MI 49788) or Hartland United Methodist Church. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharfuneralhomes.com.

Vivian D. Sunday
1925-2015
Vivian D. Sunday - age 90, of Novi, formerly of Holly, died Monday, June 15, 2015. Visitation will be Thursday, June 18, 2015 from 5-8 PM. Funeral services will be held Friday, June 19, 2015 at 11 AM at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Mrs. Sunday was born on May 16, 1925 in Dearborn, MI, the daughter of Russell and Bertha (Strong) Childs. She was the former owner and administrator of Sunday Convalescent Home in Holly. She has resided for the past 5 years at Fox Run Village Retirement Community in Novi, had lived 20 years in Farwell, MI on Sunnyside Lake, and enjoyed 15 winters in Mesa, AZ. She is survived by her niece, Carra Gaynor and 4 nephews, Russell Childs, Richard Childs, Corey Childs, and Shae Adams. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Sunday, 2 brothers, Douglas and Clifford Childs, and nephew, Douglas Childs. Memorial donations can be made to Henry Ford Hospice: www.dryerfuneralfarmemorial.com

Elsie Mae Brown
Elsie Mae Brown - age 94, of Doniphan, MO, Flint and Linden, died Monday, June 15, 2015. She is survived by her loving family. Funeral services will be held 1 PM Thursday, June 18, 2015 at Argentine Church of the Nazarene, 16248 Seymour Rd. Linden, Pastor Herbert Lindsay officiating. Visitation will be 1-4 and 6-8 PM Wednesday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 East Broad Street, Linden. Those desiring may make contributions to St. Louis Church of God Campground or Argentine Church of the Nazarene. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharfuneralhomes.com.
**HOROSCOPES**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Making things more complicated than they need to be can be a problem for the typically orderly Lamb. Try to look for a less intricate way to accomplish the same goals.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Avoiding personal involvement in a troubling situation might be advisable at this time, especially since you probably don’t have all the facts. The weekend brings a surprise.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A problem with a colleague you thought had been resolved could recur. However, this time you’ll be able to rely on your record to get a quick resolution in your favor. Good luck.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Giving your self-esteem a boost could be a good idea for the Moon Child, who might feel a bit daunted by the week’s occurrences. Just focus on all your positive accomplishments.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The “mane” attraction for the Lovable Lion this week is — what else? — love. New relationships move to new levels, while long-standing partnerships are strengthened.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A recent workplace problem will prove to be one of miscommunication, and once the matter is settled, you should have a better chance of getting your proposals approved.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Good news! After dealing pretty much in the dark with a matter that seemed to be taking forever to resolve, you should soon be seeing the light at the end of the tunnel.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A positive message should help lift that energy-draining sense of anxiety, and you should soon be able to deal with even the peskiest matter, whether at work or personal.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Try to control that heated Sagittarian temperament while dealing with what you believe to be an unfair matter. A cool approach is the best way to handle things.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Nursing hurt feelings could keep you from learning what went wrong. Ask your partner, a family member or a trusted friend to help you reassess your actions in the matter.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Nature is dominant this week. Try to spend time outdoors with someone special. An act of kindness in the past might be recalled by a person you believed was out of your life.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) An upcoming career decision could be based on how well you might be able to apply your artistic talents. Be sure to use the finest samples of your work to make a strong impression.

**WEDNESDAY JUMBLE**

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

No answers were provided for this section.

**WEDNESDAY SUDOKU**

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

No answers were provided for this section.

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