

15th annual 'Taste in Fenton' set for Thursday

■ Golf cart shuttles will ease transportation during Streetscape downtown

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This year's "Taste in Fenton," featuring delectable bites and tastes from 19 different food establishments, is beginning to set up for Thursday's event on July 30 from 4 to 8 p.m. on the

grounds of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

There's still time to buy tickets at a discount price in advance, but you'll have to hurry. "You can buy ad-

vance tickets for \$10 online at fentonchamber.com until midnight Wednesday," said Fenton Regional Chamber Office Manager Lee Mitchell.

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Medical marijuana growing facility approved

■ May grow up to 60 plants in city's industrial park

By Vera Hogan
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On July 23, the Fenton Planning Commission approved site plans for a medical marijuana growing facility at 130 Alloy Drive in the city's industrial park.

According to Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Reilly, the facility called "Fenton Greenhouse" is owned by Jedoshar LLC.

The resident agent associated with this Domestic Limited Liability Corporation is Michael Hagan. He and his wife, Marla Hagan are Fenton residents. She is the licensed owner of Morgan's Early Learning Center on Hill Road in Flint, the on-record address for Jedoshar LLC.

The 9,000-square-foot medical marijuana growing facility will be constructed on 1.71 acres of undeveloped land located north of the Hamilton Propane site and south of the Canela Tool building.

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Cooling off at 300 gallons a minute



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

The Linden Fire Department opens their water tanks to the community on Tuesday afternoon. They sprayed upward of 15,000 gallons of water 100 feet onto the lawn of Caretel Inns, creating a slip-and-slide in the 90-degree weather. This is their third year — 2014 was skipped because it wasn't hot enough.

See **video online at tctimes.com**.

Streetscape project heads uptown

■ Construction shifts north starting Aug. 10

By Vera Hogan
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Construction is moving right along on the downtown Fenton Streetscape project. This week, road crews continued to pour concrete on LeRoy and Mill Street.

Ellen Street will be closed during construction hours between LeRoy and Walnut Street for the installation of the sewer and water main, followed by installing the sidewalk.

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Last week, LeRoy and Adelaide streets were paved with the first several layers of asphalt.

Flag disposal drop boxes coming soon

■ Eagle candidate proposes bins at police and fire station

By Vera Hogan
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Christopher Harper, 14, is a Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 212 in Fenton. He has come up with an Eagle Scout project that will give everyone a chance to have their damaged U.S. flags disposed of properly.

Christopher said there are two parts to his project. First, there will be two American flag boxes where people can drop off their

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“I am very thankful that I live in a community so affluent that the only thing they have to endlessly complain about is when their garbage pick-up program is altered to better reflect changing times.”



“It doesn't really matter what town you live in. Some will complain, some will compliment, some will take and some will give. It's human nature. Just sit back and enjoy the show.”



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**COMMENT
OF THE WEEK**

“I heard a conservative TV commentator saying Trump is popular not because what he says, but how he says it. Perhaps more people should listen to what he is saying.”

Police&Fire report

MAN'S BICYCLE STOLEN

Just after 8 a.m. on July 22, Fenton police were dispatched to a home in the 1000 block of North Road to investigate a larceny complaint. The 45-year-old resident told the officer that he parked his black Hyper Havic mountain bike valued at \$169 on his patio the previous evening. When he returned to it in the morning, the bike was missing. If anyone has information, they are to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

LAWN EQUIPMENT STOLEN

At 6:40 p.m. on July 21, Fenton police responded to a business in the 3500 block of Owen Road to investigate a larceny complaint. A 59-year-old Tyrone Township man told police that he mows the grass at the business. While he was mowing, someone stole his Shindaiwa line trimmer, valued at \$400, from his work trailer. The victim said a white male, bald, with tattoos on his legs and in his 30s was seen standing near his truck, however, the victim is unsure if that man stole his equipment. Police have not identified a suspect.

RASH OF LARCENIES FROM AUTOS IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

The Genesee County Sheriff's Department is investigating a rash of larcenies from autos in Fenton Township. Dep. Geno Gaticka said that in the past week, the sheriff's department has received about 15 larceny from auto (LFA) complaints. Homeowners on Bayshore Drive, Margaret Drive, Log Cabin Point, Cussewago, Dollar Lake Drive and Windsor Beach Drive have filed complaints. All vehicles involved were unlocked. Gaticka said mostly currency, such as \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills were taken. Other valuable items such as GPS devices and sunglasses were left behind. "Our suspect is looking for something specific," said Gaticka. It appears that all of the vehicles were rummaged through during the hours of 3 and 5 a.m. Investigators believe all of the larcenies are related. The sheriff's department reminds everyone to keep the doors locked and windows up on all vehicles. If anyone observes any suspicious activity or anything out of the ordinary, they are urged to call 911 immediately. Gaticka said, "We will check it out."

What to do with a stray animal

■ Use caution when trying to help lost, abandoned pets

By Vera Hogan

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People who love dogs, cats or both get a sinking feeling when they see a lost pet along the side of the road, or in a neighborhood where you know it does not belong.

According to Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department, sometimes dogs appear to be lost, having roamed away from home. In those cases, it is best to leave the dog there because it will eventually find its way back home.

If it doesn't go home, attempt to corral it somehow and call the police or animal control. If the animal appears vicious, do not approach it, but instead call police and they will handle it, Slater said.

"We try to do what we can when people bring animals to the police station," he added. "But we don't have the facilities to house these animals. If possible, keep it near you until animal control can pick it up."

There are several guidelines for providing safe and effective help.

According to humanesociety.org, if you're in your vehicle don't cause a traffic accident. Look in your rear-view mirror before braking, turn on your signal, pull your car completely off the road, turn off the ignition, set the parking brake, and put on the hazard lights.

Always consider your safety first. A strange, frightened, and possibly sick or injured animal can behave unpredictably. A sudden move on your part, even opening your car door, can spook the animal and cause it to bolt, possibly right onto the highway. If the animal looks and/or acts threatening or if you feel uneasy at all, stay in your car.

If possible, restrain the animal. Create a barrier or use a carrier, leash, piece of cloth, or length of rope to keep the animal in the area.

Be extremely careful when approach-

ing the animal. Should you succeed in getting close enough to capture it, you stand a good chance of being scratched or bitten.

When moving toward the animal, speak calmly to reassure it. Make sure he can see you at all times as you approach, and perhaps entice it to come to you by offering a food treat.

If you're not able to safely restrain the animal, call the local animal control agency, or in rural areas, the police. Do so whether the animal is injured, and whether she is wearing an identification tag. If possible, stay on the scene to keep an eye on the dog or cat until help arrives. Make sure you report to authorities precisely where the animal is by using road names, mile markers or landmarks.

If you are able to transport the animal, take it to the nearest animal shelter. If you plan to keep the animal in the event no owner is found, notify animal control that you have the animal or that you have taken it to a veterinary hospital for treatment. Keep any identification, such as collar or tags.

If you decide to try to find the owner yourself, be sure to contact your local animal shelter or animal control office first. This will give you an opportunity to

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STRAY, FERAL CATS

Stray cats can be a problem for the entire community, especially if they are not spayed or neutered. Unfortunately, unwanted animals are a part of our society. They are the kittens that were dumped because they grew up, started being inconvenient and stopped being cute; and the cats that were too difficult, annoying and problematic and as a result, were abandoned. Because many of these cats and kittens are not spayed or neutered, feral cat colonies have exploded. Many of the strays are not suitable as housecats, either. So what can you do? Try to contact a no-kill shelter and find out about trap, neuter, return (TNR) programs in your area. While the TNR do not find homes for the cats, they neuter or spay the cats, clipping one of their ears to make them easily identifiable for people, and return them to where they were found. This will not only stop them from producing more unwanted cats, but can also reduce their need to mark a territory or fight — giving them longer, healthier lives. Source: petmd.com

MARIJUANA

Continued from Front Page

The site plans call for a possible 18,000-square-foot addition in the future. There will be 13 parking spaces initially and a possible 16-space expansion when the addition is built.

According to Carmine Avantini, the city's planning consultant, the Fenton Greenhouse plan meets all of the criteria outlined in Ordinance 687, adopted by the City Council on Jan. 26.

The one problem in the plan, being located 965 feet away from the nearest day care center as opposed to the 1,000 feet required, was resolved when the Zoning Board of Appeals approved a variance in June. That day care center is Rainbow Child Development Center by the Target off Owen Road.

Ordinance 687 was adopted after several moratorium extensions on medical marijuana dispensaries since June 2012. At that time, city attorney Steve Schultz told the Fenton City Council they could either do nothing, draft an ordinance to regulate land uses associated with medical marijuana, or continue the moratorium until the law, which was adopted in 2008, had become more settled in.

Fenton Greenhouse owners will be allowed by the ordinance to grow up to a maximum 60 plants and 12.5 ounces of usable marijuana. It is not a medical marijuana dispensary, only a growing facility. They are only permitted to service five medi-

cal marijuana patients to whom the caregiver is lawfully connected. Each patient is restricted to a maximum of 12 plants with 2.5 ounces of usable marijuana.

Fenton Greenhouse will be subject to annual inspections to ensure compliance with code and state law.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said previously that the proposed facility is something very new in this area and relatively new to the state of Michigan. "As long as this facility is operated properly and in a lawful manner, I don't anticipate any problems," Aro said.

Efforts to reach Hagan before press time were unsuccessful. It is therefore unknown at this time when ground breaking will take place, or if he will be the actual grower of the medical marijuana.

SUMMARY

■ The Fenton Planning Commission has approved site plans for the construction of Fenton Greenhouse, a medical marijuana growing facility at 130 Alloy Drive in the city's industrial park. It will be the first since the new ordinance allowing this activity was adopted by the City Council six months ago.

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■ Plan your next vacation aboard a Great Lakes cruise ship

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Not all cruises take you to exotic locales like the sunny Caribbean or the inviting beaches of Mexico. Some are as close as your own backyard.

A state that borders four out of the five Great Lakes, Michigan has several cruising opportunities of its own, from multi-day cruises on the Keweenaw Star, based in Charlevoix, to the upscale Great Lakes Cruise Company with amenities and itineraries that rival any ocean-bound vessel.

The Keweenaw Star offers day cruises from mid-May through October, and multi-day cruises, including sightseeing tours, lighthouse and ship watching cruises. A 110-foot U.S. Coast Guard-certified vessel, the Keweenaw Star can carry up to 130 passengers, who can enjoy a full-service bar and refreshments along with an air-conditioned or heated main cabin. A full dining room, walk-around main deck and open-air top deck add to the cruise experience, along with spectacular scenery.

If you're looking for a multi-day adventure, there are several tours to pick from, including:

• **"Explore the Door,"** which sets sail to Wisconsin's Door Peninsula and the waters of Green Bay.

• **"Soo Grand Tour,"** which takes cruisers under the Mackinac Bridge toward Sault Ste. Marie within the close view of many lighthouses, through the Soo Locks.

• **"The 3 Days 3 Great Lakes Cruises,"** which cruise the northern Michigan coastline from Charlevoix to Sault Ste. Marie.

• **"The Colors of the St. Mary's,"** an end of September fall sightseeing tour, leaving the state docks at Detour.

Added this year is a new route, "Sights of the Sunrise Side," sailing from Charlevoix under the Mackinac Bridge to Drummond Island overnight, then on to Thunder Bay and Alpena overnight, and back.

Prices for these multi-day adventures are in the \$750 per person range, which includes shoreline accommodations and the cruise itself.

For a more extravagant cruise experience to rival any ocean-bound vessel, cruisers with deeper pockets may be interested in itineraries planned through the Great Lakes Cruise Company.

Based in Ann Arbor, Great Lakes Cruise Company is in its 17th cruise season and is the only travel company in the world to specialize in Great Lakes cruises.

Why visit the Great Lakes when it's a familiar sight to many Michiganders?

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SUMMARY

■ Surrounded by four of the five Great Lakes, Michigan is a perfect starting point for a Great Lakes cruising vacation.

CRUISING IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

LAKE FENTON STEAMBOAT EXCURSIONS

■ For 13 years, thousands paid for one- or two-way trips across popular lake

By Vera Hogan

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On any given day during the summer months, hundreds of people find a variety of ways to enjoy the waters of Lake Fenton.

More than 120 years ago, from 1892 to 1905, hundreds and even thousands of people enjoyed the same lake, but not on pontoons or speedboats. They were passengers on one of the double-decker steamboats that cruised Lake Fenton.

There were many boats at Lake Fenton (formerly Long Lake) that took on paying passengers. But, the two most remembered were the "City of Fenton" and the "City of Flint."

Both boats were built by Capt. David Foster. The first steamboat, the City of Fenton, was launched in 1892 and in May of 1893, the "lake palace" made two trips on a Sunday and scheduled trips.

The cost of a ticket was about 20 cents for a two-way trip and 10 cents for a one-way ride. For 75 cents, passengers could obtain a weekly ticket.

Both steamboats had two decks and were just under 100 feet long and about 18 feet wide. They traveled about 14 miles per hour.

During one trip in August of 1893, the City of Fenton carried 625 people and went "through the narrows"

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Bill Press

Bill Cosby: Moralist or pervert?

It's a family experience I'll never forget. Heading for a Grand Canyon vacation back in the '80s, Carol and I first stopped in Las Vegas to see a Bill Cosby show with our young sons. It was a memorable evening. Then one of the most admired men in America, Cosby was at the top of his game: sharp, funny, inspiring.

We loved the public Bill Cosby. So did everybody else. Little did we realize there was also a private Bill Cosby. If the allegations are proven true, Cosby was a sick, power-drunk sex pervert who practiced the worst of behavior: preying on adoring young women; giving them drugs in order to have sex with them; and getting away with it. Until now.

Ironically, it was Cosby's sermonizing — specifically, his 'Pound Cake' speech — that got him in trouble. In 2004, Cosby lectured an NAACP convention about blaming everything on racism. Pennsylvania U.S. District Court Judge Eduardo Robreno cited that speech in granting an Associated Press request for access to a deposition given by Cosby in a sexual assault case 10 years ago.

With that, Bill Cosby's career was effectively over. Cosby's been accused of sexual assault by more than 40 women. In a 900-page deposition given over four days of intense questioning, he admits: luring young women into his home or dressing room under the pretense of helping with their careers; obtaining drugs for the express purpose of having sex with them; and arranging hush money payments through his agent to hide everything from his wife.

Yet Cosby's lawyers are now fighting back, accusing the media of 'misrepresenting' the deposition because, they say, he never directly admits to doing anything illegal. Technically, that may be true. He admits reaching out to young, giving them Quaaludes and having sex with them.

Cosby may yet face criminal charges from a 2008 sexual assault case now under investigation in California, where the statute of limitations has not run out.

Meanwhile, he should also be stripped of the Presidential Medal of Freedom received from President George W. Bush in 2002.

I KEEP READING

about all these thieves getting into all these vehicles in Linden, Fenton and Holly. Evidently, they're too broke to go out and work for their money. If I ever catch anyone breaking into my vehicle, locked or unlocked, I will make them sorry.

DONALD TRUMP —

FOUR draft deferments and never served. Dick Cheney — five draft deferments and never served. John McCain — five years in enemy prison camp, now being ridiculed by a coward.

A WEST MICHIGAN study on recycling praises Grand Rapids' program where they recycle similar to what Fenton does now. So, why do we want to change?

ENOUGH WITH THE trash cans already. Get over yourselves. Suck it up and move on.

THE LAST I knew, according to Michigan State law, pedestrians have the 'right-of-way' on our roads.

AS A TEACHER at Patterson Elementary in Holly, I am so proud of how many students, families and staff participate in our weekly Summer Blast. We have such fun learning together. What a positive school community we have built.

KEEP THIS IN mind when you read, hear, or see media reports on Donald Trump. Trump isn't running against Republicans or Democrats. What he's running against is media bias — he's winning that campaign and members of the media do not like it.

Hot lines

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THANK YOU (Local)

Lawn Service, you are the best. I really appreciated you bringing my trash cans back up to the garage for me. That small act of kindness really meant a lot to someone with a sore knee. Again, thank you.

THE NEW HOUSE on South Long Lake is too close to the road, regardless of the road and property line rhetoric. Obviously, at 8,000 square feet, it will come with huge taxes. The almighty dollar once again outweighs common sense.

IN REGARDS TO the upcoming city council election, three seats available, vote for the three ladies who are running. Maybe we can stop wasting taxpayers' money with new people in office.

I CANNOT PUSH those bins, so how did I get my trash to the curb before? I put the bag in my car and drove it out there. Done, with nothing to haul back the next day. Now I have to pay someone to do it.

AMEN TO THE Google/U of M driverless experiment. It should be easy to find experienced 'hands-free' drivers from Fenton for their project.

SEVERAL TIMES THIS summer we have seen the sheriff deputies on Lake Fenton breaking boating laws and coming too close to swimmers. Ironic isn't it?

LOOKS LIKE A beautiful home being built on South Long Lake. Why can't people mind their own business?

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Cal Thomas

Earth to Kepler

NASA has discovered the answer to all of our problems. It is another planet, a possible twin to Earth that could theoretically sustain life.

This revelation could be bigger than Columbus 'discovering' America, or Lewis and Clark finding the Northwest Passage.

It offers the possibility of starting over. Hasn't the thought crossed the mind of every adult of a certain age that if we could time travel back to our youth and know what we know now, we would not have made the mistakes we made?

The first step in boldly going where no one has gone before is to re-name the planet. Kepler-452b won't do. How about Krypton? That name is already widely known as the fictional planet from which Superman came, thus giving it cultural standing.

Then we have to figure out a way to get there. Kepler-452b is 8,400 trillion miles away. Using present technology it would take 25.8 million years to get there. What is really interesting is that Kepler-452b is not the only planet with an environment thought capable of sustaining life. The Kepler spacecraft has found more than 4,000 planets that have temperature ranges that could support at least plant life and possibly more advanced life forms.

This could be the solution we have been looking for. Republicans and Democrats could have planets of their own, which could settle once and for all the argument over whether big or small government is best.

Criminals would have their own planet where they could prey on each other instead of the rest of us, thus 'solving' the crime problem. And the gun control crowd could inhabit a planet where all guns would be banned, though sticks and stones, mankind's first weapons, would remain. It would be left to the peace-loving citizens of 'gun-free-opolis' to work things out amongst themselves.

Russian entrepreneur Yuri Milner recently announced a \$100 million, 10-year project to search for intelligent life in the universe. Stephen Hawking has signed on to work with him. They are wasting their time and money. However, given the lack of intelligence on Earth, I can't blame them for looking elsewhere.

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— Sarah Costack
Holly



"I'm more of a 70-degree and gentle breezes kind of a guy."

— Scott Obloj
Tyrone Township



"I love that it's warm and not chilly or freezing and we don't need a winter coat."

— Pat Mossman
Fenton



"It's great, as long as you have air. It seems like a long time coming."

— Jan Taylor
Fenton Township



"Our son got married in 90 degrees. We're moving to Arizona where it's 115. Still, it's hard to leave a Michigan summer."

— Drew Thorpe, Fenton/Phoenix



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Woody's Towing loads wreckage from a Friday afternoon crash on U.S. 23 in Tyrone Township onto a flatbed trailer. A pickup truck pulling a camper trailer crashed into the median, spilling among other items, two four-wheelers and two motorcycles being hauled in the camper. A Kentucky woman was injured in the crash.

U.S. 23 traffic snarls when truck, camper crash

■ Camper trailer carrying four-wheelers, motorcycles destroyed, driver injured

By Sharon Stone

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Friday afternoon traffic through the Fenton area last week came to a standstill for a couple of hours as crews cleared a crash involving a camper trailer.

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said the fire department responded to northbound U.S. 23 near White Lake Road in Tyrone Township, Livingston County at 3:10 p.m. for a single vehicle crash. A pickup truck pulling a camper trailer rolled off the road into the median, destroying the camper and truck. Debris was scattered from the crash.

A family from Kentucky was in the truck. The female driver was injured. She had serious injuries to her left hand and arm. Livingston County Ambulance transported her and the other two occupants, who were not injured, to Hurley Medical Center in Flint.

The fire department shut down the freeway to allow Woody's Towing to use heavy equipment to clean up the debris from the camper. They also had to haul away two four-wheelers and two motorcycles that were in the rear of the camper.

Once the scene was cleared of some of the debris, one lane was reopened to traffic. At 5:30 p.m., both lanes were reopened.

The fire department assisted Michigan State Police with shutting down northbound U.S. 23 at Center Road, as well.

FLAG

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worn and torn old flags. "The troop will come and take them and do flag retirement ceremonies," he said.

One of the boxes will be located at the Fenton Fire Department, and the other the Fenton Police Department.

"I think it's a great idea for his project. When he contacted us about the idea I was sold on it almost instantly," said Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff. "We receive calls from people quite often about where they can take a flag to be disposed of, so this is perfect. We are glad we can help with his project and glad that it will be here at our station for people to access."

"Chris has a great project and we at the police department are honored to have one of the boxes in our building," said Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro.

Christopher said, "I have already done a ceremony for Lockwood of Fenton and will be doing another in Grand Blanc. I was asked to perform them so I added them to my Eagle project."

Christopher said he was inspired to do this during one of the campouts where

they conducted a flag retirement ceremony. "We had old flags that weren't in great condition and I conducted the ceremony for my communications merit badge," he said.

With the help of other Scouts and family members volunteering, Christopher will design the boxes, build and paint them. This is to show leadership.

Each box will be designed to hold 10 to 20 flags. They will be collected every few weeks and will be disposed of on a mass basis, he said.

Although rank requirements vary between Scout troops, in Christopher's case, Eagle Scout candidates must complete 21 Eagle Merit Badges. They then need to complete their Eagle Scout Workbook and Application.

Once that is done, the candidate goes before the Eagle Scout Board to review all of their requirements and projects.

"In my case, I have one more Eagle requirement merit badge to complete, which is personal Management, then my Eagle Project and Application," he said.

Because of other commitments this summer, including band camp, Christopher will begin his Eagle project in August.



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Christopher Harper, 14, is a member of Boy Scout Troop 212 in Fenton.

“When he contacted us about the idea I was sold on it almost instantly.”

Chief Bob Cairnduff
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Second judge disqualifies himself in Smith case

■ Judge Michael Warren says he 'would be biased'

By Vera Hogan

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The land battle between Holly Township and Timm and Maria Smith, which has been ongoing for several years, has taken yet another turn.

Although it is unknown why on June 3 Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Colleen O'Brien disqualified herself from presiding over the Holly Township v. Smiths case—the new judge appointed to the case, Michael Warren, has also disqualified himself.

On June 30, the case was re-assigned to

Judge Rudy J. Nichols. According to Holly Township Clerk Karin Winchester, however, Nichols has recently retired and the case has been assigned to Judge Dennis C. Drury, who will preside over Nichols' cases until the governor appoints a judge to replace him, which will occur sometime between Labor Day and November.

According to the supplement to the order for disqualification, Warren said he serves on the board of directors of a nonprofit organization with Commis-

sioner Robert (Bob) Hoffman.

Warren said in light of the counter complaint's allegations involving Hoffman in several paragraphs of the complaint and "reviewing in a positive light Commissioner Hoffman's assessment of these circumstances, it could appear that this Court would be biased in favor of Commissioner Hoffman's assessment and/or potential testimony. Prudence, therefore, dictates disqualification."

On May 6, Holly Township filed a complaint in Oakland County Circuit Court, asking the court to order that the Smiths bring the property at 1031 South Holly Rd. into compliance. Alleged blight on the property and the Smiths continuing to live inside a travel trailer on their wooded 10 acres of property between South Holly Road and the Shiawassee River, are among the township's complaints.

Hoffman has been advocating for the Smiths for three years. He and the Smiths have repeatedly said they believe the township is illegally trying to take the Smiths' property that has frontage on the Shiawassee River.

On June 12, the Smiths filed a counter complaint in the Oakland County Circuit Court in response to the township's complaint.

"I understand his position," Hoffman said of Warren's decision to disqualify himself. "But he would be a perfect judge for a case like this. I think the Smiths would have finally gotten justice. Facts are facts, there is only one way the courts can rule and that's in favor of the Smiths."



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Elementary and middle school students from Linden are taking part in the Tri-County Lego Engineering Camp this week at Linden Middle School. The camp provides students with the fun of robotics engineering and everyday science.

Campers turn Legos into robots

■ Unique summer camp at Linden Middle School lays foundation for robotics program

By Sally Rummel

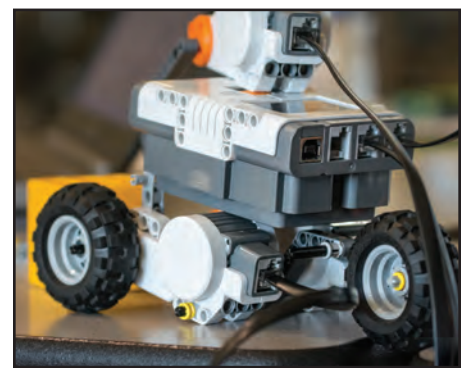
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Imagine being 8 years old and attending a summer camp where you can build a robot out of Legos.

While it sounds like all "fun and games," it's actually a serious camp for building student interest in engineering concepts, laying the groundwork for robotics teams at the middle school and high school level at Linden Community Schools.

The Tri County Lego Engineering Camp for elementary and middle school kids from age 8 to 14 is in full gear this week at Linden Middle School with 18 campers. "The kids love it," said Mike Cason, a Chrysler employee and lead mentor for the Linden robotics program. "We started this camp last year to give students a chance to experience the fun of robotics engineering and everyday science."

Campers have an opportunity to design, build and program the Lego NXT Mindstorm into a functional robot, said Cason. "By week's end, their robot will be fully autonomous and able to perform the skill we ask of



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Students learn how to program their Lego robots to grab blocks as part of their engineering camp this week.

them," said Cason. "This year, we're asking students to program their robots to grab blocks and bring them back to home base."

In addition to working with their Lego robots, the campers also spent time working with magnetic putty, building CD hovercrafts with balloons and other science-related experiments.

All of these activities were sponsored by Linden robotics with the school district's focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (S.T.E.M.). Linden robotics partners with

the Chrysler Corporation in providing funding and manpower for the program.

"We started this camp last year to give students a chance to experience the fun of robotics engineering and everyday science."

Mike Cason
Lead mentor for
Linden robotics program

HOT LINE CONTINUED

GOD IS SMARTER than we are. That's why the Bible says that a woman's place is in the home. My wife is exactly where she wants to be. Submitting to God.

■■■

I AGREE WITH other callers about the new build on South Long Lake Road. It seems way too big and way too close to the road and lake for the lot size.

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THE LARGE HOUSE being built on South Long Lake Road? Shame on Fenton.

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DONALD TRUMP IS what the Founding Fathers envisioned. Successful citizens who serve in the Legislature for a few years and then go back to their real life, not like these professional monosyllabic robots we have today.

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THE BIG BLUE containers from Repub-

lic are ridiculous. I spoke with a company rep, and there is a smaller one available if you call. They do not recycle Styrofoam and he also told me they might stop recycling glass bottles. Why pay so much if they're not going to recycle everything?

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THE BIG BLUE garbage bins do have an upside. I'm already noticing less blown trash on the streets and in the lake.

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THE NEW GARBAGE cans are more appealing than a heap in front of everyone's home. As far as recycling, it will encourage more. Change is never easy, but always necessary to move into the future.

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MY HEARTFELT SYMPATHY goes out to the citizens of Fenton. With a special prayer for the poor woman who has to see her mother once a week just to take her garbage out. That sounds like a horrible chore.

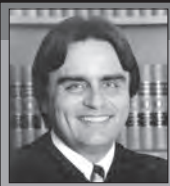
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Changes to the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act

A fact of life is that all of us make mistakes. Some mistakes are undoubtedly bigger than others are, but we need to remember that the best way to handle mistakes is to learn from them and try our best not to repeat them.

The famous motivational speaker and author Dale Carnegie once said that the successful man will profit from his mistakes and try again in a different way.

Although it isn't a perfect analogy, the law also recognizes that people make mistakes and over the years has implemented ways to afford people the opportunity to learn from their mistakes.

An example of this is found in Michigan's Holmes Youthful Trainee Act, which became effective in 1967. As the name implies, the Act applies to young criminal offenders who can avoid a criminal conviction if they plead guilty to certain offenses and successfully comply with the terms and conditions of probation. In practice, this is not a frequent occurrence but is allowed in the discretion of the court.

The Act has been periodically amended, and under the current version offenders who committed an offense on or after their 17th birthday but before their 21st birthday can qualify for status as a youthful offender. Juvenile offenders who are to be tried as an adult are also eligible.

However, if the crime is a life felony, major controlled substance offense, traffic offense, or on a list of criminal sexual conduct offenses, youthful offender status is not allowed.

Effective Aug. 18, 2015 there are some significant changes coming to the Act. These include allowing youthful offender status to individuals (with the consent of the prosecuting attorney) who commit an offense after their 21st birthday but before their 24th birthday; an expansion of the list of crimes, which require revocation of the status if committed during probation; a reduction in the maximum length of possible commitment to the Department of Corrections (DOC) from 3 years to 2 years; and a reduction in the number of crimes, which would allow the commitment of a youthful trainee to the DOC.

This Act has long been considered remedial in nature and allows rehabilitation before a more severe punishment is imposed. The legislative intent is to offer an additional chance in the hope that those eligible will learn and not offend again.

MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS ARE CONSIDERING

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. With one click, you can approve or disapprove of key votes by your legislators using the VoteSpotter smart phone app. This report was released Friday, July 24.

The House and Senate are out for several weeks. Therefore, this report contains several recently introduced bills of interest.

Senate Bill 197: Pro-rate Michigan's electoral college presidential votes

Introduced by Sen. Dave Hildenbrand (R), to end the current winner-take-all system of allocating Michigan's presidential electors, and instead pro-rate the state's electoral college votes on the basis of the state's popular vote totals. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 199: Expand "bottle bill"

Introduced by Sen. Rebekah Warren (D), to expand the state "bottle bill" deposit requirement to include water and all nonalcoholic carbonated or noncarbonated drinks sold in an airtight metal, glass, or plastic container that holds one gallon or less, except for milk and unflavored rice or soy milk, with some additional exceptions. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

2015 Senate Bill 212: Impose licensure on genetic counselors

Introduced by Sen. Judy Emmons (R), to impose licensure, fees, certification through a nationally recognized certifying agency, and more on "genetic counselors" as they are defined in the bill. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 243: Prohibit working seven days a week for same employer

Introduced by Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D), to mandate that employers must give employees "at least 24 consecutive hours of rest in every calendar week," with some exceptions. The bill would also impose a related record-keeping mandate on employers. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 262: Repeal Right to Work law

Introduced by Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D), to repeal the state's right to work law for government employees. Specifically, the bill would allow a public school or government agency to enter an agreement with a union under which employees would be required to pay "agency fees" to the union as a condition of employment, at a level equal to full union dues. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Fenton resident auditions for 'The Voice'

■ Sean Ahern one of 150 TV show hopefuls, sings 'I've got the world on a string'

By Hannah Ball

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A Fenton resident auditioned for "The Voice," a popular singing competition show on NBC on July 18 at Javits Center in New York. Sean Ahern said picking a song was hard.

"One of the many things that was running through my mind at the time was what song?" he said.

"After listening to other contestants and what they were singing, I felt like it was good to sing something different from the normal, try to set myself apart from other contestants."

He sang "I've Got the World on a String" by Frank Sinatra while six other contestants listened in the room, one of the many groups auditioning during the day. After filling out a submission form online, flying to New York, and waiting about 45 minutes with 150 people, he said, "I felt like a songbird in a cage for people to watch" while auditioning.

Singing his whole life, he enjoys Disney songs and a variety of other genres, but he's untrained. "It's more

a passive skill. My mother sang to me often as a child, and I picked it up from there," Ahern said.

He likes listening to light rock, John Mayer, Stevie Wonder, Phil Collins, and Coheed and Cambria.

While waiting to audition, someone started playing an acoustic guitar and everyone gathered around, singing harmonies and melodies, before a crew member broke it up. They were led into a small business room, where the judge sat behind a desk with "clever eyes and a trained smile," he said.

The judge explained that each contestant would sing a segment of their song until everyone has gone. Other contestants sang pop songs, gospel music, rock music, and indie music.

Ahern was ready to audition when it was his turn. "There were a few moments

of stiff silence. Finally, after thanking us warmly for our participation, the judge informed us that none would be moving on to the next round of auditions," he said.

Ahern wouldn't audition again.

"Felt a little bit too corporate for me," he said, explaining that the judge was overly charismatic and the people seemed fake. "They probably would have me singing pop anyway."



Sean Ahern

HOT LINE CONTINUED

DON'T FRET ABOUT Israel's ability to defend itself against Iran. They already have nukes along with Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, India, China, Russia, England, France, Germany, Spain and many more.

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I HAVE TRAVELED to India on business multiple times. I would like to invite all the trash bin whiners to accompany me on my next trip. You will never complain about anything trivial again.

■■■■
AS A LIBERAL, I do not want to spend anyone else's tax money. But in Michigan, only 3 percent of the budget goes toward social programs that the conservatives think are 'killing the economy.' It's the corporate welfare that's 'killing the state.'

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TASTE OF FENTON was only with Back to the Bricks one year and a bad choice. I preferred it on Saturday, after Run through the Flames.

STRAY

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let the appropriate agency know that you have the animal and to provide a description to them, in case the owner contacts them.

Pet owners are encouraged to post information about their lost pet, or someone's pet that they have found, at www.facebook.com/tricountylostfound. This free service by the Tri-County Times is available to reunite pets and their owners.

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Source: humanesociety.org

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LAKE FENTON

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without difficulty. The general consensus was that the capacity of the boat was far greater than the owners claimed.

Eventually, during these excursions, entertainment and food were provided. Advertisements claimed that the City of Flint was the largest and fastest boat on the lake, fitted with electric lights, a large dance floor and all conveniences for the comfort and enjoyment of its passengers. It was estimated that the new boat, together with the City of Fenton, would be able to carry 1,500 passengers.

To transport that many people to the lake, the street railway from Fenton was ready to take passengers to the lake for a fare of 5 cents a trip. It was later raised to 10 cents.

According to "A Time to Remember," "The first Saturday the street railroad was in operation, it did a rousing good business. It was reported about 2,000 people availed themselves of this method of conveyance to reach the lake."

There was, however, a keen rivalry between the two owners of the two big excursion steamboats. Fred S. Parker, at one time a pilot on both boats, recalled the bitter feud between the captains. Those hard feelings remained and reportedly contributed to the demise of the excursion business on Lake Fenton.

Parker piloted the City of Flint on her final voyage in 1905. The boat was put ashore at the north end of the lake, at "Cedar Point," and remained there for several years until Foster's son dismantled the ship.

Source: *A Time to Remember*

CRUISING

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According to President Chris Conlin, you visit ports of call you may or may not have visited as a child or adult, and you'll see it from an entirely different vantage point.

One of the most popular cruises, "Great Lakes & the Georgian Bay," boasts spectacular views from Chicago to Holland, Mackinac Island, Sault St. Marie, Perry Sound, Ontario and Midland, Ontario. Sold out for 2015. There are open dates for 2016.

Itineraries vary from 7-night, 8-day cruises around the Great Lakes, "Magical Lake Michigan," to a full 15-nights and 16-day cruise, "Great American Waterways" that takes visitors from Chicago to ports and waterways in Pennsylvania, New York, Lake Ontario and Rhode Island.

The cruise line boasts four vessels that are only small in size compared to mega cruise ships. Their level of extravagance, service and amenities compare favorably to the finest ocean cruise liners, with fully appointed staterooms and impeccable service. You can expect to pay about \$3,300 to \$7,600 and up per person, depending on which itinerary you select.

Whether your budget steers you more toward a Keweenaw Star day cruise or a full inclusive vacation aboard a Great Lakes Cruise Line vessel, the Great Lakes can be viewed and enjoyed from a different vantage point than your favorite beach.

DESTINATION MICHIGAN



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Petoskey and Charlevoix

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Part seven of an eight-part series

Michigan is a unique and interesting place. If you are ready to head north this weekend, maybe it's time to check out Petoskey and Charlevoix.

Both of these Michigan cities are located in the northwest upper area of the Lower Peninsula.

Keep reading to find out why they are both such great places to visit.

Petoskey

Petoskey is 218 miles away from Fenton, and about a three hour and 15 minute drive. You'll see plenty of sites on the way there, no matter what path you take. However, the best sites are the ones you'll experience when you arrive.

Even famed author Ernest Hemingway found a love for the rugged beauty of Petoskey, and spent many summers there with family.

You can spend time at the Petoskey State Park and even camp out since it is a long drive to get there, or find a hotel or motel accommodations if you are not the "roughing it" type.

You'll only be a stone's throw from the Gaylord State Forest area. However, most importantly, take the kids with you and enjoy the cool beaches of Lake Michigan, and be sure to pick up some Petoskey stones, the state stone, while you are in the sand.

You'll enjoy shopping, fun, and even great food on your stay. This weekend, on Saturday and Sunday, you can enjoy shopping for antiques at the Emmet-Charlevoix County Fairgrounds in Petoskey.

Charlevoix

Head another 17 miles south from



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Petoskey along the Lake Michigan shoreline and you will find Charlevoix, an interesting place with an interesting name.

Charlevoix offers gorgeous views, from trees to the water. Spend time on the beach or visit the lighthouse.

There is much to do while you are there, and it is an excellent fishing destination, so haul the boat along if you can.

You'll be amazed at all of the great food, fun places to shop, and it can be fun to take the kids so they can enjoy the museums and history of this beautiful area, or just spend a romantic weekend alone.

While you're there, make sure you take a boat ride to Beaver Island, just 32 miles off the coast of Charlevoix. You can enjoy outdoor activities while you are there and maybe even have a picnic.

Next week is the final part of these series. Stay tuned to see what we cover last.

SUMMARY

Whether you want to spend some time on the beach or not, both of this week's destinations, Petoskey and Charlevoix, offer some fun in the sun and much sand.

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BIGGEST KIDS' EVENT OF THE SUMMER

Fenton's Granger heading to Charleston

■Versatile senior going to play volleyball for D2 school

By David Troppens

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Carly Granger proves that specializing isn't needed to have success in sports.

The 2015 Fenton graduate played soccer, basketball and volleyball during her high school career, and is known for her ability in all three sports.

But when it came down to pinpointing

a sport at the collegiate level, volleyball won out. And it's volleyball that Granger will be playing when she attends the University of Charleston in West Virginia this fall.

"My first years in high school it was always soccer, but then I grew a passion for volleyball, being around it so much," Granger said. "And then my sister played in college."

Carly's older sister, Samantha, played college volleyball at the Division 2 level

at Findlay College, enjoying a successful career. Carly is headed for another D2 school, preparing to play for the Golden Eagles.

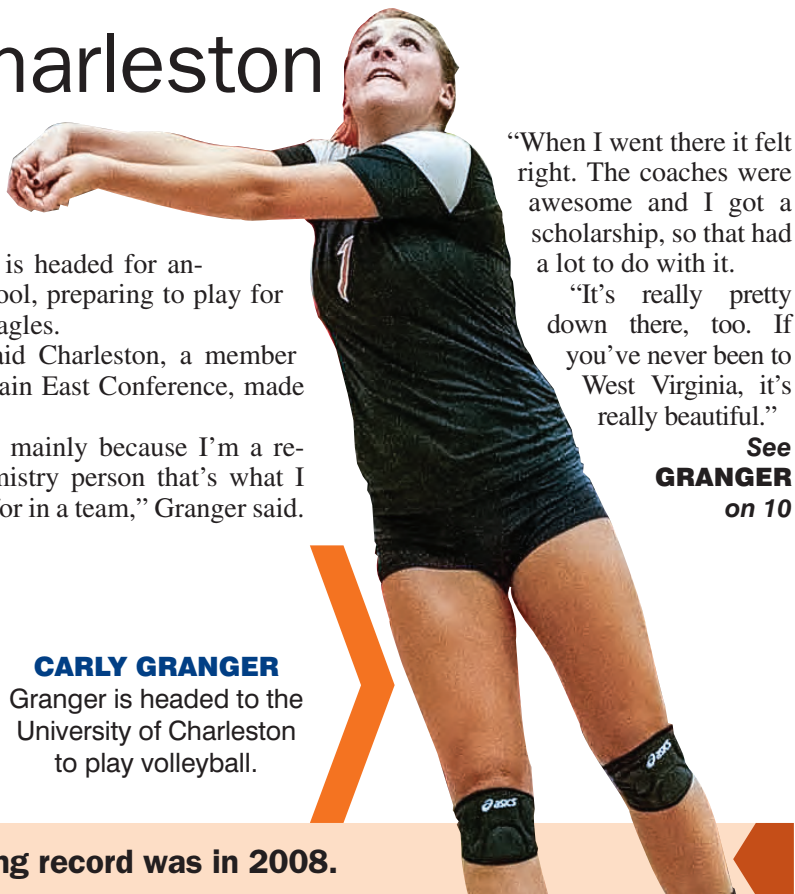
Granger said Charleston, a member of the Mountain East Conference, made sense for her.

"I chose it mainly because I'm a really big chemistry person that's what I was looking for in a team," Granger said.

"When I went there it felt right. The coaches were awesome and I got a scholarship, so that had a lot to do with it.

"It's really pretty down there, too. If you've never been to West Virginia, it's really beautiful."

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GRANGER
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CARLY GRANGER

Granger is headed to the University of Charleston to play volleyball.

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Sports

DID YOU KNOW?

▶ The last time the Detroit Tigers finished with a losing record was in 2008.

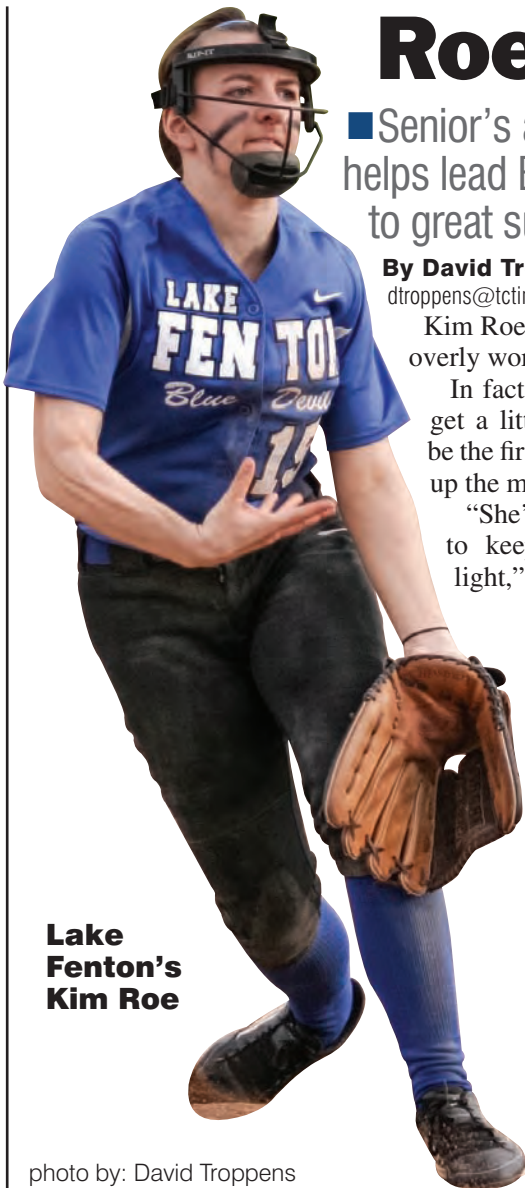
DAVID'S DABBLINGS

With the trading deadline facing the Tigers in the face, a lot of the questions surrounding them is what to do with some of their key pieces like star pitcher David Price and Yoenis Cespedes.

The answer for me is easy — it's a necessity. Of course I want the Tigers to make the playoffs. If a team makes them, pretty much anything can happen once you are in. We've seen that time and time again. The Tigers saw that when an 83-win St. Louis Cardinals' squad won the 2006, World Series, beating the Tigers in the process.

But as I type this, the Tigers are almost 100 games into the season and are still fighting to get to the .500 mark. They remain four games out of a playoff spot. The playoffs aren't looking likely.

Yet, when the season ends, the Tigers will lose both players, most likely, to free agency. The Tigers are getting old and that "end" people have talked about with this team is here. It's time to replenish this team for the future. Making a couple of trades may or may not help that process. But, doing nothing certainly won't. Making some trades has that chance.



Lake Fenton's Kim Roe

photo by: David Troppens

Roe leads our softball team

■Senior's attitude helps lead Blue Devils to great success

By David Troppens

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Kim Roe isn't one to get overly worked up.

In fact, if her coaches get a little tense, she'll be the first one to lighten up the mood.

"She's always trying to keep the moment light," Lake Fenton

varsity softball coach Amos Rinks said about the 2015 graduate. "If I ever get really angry or too serious, she'll always lighten the mood and say something like, 'Coach, take it easy. I have it under control.'"

Roe was telling the truth with that comment. Over the last four seasons, she's always been in control as one of the area's top softball players. And now that her senior year is over, Roe can say one other thing — she has ultimate control as the 2015 Tri-County Softball Player of the Year.

"There are moments her humor would come out and ease the mo-

ment," Rinks continued. "Sometimes that's good, but sometimes it's not what I wanted. But in hindsight it was always fun to have to deal with that rather than those moments when you have to discipline a student. ... She has a great personality."

"A lot of girls in softball when they strike out, they throw their bat and pout and that's not really how I am," Roe said. "If I strike out or make a bad play, it's not that I don't care, but I don't let it get to me. I'll just try to do better the next time. At the beginning of the season I said if

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All Tri-County Softball Team PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

Kim Roe, Lake Fenton pitcher/outfielder

Roe posted a 14-7 record and 1.75 earned run average on the mound and a .410 batting average with five home runs at the plate.

FIRST TEAM

Pitchers

Kim Roe..... Lake Fenton
Paige Dean..... Fenton

Catcher

Melody Draeger Lake Fenton
Logan Carter Fenton

Infielders

Katey Cairnduff..... Fenton
Kalani Lau..... Lake Fenton

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Erin Exell Lake Fenton
Brenna Hatch Fenton
Sydney Sheyachich .. Lake Fenton

Outfielders

Emma Brant Fenton
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Allison Petts..... Lake Fenton
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ROE

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anyone throws the bat they'll hear it from me — get over it and have fun. We are out to have a good time and not an attitude."

Don't take Roe's happy attitude as evidence she doesn't care. In fact, the senior ranks as one of the most competitive players in the area.

"She has a competitive side to her," Rinks said. "You can tell she has a switch she turns on. She wants to be in that moment and wants to be the hero. That's part of her personality as a pitcher. She wants to be in that role and have an instrumental impact on the game. She's like that with her bat as well. She loves to be in moments when she can get that game-winning hit or that game-winning home run. She lives for those kinds of moments."

Roe thrived statistically for the Blue Devils. She helped guide her team to a fourth straight Genesee Area Conference Red title this spring by providing outstanding seasons with her arm and her bat. At the plate, Roe was second on the team with a .410 batting average and was among the leaders with a .435 on-base percentage. Roe was the team's unquestioned best power hitter. She had nine doubles and hit five of the team's six home runs. She also led the squad with six triples, giving her 20 extra-base hits for the season, a team high. She also lead the squad, convincingly, with a .669 slugging percentage. She led the team with 44 runs batted in and also found time to steal six bases and score 36 runs while on base.

On the mound, Roe was the staff ace. She tossed 142 innings, striking out 203



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Kim Roe (left) slides into home plate during a game this spring. The Lake Fenton 2015 graduate is our Tri-County Softball Player of the Year.

and walking just 30. She also yielded just 118 hits while recording a 1.75 earned run average. Opposing batters batted just .221 against her. Along with a 14-7 record, Roe had two saves. She completed 20 games she started. Roe also is a strong outfielder, as she enjoys a strong range and a strong arm while patrolling center field.

"I really liked pitching because I kind of get to control the speed of the game," Roe said. "I have a chance to have more impact while I'm pitching."

"The last couple of years I've really enjoyed the outfield even more because

I love to chase balls and make a lot of diving catches. It's a lot less stressful."

The start of a well-rounded athletic career

Roe has been playing some sort of baseball or softball since she started T-ball when she was 4. Quickly, she began playing on travel softball teams.

"I started because my sister did it," Roe said. "She was a pitcher so I tried pitching at age 8."

But softball hasn't been Roe's only sport. During the fall she ran cross country and during the winter she played on the girls basketball team. She even played volleyball and did track and field when she was a middle-school athlete. Roe always had great athletic talent, finishing her career with 10 varsity letters and two more JV letters. And, of course, she was a member of the Lake Fenton marching band as well.

"I was telling someone about this the other day. I didn't realize how much I was doing until I was done," Roe said. "I played during every single season of every year. I played 12 different seasons of sports in four years. It was hard at first, ... and then I learned how to balance everything. It taught me time efficiency and how to get things done."

Roe had no troubles getting things done while at Lake Fenton, and will get the chance to accomplish a few more things at the next level when she plays softball at Mott Community College. She wants to study music and French. She plays the trombone and a little bit of the piano. She doesn't know what her role will be at Mott, yet.

"When they first talked to me at a tournament there were three coaches standing there," Roe said. "One was excited for my pitching. The next one said 'I want her for the outfield.' The next one said, 'I want her for her hitting.'"

No matter what she does, Rinks knows Roe will be a success. Currently, the Mott softball squad includes 2014 Lake Fenton graduates Kayla Ward, Patricia Whittaker and Taylor Sheyachich. Next year Roe and fellow 2015 graduate Melody Draeger will be added to the mix.

"They like her both in the outfield and as a pitcher," Rinks said. "I wouldn't be surprised if she's doing both."

Neither will anyone who has followed Lake Fenton softball the last four years. And, chances are, Roe will compete with a smile on her face.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUPBACH

Carly Granger attempts a kill during a past match against Grand Blanc. Granger is headed to the University of Charleston West Virginia to play volleyball this fall.

GRANGER

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Charleston is the state's capital and the campus is right off the Knawla River and is surrounded by the mountain range as well. So there are few schools that can compete with the environment.

Granger was the area's top volleyball player in the fall of 2014, capturing Tri-County Player of the Year honors. She helped lead the Tigers to a Class A district title. She finished the season with 458 kills, 378 digs, 56 service aces and 26 blocks. The current Charleston roster had the 5-foot-9 incoming freshman listed as an outside hitter, the position Granger dominated at last year.

She also had success with her travel team, the Oakland Elite.

"I received a lot of training over the summer and I played for a national volleyball team and they taught me so much," Granger said. "Playing with those girls makes you better automatically. It was really cool to get that experience."

She had a pretty successful senior year overall. She not only won a Class A district title with the volleyball team, but was a starting player on Fenton's girls soccer team which advanced to the Division 2 state championship game.

Granger says playing at the next level is a dream come true.

"It's awesome because that's what I have been working to, getting to that next level and paying for my schooling," Granger said. "It gives me a great sense of pride."

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Brothers Matthew Butts and Michael Butts are the third generation of the Butts family running Fenton Memorials, which has been in Fenton since 1946.

Fenton Memorials creates enduring legacies

■ Long-time Fenton business now under leadership of third generation in the Butts family

By Sally Rummel

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Fenton Memorials has had a long history in the tri-county area, carving in stone the legacies of thousands of families since the company was first founded as Imperial Marble and Granite Works in 1882.

The Butts family has owned the business since 1946 and now is in its third generation of family ownership. Since the death of their father, Bobby Butts, in 2013, brothers Matthew Butts and Michael Butts have taken the reigns of the family business. A sister, Barbara (Butts) Bisbee, handles many managerial duties.

They are proud of their strong roots in Fenton. "Our whole family was raised here and graduated from Fenton schools," said Matthew.

While the company's commitment to quality and value hasn't wavered,

changes in the monument industry have created a new niche for creativity and innovation. Many of these new ideas can be seen at Fenton Memorials' new showroom at their business location at 3236 Owen Rd., behind Taco Bell.

"People are looking for customization and personalization, which we can provide with laser-etching, images and photos," said Matthew. "We can design the stone with the family, and create an enduring legacy for their loved one."

Behind Fenton Memorials, another division, Fenton Precast, makes burial vaults, mausoleum crypts and niches from concrete, employing 10 people. "We ship our products all over the Midwest," said Matthew.

In addition to working with local families in designing lasting monuments, Fenton Memorials works with cemeteries, including Oakwood Cemetery, Crestwood, Tyrone Memory Gardens, to name a few. "We also work with cemeteries all over the state," said Matthew. "To me, it's all about my family serving other families."

TASTE

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"On Thursday, the day of the event, all tickets sold will be \$15.

This year's Taste event is being held earlier than usual to give people a chance to support both this event and the Aug. 6 "Back to the Bricks" event at Fenton High School. In addition to Taste, the Fenton Farmers Market and Concert in the Park will also be going on downtown.

Participating restaurants include: Beale St. Smokehouse BBQ; Biggby Coffee; Bob Evans Restaurant; Bridge Street 117 Café; Canadian Steak, Fish & Sandwich Co.; The Corner Bar & Grill; Crust—a baking company; Culver's; Fun With Frosting; Hungry Howie's Pizza; The Laundry; Legend's Sports Café; Mancino's Pizza & Grinders; Tami's Sweet Treats; Tropical Smoothie Café; Spring Meadows Country Club, VG's Bakery and VG's Deli.

In addition to food tastes, kids' events and music, visitors will enjoy a Teen/Adult Pie-Eating Contest and Children's Donut on a String Contest sponsored by Crust—a baking company and a Beer Stein Holding Contest sponsored by Fenton Winery & Brewery. New this year will be a wine tasting offered by Fenton Winery & Brewery in Fenton Township and Seven Lakes Vineyard in

Holly Township. "Visitors will use one ticket for a taste of wine or four tickets for a glass," said Day.

A Shuttle Service using golf carts will provide easy transportation during Fenton's downtown Streetscape project; one at the World of Wonder Ellen Street Campus for parking and the other at the Taste event, making return trips.

Main sponsors for the event are the city of Fenton, VG's Grocery and The State Bank.

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STREETSCAPE

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Paving is planned for Aug. 3 on Mill Street and Ellen Street. Traffic patterns in the district will continue until approximately Aug. 10.

Starting Aug. 10, the project will shift north on LeRoy Street, from Ellen Street to Caroline, according to Mike Burns, assistant city manager and Downtown Development Authority director.

"Work will be completed only in that area and traffic will be closed on LeRoy between Ellen and Caroline until approximately Sept. 3," said Burns. "However, the road surface on LeRoy will be milled from Ellen to Silver Lake Road on Aug. 10."

Northbound and southbound traffic will continue on LeRoy between Silver Lake Road and Caroline. "Caroline Street will remain open for travel," Burns said.

Once the bricklayers have com-

pleted their work in the current construction zone, two-way traffic will resume on LeRoy between Elizabeth and Ellen Street, and Shiawassee Avenue between Adelaide and LeRoy.

After the work is completed on LeRoy between Ellen and Caroline, the project will shift north on LeRoy between Caroline and Silver Lake Road. LeRoy Street in that area will be closed during that construction period.

Once that is completed, work will continue on LeRoy Street between Silver Lake Road and Second Street. Champagne-Marx will then work on Caroline Street and River Street in the fall.

For the upcoming LeRoy Street closures, access will be available at the municipal parking lots, and on Caroline Street for the parking lot next to the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. There will also be access to the municipal parking lots near the Cornerstone building on Walnut Street.

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James H. Pyne 1936-2015

James H. Pyne - age 79, of Harrisville, MI, passed away Saturday, July 25, 2015, at Alpena Regional Medical Center. Jim was the only son of James M. and Zella M. Pyne. He was born in Flint, MI on January 4, 1936. At the age of 10 his family moved to a farmhouse in Fenton where he graduated from high school. He went on to college and graduated with a bachelor's degree from University of Michigan and then earned two masters degrees from University of Michigan and Michigan State. In 1960 he married Judy, his wife of 55 years, and began teaching high school in Grand Blanc. His two children were born, James Michael in 1961 and Karen Lynn in 1962. His teaching career continued at Southwestern High School in Flint, teaching chemistry and physics. He went on to Flint Junior College teaching noise control & vibrations. He later became a professor of physics and noise control at General Motors Institute, where he taught for 17 years. In 1980 General Motors, headquarters in Detroit, hired Jim as a Staff Engineer for their North America Operations in the Plant Engineering Overseas group where his travels took him to Mexico and Germany. During his tenure there, he trained plant managers in noise control & vibrations, served as an adjunct professor, and served as a board member of the National Vibrations Institute, chairing the Eastern Michigan Chapter. Jim retired from General Motors in 1987 while concurrently building

their log home in Harrisville, where Judy continues to reside. Together they embarked on a 13 month long great circle boat trip, travelling the inter-coastal waterways. In Harrisville, as he continued his passion for small farming, he served as president of the Alcona County Fair for ten years and the Harrisville Lions Club. As a Township Board Trustee, he served on the Road Commission and Planning Commission. As a member of the Chamber of Commerce he was involved annually in their July tent events. Jim organized the Antique and Small Engine Tractor Club and was a collector of antique Farmall Tractors. Throughout his life he enjoyed camping, hunting and fishing and always had his dog by his side. Dalton was his final and most cherished companion. Jim is survived by his wife Judy C. Pyne of Harrisville; his son James M. Pyne of Mississippi; his daughter Karen L. McKown, (Stephen M McKown); three McKown grandchildren of Florida and two Pyne grandchildren of Mississippi. Visitation for Mr. Pyne will begin on Wednesday, July 29, 2015, from 4-8 P.M. at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Visitation continues on Thursday, July 30, 2015 at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 10 AM until the funeral at 11 AM with Reverend Mary Soderholm officiating. Interment will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Harrisville, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Alcona County Fair, United Methodist Church or Harrisville Lions Club.

Sherry L. Wygant 1942-2015

Sherry L. Wygant - age 73, of Holly, died July 26, 2015. Memorial services will be held at 11 AM Friday, July 31, 2015 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly with Chaplain Steve Hittle officiating. Visitation will be from 1-3



and 5-7 PM Thursday. She was born in Logansport, IN on April 17, 1942. Sherry resided at Holly Convalescent Center for 20 years and was loved by many truly good friends. She was baptized at the First Baptist Church of Davisburg on March 3, 1996 by Pastor Dale Patterson. She was preceded in death by father Rene Wygant, step-dad Don Baker, mother Dortha Baker, and her son Thomas Fry. She is survived by her children, Allen (Cindy Bower) Fry of Ava, IL, Ella (Tom) Roeder of Holly, Lisa Fry and Kris Heeter of Big Rapids, MI, Larry Bowerman Jr. of Grand Blanc, and Andy (Pam Shimmowski) Bowerman of Sterling Heights, MI; sister Melodie (Vic) Dowell of Logansport, IN; 16 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and niece Nikki Miles and family of TN. Memorial donations may be made to Heartland Hospice. Sherry will forever be in our hearts. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

George Alfred "Al" Ricksgers 1925-2015

George Alfred "Al" Ricksgers - age 90, of Holly, died Monday, July 27, 2015. George was born on June 29, 1925 on Beaver Island, MI. He was an Army veteran of WWII, serving in the Asia-Pacific Theater. Surviving are 4 sons, Craig (Mary), Gary (Michele), Keith (Mary), and Dale (Cindy); 5 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; sisters Katherine Ricksgers and Margaret Evans. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary Lou, parents George and Otilia (Schmidt) Ricksgers; and brothers Henry, Robert, and Kenneth. Funeral services will be held at 2 PM Friday, July 31, 2015 and visitation will be from 3-9 PM Thursday at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Military honors and burial will be at 11 AM Monday August 3, 2015 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorial donations may be made to the Holy Cross Cemetery Fund, Beaver Island, MI 49782. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.



FUNERAL ETIQUETTE 7 THINGS NOT TO WRITE IN A SYMPATHY MESSAGE

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If you text someone a quick note on your cell phone you don't come across as someone who cares enough to use paper and pen.

Explanation of the death
Don't try to explain the person's death. It is not comforting.

Any mention of replacing the person
Parents who lost a child don't want the advice that they can try again.

Personal sad stories
This isn't about you.

Humor

Save the funny quotes and quips for later, after the person has enough time to grieve.

Negative comments about the deceased

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