Drunk driving video sends powerful message

Students’ film project shows life-long effects of one bad decision

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With prom and graduation ceremonies and parties coming up soon, families would be wise to take a few minutes and watch the YouTube video, “A Lifetime of Consequences.”

The students in Rich Ashley’s Fenton High School Advanced Video Production class recently released the PSA (Public Service Announcement) about the consequences of drunk driving and the impact the decision has on the lives of others. In his email to media outlets, Samuel Metcalfe represented his class, saying, “We are hoping that this may deter some of the poor decisions made by teenagers, if only to not get behind the wheel of a car if they are intoxicated.

See DRUNK DRIVING on 18A

SUMMARY

“A Lifetime of Consequences,” a public service announcement video produced by the Fenton High School Advanced Video Production class, sends a very powerful and emotional message to those who may make the decision to drink and drive. It can be seen at tctimes.com with this story.

Argentine man pleads guilty to criminal sexual conduct

Plea avoids trial in case involving 13-year-old girl

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Christian Anthony Corbett, 24, of Argentine Township pleaded guilty on May 10 to four counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct, (CSC) and one count of fourth-degree CSC in Genesee County Circuit Court.

See GUILTY on 15A

State funds will help clean blighted site

Developer gets $323,663 from state

State Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Arentine Township) announced Thursday that state funds will be used to help clean up the former Action Auto site in downtown Fenton and develop it into a new building site for business and retail use.

Graves said the Michigan Economic Development Corporation approved $323,663 in tax

See FUNDS on 9A

Texting and driving deaths on the rise

Eighty percent of all crashes involve driver distraction

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There is a message on billboards and other outdoor display devices around the country that reads —

“Honk if you love Jesus. Text if you want to meet Him.”

That may sound clever and cute, but the reality is texting and driving can be, and often is, fatal.

While there have been no local

See TEXTING on 7A
Major family fun at Minor League parks

Tri-County area has three Minor League teams located about an hour from here

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Within many of our lifetimes, there once was only one option if you wanted to watch professional baseball.

For tri-county residents, that meant about an hour-long trip to Tiger Stadium or Comerica Park.

The Minor Leagues were an afterthought. How things have changed. In 1996, the Class A Lansing Lugnuts became reality. Then in 2002, the Mud Hens moved to their new state-of-the-art Fifth Third Field where they have a 10,300-capacity stadium in Toledo. Finally, in 2007 the Great Lakes Loons, located in Midland, became the third "major" Minor League squad located about an hour from the tri-county area.

In short, there's nothing "minor" about Minor League baseball. While a game to Comerica Park can easily cost a family of four over $200, a game at Toledo, Midland or Lansing will give any fan in the park a great seat located just feet from the field for a price under $20 a ticket, and frequently under $10.

There's no doubt that the Minor Leagues are there to entertain the family. There are fireworks after many weekend night games. Mascots are prevalent around the stadium. Between innings, there are enough funny events and competitions to keep even the non-baseball fan entertained for three hours. Seemingly, every home game has some sort of promotion (like $1 hotdogs) or a theme night (like Star Wars night) linked to it. Finally the caliber of competition is good. All three teams have an affiliation to a Major League or ganization — the Detroit Tigers for the Mud Hens, the Los Angeles Dodgers for the Loons and the Toronto Blue Jays for the Lugnuts.

In short, while the Detroit Tigers can rely on the team being its primary draw, Minor League teams have learned that making the fan the priority is a way to a successful product.

"We look at every game always being somebody's first game, so we need to be on our 'A' game no matter what game or month it is," Matt DeVries, Great Lakes Loons communications manager said.

"We like to think we're a pretty affordable place. If a family comes to a Loons' game and sits on the lawn, you can come for about $20. We are very affordable. We want the Loons to be something anyone can come to, and we want to create an environment that anyone can enjoy."

That's the theme of any of the three organizations. Here's a little more information about each team and stadium.

**Toledo Mud Hens**

Since Fifth Third Field opened in 2002, the stadium has earned many awards honoring it as among one of the greatest Mi nor League parks in the country. The organization revitalized some old warehouse buildings as some of the bases to the new stadium creating a nifty downtown feel to the park. The Mud Hens, one of America's most famous Minor League teams thanks to the character Klinger on the television show MASH, has one great draw for area fans — they are the Class AA Affiliates for the Detroit Tigers.

Most tickets are $12, but if you want to go to a weekend contest, you may want to purchase them in advance as many of the weekend night games sell out due to firework shows.

**Great Lakes Loons**

A Class Affiliate for the Dodgers, most of the Loons players will be in their young 20’s, just beginning their dreams of making it to the show. It’s a nice facility, as evidenced by Dow Stadium being named Baseball Digest’s Best New Ballpark of 2007.

Seating capacity is 5,200 with games averaging between 3,500 to 4,200 fans at a game and sits on the lawn, you can come to a Loons' meet and we want to create an environment that anyone can enjoy.”

**Minor Leagues on 7A**
Mr. Fix-it … or not!

I had a rare victory in my lifelong battle with things that go wrong.

The belt for the self-propel on the mower broke and I decided to replace it.

“Oh God, here we go again,” the lovely yet formidable Marcia groaned. “I’ll get the first-aid kit.”

She’s funny, that one.

It’s true I don’t have the greatest track record with fixing things.

There was the time I was trying to install a garbage disposal and it fell on my forehead. I also forgot to knock out some plastic plug that the manual said was a ‘critical’ step that should never, ever be forgotten.

The plumber and the emergency water damage response team thought that was funny.

Then there was the time I tried installing a floor in one of the bedrooms. That went well. Personally, I think flooring that goes all the way to the other wall is stupid. But back to the mower.

When the belt broke, Marcia said, “Don’t even think about it. I don’t want to be a widow at my age. Besides, I’m too old to break in your replacement.”

I have mentioned how funny she is?

In my defense, no one told me that doors have to fit the space allotted for them, and if you get one that’s a fraction too big, you should get a smaller one instead of taking a chisel to the door frame.

Apparently, that set some kind of world record for the longest string of profanity ever produced by a single human in a single setting, although I didn’t get a plaque or anything.

So, of course, I ignored her advice and went straight to the lawn equipment parts store. Parts stores and hardware stores love me for some reason.

“Gonna try it again?” said the owner. “Good for you, son. Get right back up on that horse.”

I assume he was referring to the “Incident of 2015” when I started a small brush fire in my backyard while fixing the gas-powered weed whip. The firefighters were good natured about it.

I decided to be smarter this time and watch an online video about how to replace a mower belt. “Easy-peasy,” I said after watching a guy change one in less than three minutes.

Someone should really investigate those videos. They lie. A lot.

But back to the mower. I fixed the mower. It took me the better part of two days and a half dozen or so trips (I lost count) to the parts store (for parts I didn’t have to replace parts I busted) and the hardware store (for tools I don’t own to install and/or break things) but the stupid thing works.

I even showed it off to Marcia.

“That’s great, but what’s that there,” she asked, pointing, “Um, that would be an extra part.”

106 West Shawiasssee

Dear Editor,

The house at 106 W. Shawiasssee is over 100 years old and resides in what is left of our precious Historic Business District, which is listed in both state and national historic registries.

Look at their plan. The DDA would like to demolish more buildings on this block, on both sides of the road. And, in other areas of town. They plan to replace these with new buildings.

DDA’s desire to bring new business, instead of supporting local has already cost Fenton. Hints and our beloved Sweet Variations, both here for decades, both interested in this house, were denied the chance.

Please, Fenton, come together. Protect what is left of our historic district. Insist the DDA and city do the same.

Join us at the next DDA meeting in the City Hall, on Tuesday, May 17 at 6 p.m. Check our Facebook page. Please get the word out.

Sincerely,

Kim Wheeler, Fenton Historical Society
Rolston Road might reopen within days

Genesee County Road Commission to install temporary culvert

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The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) issued an emergency permit to the Genesee County Road Commission to build a temporary culvert at Rolston Road on Monday so the road could be reopened in a short time.

Fred Peivandi, Genesee County Road Commission County Engineer, said the proposed size is a 57- by 38-inch CSP arch pipe.

“Currently, we’re working with the DEQ to establish the proposed elevations for the placement of the pipe. The pipe has been ordered and is awaiting delivery to the job site,” Peivandi said.

The culvert connecting Squaw and Loon lakes beneath Rolston Road failed in early April, and the culvert under Jennings Road, which connects Crane and Loon lakes, failed earlier this spring, according to James Watling, MDEQ Water Resources Division unit chief.

Since then, Rolston Road has been closed at the culvert between Jennings and Four Lakes Avenue.

After the temporary culvert is installed and the road reopened, the GCRC is going to perform hydraulic modeling at the site and for the surrounding lakes. A hydraulic model is an computer simulation that is used to measure water levels and flow rates in a stream or lake system.

“Before issuing a permit for the permanent culvert, we have requested that the GCRC perform hydraulic modeling to verify that the appropriate size and dimensions of the culverts are installed on Jennings Road at the Crane Lake outlet and Rolston Road at the Loon Lake outlet,” Watling said.

Per a condition in the emergency permit, the DEQ gave the GCRC 60 days to submit final plans for the permanent culvert.

Watling said he doesn’t have a time frame for when the permanent culvert will be installed. He said the GCRC will likely need to seek bids for the hydraulic modeling, give bidders time to prepare estimates, and award the contract.

The engineers will then need to perform surveying and calculate the flow of storm water runoff, groundwater infiltration in the lakes, and other measurements to put into the hydraulic model to represent the conditions of the lakes.

“Once modeling is complete, detailed construction plans must be prepared and submitted with the permit application for the permanent structure,” Watling said.

He said the DEQ hopes the temporary culverts will be sufficient after all the testing is done. If it is sufficient, the permit would be issued for those culverts and additional work would not be necessary.

“However, if the hydraulic modeling indicates that lake levels cannot be maintained at pre-existing levels, then a different culvert would need to be installed,” he said.

“Additionally, our office has committed to meet with representatives of Crane and Loon Lake to discuss their concerns,” he added.

He said that it’s possible they might incorporate their suggestions into the final design.

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Why some TV commercials work, some don’t

Advertisers often use humor, repetition, and icons to help people remember them.

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Commercials are as frequent as plot twists and headlines involving Donald Trump when you watch TV nowadays. Some are heartwarming, like The Atlantic, Extra gum commercial that shows a father making origami swans out of gum wrapper for his daughter and how she kept all of them throughout the years. Everyone knows the Geico commercials with the talking gecko, and Flo from Progressive Insurance commercials, who has a fan base on social media has become an advertising icon.

Some companies use catchy jingles like “the snack that smashes back” to sell products like Goldfish.

Some ask questions that become cultural identifiers. “What is Jake from State Farm wearing?”

Other commercials use pop culture references, like Star Wars, to sell products like the popular commercial during last year’s Super Bowl of a kid dressed like Darth Vader trying to use The Force to move objects. He’s surprised when he starts his dad’s car but doesn’t see his dad using his key to turn the vehicle on from inside the house.

What makes a commercial memorable?

Shard said there are a few common factors that make commercials good.

“First is if they’re funny,” he said. “If you look at the Super Bowl commercials, the ones you typically remember are funny, they make you laugh.”

Another factor is emotion.

“You watch those commercials with UNICEF and they make you cry. There’s an old saying ‘you cry, you buy,’” he said, adding that they tug at your heartstrings because they’re usually about kids and animals.

Shard says he sees a lot of cheesy local commercials with catch phrases, which can also be effective.

“Look at Nike. The catch phrase they have is ‘just do it,’” he said. “There’s got to be something about it that really resonates.”

Shard said commercials that fill a need are effective, and even bad commercials can be effective because people remember them.

He said frequency is another important factor.

“Repeat often is another factor. ‘We have the Mulch!’ Repetition and icons to help people remember them.”

Many companies have started using the same people in their ads, like Flo in Progressive commercials, to create a sense of familiarity with the viewers and potential customers.

“If you’re only going to show it once, it’s not going to be a very good TV commercial,” he said. This is often the difference between a cool commercial and a successful one.

Shard said with certain local channels, it only costs $2 to show a commercial, but the price goes up if there are more viewers.

“You can get them quite easily but it’s how many people are watching them,” he said. “You’ve got to do something to stand out,” he said.

Moreover, people often remember the commercial, but not the product that’s being advertised.

Calculating the revenue from commercials is difficult because not every person who sees the ad will buy the product. Plus, companies would have to keep track of how customers heard about their products, and if it was through a commercial, not the actual product.

Calculating performance at similar spending levels, TV averaged four times the sales lift of Netflix and streaming services.

MarketShare found that “TV has the highest efficiency at achieving key performance indicators, or KPIs, like sales and new accounts. When comparing performance at similar spending levels, TV averaged four times the sales lift of digital,” according to adweek.com.

Since TV is still the number one source of entertainment in U.S. homes, according to allbusiness.com, TV commercials reach more people compared to online and digital ads.

Companies also pay a lot of money for TV stations to show their ad during optimal times — like during morning news, right after work, and especially during the Super Bowl.

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Facts about texting and driving

The United States Department of Transportation notes that cell phones are involved in 1.6 million auto crashes each year that cause a half million injuries and take 6,000 lives.

According to FocusDriven, up to 80 percent of crashes involve some form of driver distraction. During any point of the day, 11 percent of drivers are taking calls on their cell phones, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

A study from the University of Utah indicated that the reaction time of a teen driver using a cell phone is the same as that of a 70-year-old driver who is not using a cell phone.
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Linden couple adopts niece and nephew after their parents are killed by drunk driver

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One Linden woman knew she wanted to be a mother from a young age, and had two children by 2000. But in 2001, Colleen Curtis, 44, and her husband, Roger, 44, took in two more children after Colleen’s sister and brother-in-law were killed in a driving crash. Colleen’s sister and brother-in-law attended a banquet that night in 2001, and on their way home a drunk driver ran a red light going 55 mph in a 35 mph zone. He didn’t have his car lights on and crashed into their van.

“He basically ‘Bonied them,’ Colleen said. Her brother-in-law died that day and her sister died two days later leaving behind their children Noah, who was 4, and Shae, who was only four months old. They fought to get guardianship of the children and went through a legal battle for years with a family member and another non-related party.

“We didn’t give it a second thought. We knew we should have them,” she said. It took about two years for Colleen and Roger to adopt them.

Colleen said she usually doesn’t say anything to people about the situation. “I’m not looking to be praised for it, I never have been. I don’t like when people say ‘oh they’re your niece and nephew’ she said, adding that they are her kids and she loves them as if she gave birth to them. “Roger and I got married in ‘99 and had Corbin in 2000 and then had two additional kids in 2001,” she said. In 2002 they moved from Mundy Township to a bigger house in Gaines to accommodate four kids. Their oldest, Nichelle was 6 at the time, Corbin had just been born, and they added Noah and Shae. “It was pretty busy.”

She worked in Troy at the time when everything happened and then quit to be a stay-at-home mom. Curtis said they were always honest with Noah, and didn’t push him to call them “Mom” and “Dad.”

“We’d always say ‘your first parents, your first mom and dad,’” she said. “They waited until Shae was older to tell her to avoid confusing her.

She said it was hard for her oldest, Nichelle, because she went from getting most of the attention to suddenly having two more siblings. The kids are teenagers and young adults now.

Nichelle recently turned 23, and Noah, who’s almost 20, just finished his second year of college. Shae, now 15, and Corbin, 16, attend Linden High School.

“They’re all so different,” she said. “They’re good kids. I love them all for their own unique personalities.”

She said she doesn’t know what she’s going to do when all the kids leave the house.

“Just continue to work,” she said. “But I can tell you this, there is a whole lot of guilt raising kids,” she said, adding that she had doubts on whether she did enough for her kids.

“It can definitely be trying,” she said. “But looking back at when people would ask her what she wanted to do when she grew up, she said she just thought of being a mom.

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Colleen Curtis
Linden High School secretary

SUMMARY

A Linden couple took in two young children after their parents were killed in a drunk driving crash in 2001.

“We all may prove proud in our own ways. Their happiness and well being is all I care about. I am not a very religious person but I always wonder if my sister and brother-in-law are watching us, if they be happy of how Noah and Shae are being raised and how they are turning out,” she said. “That is constant.”

She said she feels like expectations are always higher because of the situation.

“I put a lot of pressure on myself. Nichelle will tell you that. It’s my job, it’s what I do,” she said. “I couldn’t have gotten where we are now without Roger our family and friends.”

‘We didn’t give it a second thought’
Superintendent candidates narrowed to two

Second round of interviews to take place Tuesday

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The Fenton Board of Education has selected two candidates for a second round of interviews for the permanent superintendent position.

A pool of 27 applicants was narrowed to five candidates, who were interviewed Tuesday and Wednesday night.

From those five candidates, the Board of Education selected two individuals, Adam Hartley and Jennifer Hammond. Hartley is the executive director of Gear Up 2 Lead, and director of innovative projects for Swartz Creek Community Schools.

Hammond is the principal of Grand Blanc High School. Fenton Board of Education President Drew Shapiro said both Hartley and Hammond were very professional in their presentations.

“We knew they have an experience level that was different from the other candidates,” he said.

“Our questions were designed where you couldn’t answer if you didn’t have the right amount of experience,” Shapiro said. It was really evident with how they answered or not answered the questions that they were the two to go with.”

Shapiro, along with Interim Superintendent Doug Busch and school board Trustee Dana Jones will be escorting the two candidates around the Fenton district separately on Monday.

“The other board members have been tasked with contacting their current districts and vetting their references, things like that,” Shapiro said.

The Board of Education will be making a decision on which of the final two candidates will be made an offer to become Fenton’s next permanent superintendent during its Tuesday board meeting.

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Funds

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incorporating financing (TIF) for the redevelopment of the blighted property at 102 W Silver Lake Road.

The developer, SkyPoint Ventures, plans to construct a mixed-use building consistent with the character of downtown Fenton, which will create 25 full-time jobs and generate a total investment of $5 million into the local economy.

“Not only will this enhance a blighted area of downtown Fenton, it will result in 25 jobs, a huge investment into the city and a new building,” Graves said. “This is an example of the economic recovery we have nurtured in the Legislature for the past five years, creating an environment in which businesses can grow and jobs are created.”

SkyPoint Ventures will construct the two- or three-story building once the property is rehabilitated. The Fenton Downtown Development Authority is restricting $350,000 of its funds toward the project, and the developer is requesting the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality contribute $244,174 in TIF support for the project.

The Fenton City Council approved the restriction of $350,000 in DDA funds to support this project at its April 25 meeting.

At the April DDA meeting, Peter Hughes, representing the builder, said once all approvals are secured, there would be shovels in the ground in six months, but more likely it would take a year to a year and a half to complete.
Legislators considering bill that would punish owners for leaving pets in hot cars

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Under two new Senate bills, it would be illegal to leave a dog in a car during dangerous weather conditions, such as hot temperatures.

Senators Rick Jones and Curtis Hertel Jr. introduced senate Bills 930 and 931 May 3.

Senate Bill 930 states that a person cannot “leave or confine an animal in an unattended motor vehicle under conditions that endanger the health or well-being of the animal, including, but not limited to heat, cold, lack of adequate ventilation, lack of food or water or other circumstances that could reasonably be expected to cause suffering, disability, or death of an animal.”

The first offense would be punishable by up to 45 days in jail and/or up to a $350 fine, and a second violation would be punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or up to a $500 fine.

The bills are currently in the Senate and was referred to the Judiciary Committee on May 3. In order to become law, the bill needs to pass in the Senate, House, and be signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder.

Leaving your animal in a car could be illegal if Michigan legislation becomes law, punishable by up to 45 days in jail and/or up to a $350 fine on the first offense, and punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or up to a $500 fine on a second offense.

One study conducted by the Louisiana Office of Public Health found that the temperatures in a dark sedan and a light gray minivan exceeded 125 degrees Fahrenheit within 20 minutes parked on a hot and partly cloudy day.

Even if the temperature might not seem too hot for humans, it’s dangerous for animals, according to the AVMA, and cracking a window doesn’t make a difference.

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New $50,000 playground coming this summer to Patterson Elementary School

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They may call it “child’s play,” but the new playscape planned at Patterson Elementary School in Holly Area Schools has been fun and work not only for the kids, but the entire community.

The “Partnership for Play” project to raise $50,000 to replace the decades-old deteriorating wooden structure began last fall, and has involved the school, local municipalities, businesses and families.

So far, more than $41,000 has been raised, getting a huge jumpstart from The State Bank with $10,000 in seed money. The rest has been raised by Team Patterson, the school’s parent-teacher organization, through bottle drives, a loose change drive, Halloween party, Valentine’s Day dance, bowling party and Spirit Wear sales. A Go Fund Me page netted the project $4,347.

“I used to play on that playground,” has been the sentiment expressed by many people who opened their wallets during many local fundraisers. Some families gave $250 in support of the project, and will have their names engraved on a bench plaque at the playground.

Fundraising efforts are now in their final stages as the school year winds down to a close. “McDonald’s Night” on Tuesday, May 24, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Holly Road location will provide 15 percent of sales toward the playground. Team Patterson will also host a Color Fun Run on Saturday June 4, with check-in at 9 a.m. for a two-mile course, to raise money for the playscape and create awareness for healthy living. The $20 entry fee will include sunglasses, T-shirt, race bib and color packet. A DJ and refreshments will be available. Register at PattersonColorRun.eventbrite.com. “We want the playscape to be ready for the beginning of the next school year,” said Janell Minnick, treasurer of Team Patterson.

About 400 students currently use the playground equipment at Patterson Elementary School on a daily basis during the school year. Development projections in the area could triple the number of neighborhood children who use the park on evenings and weekends.

People interested in making donations can make them to the Go Fund Me account at: www.gofundme.com/kd7j9rpc or can send them to: Patterson Elementary ATTN: Team Patterson 3231 Grange Hall Rd. Holly, MI 48442
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Fenton — On Tuesday, eight new sculptures were installed throughout downtown Fenton, as part of the Downtown Development Authority’s annual art program, which started in 2013. The budget this year to rent the art is $12,000, an increase from the original budget of $9,054. There are now 10 sculptures, including “Stainless Steel Butterfly,” and permanent piece, “Pescado II.”
Police Department and Det. Doug Fulton also thanked the Argentine Township Community for speaking up about the incident. She said Corbett was cooperative during the investigation.

Fulton was able to recover video surveillance footage from a nearby business, which showed Corbett and the victim. Upon pleading guilty Tuesday to the charges, Corbett was transported to the Genesee County Jail where he will remain until his sentencing, which is scheduled for June 14. According to court records, Corbett will receive one year incarceration for the incident. Each count was based on the act Corbett committed against the victim. Corbett was arraigned on the charge on Sept. 1, 2015. He posted bond and was placed on a tether at his mother’s Argentine Township home pending his court case.

Upon pleading guilty Tuesday to the charges, Corbett was transported to the Genesee County Jail where he will remain until his sentencing, which is scheduled for June 14. According to court records, Corbett will receive one year incarceration in the county jail and five years of probation. There is to be no contact with the victim.

Corbett will also be listed on the Michigan Sex Offender Registry for 25 years.

The victim’s mother said Wednesday that she is extremely proud of her daughter for speaking up about the incident. She also thanked the Argentine Township Police Department and Det. Doug Fulton for all their hard work on this case.
**Davisburg Bread Company opens in Holly**

Artisan bread bakery turns out nine different varieties of hand-shaped loaves

By Sally Rummel
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Patience is a virtue, not only in one’s daily life, but also in building a business and baking bread.

Doug Scovill has learned the value of patience firsthand, as the owner of Davisburg Bread Company in downtown Holly. Open since late April, Scovill has turned his bread-baking hobby into a business, selling nine different varieties of artisan loaves from his new location at 204 S. Saginaw St. Scovill also sells loaves from the Davisburg Bake Shop at 650 Broadway in downtown Davison, Tuesday through Friday, from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

Crusty tender artisan breads with names like Crackle Crust French, Golden Flaxseed and Honey, Dark Round Rye, San Francisco Sour Dough and more keep customers lined up from morning to afternoon. “Come in early so your favorite loaves are still available,” said Scovill, who does all the nighttime bread baking himself. Hours are Tuesday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In addition, baker Cyndi Deniau turns out a number of sweet treats every day — from muffins and quick breads to cookies and scones.

Scoville prides himself on making bread the old-fashioned way, using the actual fermentation process where the starch and sugars are broken down, creating a tender loaf with a texture and density not found in mass-manufactured breads.

“We make it slow and don’t hurry the process,” said Scovill.

He has tentative plans to open the front part of business into a café serving sandwiches and soups, some time this summer. For more information, call (248) 382-5307.

Doug Scoville of Davisburg Bread Company places his loaves on bread pans in preparation for baking.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

I LIVE ON Torrey Road and the law might says it’s OK to walk, jog or bicycle on Torrey, but there are people pushing babies, walking dogs, bicyclists and joggers going the wrong way into traffic. It is very dangerous. Somebody is going to get killed.

THAT PROPERTY ON North Road is for sale. That’s a joke, right? It doesn’t look like it’s big enough to build on. And if you did build, where would you park? Also you’ve got the expressway about 10 feet out your back door, so something’s not right.

IT’S 10 O’CLOCK Wednesday morning. I see people are still stopping on LeRoy Street at the Fenton Hotel for a red light that’s half way up the road. Funny.

THE DDA IS hoping the opposition to tearing down the Dibbleville building will die down. Please help us save our history and hope the opposition to tearing down the Dibbleville building will die down. Please help us save our history and attending the DDA meeting this Tuesday, May 17 at 6 p.m. at city hall.

TO MY TYPICAL, I read Foster Childs column as tongue in cheek and responded same. And his column is always a good read.

GREAT ARTICLE on the traffic lights. I would like to see an article on the ridiculous stop signs that are 10 feet from each other on Main Street and Silver Lake Road in downtown Fenton.

IT INFURIATES ME to see Detroit parents in Lansing protesting the millions of dollars that Michigan taxpayers will provide their bankrupt district. Why don’t these parents hold their local DPS leaders accountable? Lansing is trying to help clean up their mess.

MY WATER BILL is $350 per month for a family of four. My street looks like a third-world country. There are dilapidated build-ings strewn throughout the city. But Holly DPW gets a brand new pole barn. Nice to live in Fascist Michigan.

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A word from the class:
On behalf of the FHS News (Advanced Video Production), Scott Cubr and Sam Metcalfe provided the following information:
The three main students in the video are Aaron Boulay, Nick Melero and Shayla Lucas.
Aaron is the one who dies, Nick is in the wheelchair, and Shayla is the girlfriend.
The producers of this were Erin Berdell, Scott Cubr, Sam Metcalfe, and Alex Wert.
The cameramen were Jake Gutzeit, Bryce Nakakura, Michael Pearce, Brendan Tricka, Zenas Torabi and Sammie Buswell. However, a majority of the class, which is the Advanced Video Productions Class, assisted in miscellaneous ways, such as giving ideas and organizing some of the scenes.
Teacher, Rich Ashley came up with the idea for the Prom PSAs five years ago, feeling that it is very important to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving, as well as underage drinking.
He also recognized that prom and graduation season is a time when, unfortunately, many students tend to make poor choices regarding alcohol. This PSA is meant to help educate people about not only the dangers teens put themselves in if they get behind the wheel after drinking alcohol, but also the impact they can have on innocent lives as well.
The impact has been overwhelmingly positive with people expressing how powerful it is.
We had numerous people actually cry when we aired it,” said Cubr and Metcalfe. “We have received over 80,000 views on YouTube as of May 13. We even had people from the set of the upcoming movie ‘Wolverine 3’ comment on it, saying that it is awesome. ‘Really well done and the production value is through the roof.’
They also could not believe that this was produced by high school students.
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Bob Cairnduff
Fenton fire chief

A word from the class:

We think that this is powerful enough to convince students to not make a mistake that could ruin the rest of their lives,” Metcalfe said on behalf of his class. It took several local people and agencies to assist in the filming of this PSA. They include Judge Mark McCabe of the Genesee County 67th District Court, the Fenton police and fire departments, Sharp Funeral Homes, and Fenton High School teachers, students and families.
Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said his department has worked with the Fenton High School video production class for a few years now.
“We helped them with the PSA they made last year and they have made a few PSA (fire prevention and education) videos for us as well,” he said.
“Their teacher Mr. (Rich) Ashley really cares about the kids and the quality of the education in the class,” Cairnduff said. “He and the kids have been great to work with. He really puts the pressure on the kids to do well with the video projects and it shows.
“Both the video last year and the one this year are very emotional,” he said. “A lot of our firefighters have kids in the Fenton schools and some in the high school right now, so it hits home to all of us. “As firefighters we have witnessed firsthand the dangers of drinking and driving,” he added. “Unfortunately, we have seen it too many times. It is something that sticks with you when you see someone injured or even killed by a drunk driver.
“The number of lives that are affected by the one person that makes a bad decision to drive when they shouldn’t, is sad,” Cairnduff said. “We hope that by helping with these important videos that even if you get behind the wheel after drinking alcohol, but also the impact they can have on innocent lives as well.
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Fenton Optimists honor ‘kids in the middle’

Speaker is living proof of the positive impact teachers can have on their students

By Vera Hogan
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Linden — Area teachers and school administrators say it’s their favorite event of the year — when they can showcase the achievements of some kids “in the middle” at the annual Fenton Area Optimist Club “Turn Around Achievement Awards” luncheon.

This year’s event was held on Wednesday, May 11, at Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden.

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They are looking for students who start the school year with academic, behavioral or other problematic issues that have negatively affected their class work and lives — and by the end of the school year have turned it all around to become happy, productive, successful students.

Four or five of these students are chosen from each of the three school districts to be honored with awards and gifts at the luncheon.

Each year, local leaders and law enforcement of officials, join the students and their families for the ceremony, to present each middle-schooler with certificates of achievement at the beginning of each school year.

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This year’s inspirational speaker was Herman “Herm” Ferguson of Fenton.

Dan Ferguson, principal of Lake Fenton Middle School, who is no relation to the guest speaker, emceed the luncheon with Eric Rettenmund, assistant principal at AGS Middle School in Fenton.

Ferguson told those in attendance that families who live in southern Genesee County, and have the choice of sending their children to Fenton, Lake Fenton, Linden schools, or St. John’s are very fortunate.

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A 1977 graduate of Fenton High School, Ferguson has owned a lawn and tree business for 32 years.

He said, 46 years ago, someone turned his life around — his fifth-grade teacher, Tony Book.

Ferguson said one day after class, his teacher came to him and said, “You’re not going home today. Today you’re going home with me.”

Ferguson described how he came from an alcoholic, abusive family where his father beat him and his siblings regularly.

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Ferguson said he went to bed that night and slept very well. “I knew I wouldn’t get beat up,” he said.

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Protesting on Shiawassee

Joe and Michelle Sennabaum protest along with others outside of 106 West Shiawassee Ave. Tuesday afternoon. The three buildings behind them could be razed to make way for a new development, which the couple said, will have “no history or roots” in Fenton.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

AS FOR ME and the bathroom situation, if I ever see a man dressed as a women or a man going in the ladies room after my wife, daughter or granddaughter, I will throw that person out.

TO ANDREW HELLER, of course Obama didn’t “go through the full history of what happened to Flint” it would have shown what 50 years of liberal Democrat policy and leadership will get you. Stop analyzing symptoms and focus on the root cause.

TO THE HOT line about staying in the left lane if not turning right onto Silver Parkway. Have tried that and oftentimes I’ve been unable to get back over to get on the expressway or had to make traffic behind me stop until I could get over. It’s far safer just to stay in the right lane, even if that makes someone have to wait for a stop light.

BLAMING THE DETROIT schools graduation rate solely on Detroit teachers is very narrow minded. Until you spend a day in any inner city classroom or even the main office, you have no idea what the employees face each day.

ANSWER TO HOT-liner — Cinco de Mayo is not independence from Spain. It was success in defeating a French attack. We celebrate because it is fun, just like St. Patrick’s Day. Would love it if all American ethnicities had a fun day.

WITH ALL THE problems we have, we have the DOJ spending resources on where we can go to the bathroom? This is why people are turning to Trump. Hillary will follow in the footsteps of Obama and fight for your toilet rights, get free stuff for you and punish the responsible.

TO THE CALLER who does not want to look at weeds and plastic on Donaldson Drive. It’s a simple solution — get off your couch and clean it up.

OBAMACARE IS A failure. The insurance companies we propped up with our money are going bankrupt. It’s unbelievable the degradation Obama is putting us through.

I DIDN’T REALIZE that my husband was an artist until I drove by the ‘art’ at the post office. It looks eerily similar to the monkey bars he tried to build for our twin boys last year. We ended up tearing it down and throwing it away.

AS A CHRISTIAN and member of the American Family Association I am proud to say that a major retailer has now lost over $2.5 billion and 1.2 million customers because of their bathroom policy involving transgenders going into the ladies bathrooms.

I DON’T GENERALLY criticize, but it must be stated that the new art that now graces our downtown is certainly different than any concept of art that I have ever seen.

I HAVE ALWAYS supported the concept of the DDA but they have outlived their usefulness if they spend taxpayer money on tearing down half a block of Dibleville, moving a perfectly good post office and renting the ugliest sculptures I have ever seen.

News briefs

ART IT UP UP AND AWAY Art it Up Up and Away is an art show sponsored by the Linden Arts Council on Saturday, May 21. The event is held in conjunction with a Fly-in at Horizon Airpark at Price’s Airport. The event runs from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. The Airpark is sponsoring a pancake breakfast as part of the event. The Linden Arts Council will host approximately 10 artists ranging from painters, photographers to potters. Artist Shadia will be doing live paintings during the show. Corky Welsh, a member and resident of the Horizon Airpark, expects between 20 and 60 aircraft to participate in the Fly-in. The Arts Council will also serve refreshments and have music. Marco Keech will be on hand to teach children to make paper airplanes. The Linden Dance Academy will be presenting two dancing exhibitions at the event, one at 9 a.m. and another at 10 a.m.

RECEPTION FOR NEW FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FENTON PASTORS Following the retirement of longtime pastor Dale Swihart Jr two years ago, the community is invited to a welcoming reception for Pastors Robbie and Lindsey Carnes of the First Presbyterian Church of Fenton. The reception is at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 22 and will be held in the Fellowship Hall. An installation service will be held immediately preceding at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Carnes and their three children come to Fenton from Los Angeles, California. For more information, contact the church at (810) 629-7801.

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$22.567 billion is federal money and approved for the current year. Of this, $14.107 billion would go to K-12 public education, compared to $13.896 billion the prior year. It also appropriates $1.6 billion for state universities, compared to $1.531 billion the prior year. Community colleges would get $399 million, vs. $388 million the prior year.

Passed 26 to 11 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)  NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)  NO

House Bill 4990: Expand local government energy efficiency financing schemes
To expand the things cities can spend money on under a scheme that lets them contract with vendors for energy-related facility improvements, and pay for these with the money the projects are supposed to save (or from regular tax revenue if savings don’t appear). The bill would allow vendor installment contract durations of up to 20 years, expand the improvements that can be financed under the scheme, and allow the deals to include lease-purchase agreements.

Passed 34 to 0 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

House Bill 5078: Authorize paroling medically frail prisoners to a health care facility
To allow medically frail prisoners whose condition makes them “a minimal threat to society” to be paroled to a hospital, hospice, nursing home or other suitable accommodation for the balance of their term.

Passed 95 to 13 in the House
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)  YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)  YES

House Bill 5387: Give force to illegal teacher strike sanctions
To include more rigorous sanctions and more certain procedures for Detroit school teachers who participate in an illegal strike. The bill is part of a House proposal to overhaul the Detroit school district and would essentially cancel the current collective bargaining between unions and the Detroit district as part of the governance changes in House Bill 5384.

Passed 59 to 49 in the House
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)  YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)  YES

House Bill 5384: Pay Detroit school debt, require reforms
To end the state’s emergency management of the insolvent Detroit school district, and give an elected school board control of the district’s schools. Among many other changes and reforms, the bill requires a meaningful merit pay system for Detroit teachers, and caps central office overhead costs. The bill does not contain a Senate-passed provision creating a new “Detroit Education Commission” appointed by the Detroit mayor and having the authority to block new charter schools from opening in the city, or an additional $200 million the Senate added for “transition costs.” This is part of $500 million Detroit Public Schools bailout and governance package.

Passed 80 to 27 in the House
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)  YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)  YES

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Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)  NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)  YES

The Senate version of the non-education portion of the state government budget for the fiscal year that begins on Oct. 1, 2016. This would appropriate $54.779 billion on all of state government next year, vs. $54.530 billion originally approved for the current year. Of this, $32.212 billion comes from state tax and fee collections, a 2.4 percent increase in the state share.

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Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)  NO
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)  NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)  YES

Senate Bill 800: Appropriations: 2016-2017 Omnibus budget
The Senate version of the non-education portion of the state government budget for the fiscal year that begins on Oct. 1, 2016. This would appropriate $38.616 billion authorized the year before. When combined with the education budget (SB 801), the Senate proposes to spend $54.779 billion on all of state government next year, vs. $54.530 billion originally approved for the current year. Of this, $32.212 billion is federal money and $32.050 billion comes from state tax and fee collections, a 2.4 percent increase in the state share.

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Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)  NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)  YES

Senate Bill 801: Appropriations: Omnibus education budget
The Senate version of the K-12 school aid, community college and university budgets for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, 2016. The bill would appropriate a total of $16.106 billion, of which $1.919 billion is federal money. Of this total, $14.107 billion would go to K-12 public education, compared to $13.896 billion the prior year. It also appropriates $1.6 billion for state universities, compared to $1.531 billion the prior year. Community colleges would get $399 million, vs. $388 million the prior year.

Passed 23 to 13 in the Senate
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)  YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)  YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)  NO
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)  Did not vote
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)  YES

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Lady Blue Devils sweep Fenton in doubleheader action

By David Troppens
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Two area rivals faced off on Wednesday, and the Lake Fenton varsity girls softball team left with bragging rights.

The Blue Devils swept Fenton in both ends of the doubleheader, winning the first game 8-7 and the second 8-3.

The 8-7 contest was a thriller from the start. Entering the sixth inning, Fenton led 6-5, but Lake Fenton scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth. Sidney Conn walked and an out later Olivia T ammer singled her in, tying the score at 6-all. An out later, Sydney Sheyachich responded with an RBI-single, giving the Blue Devils a 7-6 lead.

Fenton answered back in the top of the seventh when Logan Carter hit a solo home run with one out in the stanza. However, the Blue Devils were able to get the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh when Kaitlin Sparks hit a pinch-hit RBI-single with two out, scoring Alexis McMichael from third. McMichael singled earlier in the inning.

Lady Tigers take control of Metro track race

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The Lady Tigers earned overall firsts in 10 events, including all four relays.

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The Holly boys took home 10 firsts, while D’Anthony Austin won the 800 relay with the team of Keiser, Brenna Bleicher, Emma Lane and Tiemann (1:04.45). Six members won in individual events.

They were Hall in the 100 (12.83), Sage in the 200 (23.73), Francisco Valdovinos in the 400 relay (45.8), Kinser in the 400 (1:03.96), Torabi in the 300 hurdles (49.29) and Kinser in the long jump (14-11).

“We ran well yesterday and set new personal bests,” Fenton girls track coach Todd Mills said. “It was a meet in which we could move a few things around to see how it would work.”

Holly track program splits versus Brandon

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Holly’s D’Anthony Austin only took third in the long jump against Brandon, but he did win the 200 meter dash and was on the winning 400 relay squad.

The Holly boys took home 10 firsts, and swept the top three spots in six individual events. There were eight different individual winners. They were D’Anthony Austin in the 200 meter dash (23.73), Francisco Valdovinos in the 800 (2:04.22), Michael Penkey in the 1,600 (4:45.59), Cooper Frederick in the 3,200 (11:02.73), Riley Lewis in the 300 hurdles (47.88), Zac Stoll in the shot put (38-6) and Quincy Curtis in the discus (105-1) and Jackson Monty in the pole vault (11-6).

The sprint relays also captured wins. Randy Douthitt, Jacob Honstetter, Jake Ortiz and Austin won the 400 relay (45.8) while Douthitt, Honstetter, Ryan Beltz and Austin won the 800 relay (45.80).

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HOLLY SOCCER LOSES TOUGH 1-0 VERDICT AGAINST LAPEER

The Bronchos lost an early 1-0 lead and were unable to score, resulting in a tough 1-0 loss to Lapeer.

SAGINAW HERITAGE, 5-1

Chris Gilbert shot a one-over-par 39, leading the Tigers to the victory.

FENTON GOLFERS EDGE LINDEN AT SPRING MEADOWS, 166-172

Brandon Diener shot a 40, but it wasn’t enough to keep Fenton from winning the meet against the Raiders.

FLUSHING GOLFERS DEFEAT FENTON

The Bronchos shot their best round of the year, defeating the Blackhawks.

FENTON TENNIS CRUSHES BRANDON

The Tigers won all four doubles matches, leading to a 7-1 victory.

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FENTON GOLFERS EDGE KEARSLEY

Nick Campbell shot a 39, leading the Tigers to a 169-173 victory against Kearsley at the Coyote Preserve Golf Club on Thursday.

FENTON/LINDEN LACROSSE TEAM FALLS TO SAGINAW HERITAGE, 103-30 and Montrose 107-24.

Lake Fenton’s Thomas Mueller and Jacob Fletcher compete in the 3,200 run on Tuesday.

LF boys sweep Durand, Montrose

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Lake Fenton — Life on the Lake Fenton varsity boys track and field team has been pretty good this season. Even when the weather turns out a bit on the negative side, that seems to be the case, as evidenced by the Blue Devils’ performance on Tuesday. The drizzling rain and cold conditions couldn’t keep the Blue Devils from cruising to two easy wins, defeating Durand 103-30 and Montrose 107-24.

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Lake Fenton — Life on the Lake Fenton varsity girls tennis team is having a blast this spring. It’s easy to see why.

Not only are the Holly Bronchos dominating the Flint Metro League, but the squad has been making waves around the state as well. The girls are ranked seventh in the state, and in weekend tournaments are competing, and occasionally beating, the best teams in the state of Michigan regardless of division.

It’s a team that returned almost all of its players from a year ago, a sea-son when the Bronchos finished 10th at the state meet. And this season’s results are showing that.

“It feels great,” Kerner said.

“Last season was really good and this season has been really good so far as well. We’ve placed first or second in our tournaments against some of the best teams in the state. It feels good to be a part of the team, having a spot and being able to rely on anyone on the team to get a win.”

The Bronchos competed against Brandon and were cruising to the victory before rains suspended the match with Holly winning 5-1 with two matches still incomplete.

Kerner won her match 6-1, 6-0 at No. 4 singles. Kate Beauregard lost at No. 1 singles while Lily Koseak (No. 2) and Michelle Major (No. 3) had their matches suspended due to Thursday’s rains.

All four doubles teams finished their matches and won. Those doubles teams were Sydney Renehan and Megan McReynolds (No. 1), Haley Crimmins and Paige Reid (No. 2), Nicole John-son and Megan Lesperance (No. 3) and Jenna Pepper and Sami Hild (No. 4).