Balancing police work and family life

Despite son’s illness, this Fenton dad manages to do just that

By Vera Hogan
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Some of the simple joys of fatherhood may include spending time with your little boy, playing putt-putt golf, video games and reading books.

A father may also share his son’s joy when he gets presents, cake and ice cream for his birthday, and sees the pride in his son’s eyes when Daddy puts on a police officer’s uniform.

Det. Scott Townsend of the Fenton Police Department has such a boy, only his son is a 5-foot, 10-inch-tall 15-year-old weighing 180 pounds. Cognitively, the teen has the mind of a 4-year-old. Townsend’s son, Nick, suffers from Dravet Syndrome, a severe, debilitating form of epilepsy. In order to be diagnosed with Dravet’s, a child’s seizures had to have begun during the first year of life.

“Nick’s first seizure began the day after Thanksgiving when he was 5 months old,” Townsend said. “It lasted for 45 minutes.”

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There is simply no logical reason on earth why any American citizen should be able to own a gun. Privately owned weapons are not necessary in today’s world. That’s why we have police and the military.

Let me get this straight Mr. President. The NRA is the biggest threat to America and Americans, not the radical Islamic terrorists?

I refuse to fly my flag at half staff each time we experience a terrorist attack. It shows weakness and submission, not strength. Flags should only be flown at half staff when a president or former president dies.”

I am part of the 2016 graduating class. I could have gone to college on a scholarship but instead signed up for military service by my own choosing. I am the only male I am aware of in my class who has chosen to serve. Most of my teachers discouraged me from joining. Semper Fi.

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Top 10 most popular dog breeds

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10. Boxers

Source: American Kennel Club

Dogs and cats of today are valued and loved members of our families

By Sally Rummel

Daisy turned 8 years old on June 9, and was the happy guest of honor at a family birthday party — complete with birthday hats, plenty of gifts and special treats.

Daisy is a beloved four-legged member of the Rick and Leslie Toldo family of Fenton Township, and like many other pets today is treated like one of the family. Daisy’s not the only baby in this family. She’s also got her brother, Bear, both chocolate labs, and Gus, a yellow lab.

While dogs and cats have always occupied a special place in the hearts of their owners, there’s been a shift in attitude toward pets today, more as “pet parents” than pet owners.

“They’re our children,” said Leslie. “We take them on vacations planned just for them. They sleep with us. Santa leaves gifts for them.”

Jody Maddock of Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton has noticed this change among adoptive “parents” and she says this attitude is a good thing.

“A lot of people are really dedicated to the pets in their home,” said Maddock. “People are making a commitment to their pets. They’re asking themselves, ‘What can I do to make this pet more comfortable in our family?’”

While many people get a pet for companionship and often choose a rescue animal from a shelter, they soon realize they want more for their pets.

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Vicky and Jay Peterson recently adopted Finn from Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton. They were looking for a new addition to their family and found him online.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES
Teach your children well

Today is Father’s Day. I’ve never claimed to be the ‘World’s Best Dad,’ but I have learned a few things over the past 22 years, many of them, oddly enough, from watching the lovely yet formidable Marcia, who is a great dad and mom all rolled into one.

Being silly and playing with your kids is one of the best things you can do as a dad. Fortunately, this has never been hard for me since, near as I can tell, I’ve never grown up.

Hug them early and often — every day — or they’ll never let you hug them later on when you really want to or when they really need it. I know it’s OK to play the gruff, protective dad with your teenage daughter when it comes to boys. She’ll probably like it in a weird sort of way — like someone is watching out for her. I’ve teased Annie for years that no boy will ever be good enough for her. Somehow I think that’s encouraged her to be choosy. Which is good.

Hold the door for women and your boys will grow up to hold doors for women and come to view women as special, which they are. Besides, it’s just nice. We need all the manners and courtesy we can get in this day and age.

Letting your kids catch you in mistakes and laughing along with them as they laugh at you is important. I don’t know why, it just is.

Don’t use baby talk with babies and infants. Talk to them like people from day one and they’ll grow up with amazing language skills. Kids who can express themselves, I think, have fewer problems.

If you’re sarcastic, your kids will be sarcastic. This is a good thing in my mind. I like sarcastic people.

Girls should learn to jack a car and fix stuff and boys should learn to cook and clean. Accomplishing the former is much easier than the latter. (Right, boys?)

The more you read to your kids early on — and the more they see you read — the smarter they’ll be. This might be the truest thing I’ve ever said. Have stacks of books everywhere.

If you want to get information out of your teenage son about his life and feelings, do it while shooting baskets with him. I don’t know why that works, but it seems to.

Most problems kids have can be solved by going for ice cream. (It works with adults, too.)

Annoy your kids by telling them how much you love them. It’s not fatal. No kid ever died from being told they mattered.

Tell them this: ‘No one is good at anything the first time they do something. And no one was born to do anything. People get good at stuff they care about by working hard at it. Beethoven wasn’t born knowing how to compose.’ Because it’s true.

Cherish every second. Yeah, yeah, everyone says that. But it’s true. Two of my wonderful kids — Sam and Annie — are grown and off to college. The last wonderful kid — Henry — is halfway through high school. When they’re all gone for good I don’t know what I’ll do with myself.

I THINK I heard Trump say that Iraq should be using their oil to pay back the U.S. for liberating them and taking care of our deceased and killed in action soldiers, taking care of families, giving them money from oil. What happened to that?

I CANNOT believe that somebody called in and complained about our servicemen getting free stuff.

LAST WEEKEND Chicago had eight killed and one injured in shootings. Chicago and Illinois have the strictest gun laws in the country. Don’t listen to rhetoric, look at the evidence.

FORTY-NINE AMERICANS are murdered or terrorized and President Obama thinks that disarming the citizens is the key to stopping terrorism? Our own leadership is far more responsible than us and our families than any terrorist.

AS THE MOTHER of a 2-year-old, my heart aches for the family at Disney World who lost their son. I doubt they will ever be the same and everything will be difficult without that being the first thought on their mind. Our prayers are with you.

IF WE outlaw guns then we should also outlaw cars, knives, alcohol, tobacco and dozens of other products that kill millions more Americans each year than guns do.

FLOWERS DOWNTOWN ON the light posts are absolutely beautiful. Fenton and the officials which run it, come see the eye-pleasing sight for yourself. Makes our city appear friendly, warm and inviting to all residents and visitors alike. Great job city of Fenton.

CLINTON WOULD BE a much better president than loud mouthed, ego maniac Donald Trump. At least her Democrat followers do not riot every time she speaks.

CAN SOMEONE EXPLAIN to me the difference between what the Alabama House Speaker in Alabama was just convicted of and what Hillary Clinton did while she was Secretary of State. She used her position to fill her pockets and her husband’s foundation pockets. I see no difference.

THE REPUBLICANS run from the responsibility of gun control every time there is a shooting or terrorist act which goes back to easily obtained weapons. They need to wake up and smell the powder. See HOT LINE throughout Times.

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COMPiled by Grant Cislo, intern

What’s the best summer concert you have been to?

“Chicago,” because I have grown up with those guys and they are incredible. I saw them at DTE. The Eagles were a good one as well. I saw them in Chicago.”

“Probably the ‘Rolling Stones.’ They are just good entertainment.”

“It was at Atwood Stadium. The headliner was ‘Journey.’ Pat Benatar and Eddie Money were there. My brother-in-law had a concession stand there for selling T-shirts.”

“Shania Twain was the last one I really liked. I took my grandchildren to it.”

“I would say Kid Rock. It is definitely an awesome show. He knows how to entertain.”

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Holly teachers facing another pay cut — plead their case

By Hannah Ball
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Holly — The theme of the Monday Holly school board meeting was “did you know” as teachers from all the Holly schools told school board members about the extra work they do for students hopefully to stop the board from cutting their pay.

Teachers have wanted to negotiate their new contracts, said John Creasey, the teachers’ union president. Their current contract expires June 30.

Teachers took a pay cut a few years ago due to four furlough days, according to Superintendent Dave Nuss. “They have been frozen for steps for five years — like many districts. However, salary did increase year over year for an approximate increase of 1/2 percent for 2016.”

During the meeting, teachers wore their red Holly Education Association shirts to show solidarity and asked the school board “did you know”?

Melanie Martin, a teacher at Davisburg Elementary, said, “Did you know that our fifth-grade teacher spent five days and four nights at camp this year? She spent countless hours planning every detail, preparing students with team building activities, was actively involved at camp, and on call 24 hours for those days. Camp experience provides hands-on life experience that can’t be achieved anywhere else.”

She said it also reinforces the science, math and physical education skills they learn at school.

Aimee Schwartz, who works at Davisburg Elementary, said, “I’m not sure if you were aware that at Davisburg, we held months of after-school enrichment for our young fives through fifth-grade students and the majority of these classes are taught by our own Davisburg teachers. One of our own

Holly teachers ask the school board members if they knew about all the extra work teachers do. Approximately 50 people wore red union T-shirts to the Holly Board of Education meeting Monday.

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A - Hope. The reason you can not weld a coil or any other spri ng, is the way it is tempered and heat treated when made cannot be duplicated easily. What leads you to believe that the coil was welded?

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He spent four days at Hurley Medical Center that first time. A couple of months later on Jan. 2, Nick suffered another seizure. He was placed on a number of different medications to combat the problem. He wasn’t getting better.

“It took until he was 3½ years old before he was diagnosed with Dravet Syndrome,” said Townsend. “One in 30,000 children will have it.”

Prior to being diagnosed, Nick had been treated by three different neurologists at Hurley and at the University of Michigan Hospital. It was at Children’s Hospital in Detroit that they got the diagnosis.

“It’s a genetic disease,” Townsend said. “My wife and I are carriers.”

Townsend said his wife, Michelle, was pregnant with their daughter Sophia, now 11, when they learned they were carriers of a genetic disease.

“It was pretty scary,” he said. Sophia, however, does not have the disease. She is a straight-A student in the Lake Fenton school district, and is very involved in competitive dance and cheerleading.

Her brother Brody, 6, is also free of the disease. Also a student in the Lake Fenton school district, Brody is involved in soccer baseball and other after-school activities.

Both parents are actively involved in Sophia and Brody’s activities.

Townsend, who is a Lake Fenton gradate and former football coach, also has a 19-year-old stepson, Gabe, who helps with Nick when Mom and Dad are at work.

Michelle works for Community Mental Health in Shiawassee County. Life in the Townsend household is a daily struggle.

“Nick still has seizures three nights a week,” he said. “Where they used to last 40 to 45 minutes, they now last about one to two minutes.”

Nick has had thousands of seizures in his lifetime, said Townsend. In addition to being cognitively delayed with the mental capacity of a 4-year-old, Nick speaks in short sentences and is not very coordinated. He likes to play Wii (Nintendo video games and watch TV. He also likes to read to, and likes bubbles and balls.

Nick likes to eat and will eat anything that’s put in front of him — and he still likes sitting on Dad’s lap.

Nick also is very social and will say hi to everyone and give high fives. “But he has no boundaries,” said Townsend. “Personal space means nothing to him.”

As far as the other kids, Townsend said, “A lot of what we do depends on him. We try to make life as normal as possible. The other children make a lot of sacrifices. It’s not easy to take Nick on family outings.”

Because body temperature can result in a seizure, they try to keep him home and out of the hot sun for the most part.

“He doesn’t understand fully why he can’t go outside,” Townsend said.

“He used to try and walk away from home, but not so much recently. He’s miserable when he gets hot and has a seizure.”

Townsend said his wife, Michelle, has had to take him to the hospital often.

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Nick’s seizures can be mild or severe. He has also had hundreds of different procedures to try and control his seizures.

He was released from the hospital only once, after surgery to remove the hot sun for the most part.

“Nick doesn’t like school and sometimes refuses to get out of the car,” said Townsend. “He is physically very strong and doesn’t know his own strength. There’s no half-speed for him.”

For this reason, it is necessary for Scott or Michelle to drive him to school every day. Leaving in the afternoon is not a problem and Gabe picks him up from school, takes him home and cares for him until Scott and Michelle get home from work.

At Elmer Knopf, Nick is basically taught life skills. “He knows his numbers and letters,” said Townsend. “The staff is great. They handle him well and I couldn’t be more pleased.”

Fewer problems than this can be a major strain on many families and marriages.

“My wife and I work well together,” he said. “We’re solid.”

Scott and Michelle have been married for 16 years.

“Scott works extremely hard to provide for our family. He hardly complains and always wishes he could do more,” said Michelle. “Since the day I became his wife he always protected our family first. Our kids are his world.”

We will come home extremely tired and just want to rest and our children want his attention right away and he will go outside and play baseball, soccer or even play Wii with Nick,” she added. “He never gets a break, and I couldn’t tell you the last time we went golfing with friends, or to a Tigers baseball game or hang out on a lake with his old high school friends. He is always thinking of us and rarely takes time for himself.

“Scott is a selfless man and wears his heart on his sleeve, and any friend or family member can call him and he will be there to help them in any way possible,” added Michelle.

“His wife and I are carriers. I feel very honored and blessed that God placed not only a great husband in my life, but also the best father for our children. Our children adore him and can’t wait until he walks through the door to get his big bear hugs and some quality time,” she said.

“Nick loves his grandma.”

Scott and Michelle also receive support through the Dravet Syndrome Foundation (www.dravetfoundation.org) and its Facebook page.

The couple has been to conferences in Minneapolis and Chicago in past years.

“It’s nice to be able to help parents who are new to this, to help teach them and give helpful advice,” said Scott.

As far as time alone, Scott said he and Michelle were able to go to Las Vegas about five years ago. But now, out of necessity, vacations are taken separately.

“I would have loved to golf this weekend in a charity golf outing,” he said. “But my daughter has a dance recital and I wouldn’t think of missing that.”
TEACHERS
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Davisburg teachers spent 30 hours after the school day teaching these enrichment classes.”
Alison Marchbanks, art educator at Holly Elementary and Davisburg g, said, “Did you know that the art and music teachers at Davisburg Elementary and Rose Pioner took our fifth-grade stu-
dents to the DIA(Detroit Institute of Arts) and DSO (Detroit Symphony Orchestra) to further connect their learning of art and music outside the school building?”
Anthony Coggins, a history teacher at the high school who has kids in Holly schools, said, “I could not be prouder of the fact that my kids have had a chance to work with the outstanding staff at Davisburg. A building is only as successful as the teachers who are on the front line every day and the teachers at Davisburg have shown they are the best in the business.”
Approximately 20 teachers told the board about different programs they have for students, and how successful students are within them. They said they often pay out of their own pocket for extra school supplies and regularly volunteer their free time for field trips and to help students learn.
Parents expressed their gratitude to the teachers.
One parent became emotional at the podium when she talked about how her triplets graduated in 2014 and that she still has kids in the schools. “I’m so proud of these teachers. They all deserve a whole lot more than I can give them accolades for,” she said. “I truly believe the teachers need to be considered first.”
Another Holly parent said, “The teachers are the ones who make the district and are ultimately the ones who make this district grow.”
After the meeting, Creasey said the board is waiting until July 7, when the board attorney is available, to meet with teachers and representatives from the union.
Holly School Board President Michael Newcomb was absent from the meeting due to a previously scheduled vacation.
Superintendent Dave Nuss said they’ve been meeting with the HEA for almost three years to commu-
nicate the district’s financial distress. He said there have been 15 meetings for teacher negotiations this year so far.
He said it is challenging for a district funded at the lowest lev-
el to be financially responsible and to appropriately compen-
sate hard-working employees.
Due to employee concess-
sions and belt-tightening, Nuss said they raised the fund balance from .086 percent in 2014 to approximately .07 percent for June 30.
“We will continue to meet with the HEA as much as possible and currently have two meetings scheduled in July with a mediator assigned by the state of Michigan. We hope to conclude contract talks as soon as possible,” he said.
“The amount of pay cuts is yet to be determined.
“We’re all looking for a fair contract that meets the needs of providing a quality educational experience for our students,” he said. An attorney will be brought in for the July meeting for mediation.

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MANY DEMOCRATS WALKED out of Congress yesterday because they wanted more bills for gun control. However, these are the same Democrats who allow the killing of over a million babies a year, the invasion of illegals who rob, rape and murder, and who do not recognize Islamic terrorism.

CHICAGO BARELY GOT mentioned this weekend in the news because only 33 people were shot and only seven killed by gunfire. They have the strictest gun laws in the country yet the gangs and criminals still get guns. The answer lies in going after the bad people.

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At approximately 8 a.m. on Friday June 17, crews were still cleaning up the crash on southbound U.S. 23, which damaged the Lahring Road overpass in Fenton Township.

BRIDGE

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The length of the closure cannot be determined until the crash is cleaned up and MDOT can assess the damage to the bridge. Inspections are taking place Friday, June 17. Motorists are advised to seek an alternate route.

Volz said motorists traveling on southbound U.S. 23 were forced to exit at Thompson Road. At noon, the southbound lanes and entrance ramp reopened.

The fire chief warns motorists and area residents that heavy traffic is expected on Torrey and North roads until the Lahring Road bridge is repaired.

Northbound lanes on U.S. 23 were not affected by this situation.

Police&Fire report

HOME INVASION IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

The Genesee County Sheriff’s Office is investigating a home invasion in Fenton Township. Dep. Geno Gaticka said a homeowner in the 6000 block of Acorn Way reported that his teenage son was home alone at 4 p.m. on June 10. The son heard the doorbell and someone knocking at the front door. He looked out and saw an unknown white male, between 40 and 50 years of age, with a scruffy beard at the door. The man was wearing a white T-shirt, blue jeans and a baseball cap. The son retreated to another room of the house. He heard the man enter and roam through the house. Deputies arrived and learned that nothing was reported stolen and the son was not injured. The case remains under investigation.
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Holly achieves national recognition

By Vera Hogan
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Holly — The village of Holly hosted the National Main Street Accreditation ceremony for all Main Street communities in Oakland County Tuesday morning.

Dozens of Holly citizens and officials, and representatives from Clawson, Farmington, Ferndale, Franklin, Highland, Lake Orion, Ortonville, Oxford, Pontiac and Rochester, who along with Holly were awarded National Main Street Accreditation, were on hand for the ceremony.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson spoke of the benefits and successes of the Main Street movement, which has been sweeping across the United States and helping thousands of communities. He also presented the awards to each of the 10 communities.

Displaying a good sense of humor, Patterson apologized for being seated at the start of the ceremony. "I was in an accident four years ago," he said. "Something funny happens when I stand too long. I fall down."

Patterson, 77, added, "Bones don’t heal the same as when you’re 38."

Being awarded National Main Street Accreditation is not an easy task, Patterson told the audience. He acknowledged two communities — Lake Orion and Ortonville — have been accredited for 10 years.

The Main Street program was launched in Oakland County in 2000, Patterson said. Today, Oakland County is the only full-service county-level Main Street program in the United States.

"Since its inception in 2000, the 22 Main Street Oakland County communities have generated more than $706 million of public and private investment, created more than 7,000 jobs and established 92 new businesses."

"This shows what we can do when we dig in," he said.

At one time, unemployment was 13 percent in Oakland County because of GM and Chrysler closures, he said.

"At last check, that figure is down to 4.7 percent," Patterson said. "Some of those new jobs came right out of the Main Street program."

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2. Has developed vision and mission statements relevant to community conditions and to the local Main Street program’s organizational stage.

3. Has a comprehensive Main Street work plan.

4. Possesses an historic preservation ethic. Historic preservation is central to the Main Street program’s purpose and is what makes historic and traditional commercial districts authentic places.

5. Has an active board of directors and committees.

6. Has an adequate operating budget. A sustainable Main Street program has financial resources to carry out its annual and evolving program of work.

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10. Current member of the Main Street America Network. Participation in the Main Street America Network membership program connects local programs to their counterparts throughout the nation, providing them with valuable information resources and creating a sense of community.

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CRESTMONT

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not know until their investigation is complete.

In the three-count complaint, now just
with Crestmont, MP AS challenges the local
nursing care facility’ s failures to disclose
documents relating to allegations of abuse
and neglect of its clients. MP AS has the
responsibility, both under federal and state
law to investigate allegations of abuse and
neglect against persons with disabilities.

Federal charges filed against Crestmont

Count 1 – Violation of the Protection and
Advocacy for Individuals with Mental
Illness (PAIMI) Act’ s access to records
provision

Count 2 – Violation of the Developmental
Disabilities (DD) Assistance and Bill of
Rights Act’ s access to records provision

Count 3 – Violation of the Protection and
Advocacy of Individual Rights (P’ AIR)
Program of the Rehabilitation Act’ s access
to records provision

According to the complaint, MP AS reviewed licensing surveys from May
and November of 2015, which indicated that
individuals with disabilities may have been
subject to abuse and neglect.

The survey identified approximately
10 residents who may have been subject
to abuse and neglect relating to a failure
to develop care plans, failure to properly
treat pressure sores, the administration of
psychotropic medications and failure to
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The complaint states that Crestmont
Nursing Care Center failed to turn over
all of the requested records relating to the
investigation. MP AS has asked the court
to require Crestmont Nursing Care Center
to provide all of the requested records
to and to have plaintif f’s costs and reason-
able attorney fees covered, related to this
investigation.

As reported in a December 2015 article
in the Times, Transfiguration Lutheran
Church (TLC) in Fenton has a group of
volunteers who have made regular visits
to people in area nursing homes as their
mission, with the hope that the care will be
better than if they were not visited.

TLC volunteers want nursing home sta-
ft to be aware that there are “visiting eyes and ears”
there to provide companionship to residents
and observe the care they are receiving.

“We also want to uplift the caregivers,”
said Dr. Mark Fisher , minister for TLC.
“We need to show them how important we
know they are and how hard they work.”

Some of these nursing homes are un-
derstaffed, resulting in aides and other
employees working longer than normal
hours, often for low wages.

“We need to pray for them and treat them
as heroes,” said Fisher.

TLC wants the community to know they
are doing this, and hope other churches and
organizations will follow suit. And other
nursing home visitors who see abuse or
neglect should not be afraid to get involved.

The city of Fenton Fire Department
is looking for paid-on-call volunteer
firefighters.

A paid-on-call volunteer is a fire-
fighter that gets paid for any emergency
he or she responds to, according to Fire
Chief Bob Cairnduff. They receive an
hourly wage for whenever they answer an
emergency call.

Currently the fire department is
staffed with 29 on-call firefighters.

“We are approved to be staff ed up
to 35 and we would like to hire a few
interested and dedicated people who
would like to serve their community,”
Cairnduff said.

“Those who join the fire service
can expect a challenging, stressful,
emotional, and a very rewarding ex-
perience,” he added.

Each firefighter applicant will have
to attend a fire academy to become a
state-certified firefighter, and take and
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
class to become a licensed Medical
First Responder (MFR) or Emergency
Medical Technician (EMT).

To be eligible to work for the city
of Fenton Fire Department, applicants
must be 18 years old, have a high school
diploma or GED, have their own depend-
able transportation, pass a medical exam
and drug screen, agree to a criminal
background and driving record search,
and live within (or close to) response
jurisdiction.

The Fenton Fire Department’s juris-
diction includes the entire city of Fen-
ton and the north east section of Tyrone
Township.

Those interested should contact the
station at (810) 629-8595 or stop by the
station Monday through Friday, from 9
a.m. to 5 p.m. to pick up an application.

The Fenton Fire Department looking
for firefighters
Fenton Farmers Market begins Thursday, June 23

By Vera Hogan
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While the corn on the cob may not yet be available, there will be plenty of other produce, arts and crafts and special activities available at the Fenton Farmers Market, which begin this year on Thursday, June 23, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Markets will be held on Thursdays each week through Sept. 22 in the parking lot adjacent to the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, 150 S. Leroy St., Fenton.

There is still time for vendors to sign up. Cost is $100 for one space, or $150 for two spaces. Vendor packets can be downloaded at slpr.net. Vendor packets are also available at the SLPR office, located inside the community center.

According to Sheri Peruski, market manager for Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation, “The produce vendors have told me they will be having tomatoes, zucchini, summer squash, onions, strawberries, rhubarb, kale, garlic scapes and herb plants.”

The artisans will be featuring jewelry, “super cute” dog outfits, body butters, clothing, garden boxes, aprons, towels, dryer balls, metal sculptures, woodwork, and much more, Peruski added.

“This year we also have an egg vendor and a couple meat vendors who are going to try this market for a week or two to see if it is worth it for them to stay for the whole year,” she said.

“The food goodies will include cookies, pound cakes, muffins, candy, caramel corn, salsa and more,” Peruski added. “Great Harvest Bread will be returning this year; they were a huge crowd pleaser in the past.” For the kids there will be face painting and a “find the vegetable” game and more. Fenton Winery will be offering samples again.

“We will have music from local artists, and Adopt A Pet and Courtney from the DNR will be on hand with local critter and plant information,” she said.

The Linden Farmers Markets will begin on July 18 and run through Aug. 31. Markets take place on Wednesdays, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Union Block. Dr. Nicole Wax has recently purchased the Union Block property. But there are no worries.

“Dr. Wax has graciously allowed us to use her property for the market this year in Linden so it will still be in the Union Block area,” said Peruski. “We are super happy and relieved about that.”

Cost for one space at the Linden markets is $50, or two spaces for $75.

It must be summer...

Local man first in Michigan Crossroads Council to earn Venturing Summit Award

Jon-Claude Howd, 20, of Linden earned the Venturer Scout Summit Award on March 12. The Venturing Summit award is equivalent to an Eagle Scout rank. Howd is the first Venturer Scout in the Michigan Crossroads Council, Water & Woods Field Service Council to earn the award. He completed two projects at Linden Fairview Cemetery including a trash pickup with Troop 212-Fenton, 111-Linden and Crew 212, plus members of the community. He also completed a study of the non-native invasive destructive plants that are causing problems with the tombstones and graves. He identified Tree of Heaven, Autumn Olive, Japanese Knotweed, Vinca-Petitvinkle and others, and then wrote a report that discussed the methods to control or eradicate the invading plants. Many of the non-native plant species will need professional treatment. Howd presented his report and others to Scott Fairbanks, Linden Department of Public Works director and the city of Linden recognized him for his projects at a recent Linden City Council meeting.
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The public is encouraged to attend Fenton Township’s Public Hearing to show support

By Sally Rummel
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Fenton Township is a key spoke in the wheel to bring a regional non-motorized pathway to the tri-county and southern Genesee County area.

That’s why organizers of the Linden-Argentine-Fenton-Lake Fenton (LAFF) Pathway are encouraging all people interested in pathway development to attend a public hearing of the Fenton Township Board of Trustees on Monday, June 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the township hall, 12960 Mantawauka.

The board will be considering the development of non-motorized pathways within their township area, which will link the cities of Linden and Fenton to Grand Blanc, Mundy Township, Swartz Creek, Argentine Township and other outlying areas.

“We need to consider the township as a key spoke in this regional non-motorized planning effort, for both the development of recreational pathways and the acquiring of grant funds for development,” said Victor Lukasavitz, steering committee for LAFF Pathway. “Without a plan in Fenton Township, all other local communities could suffer losses in available grant funds.”

Michigan and Genesee County have a growing network of non-motorized path-ways including the State of Michigan non-motorized trail, the Iron Belle, which will run through Atlas, Goodrich, Grand Blanc, Burton and Fenton in place,” said Lukasavitz.

Monday’s meeting is just for plan development; no monies are requested of the township or tax-payers, according to Lukasavitz. “In fact, the township is completing this study at no cost to them or taxpayers. They received a grant from the Community Foundation of Fenton to cover the professional services required to develop a plan.”

Input from the local public as to where they would like to run, walk, rollerblade, bicycle, etc. on non-motorized pathways is critical to the plan and is required by state law. This is why Lukasavitz is so passionate about having people attend Monday’s meeting.

“Just having the public attend a meeting to say they are tired of driving to other communities miles away to enjoy the attributes provided by non-motorized pathways is important,” said Lukasavitz. “This opportunity won’t come back for another five years.”

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Eagles continue state championship run

By David Troppens
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East Lansing — Nick Koan played JV baseball all spring.

He wasn’t included on Linden’s varsity roster until the start of the districts, and even then, he wasn’t playing.

But when Linden’s usual clean-up hitter Trey Link had a ball hit his eye during batting practice, Linden varsity baseball coach Steve Buerkel had a revelation — it was time to fill the clean-up void due to injury with the sophomore from the JV squad.

Koan made Buerkel’s hunch come true. With the bases loaded in the third inning and two out, Koan hit a single to centerfield, driving in two runs. Before the inning was over, the Eagles led 3-0 and never trailed again, defeating the Dearborn Divine Child Eagles charge to the mound to celebrate with Linden starting pitcher Lucas Marshall after the Eagles won a 5-2 Division 2 state semifinal contest Thursday at Michigan State University.

The Eagles now play in their first state championship game since 2004, competing against DeWitt in the D2 title contest at Michigan State University.

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**Errors:** None. **Double plays:** None. **Left on base:** Linden 6, Gaylord 8. **Bases loaded:** Kitch, two RBI in eighth. **Triple play:** None. **Home runs:** None. **Walked:** Linden - Buerkel, 3; Gaylord - Rivera, 2. **Hit batters:** None. ** Sacrifices:** Linden - Bates, Cole Sarkon, Gaylord - Freeman. **Stolen Bases:** Ryan.

**Fielding Notes:**
- Shore has tossed 25 innings of shutout ball since the state tournament series began. He holds a 4-0 record in those five games.

**Notes:**
- Shane threw a sacrifice bunt in the seventh inning with a bunt single and scored on Kitch’s two-run double.
- The Laundry, Fenton Winery & Brewery holds a 4-0 record since May 19, with the last shutout ball since May 5.
- Kevin Bates had a sacrifice bunt in the third inning with a bunt single.
- Ryan was on base more than any other Gaylord batter in the contest, walking twice.
- Rivera started the top of the eighth inning with a bunt single and scored on Kitch’s two-run double.
- Sarkon threw the ball to the plate in the bottom of the seventh inning when Gaylord had the bases loaded. His throw resulted in a game-saving out at the plate.

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**Photos by David Trappens**
Marshall is tough to beat

By David Troppens

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Yes, the Linden Eagles have had outstanding defense. And when they’ve absolutely needed them, the offense has come through with some timely hits.

But let’s not fool anyone here, the reasoning the Linden varsity baseball team is playing in Saturday’s Division 2 state championship game at Michigan State has to do with the two pitchers — aces Jack Shore and Lucas Marshall.

In six postseason games the pair have combined to allow three runs, and one of those was unearned.

Shore has gotten more publicity out of the two this postseason, and anyone who looks at what he’s done it’s understandable. Shore has three games and relieved one other, posting a 4-0 mark in those contests. He’s tossed 25 innings of shutout ball, allowing just 13 hits and nine walks in those performances.

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But let’s not fool anyone here, the reason the Linden varsity baseball team is playing in Saturday’s Division 2 state championship game at Michigan State has to do with regionals as well.

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Lucska drove in the game’s first run when he followed Blade’s first-inning hit with his own hit.

Blade had an infield single and scored the game’s first run just three batters into the contest. He scored on a sacrifice fly.

Krause followed Blade’s first-inning hit with his own hit. He also walked in the third and drove in a run in the fifth inning for Dearborn Divine Child.

Lucska drove in the game’s first run in the first inning with a sacrifice fly. He also grounded into a double play in the third inning.

Buerkel had a sacrifice fly in Linden’s two-run fourth inning, making it a 5-1 Linden lead at the time.

Photos by David Troppens

Gurney pitched a decent game despite earning the loss. He tossed a six-hitter but allowed just three runs on seven walks, striking out four.

Marshall was busy at shortstop, making one putout and recording six assists at the position. He also had a single.

The last time the Eagles were in the state championship game was in 2004, losing to Divine Child 7-0.

Call Thursday sweet revenge.

Linden’s pitching duo of Shore, Marshall is tough to beat

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Linden’s Lucas Marshall has pitched 20 innings of three-run ball since the postseason began for the Eagles.

Linden 0 0 3 2 0 0 0 - 5 6 1 29-9-1

Dearborn Divine Child 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 - 2 5 2 27-16

Score by Inning R H E Record

Linden - Benge, Rivera, Buerkel (SF).

Stolen Bases: None.

Hit batter: S. Rivera pr.

DCC - Lucska (SF).

Lucska.

2B: 5, Linden 4.

Triples: None.

DDC 1, Linden 1.

DDC Errors: None.

Left on base: Krause 2, C. Sarkon.

Double plays: None.

State Semifinal Game Box

DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD vs. LINDEN

Divine Child Pitcher IP R ER H K W HB

Danny Blade, if 3 1 1 0 0 1 0

Zac Krauss, ss 2 0 1 0 0 0 0

Frankie Lucska, 2b 2 0 0 1 0 1 0

Torey Deflante, 1b 3 0 0 0 0 0 0

Dillon Champagne, 3b 3 0 0 0 0 0 0

Scott Combs, c/2, Jones cr 3 0 1 0 1 0 0

Connor Breen, rf 3 0 1 0 1 0 0

Nick Gurney, p 3 0 1 0 1 0 0

Shane Fugate, cf 3 1 0 0 0 0 0

Totals 24 2 5 6 2 2 0 0 1 1 1 1 6 4 3

Linden Pitcher IP R ER H K W HB

Bryan Benger, cf 2 0 0 0 1 1 0

Bates, Kevin, ss 2 0 0 0 1 1 0

Brendan Buerkel, rf 2 0 0 0 0 0 0

Chris Ritch, 1b/S. Rivera pr 2 1 1 0 0 0 0

Nick Koan, dh 3 1 1 0 0 0 0

Cole Sarkon, 2b 2 0 0 0 0 0 0

Kevin Bates, ss 3 1 1 0 0 0 0

Sawyer Benge, c 2 1 1 0 0 0 0

Ryker Rivera, cf 3 1 1 0 0 0 0

Total 20 2 5 6 1 1 1 1 2 0 0 0 0 0 4 3

Errors: Krause 2, C. Sarkon.

Double plays: DDC 1, Linden 1.

Left on base: DDC 5, Linden 4.

Triples: None.

Home runs: None.

Walked: DDC - Krauss, Lucska.

Walked: Linden - Benge.

Walked: None.


DCC - Lucska.

2B: None.

Triples: None.

DDC Errors: None.

Left on base: Krause 2, C. Sarkon.

Double plays: None.

Home runs: None.

Walked: All.

Sacrifices: All.

Errors: None.

Left on base: None.

Double plays: None.

Home runs: None.

Walked: None.

Sacrifices: None.

Errors: None.

Left on base: None.

Double plays: None.

Home runs: None.

Walked: None.

Sacrifices: None.

Errors: None.

Left on base: None.

Double plays: None.

Home runs: None.

Walked: None.

Sacrifices: None.
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