

Chicken owner pleads 'not guilty'

■ Fenton Township man fighting for right to keep chickens on his property

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A Fenton Township man pleaded not guilty to one count of illegally possessing chickens on his property.

(Robert) Andrew Charlesworth, 28, who's

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been charged with a misdemeanor, appeared before Judge Mark McCabe in 67th Genesee County District Court on July 17. Bond was set at \$1,000 and a pretrial has been scheduled for Sept. 29.

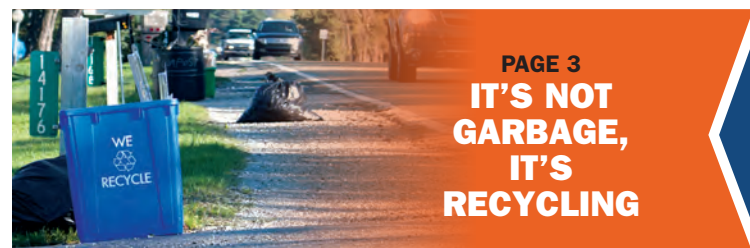
Charlesworth is one of a few Fenton Township residents fighting the township for the right to keep chickens on their property even though their property is not properly

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TIM JAGIELO

Andrew and Jennifer Charlesworth have seven chickens on their Fenton Township property, which is a violation of the local zoning ordinance.



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Linden shooting plot defendant gets last chance

■ Judge Farah lays into parents for 'having done nothing good'

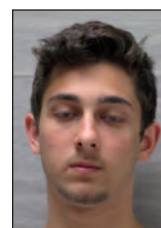
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The third suspect in the alleged Linden school shooting plot got one last chance at living in a free society Monday, after a Genesee County Circuit Court judge sent him back to jail for multiple violations last month.

Kody Brewer, 17, will serve five years probation.

In January, Judge Joseph Farah had told Brewer to



Kody Brewer

live with his parents as a trial period while he waited to be sentenced for his role in the alleged Linden school shooting plot from October 2015. He faced the charge

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Local artists big draw to downtown



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Fenton ArtWalk on Saturday, July 15 not only featured art for sale and on display, but also pieces created on the spot, like this graffiti mural by Kevin Burdick and Charlie Boike (not pictured.) See story and more photos on page 8.

Tuber injured in boat accident on Marl Lake

■ Father of Davison boy ticketed for allowing minor to drive personal watercraft

By Sharon Stone

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A 12-year-old Swartz Creek girl was transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township on Saturday, July 15, after being thrown from a tube

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Fenton parks master plan includes riverwalk expansion

By Vera Hogan

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The Fenton City Council is expected to approve the new Parks and Recreation Master Plan at its Monday, July 24 regular meeting.

A public hearing on the plan was held during the July 10 meeting. Some suggestions were made during that hearing to change some of the wording in the plan, changes that would

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“The miserable excuse for a man that tortured that dog got off with just probation? He should have had whatever he did to the puppy done to him. ‘He’s just a dog’ was his response for torturing it. Hope he burns in Hell.”



“Ever since the Fenton Streetscape project has been completed, I’ve been waiting for the Veterans Memorial to be re-installed back in its original location on LeRoy Street. But what do I see in its place — a giant butterfly? Are we really pushing aside our monument to those who gave their lives in service to their country for a butterfly?”



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Farmers Market

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The Wednesday night Linden Farmers Market shifted locations to the "triangle park" just outside of the city due to impending development at the Union Block property. The market brings approximately 300 visitors through the evening. (Top) Jill Young of Fenton Township shops for tomatoes at the Linden Farmers Market on July 12. "Good BLTs," she said. (Right) Zia Smith, 5, tries to talk her dad, Kyle, and his girlfriend, Casey Doan, into buying her a pendant necklace from one of the booths.



'It's not garbage, it's recycling'

■ What you should, and should not, toss in your recycling bin

By Tim Jagielo

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When it comes to recycling, I'm a bit of a garbage picker.

I'll pull plastic salad containers out of the trash, wash them, and later put them in a recycling bin. Co-workers know that they can leave aluminum soup cans and I'll take them home to recycle.



Tim Jagielo

Fenton, Fenton Township, Linden and the village of Holly utilize Republic Services, which collects residents' recycling in regular intervals during the month.

Items tossed into a recycling bin end up at the ReCommunity Recycling Facility in Huron Township, which sorts and processes these items.

In general, recycled items cost less to use than brand new raw materials, according to ReCommunity.

In general, it's better for items to be cleaned and free of food. It's also being kind to the people who will be handling and sorting these items.

"It's not garbage, it's recycling," said Gary Hicks, municipal services manager for Republic Services in a previous article. "No one wants to rummage through garbage."

In general, they cannot take containers with chemicals like paint, pesticides or oil in them, or electronic waste like old phones, toner cartridges or batteries.

They also do not take syringes (again, human beings handle this stuff.)

Toss out the cheese-encrusted cardboard insert and recycle the rest of the pizza box.

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Lottery — a scam run by our government

If you play the state lottery in any form, you are a damn fool and a poor businessperson.

There is no better example of government gone wild, and deceiving and stealing from the citizens they are supposed to be protecting than a lottery. Lotteries are intentionally deceptive and intentionally targeted to take money from the poor and uneducated — the people who have the least amount of money and who least understand the astronomical odds of ever getting any positive return on their ‘investment.’



So how did the lottery ever actually come about? Well, it's pretty simple. Somewhere along the line, it occurred to our

government that the mafia did pretty well with the old “Numbers Racket” — which is exactly what the lottery is. It also occurred to them that the government could borrow the mafia's business model and legitimize what was formerly illegal simply by virtue of the government operating it, as opposed to private citizens.

Let's recap. An illegal gambling operation that preyed on the hopeless, the uneducated, the stupid and the poor was duplicated, and thus legitimized, by the government and became a legal gambling operation that preys on the hopeless, the uneducated, the stupid and the poor. The very people it is supposed to serve and protect.

This is an internal memo from the marketing team that operates the Ohio lottery:

“We recommend that promotional pushes be targeted as early as possible in the month. Government benefits, payroll and Social Security payments are released on the first Tuesday of each calendar month. This, in effect, creates millions of additional, non-taxable dollars in the local economies of which the majority is disposable.”

In addition to the legal and moral questions, the lottery sends the wrong message to society. It's shameless promotion of possible riches through gam-

bling undermines the core values of work ethic and saving for the future.

And maybe it's just me, but the concept of funding critical public services — schools for instance — from gambling revenues is exactly the opposite of the responsible fiscal management of public resources that we should expect.

And everyone knows that party stores in ghetto and low-income districts sell far more tickets per capita than any other locations. These are the people who buy lottery tickets in disproportionate numbers, hoping for a win to propel them out of poverty.

At the end of the day, the lottery is a horrendous scam perpetrated by our government to take advantage of the very people they are supposed to be looking out for.

I never, ever trust government for anything.

You shouldn't either.

It would be a bad bet.

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“The lottery is a horrendous scam perpetrated by our government to take advantage of the very people they are supposed to be looking out for.”

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NOTHING BURGER. SIX months of the Trump administration.

I AM APPALLED and sick to my stomach to no end. How a guy could do that to a puppy and leave that puppy blind for the rest of his life and he got two years probation?

I BELONG TO God and Jesus, not the Argentine police or the government. I hope they can get this through their tiny minds.

GOP CALLS TRUMP Jr's meeting with Russia a nothing burger. They should know. They're experts when it comes to nothing.

IN FENTON, NOT only do they park on the lawn, they park on the sidewalk on Sixth Street. Children have to walk in the street to go to school.

TO THE GUY who complains to the township about the roads and then complains to the Hot lines about the township, it's all a matter of going to the right source. The Genesee County Road Commission handles the roads. The township handles the township problems. I went to the dentist and got mad when he couldn't fix my car.

ELECTIING KID ROCK to the Senate is like sending a proctologist to do a root canal.

I HAVE BEEN going to the Holly library for many years and have to agree, it is cold as ice in there. I don't know what the reason is, but it's not the nice place it used to be.

THIS IS A different generation. Our laws need to be updated. When people do cruel things, the same cruel act should be done to them. Quit just slapping them on the wrist.

I'M NOT SURE what paper it is you guys throw out for free in the clear plastic bags; I wish that you guys would stop doing it because people are so lazy to pick them up. They just pile up in people's yards for months. It's starting to look like Flint around here, we do not live in Flint. Quit putting them in front of their houses. **Editor's note:** the Times uses blue bags, never clear plastic bags, when delivering our newspaper.

HOLLY LIBRARY ORDERS books for the people in Oakland County and she gets books from Genesee County. But they will not order books for people in Genesee County to get books from Oakland County. But they won't reverse and do the same thing for the people in Genesee.

DOGS AND CATS at a restaurant? Could I bring my python, too? They'd make a nice snack.

I'M CONFUSED. HOW come some of our little Dibbleville stores that want us to shop there keep their restrooms closed? Is that a Fenton signature?

I WANT TO start a new business in Holly. I thought what does Holly really need and want. What I've come up with is they need a good drive-through combination auto parts and dollar store. They'll be lined up around the block. Maybe I'll sell pizza, too.

WHEN DEBBIE STABENOW leaves, ask her to take Gary Peters with her.

MAYBE MCCAIN WILL think twice about his premium paid government healthcare. I doubt it.

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Crystal Schupbach, intern

What do you think about your local recycling program?



“I'm frustrated with mine. I live in an apartment, and there's no bins so I just use a bunch of grocery bags. I have to take them to where I used to live; I liked it in Holly.”

Brandon Taylor
Grand Blanc



“There is no recycling in the apartments I live at. I wish there was. I have to take my papers over to the school and there is no place for plastics.”

Joe Sauve
Fenton



“I think there should be labels and descriptions right on the bins. There's a lot of confusion on what is recyclable.”

Ashley Deramos
Grand Rapids



“We're all for it. It saves money and is great for the environment. We have the big blue bins, which make it easy.”

Pete Rogulsky
Fenton



“I don't know much. We recycle cans and paper, but I'm not sure how it works. As long as everything is going smoothly, I like it.”

Bill Gerebics
Fenton

streettalk

Eighteen things every 18-year-old should know

■ Time management, keeping friendships, and taking risks are just a few

By Hannah Ball

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Adulthood comes with a lot of responsibility, and often, people grow up without acquiring basic life skills.

Here are 18 things every 18 year old should know.

1. How to cook a few healthy meals

2. The ability to talk to strangers

Teenagers need to acquire the skill of talking to anyone — strangers, college deans, bosses, retail clerks, health care providers, and so on. Telling young children not to talk to strangers makes sense, but preteens and teenagers need to develop acceptable social skills, especially when speaking with adults.

3. How to handle public transportation

4. Complaining constructively

Simply saying, "I hate this" or "I don't like this" is not an effective way to change a bad situation or something you don't agree with. Teenagers should be able to navigate conversations so they can express their discontent about something, but also explain why and offer a solution in a calm manner.

Similarly, learning how to say "no" is also important.

5. How to apologize and mean it

6. Self manage

A teenager will never develop a sense of responsibility if they aren't responsible for themselves. This means not reminding them when assignments are due, always packing their lunch, and prioritizing their workload. Teenagers need to learn to do all that by themselves.

7. How to set high standards for themselves



Taking risks is an important part of learning that success comes from trying and failing.

8. Schedule appointments

Mom and dad usually handle all appointments, like going to the dentist or the doctor. However, teenagers should be able to call those offices on the phone to schedule an appointment.

9. How to save money by using coupons and taking advantage of sales

10. Manage some household affairs

Teenagers are busy with school work and extracurricular activities, but learning how to pay a bill, file taxes, and clean are all skills they should have by the time they graduate high school.

11. Skills to apply for a job, writing a resume and interviewing

12. Have a job and manage money

Working a part-time job is important for teenagers to learn the value of a dollar. Having them work, even if it's only a few hours a week, will help instill the value of hard work.

13. Dressing appropriately for the workplace

14. Take risks

When growing up, kids have their life planned for them. By the time they graduate high school, they often have to decide what field they want to spend tens of thousands of dollars on studying. While that can be frightening, teenagers cannot be afraid to fail. Taking risks is an important part of learning that success comes from trying and failing.

15. Self control — no tantrums

16. Basic car maintenance

Teenagers should know how to change oil in a car and change a tire.

17. Learn how an ATM, debit card and credit card works

18. Learn how to keep friends

Suggestions from a Today.com article by Julie Lythcott-Haims, the former Dean of Freshman at Stanford University and the author of "How to Raise an Adult," and The Huffington Post.

News briefs

First Responders Blessing and BBQ

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church at 2439 S. Long Lake Rd. in Fenton is inviting any and all first responders to take part in the First Responders Blessing and BBQ on **Sunday, July 23**. The blessing is set for 11:20 a.m. Every year, the Orthodox Church blesses vehicles in honor of St. Elijah, the prophet who left the world on a fiery chariot. This year, along with the traditional blessing of vehicles, they are inviting local responders to get their police cars, ambulances and fire trucks blessed. Following the regular Sunday Divine Liturgy service, a short memorial service will be held for all of our departed police and firefighters who gave their lives in the line of duty. A short prayer service will also be held. The cookout will immediately follow.

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she was riding in on Marl Lake in Fenton Township. She was treated for non life-threatening injuries and has since been released from the hospital.

Det. Sgt. Tom Zak of the Genesee County Sheriff's Office said at approximately 9 p.m. deputies responded to the 16000 block of Hi Land Trail after learning of a boating accident involving juveniles.

Zak said an adult was driving a boat and pulling a tube carrying three riders between the ages of 12 and 15. The driver had a spotter and was in compliance with boating laws.

A 13-year-old Davison boy, visiting a relative who lives on the lake, was driving a personal watercraft (PWC) and reportedly jumping waves. His PWC got too close to the tube and knocked the tube riders off.

The 12-year-old Swartz Creek girl was the only person injured.

The father of the 13-year-old Davison boy was issued a court appearance ticket for allowing a minor to operate a PWC.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■
GREAT ARTICLE ON Starrs farm polluting the lake. Please check out the Mi-Waters site for all of the updates and DEQ testing results. E. Coli and swine specific markers have been identified. Your article stated that the E. Coli is diluted. A high level of 60 and 2100 was detected. The DEQ needs to take responsibility.

■■■
I AM A 59-year-old professional. I attended the Mid-Michigan Cannabis Fest. It was like any art/craft fair but with cannabis vendors. Good music, good music, recycling bins, friendly, all cultures. Looking forward to next year.

■■■
WOULD BE GREAT if the media put the pressure on the government for affordable healthcare like they are for the Russian election meddling.

■■■
CONGRATULATIONS CHIEF SLATER. Good news on Kid Rock as well.

■■■
A SCIENTIFIC THEORY is not a guess, sweetie. It is through observations and experiments. The theory of evolution is based on so many countless experiments and observations. I suggest you actually learn about scientific theory and evolution.

■■■
I FEEL SAD for these people addicted to their cell phones. Can't drive, go for a walk, go to the gym, go into a store or drive-thru without it. I so enjoy the solitude of not being available to talk or text when I drive or go outside. Put it away and pay attention to life, your friends and family, and your driving.



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On July 17, Jennifer Charlesworth holds "Nightcrawler," one of their seven chickens.

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zoned for farm animals. Charlesworth and his wife, Jen, 30, have kept chickens for about a year and a half and also had a goat, which they relocated.

Charlesworth said he was "kind of nervous" because he's never been charged with a criminal offense.

"We feel confident that we are doing the right thing because the township has been working with us and they haven't been rude or disrespectful or anything. It's just when two people read a law differently, somebody has to decide," he said.

Defense Attorney Michael Manley said in a previous Times article that the ordinance was unconstitutional, and he questioned if a municipality can criminalize a zoning violation.

Township Attorney Jack Belzer said criminalizing a zoning ordinance violation is common.

Jen said they moved to the township to have chickens. They bought property on Grove Park Road that is not zoned for farm animals.

"We're just trying to get through this process. We're really confident in Mike (Manley) and his team and we feel comfortable with him. We're just ready to move on and be done with this and be able to keep our animals," Jen said.

She said the fight to keep their chickens is for everyone, and that a lot of people contacted them on Facebook describing similar circumstances.

"This is really to get the ordinance changed so it's for everyone," she said. She added that they keep the chickens for the eggs.

The ordinance is complaint driven, meaning someone has to officially complain for the township to take action.

An anonymous neighbor said they were fine with the Charlesworths keeping chickens. They said Andrew Charlesworth had promised to put up a privacy fence, but never did. There is a fence on the property but the neighbors can see the yard.

The anonymous neighbor said the entire situation started when another neighbor called the township because they heard the Charlesworths wanted to have pigs and goats as well as chickens. The person asked the township what animals the Charlesworth were allowed to have.



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Andrew Charlesworth was arraigned on Monday for violating the Fenton Township zoning ordinance by keeping backyard chickens when his property is not zoned for farm animals.

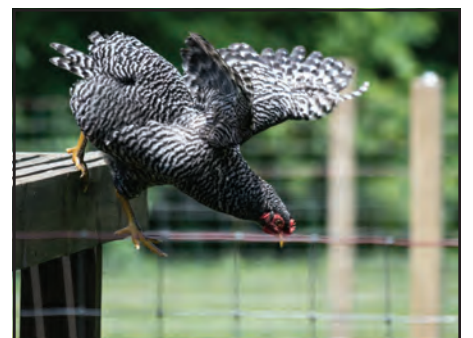
According to the anonymous neighbor, the township then went to the Charlesworth property and discovered the ordinance violation, as well as a fence constructed without a permit. The neighbor thinks the township used the original call as a complaint as a way to ticket the Charlesworths.

The neighbor said other neighbors share their sentiments.

"Someone said 'if that couple had just put up that fence, it wouldn't have been an issue.'" they said. "No one would have known if they had a privacy fence up or hedges and no one would have really cared."

The neighbor said they're not bothered at all by the chickens, but the Charlesworth made the situation worse by going on TV through a Flint newstation. The neighbor said no matter the outcome of the court case, there will be a lot of resentment either way.

"All it creates is a lot of animosity that wasn't there before," the neighbor said. "I just hope it works out well."



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The chickens have three living areas, including the approximately 3,500-square-foot fenced-in yard.

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THE 'SPACE RACE,' THE FIRST MAN ON THE MOON AND SPACE LAW

Tomorrow, July 20th, marks the 48th anniversary of United States Astronaut Neil Armstrong becoming the first man to walk on the moon. Those of us who watched it on television were able to hear his now famous words as he took his first step on the lunar surface "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

Indeed it was, because up until then the United States and the Soviet Union had been involved in what was then and still is referred to as the "Space Race."

This was in essence a type of competition held at the same time as the "Cold War" to see which side would put a man in space and/or put a man on the moon first. As it turned out, the Soviets were first as to the former and the United States as to the latter.

The Space Race actually started on Oct. 4, 1957 with the Soviets launching its Sputnik 1 satellite into orbit. To say the least, this was a shock to the United States and the race was on.

At this point, readers may be asking, "What does all of this have to do with the law?"

The answer to this is that it is widely agreed that with the launch of Sputnik 1, the concept of "space law" began and initially involved discussions among nations as to the peaceful use of outer space.

In 1959, the Committee On The Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) was formed by the United Nations.

Since its inception, various international treaties and agreements have been negotiated on a wide variety of issues including space exploration and liability for damage caused by space objects.

Today, space law is defined as the body of law governing space related activities and is most often associated with five international space treaties and five sets of outer space principles under the auspices of the United Nations. There are other agreements, resolutions, and declarations as well.

This area of the law is still in its relative infancy and no one knows what the future will hold.

What I can say with certainty is that when it comes to space law and exploration, the best is yet to come.

BREWER

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of attempted false report of terrorism, a five-year felony.

When he appeared in court June 26, Farah sent him to jail for violations including owning a cell phone when he was ordered not to, creating a social media account against orders not to, and other poor behavior at school including being suspended five times since January, with 60 days of suspension, and 35 tardies and absences.

Brewer was visibly upset in court on Monday.

"His parents just couldn't deal with the fact that he would be away in Pennsylvania," Farah said. "His parents are not to be commended for the opportunity I gave them. Rather, they are to be observed as having done nothing good" for their child.

Farah said Brewer's father told his son to lie about owning a cell phone. "His father, the one who's supposed to guide him," he said.

Farah said another defendant involved in the case, Lamarr Dukes, who is undergoing juvenile rehabilitation at a facility in Pennsylvania, was in his courtroom a week prior, and the facility is going to recommend he be released in August. Farah said he's been getting his education, obtaining a few college credits and playing on sports teams.

"I heard Ryan Stevens was doing fairly well," the judge said. "As we sit here, (Brewer) is the only one sitting here in an orange jumpsuit...whereas the other two seem to be doing just fine."

Farah said the prosecution now wants to send Brewer to prison.

Assistant Genesee County Prosecutor Karen Hansen said, "We gave him a chance. We did everything we could. We bent over backwards. I don't know how to fix this," she said.

When defending Brewer, attorney Elbert Hatchett said Brewer came to the courts in the fanfare of media, and that the prosecution still has not proved that Brewer planned to shoot up a school.

"He did not do what he should have done. He did not abide by the terms and conditions of his discharge, or the partial discharge," he said.

Hatchett said when Brewer was first released back to his parents about a year ago, he was doing well. "But then he started to backslide," he said.

He said it would be unfair to punish Brewer to this extent for skipping school a few times.

"You can't blame him for what his

parents failed to do and give to him," he said. "Are you going to send him to prison because he's skipped school? He's still learning as he goes. He's still a kid."

"When he was in school, his behavior was exemplary. His achievements were excellent. He has the potential, judge, to become an upstanding, outstanding citizen of this community if you give him a further chance," he said.

Farah said a prison sentence was in the guidelines.

"The best thing to do would be to put him on probation for five years," he said, adding that it could be the worst thing to do because he'd be around enablers like his parents. Farah said he could throw him in jail for a year, but he had already done time behind bars.

"I know what happens to young kids like you in prison," Farah said to Brewer. He added he has little confidence that he will live up to probation standards, or that his parents will properly be able to guide him.

"I don't want to be the one that will be responsible for...the assault, stabbing and rape of this young kid in prison. I don't know how much clearer I can make it to his family. If he goes to prison, you won't recognize him when he comes out. I don't know how much more direct I can tell you," he said.

Farah sentenced Brewer to five years of probation. The current terms and conditions apply. He received credit for 340 days served in jail.

"I don't know if there is a cap on stupidity but I better start seeing one," he said.

**“You can’t
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Elbert Hatchett
Defense attorney

**“I know
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Joseph Farah
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SUMMARY

■ The third Linden school shooting plot suspect has been sentenced to five years probation.

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Photo-realistic airbrush portraits of iconic celebrities by Steve Wood were available for sale at ArtWalk.



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Lindsay Wing of Clarkston creates henna tattoos for ArtWalk visitors.



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There were several funny photo opportunities available amongst the art for sale and viewing.

ArtWalk showcases strong local art community

■Seventh annual event brings 57 artists and hundreds of visitors to downtown Fenton

By Tim Jagielo
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Fenton — For one day a year, there is music and art on every corner in downtown Fenton.

While a string instrument and piano trio plays near the Cornerstone building, The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Flint Steel Drum Band handles the Dibbleville area, with a DJ playing in between.

Live art creations, hands-on events for children, music, and art for sale dots downtown Fenton, from the Red Fox Outfitters building, to The Laundry.

The seventh annual ArtWalk is hosted by the Fenton Arts Council,



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The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Flint provided steel drum performances of popular music for ArtWalk visitors on Saturday. From right is Elijah Palmer, 13, Brendan Johnson, 14, and Lucy Rumery, 16.

and Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation (SLPR).

The arts council handled recruiting, registering, jurying and placing artists, while the SLPR handled the vendors and the rest of the event.

Throughout the day, hundreds came through the free, strolling event, featuring 57 artists and 20 entertainers.

Sally Bright of the Fenton Arts Council said that the event exposes the community to not just art, but art created by local artists. “There are many, many local artists in the area; each year we find a few more. The ArtWalk also is a fine event to showcase the new beauty of downtown Fenton.”

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ArtWalk attendance was steady throughout downtown Fenton on Saturday, July 15, with a variety of activities and entertainment.



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Jessica Edmonds with Painting with a Twist works on a demo piece during ArtWalk on Saturday.

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Most local municipalities have switched from these small bins, to 95-gallon rolling cans, increasing the amount of potential recycling each month.

RECYCLING

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METALS

Aluminum can be recycled indefinitely. Melting down an aluminum can takes less energy than creating new aluminum, according to ReCommunity. The average aluminum can already contains 40-percent recycled materials.

They can take aluminum and metal cans, loose metal jar lids, steel bottle caps, and foil.

They cannot take electronic waste, paint cans, scrap metal or oil cans. They also cannot take flattened containers, even if it is otherwise a good item to recycle.

PAPER

Paper products can be recycled several times before the cellulose breaks down. Most kinds of paper can be recycled. These include magazines, paper towel/toilet paper rolls, office paper, phone books and dry food cartons.

You cannot recycle cardboard with a wax coating on it, or frozen food containers. You also cannot recycle shredded paper.

GLASS

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA,) glass can be recycled repeatedly. In 2014, only 26 percent of the 11.5 million tons of glass created in the U.S. was recycled. As with most materials, it's cheaper to use recycled glass, than brand new glass in products.

You can recycle food and beverage containers, and glass bottles and jars. Remove the metal cap before recycling, and toss them into the bin separately.

You cannot recycle windowpanes, mirrors or ceramic containers.

PLASTIC

Americans generated 33 million tons of plastics in 2013, which was 13 percent of the waste stream, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Not all plastic, however, can be recycled. Numbers 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 plastic food and beverage containers can be recycled. According to ReCommunity, this includes other rigid plastic containers, along with bottles, jugs and jars.

You cannot recycle plastic bags with this local program, even if they're clean and empty. No electronic waste like VHS tapes or anything containing chemicals, or items made of Styrofoam can be recycled.

You also cannot recycle plastic lids for jars and bottles.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

GENESEE COUNTY ROAD Commission should consider purchasing the property where the abandoned house on Seymour Road that sits at the sharp curve and make the curve less sharp.

SNUGGLED DOWN TO enjoy the local news and read the article about 'Harvey Dent,' the blind dog. The man that did that to the dog got off way too easy. I'm so disgusted with the justice system. It's just not right.

IN REGARDS TO the intersections along Silver Lake Road at Fenway and the northbound U.S. 23 ramps, I'd say install a traffic light at northbound U.S. 23 and synchronize both lights. If that's not feasible, put in two single lane roundabouts.

OH MY GOSH! I've noticed dogs in grocery stores, too, sitting in the seat area where I put my produce and crushable items. People have no respect anymore.

JUST A FRIENDLY reminder to please tip your servers appropriately. Compliments are great, but if the service really is good, 10 percent doesn't help pay the bills. Servers do a lot of work behind the scenes and rely on tips to make up for what they don't make hourly.

FENTON TOWNSHIP HAS an obscene language ordinance? Where was that when Clerk Bob Krug swore in a public meeting and township attorney Jack Belzer, sitting right there, did nothing? Selective enforcement? Selective prosecution? The whole corrupt board needs to go.

News briefs

'ARTS ARE THE HEART' SERIES CONTINUES ON FRIDAY, JULY 21 AND FRIDAY, AUG. 18

Fenton Arts Council will be hosting a silent auction and contests to win gift cards during its upcoming "Arts Are the Heart" series held behind the Fenton Community Center, on July 21 and Aug. 18. This is a free family art event, taking place from 4 to 7 p.m. These family friendly events will feature a silent auction, creation stations, art camps, music, dance, drama, art exhibits, living statues, chalk art, and much more. The silent auction will highlight the paintings of the butterflies now displayed around the city of Fenton. Participants will have the opportunity to bid on the canvas wrapped butterfly paintings created by local artists. Final bids will take place during the Aug. 18 event. The Fenton Arts Council will also be sponsoring two contests this summer for a chance to win gift cards from local merchants. To win one of these gift cards you can participate in one of the following: 1) Vote for your three favorite butterflies at fentonartscouncil.com or 2) Take a selfie with a butterfly sculpture and post on the Fenton Arts Council Facebook page. The art camp this month will center around symmetry. Guests will receive a punch card to help keep track of all the art and creation stations they attend. Once their punch card is full, they will receive a small prize and get their name entered for a free drawing. For details, visit fentonartscouncil.com.

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Police&Fire report

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At 5:47 a.m. on Sunday, July 16, Fenton police responded to the northeast corner of North LeRoy Street and Dauner Road on a report of a man possibly passed out in the grass. Upon arrival, police made contact with the 29-year-old Holly man who was passed out. When police woke up the man, he became belligerent and appeared to be intoxicated. He was arrested for disorderly intoxication and transported to Flint City Jail. During a pat-down, officers found several Oxycodone pills in his possession, although he did not have a prescription for the pills. He was lodged until sober and faces an additional charge of possessing prescription pills with no prescription.

LANDSCAPING COMPANY'S EQUIPMENT STOLEN

Sometime over the weekend of July 14-17, someone stole a silver 2008 Ford F-350 pickup truck belonging to Envious Landscaping company in the 300 block of Fenway Drive. Graphics of the company's logo are printed on the side of the truck. Area police departments were alerted of the theft. The truck keys were stored under the floor mat. The suspect(s) also broke into a shed and stole \$15,000 worth of equipment and tools. The suspect(s) then broke into a trailer and stole another \$5,000 worth of tools. The truck and other items were entered into Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) as stolen. Employees provided the name of a possible suspect and police are attempting to locate that individual. The case remains under investigation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PAVING PROJECT FOR THE LIBERTY SHORES CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the township signed by the record owners of land whose frontage constitutes more than 50% of the total frontage of the streets in the Liberty Shores Condominium Subdivision, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton proposes to construct improvements to the streets in Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Liberty Shores Condominium Subdivision, including repairs to the existing asphalt base and adding the top layer of asphalt to said streets, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

All units in the Liberty Shores Condominium Subdivision

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received preliminary plans showing the improvements and an estimate of the costs of such construction in the approximate amount of \$250,000, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the special assessment district. The Township Board has also tentatively found the petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of cost, proposed special assessment district and petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this Notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such petitions, plans, district and estimate of costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday July 24, 2017.

At the hearing, the board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters filed with the board at or before the hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments or changes to said plans, estimates, costs or special assessment district.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing and to submit any comments they may have.

ROBERT E. KRUG
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RIVERWALK

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make it more universal with other communities and prevent limiting grant opportunities.

As a result, the plan was sent back to the parks board to make those changes.

Sean Sage, the chairman of the Parks and Recreation Board, said, "The previous five-year plan was, in my opinion, slightly less ambitious in terms of physical projects. While there were changes, including transitioning Oak Park into a community garden, improvements to the brick portions of the Riverwalk sidewalks, cleanup of the water's edge between O'Donnell Park and the Millpond park, etc., the overall scope of the plan was limited."

Sage said the updated plan focuses more on connectivity. In addition to support for the Shiawassee River designation as a National Water Trail, and the LAFF (Linden, Argentine, Fenton, Fenton Township) pathway project, the plan introduces a broad plan for a riverwalk expansion and improvement project.

"With the beautiful work done on the Streetscape, we went into this plan hoping to highlight the riverwalk as a downtown East-West compliment to the North-South connectivity of the streetscape," said Sage.

"Improving the walkability and amenities to this trail, including lighting, benches, sidewalk repair, sidewalk relocation, Millpond playground improvements, exercise stations, etc. would encourage the community to utilize this trail as a connection to four city parks, businesses, restaurants, City Hall, parking, etc."

Beyond just focusing downtown, however, the plan also includes expansions and improvements to the trail, reaching Bush Park, Franklin Adam's Park, and beyond, according to Sage.

"In conjunction with the walking trail, we also wanted to improve the river portion of the Riverwalk with kayak launches, additional restrooms, and several other improvements that would encourage and simplify those coming into and thru Fenton via the river to be able to enjoy the city," he said.

While there are many exciting ideas for improvements to many of the city parks included in the master plan, Sage said the Riverwalk project is the highlight for him.

The parks board will be pursuing a vast array of funding options ranging from the traditional methods such as general fund, millages, bonds, DDAs, private donations, etc. to the grant opportunities available for recreational, non-motorized, and environmental restoration projects through sources such as the DNR, MDOT, the Michigan National Resource Fund, etc.

"We hope to begin that pursuit as soon as the plan is officially approved by the council and submitted to the state for approval," said Sage.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has final approval of the master plan.

"I really want to mention this was not a slight tweak and rubber stamp to the

MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, July 14.

The Legislature met for one day last week, for the purpose of authorizing a new round of state subsidies for certain corporations. The next session day is scheduled for Aug. 16.

Senate Bill 242: Authorize giving state revenue to a few particular corporations

To authorize giving up to \$200 million worth of state tax revenue to certain business owners, in particular a foreign company said to be involved in iPhone manufacture. Earlier this year the Legislature also authorized up to \$1.8 billion in state payouts to companies owned by Detroit developer Dan Gilbert and possibly some others.

Passed 71 to 35 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

Senate Bill 244: Require state disclose which companies get of selective corporate subsidies

To require the state agency in charge of granting special corporate tax breaks and subsidies to disclose the companies that receive the cash payments authorized by Senate Bill 242 (previous bill). The agency has claimed that some \$9 billion in ongoing corporate handouts authorized by an earlier subsidy program called MEGA are exempt from disclosure, citing the same tax return confidentiality provisions that apply to regular taxpayers. (Around half of those payments are reportedly collected by the Big Three automakers.) An amendment to also disclose details of those handouts was defeated on a voice vote.

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previous plan," said Sage. "It has been a tremendous amount of work and has taken many months. "Vanessa (Warren) and her team at OHM (Advisors) have been incredible helping us through this and making sure the opinions of the board and the citizens were being respected," he added.

Sage also named Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki as being very supportive and putting in many hours of work into the new plan. He also credits the members and former members of the board, who he said, "Really tried to ensure that we were focusing on ideas that could be seen to fruition, and not just going through the motions because it was required."

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Times

Fourteen Linden athletes headed to college level this fall

By David Troppens

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Jaylin Steedman and Aaron Steedman were great athletes at Linden High School during their prep careers.

The 2017 graduates and four-year starting varsity wrestlers both played on the varsity football team as well.

But if someone thought those were the sports the siblings are going to school to play athletically, that person would be wrong. The Steedmans are headed to Davenport University to play on the school's rugby team this fall.

The duo were two of 14 Linden athletes who

declared what schools they would be attending for athletics at the end of the school year at a signing event. This story will discuss seven of them with the other seven being discussed in a future story.

While attending Linden, the brothers competed on the Dexter Devils during the school year, a club sport at Dexter High School.

"It means a lot to us," Jaylin Steedman said. "We started playing sports together,

See **FOURTEEN**

on 13

AARON STEEDMAN

Steedman, along with brother Jaylin, is headed to Davenport University to play rugby this fall.



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Baylor Cicalo is hugged by his diving coach Mike Wagner after placing 12th at the zone meet.

Cicalo brothers making a big splash in the pool

By David Troppens

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Baylor and Breckin Cicalo are pretty dedicated to their sports.

The Fenton Township residents and Lake Fenton District school students enjoy diving, but Lake Fenton doesn't have a pool. So what does that mean? Both have to travel to East Lansing to compete with the Spartan Dive Club.

Apparently their dedication is paying off. Both earned Diver of the Year awards in the state in their age groups. Breckin was the 9 and under Diver of the Year, while Baylor was the 12-13 year old Diver of the Year.

Baylor also recently earned even more good news. He placed 12th at a USA Zone Championship meet, in Wisconsin, eventually earning him a spot in the AT&T USA Junior Diving National Championships to be held in Columbus, Ohio on July 31.

The top 10 competitors at the zone meet qualified for the national competition, but the top 12 earned medals. Breckin placed just outside the top 12 in 13th while Baylor placed 12th, placing him as a national meet alternate. Eventually he received the call he would compete.

"At first I didn't believe it because nationals has been a goal of mine for so long," said Baylor who will be attending sixth grade this fall. "When it actually hit

See **CICALO** on 13

Fenton's Ralston breaks through at Bastille Day

■ Tigers' grad wins tight 15K race; Brunskole takes top spot for women

By David Troppens

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Fenton — Alex Ralston has been a contender at Bastille Day's 15K men's race in the past.

But he had never won it.

That changed on Saturday. Ralston made sure that 2017 was the fifth straight year a Fenton graduate won the 15K event, edging out Flushing's Kyle Schieman by 22 seconds on Saturday.

With three-time defending champion Jesse Anderson gone at a Fenton High School cross country camp, that left the title open for a newbie victor. Quickly, Ralston and Schieman became the primary candidates to become that first-time winner, eventually won by Ralston with a time of 54:26. Schieman finished in 54:48.

The women's 15K winner, Lori Brunskole also was a first-time winner. She dominated the women's race, finishing in 1:04:50, almost two minutes faster than second-place Paula Antoniou's time of 1:06:43. Three-time defending champion, and four-time champ Kelsey Bragg wasn't in attendance to defend

See **15K** on 13



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DAVID TROPPENS

(Far left) Alex Ralston (behind) ended up taking first and beating Kyle Schieman (front) by 22 seconds in the 15K Bastille Day Race. The women's 15K winner was (left) Lori Brunskole. Following behind her is Sebastian Lubahn. (Below) The 15K race starts.



Larsen captures ninth Bastille Day title

By David Troppens

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Fenton — There have been many great multiple-winners during the 16 years the Bastille Day Race event has been going on in Fenton.

Susan Mora-Fassett has won the women's 5K walk title six times since the event began in 2002.

In the 15K race, Jesse Anderson and Kelsey Bragg held records of three straight victories, and would've been their

respective gender's favorite to win it again this year if they were able to attend Saturday's event.

And in the 5K run, Michael McCarty has won the men's event three times while Brad Ferrara and Kirk Walrath has won it twice. Addie May also won the women's 5K run in back-to-back years.

However, as impressive as the above competitors have been during the event's history, their performances pale in com-

parison with Sue Larsen. If there was a Bastille Day Hall of Fame, the Fenton resident would be its first inductee.

Larsen won her ninth title in the event's 16 years, earning the women's overall 5K top finish with a time of 18:54. It marked the seventh time she has won the female overall title in the 5K event and the ninth time she has won either the women's 5K or 15K run.

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(Above) Runners start the 5K race during the Bastille Day Races on Saturday. (Far left) Gavin Katic and Sue Larsen start their race. Larsen won her ninth women's title at Saturday's event, winning the 5K event.



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Linden's Maddie Zayan (left) is headed to Davenport University to play on the women's soccer team. She is one of 14 athletes from this year's graduation class planning on playing college athletics.

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and most people don't get the opportunity to play college sports with their brother, but we are getting that opportunity."

Aaron Steedman was on the varsity football team for three years, earning second-team all-league honors twice. He also holds the record for the longest fumble recovery return. On the wrestling team he was a four-year starter, qualifying for the state meet his junior season. In rugby, Steedman was a first-team all-conference and all-state performer. He also played in an all-star game.

Jaylin Steedman played varsity football for two years and was an honorable mention all-league pick both years. On the varsity wrestling team he was a two-time regional qualifier. On the rugby field, he was a three-year varsity starter and twice won man of the match honors. He was an all-region selection.

Davenport posted a 5-9 record a year ago.

"I love the team cohesion that comes with it," Jaylin Steedman said. It's a social sport so it's fun to interact with everybody. We have socials after every game, so you get to meet new people and stuff like that."

One other 2017 Linden graduate is headed to Davenport University, girls soccer player Maddie Zayan. Zayan helped the Linden varsity girls soccer team to its deepest tournament run in school history, advancing to the Division 2 state semifinals. Zayan was never completely healthy during the season

but she didn't keep that from earning herself Third-Team All-State honors. She led the team with 21 goals while also dishing off nine assists.

"I visited Davenport and all of their facilities were super nice," Zayan said. "I didn't want to go to a big school, and I didn't want to go too far away from home."

Zayan is excited to have some Linden grads headed to the same school as her.

"I'm excited. It will be cool to see (Jaylin and Aaron Steedman) down there," Zayan said. "It will make me more comfortable knowing some others from Linden are down there."

"Initially I didn't know if I wanted to play college soccer but then I realized I really want to play college soccer because I didn't want to be done after high school. I'm excited I get to play another four years."

Others headed to play sports at other schools are Morgan Fitch, Emma O'Keefe and Emily Pearce in volleyball and Alia Frederick in women's soccer.

Linden's varsity volleyball squad had a strong season, earning a school-record 36-12-2 record, helping the trio earn college invites. Fitch, a setter, is headed to St. Clair Community College while O'Keefe, a hitter, is going to play at Alma College. Pearce, a libero and defensive specialist, is headed to Mott Community College. This is the first time since Linden varsity volleyball coach Cori Mason coached the Eagles that the squad had three players headed to play at the collegiate level in volleyball.

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(Above) Runners start the 15K event during the Bastille Day Races on Saturday.

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her title. She moved to England since last year's race.

Ralston was pleased to add his name to the list of Fenton graduate champions.

Before Anderson's three straight wins, Joe Dimambro won in 2013.

"I can't tell you how many times I wanted to win it, had high hopes and ended up having them dashed," Ralston said.

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me, I thought, 'Dang, I made it to nationals.' I was really happy. It was awesome."

The duo began diving because of baseball. Baylor was at a baseball camp at Michigan State and was allowed to use the pool while on campus. He wanted to attempt diving off the 10-meter platform and eventually did. Once he did, he was hooked. Both brothers have progressed considerably well, especially considering both are among the youngest competitors in their age group.

"I told my mom I wanted to do it because it was fun," Baylor said. "I saw it on the Olympics and thought it was really cool."

"I love everything about diving. I love the water. It's just fun flipping and twisting. I find it so much fun."



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Breckin Cicalo poses with his diver of the year trophy with his coach Mike Wagner.



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Joshua Robertson Ford - age 27, of Linden and Fenton, died Saturday, July 15, 2017. Funeral services will be held 3 PM Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor John White officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Wednesday from 11 AM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to The Rock Church. Joshua was born September 16, 1989 in Flint the son of Ryan and Carrie (Robertson) Ford. He was a 2008 graduate of Linden High School. He was a member of The Rock Church. He had resided in the Linden/Fenton area his entire life. Joshua enjoyed hunting, fishing, golf, and soccer. Surviving are: his parents, Ryan and Carrie Ford of Fenton; sisters, Sarah and Emma Ford of Fenton; grandparents, Carol Ford of Linden and Richard and Linda Robertson of Florida; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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