

# Akl going to trial for open murder

■ Defense claims shooting was accidental — prosecution claims otherwise

By Tim Jagielo

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**Flint** — Abdurrahman “Abdu” Ahmed Akl, 17, is going to trial for open murder.

On Monday, May 7, Judge David Guinn of the 67th District Court found probable cause for Akl to be bound over to Circuit Court for open murder, and one count of felony firearm.

Akl’s charges stem from the March 4, 2017 shooting death of his friend Brady

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Abdurrahman Akl, 17, confers with Scott Bigger, attorney and assistant to lead attorney Frank Manley on Monday.



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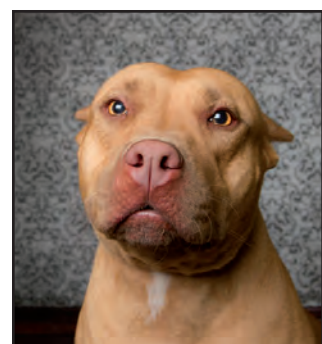
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## Are pits ‘the pits?’

■ Most dogs are aggressive only if they are trained that way

By Vera Hogan

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There is something about pit bulls. People have mixed feelings about them. Those who love their pits will tell you that not all pit bulls are aggressive or dangerous. “It’s all about how they are raised.”

In Lansing, legislation is being considered that would, if ever enacted, prevent local units of government from prohibiting certain dog breeds, including pit bulls.

Senate Bill 741 states: Ban local dog regulations based on breed. To prohibit a local

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## Campers, boats and jet skis all part of cleanup day



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Republic Services residential driver Steven Gaddy (right) and Holly Township resident Curtis Knight unload Knight’s truck bed during the cleanup day on Saturday, May 5. Knight was one of 200 residents who brought vehicles big and small with items that can’t be disposed of with their regular trash. **See story on page 6.**

## Linden field getting artificial turf

■ Upgrades, including resurfaced track, to cost \$1.3 million

By Hannah Ball

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Construction started Monday, May 7 on upgrades to Linden Community School’s track and field, including the installation of artificial turf and a resurfaced track.

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Midwest Landscape workers tear down a portion of the fence that currently surrounds the Linden Community Schools track and field.

## Fenton considering contribution to Escanaba’s legal fund

■ U.P. city needs help in dark store lawsuit

By Vera Hogan

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Although they haven’t yet decided on a number, the Fenton City Council is expected

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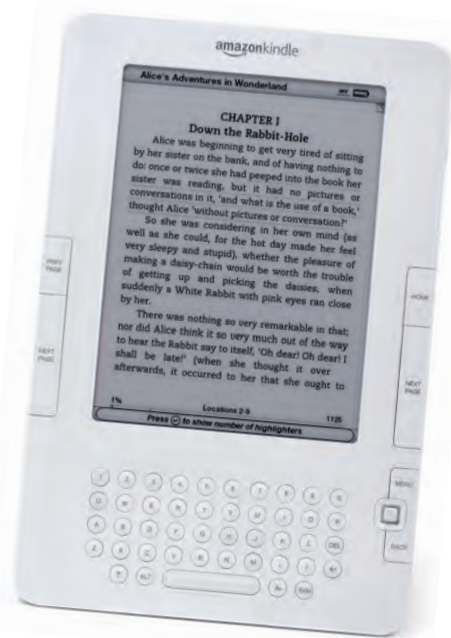


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# Physical books VS. e-books



## ■ E-book sales dominate reading market

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The words are the same. The story doesn't change. But most people have a preference when it comes to reading a physical book versus an e-book on a Kindle or electronic reading device.

Physical books have been around for centuries, and when e-books came out in the late 1990s and early 2000s, the talk was that it marked the decline and eventual end to print books. While that's an exaggeration, e-book sales are up. In 2017, 70 percent of online book purchases of adult fiction and nonfiction were e-books and audiobooks.

John Ekleberry, branch librarian at Linden Library, said he has seen "somewhat" of a decline in people reading physical books, but their e-book checkouts have increased.

Most data on physical book sales include textbooks, which overwhelmingly brings in the most money for physical books with more than \$419 million in 2017 according to [authorearnings.com](http://authorearnings.com). When it comes to literature and fiction, over 70 million units were sold in e-book format in 2017, compared to 14 million in physical book format.

However, the Pew Research Center found that in 2016, 65 percent of Americans reported reading a printed book compared to 28 percent who read an e-book.

"E-books are convenient. They can be downloaded anywhere with an internet connection and don't take up any space," Ekleberry said. "Audio books are also available on CD and demand for audio books has increased in the last few years."

The Genesee District Library, which includes the Linden Library, offers e-books and audio books through

an app called Libby by OverDrive.

Ekleberry prefers to read physical books. "Reading on paper is a different experience than reading on screen and I'm glad more people are returning to it. That said, as long as people are reading books the format isn't important to me," Ekleberry said.

There was also talk of Amazon

putting physical bookstores out of business, yet between 2009 and 2015, the number of independent bookstores in the U.S. grew by 35 percent according to National Public Radio (NPR). The American Booksellers Association estimates there are more than 2,300 independent bookstores in the country.

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## A LOOK BACK at 1968

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Sidney Poitier (left) plays the part of Virgil Tibbs in the 1968 Oscar winning movie, "In the Heat of the Night." Rod Steiger, who played Sheriff Bill Gillespie, won the award for Best Actor.

## 'They call me Mr. Tibbs'

■ 1968 Academy Award winner was 'In the Heat of the Night'

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To say the South was racially charged during the 1960s is an understatement. However, it is films like "In the Heat of the Night" that gave moviegoers a glimpse into what can happen if people accept each other and work together.

Made in 1967, the movie won the Best Film award in the 1968 Academy Awards. The role of Sheriff Bill Gillespie was played by Rod Steiger,

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## If I Were King...

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### Random royal thoughts

• **In 1987, seven million** American children disappeared. The cause? It was the first year the IRS required the Social Security numbers for dependents on tax returns.

• **No good movie** can ever be too long, and no bad movie can ever be too short.

• **We should all** fear the coming world run by adults who were never spanked as kids and got trophies just for participating.

• **People's minds** today are never changed by argument, only by personal observation.

• **The NAACP's decision** to back the teachers' unions and oppose charter schools that provide thousands of black children their only hope of a better life, is proof positive that the NAACP exists only to capture funding, not to help black kids and families.

• **Many people** I know are like clouds. When they disappear the day gets better.

• **When McDonald's** introduced the drive-thru in China, the concept was so foreign that the customers would pick up their food at the window, drive around to the parking lot and then go inside McDonald's to eat.

• **Have to laugh** at millennials who post rants about evil corporations using their Apple MacBook Pro.

• **Do you think** we should permit foreigners landing at our airports to ignore U.S. border control laws and simply disappear into America, just as liberals think we should do on our southern borders? How, or why, is there any debate about this?

• **What if oxygen** is actually poisonous and it just takes about 80 years to kill us?

• **The top three states for obesity** are: #3: Mississippi — 35.55 percent

of residents are obese. West Virginia is #2 with a 35.7 percent obesity rate and the dubious 'winner' is Arkansas where a whopp(er)ing 36.1 percent of the population is deemed obese. Oddly, the definition of obesity is simply 'overweight due to too much body fat.'

• **The best way** to explain taxation to your kid is to buy him an ice cream cone, eat one third of it, then hand it to him.

• **Only a complete idiot** would advocate that everyone in the world has a right to live in our country, or that Americans don't have a right to decide who lives in our country.

• **Aspire to inspire** before you expire.

• **Physiologically**, it is impossible for a bumble bee to be able to fly. Of course, the bumble bee doesn't know this so he goes on flying anyway.

• **Remember that** the most beautiful things in the world are also the most useless: peacocks, rainbows and super models for instance.

• **If you chew gum** while studying for a test, and then chew the same flavor when you take the test, it will help you remember the answers needed on the test.

• **Wouldn't it be** great if we could be born 80 years old and simply grew younger each year until we expired at birth.

• **If I were king**, every concert venue would be equipped with a device that jams all cell phone communication/activity for the duration of the performance.

• **Am I the only person** who wonders why there isn't a vegetable that makes people laugh?

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“Many people I know are like clouds. When they disappear the day gets better.”

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### CHECK YOUR PROPERTY tax invoice.

All state properties are charged a zoo allocation. It was added because the zoo was going under. Now they want to build an aquarium on the waterfront. They can't afford to maintain the zoo but want to build more. Do you see something wrong here?

• **DON'T ACCEPT THE** line that it is DDA money buying butterflies and comes from a different fund; that is a falsehood. Vote them out if all those streets aren't fixed this summer. It is a disgrace.

• **THANK YOU TO** the amazing gentleman who paid my \$70 outstanding doctor bill. I wish I knew who you were so I could personally thank you. You truly are an angel.

• **WHY IS CITY** council again taking care of their restaurant business friends with lots of our tax money while my street looks like it was the target of a bombing run? Boycott those businesses and vote out city council. We don't have to put up with this any longer.

• **THE DEMOCRATS ARE** pinning their 2020 hopes on an aging hooker looking for a big payoff, a fake Indian and a socialist. That's all they have to offer America. How sad.

• **WELL, U OF M** Fantasizers are all happy now. They have a new (transfer) QB. The rest of the Big Ten is wondering

what Harbaugh's next diversionary tactic will be when the Wolves finish 8-5 and take sixth place in the Big Ten again this year. Fire the other coaches? Too funny.

• **WHEN I WAS** a kid and asked my mom to tell me a scary story, she would always begin with 'It was a dark and stormy night.' When my child asks me to do the same, I'll begin with 'It was a dark and stormy presidency.'

• **BY NOW, EVERYONE** is aware that the Clintons and their Foundation was one of the biggest criminal enterprises in history. We're also learning that the Obama Administration was one of the most corrupt in history as new facts are coming out daily about how he tainted every department.

• **JUST WANTED TO** thank the angel for stopping and picking up the lost dog on Tipsico Lake Road on Friday. It could have been my dog. I am so glad that you found the owners and the dog is home safe.

• **I WAS WONDERING** which was Obama started?

• **WOULDN'T IT BE** wonderful to have a place for kids under 10 to play? Recently my grandson visited such a place. Those over 10 could only be helpers. Maybe have a climbing place/slide, ball pit, indoor putt putt. How about the old Kmart?

• **I APPLAUD THE** Scouts. I am female and would have loved to have joined when I was a child. I wonder how long it will be until the Girl Scouts will start accepting boys. And, no, the sky is not falling. Grow up.

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## Do you think government should ban specific dog breeds?

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"If there is a legit reason to do so yes, but I think more often than not, the problem can be fixed through other means. Not every individual dog is going to show behavior according to some generalized notion."

**Joel Zuehlke**  
Grand Blanc Township



"No. I think that they need to put responsibility on the residents for those decisions. That's not something the government needs to oversee."

**Chris Heron**  
Fenton Township



"The breeds aren't the problem. It would be the owner's responsibility to train their dogs to behave properly. I have a Rottweiler mix and he is not dangerous at all."

**Kelly Stack**  
Tyrone Township



"I do not support breed specific legislation. I do not think it solves the problem."

**Christine Frasz**  
Linden



"Not specific breeds because there are bad ones of all kinds. Just picking on one doesn't necessarily alleviate the problem. It's bad owners that haven't taken the time to train their dogs."

**Joann Phelps**  
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# Spring cleanup nets 72 tons

■ Community cleanup day brings tons of garbage, including campers and boats

By Tim Jagielo

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**Holly Twp.** — At 8 a.m., Saturday, May 5, vehicles laden with garbage and recycling, waiting to unload their items at North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Station 1, are lined up to Grange Hall Road.

Trailers, pickups and at least one rented panel van brought a variety of items. Old washing machines, barbeque grills, TVs and electronic waste were disposed of through the hydraulic power of garbage trucks.

The annual Community Cleanup Day held at NOCFA Station 1 kept Holly Township Supervisor George Kullis and a crew from Republic Services busy until 3 p.m., even though the drop off ended at 2 p.m.

"That was crazy," he said. "We've never had a day like that." On site were three garbage trucks capable of crushing practically anything in its jaws, a 30-yard container for recycling and a 40-yard trailer for tires — all of which were filled by the end of the day. Kullis said that they filled six garbage trucks and an additional 30-yard container with waste.

The cleanup day was a chance for Holly Township residents to get rid of practically anything non-toxic or explosive for free, or cheap.



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Not only was it a busy, high-volume day, Kullis said some crazy items were thrown away — a jet ski, two fiberglass boats, and a pop-up camper were brought this time. He's seen people throw away motorcycles.

Wayne Cupp brought 120 feet of wooden fencing he tore down last fall. He checked with the township hall to make sure it was OK, and rented a van to transport it.

Throughout the event, Kullis was busy checking vehicles for residency, and giving away mosquito dunks and spray.

Last year, the cleanup cost approximately \$7,000. The bill for 2018 could take a couple weeks to calculate.

Sometimes, municipalities will hold a fall cleanup as well. Kullis said the board will decide if the demand is high enough for another, depending on community feedback.

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## TURF

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"With the increased use of our current field, the increase in youth activities, safety for our students and the current condition of Claude Cranston Field, the Facility Needs Committee and Linden Board of Education felt it necessary to approve the renovations to Claude Cranston Field," said Superintendent Russ Ciesielski.

Greg Vadasz, director of operations at Linden Community Schools, said the total cost of the project is \$1,330,944. They expect to be done the third week of August.

The district is paying Midwest Landscape \$522,308 to demolish the existing field and reconstruct the infrastructure to install artificial turf.

"They'll also demo the long jump and pole vaulting areas and reconstruct them in a different location," Vadasz said. "In addition they are responsible for all concrete and asphalt work happening as part of this project."

The synthetic turf, or artificial turf, will come from Astro Turf for \$491,337.

"A new multi-sport artificial turf field will be installed, which will be used for soccer, lacrosse, football, marching band, physical education classes, and a host of other events," Ciesielski said.

"The field improvements also include new football goal posts, new soccer goals, lacrosse goals and a digital scoreboard along with surface level delay of game clocks.

"An additional feature that is being

included, for athlete safety, is a shock pad underneath the artificial turf surface."

The shock pad is not required, but the school board wanted to add additional safety measures to help protect students.

The track will be resurfaced by Star Trac Enterprise for \$75,000.

"The resurfacing of the track includes new lane lines and new starting points, which will accommodate high school and middle school competitions," Ciesielski said.

Electrical contractor Airport Lighting will upgrade the stadium electrical system and install a new digital scoreboard for \$227,300.

Fencing contractor, American Fence and Supply, will install a new fence for \$14,999.

Ciesielski said the improvements were brought to the attention of the school board through the Facility Needs Committee, which is comprised of teachers, parents, community members and administrators who voted on 52 different projects.

"The funding for the stadium improvements were made available by the district's renewal of the 2016 Sinking Fund vote, which was supported by the community. Sinking Fund dollars can only be used for facility upgrades and construction of new buildings and sites," Ciesielski said.

## SUMMARY

■ Construction began Monday on upgrades to the Linden Community Schools track and field.

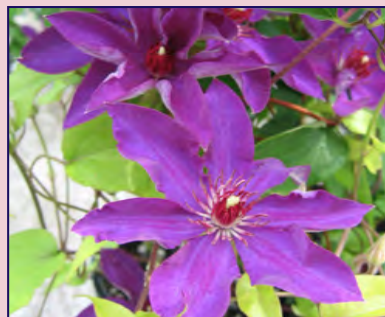
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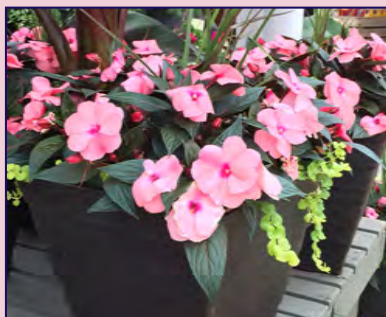
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## Mark McCabe 67th District Court Ask the judge

### Ex post facto laws – Part I

It has often been said that we are a nation of laws.

There is no question that this has been true since our country was founded and we are all required to obey the law. When we don't there are typically consequences to pay.

In the area of criminal law, we are all charged with knowing the law and, as the old saying goes, "ignorance of the law is no excuse."

Every year the legislature enacts new laws and it is critical to ensure that these laws are all constitutionally sound.

One of the most important rules that must be followed is the constitutional prohibition against "ex post facto laws."

Ex post facto is a Latin phrase which means "from a thing done afterward." Another meaning is "after the fact."

Under clauses of both the United States and Michigan Constitutions ex post facto laws are prohibited. The rationale behind this is to assure that legislative acts give fair warning of their effect and permit individuals to rely on their meaning until explicitly changed and to restrict governmental power by restraining arbitrary and potentially vindictive legislation.

Two critical elements must be present for a criminal law to be considered ex post facto: it must be retrospective (applying to events occurring before its enactment) and it must disadvantage the offender affected by it.

The Michigan Supreme Court has identified four circumstances under which a state statute violates the Ex Post Facto Clause by:

- Making punishable that which was not
- Making an act a more serious criminal offense
- Increasing the punishment
- Allowing the prosecution to convict on less evidence

Two recent examples of courts reviewing whether a statute violated the Ex Post Facto Clause are the federal court decision in Hill v Snyder issued April 9, 2018 and the May 4, 2018 Michigan Court of Appeals decision in People v Wiley.

Both cases involve the question of whether a 2014 Michigan statute violates the Ex Post Facto Clause by denying good time credit, special good time credit, disciplinary credits or other credits to so called "juvenile lifers" who have been resentenced under two United States Supreme Court cases.

In next week's column, I will talk about these cases and what the courts decided.



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Fenton resident Paula Booth cuts a cake for a party she threw in honor of her son, and other service people, who returned to the U.S. on the USS Theodore Roosevelt, Monday May 7.

## Mom throws party for Navy son

■ Nicholas Booth has been deployed four times, was away eight months

By Hannah Ball

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**Fenton** — On Monday, there was a party at Dauner Haus Apartments for a person who couldn't be in attendance.

Paula Booth of Fenton planned a homecoming party for her son, Nicholas Booth, 30, who returned from his fourth deployment May 7 on the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt. The ship docked at noon in California.

His mother threw a party in his honor because she wasn't able to fly out to see him come home.

"Things don't always work out how moms want them to," she said, adding that she wasn't able to see him off when the ship left last year. Nicholas, an airman second class, has served for 12 years and was away for eight months.

With help from friends, Booth decorated one of the meeting rooms in their apartment building with red, white and blue, as well as cake and banners welcoming Nicholas home and thanking all

the branches of military. Booth set up a memorial tree with ornaments. Friends wrote messages on the tags with the names of service members.

"This is just my way of thanking him and everybody for their service on the Roosevelt, and to his family because they've sacrificed an awful lot without dad there for eight months," she said.

Nicholas, his wife and two children, reside in California.

"I'm very proud of him. I couldn't have been a prouder mom. He's done well," she said.

## News briefs

### Road closure in Rose Township

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) expects to close Davisburg Road to through traffic between Ormond and Eagle roads in Rose Township on May 12 to replace a culvert underneath the road. The culvert replacement is just east of Eagle and Forest Way roads. The detour for through traffic will be Ormond Road to White Lake Road to Milford Road, back to Davisburg Road and vice versa. The culvert replacement is expected to be completed by the end of the day on May 12. In case of inclement weather, an alternate date of May 13 has been set for the culvert replacement. Davisburg Road carries approximately 3,950 vehicles daily. The work is being done on the weekend to minimize traffic impacts.

## Police&Fire report

### Latest 911 phone scam

Area 911 centers in Michigan have reported caller ID spoofing incidents using "911" as the callback number, according to Genesee County 911. A caller using 911 as the caller ID calls a citizen and says that someone in their family had been in an accident and starts to ask for personal information. Please do not provide this information without confirmation that it is a valid report.

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## FUND

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to contribute toward a legal defense fund to help the city of Escanaba.

The amount of the contribution and a vote will take place during the Monday, May 14 regular meeting of the council.

Escanaba has been fighting Menard Inc. over the “Dark Store theory” of property tax assessment.

According to the Michigan Municipal League (MML), the Dark Store theory is a “tax loophole scheme” being used by big box retailers to lower the amount they pay in property taxes. (See sidebar)

Escanaba has recently won a victory in the Michigan Supreme Court in the litigation of Menard Inc. v City of Escanaba. The case has been remanded back to the Michigan Tax Tribunal for a determination of actual value.

In May 2017, during the appeal process, the Fenton City Council voted unanimously to join in a brief of Amici Curiae (Latin for “friend of the court”), which was submitted to the Michigan Supreme Court on behalf of 17 Michigan cities, including Fenton, one village, 12 townships and three counties.

The brief was prepared and filed by Steve Schultz’ law firm of Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC, on March 29, 2017. Schultz is Fenton City’s attorney.

“There have been a series of cases over the last several years looking at the question of what should be the proper valuation for giant big box stores, large warehouse type stores,” Schultz said last May.

“There has been a real significant disagreement over how these properties should be valued,” he said. There have been cases in the Michigan Tax Tribunal

and Court of Appeals. However, the Michigan Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case out of Escanaba, in Menard, Inc. v. City of Escanaba.

On May 26, 2017 the Michigan Court of Appeals issued Menard, Inc. v. Escanaba, 315 Mich App 512 (2016), reversing the opinion by the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Menard’s then filed to appeal to the Supreme Court.

“When a case like that gets to the Michigan Supreme Court, other interested parties are sometimes asked if they can file a legal brief to weigh in on the issue the court is considering,” said Schultz.

“This particular case is very important to cities and townships. They are losing a lot of money on a theory that makes no sense to anyone other than a couple of judges on the Tax Tribunal,” he said.

By dividing up the costs among all the participating communities, Fenton’s share was just under \$400.

“Fenton is affected by this dispute just like everyone else,” Schultz said.

According to Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland in a memo to City Council, “The city of Escanaba now needs additional help in the Michigan Tax Tribunal case,” he said. “I would like the City Council to consider assistance in this case. The decision of this case would likely have an impact on our assessments and we should assist in the defense.”

Markland pointed to a letter received from the Michigan Municipal League (MML). In it, the MML says the city of Escanaba, with a population of 12,616 has expended close to \$190,000 on the Menard appeal, and other Delta County taxing entities have added approximately \$40,000 to the city’s defense.

The MML is appealing to other Michigan communities to contribute to the Legal Defense Fund for the city of Escanaba.

## The ‘Dark Store theory’

The “Dark Store theory” of property tax assessment has been looming large over communities throughout the state.

According to the Michigan Municipal League (MML), the Dark Store theory is a “tax loophole scheme” being used by big box retailers to lower the amount they pay in property taxes.

Those retailers, including Meijer, Lowe’s, Target, Kohl’s, Menards, IKEA, Walmart and The Home Depot across Michigan, are arguing that the market value of their operating store should be based on the sales of similar size “comparable” properties that are vacant and abandoned, and may not even be located in Michigan.

For example, a fully operational store, like a new Super Walmart, gets to pay the same property taxes as a closed, empty and “dark” Walmart down the street, and it’s what is starting to happen more and more frequently.

The MML claims the political appointees on the Michigan Tax Tribunal have upheld this “Dark Store theory” and cut property tax assessments in some cases by as much as 50 percent — impacting local revenues and subsequently local services, and making Michigan one of the only places in the country that assesses big box retail buildings in this manner.

These rulings have resulted in a loss of millions of dollars in tax revenue for local governments across Michigan.

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who took home the Oscar for Best Actor that year. Sidney Poitier, who didn’t even receive an Oscar nomination, played the part of Virgil Tibbs.

The movie is a tense whodunit detective thriller that is set in the little town of Sparta, Mississippi during a hot summer. The film’s posters proclaimed: “They got a murder on their hands. They don’t know what to do with it.”

The film, with a non-white actor in a lead acting role, was so controversial that it couldn’t be filmed in the Deep South, so the sets were recreated in various small towns in two states: Sparta, Freeburg, and Belleville, Illinois, and Dyersburg, Tennessee.

The film was the first Best Picture Oscar winner to be adapted into a regular prime-time TV series from 1988 to 1995, with Carroll O’Connor as Police Chief (sheriff in later seasons) Bill Gillespie and Howard Rollins as Virgil Tibbs.

## The story

After the murder of a wealthy and powerful northern industrialist named Philip Colbert in the town one night, a well-dressed black stranger, Virgil Tibbs waiting for a late night train in the deserted train station, is arrested as a prime suspect solely because of his color. Tibbs is brought before shrewd, overweight, gum-chewing, fast-talking, redneck Sheriff Bill Gillespie.

Tibbs, as it turns out, is an intelligent, Philadelphia homicide detective with a badge. When Tibbs confidently demonstrates his investigative skills in front of the prejudiced sheriff and his deputies, Gillespie can’t help but insult him after being embarrassed and shown up.

Gillespie: “Well, you’re pretty sure of yourself, ain’t you, Virgil. Virgil, that’s a funny name for a (unacceptable reference) boy to come from Philadelphia. What do they call you up there?”

Virgil: “They call me Mr. Tibbs.”

The sheriff tricks and challenges the smart black detective to stay and help solve the murder case using his experience in police work and forensics.

As they work together to solve the murder mystery in an atmosphere of hatred and antagonism, the central focus of the film is on the changing, unfolding relationship between the two clashing, strong-willed men as they move from inherent prejudice to grudging mutual respect and admiration for each other.

Virgil helps to solve the case amid southern racist tensions with Gillespie.

In the final memorable scene, after the crime is solved, Virgil Tibbs and Gillespie say goodbye at the train station as Virgil leaves town. Virgil takes his suitcase, which Gillespie is carrying.

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Alan Morris, who was reportedly living at Akl’s Moffett Drive home at the time.

He’s also charged with one count of felony firearm. The charges of receiving and concealing a stolen firearm and one count of felony firearm were dropped by the prosecution.

Defense attorney Frank Manley argued that the open murder charge should be dropped, and that Akl be charged with manslaughter, and reckless discharge of a firearm instead. “There’s absolutely no premeditation in this particular case,” Manley said.

He likened Morris’ death to a drunk driving crash, where both participants were drinking, and then got behind the wheel, leading to the death of one of them. Manley’s central argument is that as friends, Akl could never have intended to kill Morris, and that the shooting had been an accident.

“Just because they’re friends, doesn’t mean he didn’t decide to shoot him,” said Anthony Maxwell, assistant prosecuting attorney, after Manley made his appeal of reduced charges.

Maxwell added that allegedly pointing the gun at someone’s head and pulling the trigger is not an accident. “There’s plenty for the jury to sift through,” he said. “It’s going to be a difficult job for the jury.”

A date has not been set to begin proceedings, but Akl will sit before Judge Richard Yuille of the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court in Flint.



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This digital billboard along I-75 near Holly that read "BAN PIT BULLS" was removed after complaints from the public.

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government from enacting or enforcing an ordinance or rule that regulates dogs based upon their breed or perceived breed, including pit bulls.

The bill was introduced in January by Senator Dave Robertson (R-Dist. 14), and passed 22 to 13. All local senators voted “yes” on this bill. It was read in the House of Representatives for the first time on April 12 and was referred to the committee on local government.

The history of pit bulls

According to the ASPCA (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), today’s pit bull is a descendant of the original English bull-baiting dog that was bred to bite and hold bulls, bears and other large animals around the face and head.

When baiting large animals was outlawed in the 1800s, people turned instead to fighting their dogs against each other. These larger, slower bull-baiting dogs were crossed with smaller, quicker terriers to produce a more agile and athletic dog for fighting other dogs.

Some pit bulls were selected and bred for their fighting ability. That means that they may be more likely than other breeds

to fight with dogs. It doesn’t mean that they can’t be around other dogs or that they’re unpredictably aggressive.

Other pit bulls were specifically bred for work and companionship. These dogs have long been popular family pets, noted for their gentleness, affection and loyalty. And even those pit bulls bred to fight other animals were not prone to aggressiveness toward people.

What readers said

We reached out to readers on Facebook for their thoughts on this topic and received more than 20 responses. The majority of those responses were positive about pit bulls. They named other breeds they did have trouble with before they got their pit bull that has caused no issues.

Amy Doyle said, “Between my daughter and I we have (had) three pits and one cute, fluffy little Havanese, all of which are spoiled, trained and treated very well. The 12-pound Havanese bit two toddlers and several teenagers. Guess which one was rehomed to an elderly lady without children? Our pitties are the sweetest dogs ever!”

Breanne Clark said, “My daughter was 11 months old when she was attacked in the face out of the blue by our pointer/Spaniel mix. We got rid of him and rescued a pit bull. She is my daughter’s best friend and full of kisses! It’s not the breed at all!”

Becky Williams said, “... My five-pound Chihuahua will rip your face off. I get the fear over pit bulls but all dogs can be mean if they want. I have three dogs and I always tell people, it’s the tiniest one to watch out for.”

Casey Lynn said, “I don’t particularly like pit bulls and wouldn’t own one, but with my experience of them in town here, this ban would be uncalled for. All of the owners we see on our walks and pass by, the owners are extremely responsible and the dogs are well trained and behaved.”

Homeowner Insurance woes

According to the Insurance Information Institute, claims related to injuries from dogs account for one-third of all homeowner liability dollars insurance companies pay out every year.

In 2016, that figure was \$602 million from more than 18,000 claims, which is an average of \$33,000 per claim.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), dog attacks resulted in 279 human deaths in the U.S. over a 20-year period, and pit bulls and Rottweilers alone accounted for more than half of those deaths.

Insurance companies are caught in a bad spot, however. Many dogs do not exhibit aggressive behavior until the day they attack, at which point it’s too late for the insurance company to refuse to pay out. In the absence of a more reliable method of predicting aggression, it appears that breed profiling is the only feasible option.

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Although independent bookstores have increased in numbers, Amazon sold 45 percent of the total U.S. print book sales in 2017.

What’s being said on  
SOCIAL MEDIA

The Times asked its readers on Facebook whether they prefer to read a physical book or an e-book. The responses favored physical books, but some gave accolades to e-books for convenience.

Heidi Weber: “Nothing beats an actual book, but my Kindle is great for reading before bed and not keeping my husband awake. The Kindle is also great for traveling, no more packing a load of books for beach reading!”

Holly Covell: “I just finished reading a large non-fiction book from the library containing type that was a bit too small for my eyes while I sat in my recliner that was not optimally positioned with regards to lamps. While reading, I was wishing I had the Kindle version so that there would have been more contrast between the type and its background and so that I could have enlarged the font just a bit. “I never thought I’d ever say this. But I am liking electronic versions more as my eyes grow older.”

Elizabeth Hoyes Herhold: “Books! They engage all the senses of sight, smell, feel, the turning of the pages. I have read a few e-books, but find them less satisfying.”

Rod Gombar: “E-book. I read them on my phone so I always have them with me.”

Calendar of  
events

Stamp Out Hunger  
Stamp Out Hunger, the annual food drive in which Postal Service

employees collect donations for local pantries, will be **Saturday, May 12**. Join in the nation’s largest food drive by donating non-perishable items. Learn more: [go.usa.gov/xQNgg](http://go.usa.gov/xQNgg). Since the drive began in 1993, total food donations have surpassed 1.6 billion pounds, including 75.3 million pounds last year.

Horoscopes

For the week of  
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ARIES  
Mar 21/Apr 20  
You will have plenty of time to devote to your favorite projects, Aries. But right now you need to spend some time with close friends and family.

TAURUS  
Apr 21/May 21  
Relationships are at the forefront of your mind, Taurus. You may have specific criteria you use to assess potential friends or romantic interests, but it could pay to widen your scope.

GEMINI  
May 22/Jun 21  
Gemini, your charm might be on overdrive, but you are looking for more than just trivial companionship. Explore activities that will match you with those with the same interests.

CANCER  
Jun 22/Jul 22  
Coworkers are expecting much from you, Cancer. Although you want to promise them everything, you have doubts you can deliver. See what you can handle and farm out the rest.

LEO  
Jul 23/Aug 23  
You have plenty of options in your love life, Leo. Take a step back and carefully assess where you want existing relationships to go. Such a breather will only benefit you.

VIRGO  
Aug 24/Sept 22  
It takes more than just a positive attitude to be successful this week although positivity is a good start. Set goals and aim for doing your fair share of hard work.

LIBRA  
Sept 23/Oct 23  
Libra, your intuition lets you know when to keep quiet and when to make a stir. Let events unfold around you this week, keeping your thoughts close to the vest.

SCORPIO  
Oct 24/Nov 22  
Scorpio, in the midst of difficult times, you may find that opportunities abound. Do not let any moment pass you by; embrace the situations and opportunities coming your way.

SAGITTARIUS  
Nov 23/Dec 21  
An invitation to a special event may be on the horizon, Sagittarius. Be patient and prepare for some excitement. Invite others to join in the festivities.

CAPRICORN  
Dec 22/Jan 20  
Capricorn, you may be on the cusp of revealing your plans to others. But a change of heart might be coming, so wait a little bit longer until you’re certain.

AQUARIUS  
Jan 21/Feb 18  
You might not be in the mood for small talk this week, Aquarius. But avoid being rude as you try to speak about serious matters. Allow others to express themselves.

PISCES  
Feb 19/Mar 20  
There seems to be no limit to your career possibilities, Pisces. Rather than staying put in your current position, branch out.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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WE NOW OFFICIALLY have the stupidest generation in the history of America.’ They are called Baby Boomers.

THE ONLY REASON evangelists support Trump is because he says he is anti-abortion. That is the only reason. They don’t believe a Democrat can be anti-abortion. They are wrong. My father was anti-abortion, and a Democrat.

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# Pitching keys Linden baseball's grip on first place

By David Troppens

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Sometimes the Linden varsity baseball team's offense has performed well against Metro foes.

Other times the Eagles have struggled to score runs.

But the Eagles have had one constant throughout Metro action, and it's the reason

why Linden is in first place in the Metro League. The Eagles' pitching has been super strong.

Linden's pitching staff allowed two runs during Monday's doubleheader, earning a sweep of Brandon. Linden won the first game 3-0 and then captured the second contest 12-2.

"I was really proud of my team," Linden varsity baseball

coach Tony Puente said. "It really was a team effort to get those victories. They were laser-focused on the bus talking about it and carried it onto the field and we carried off two wins."

Linden has allowed just 14 runs in eight Metro League games, and their pitchers have tossed four shutouts in those contests.

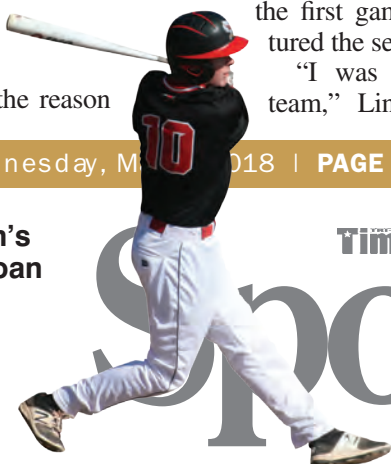
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# Sports



## Tigers keep pace with Linden, sweep Kearsley



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Fenton's Logan Welch makes a tag near second base. The Tigers won both games of a doubleheader against Kearsley on Monday, remaining within one game of Linden for the Metro lead.

By David Troppens

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**Fenton** — The defending Metro League baseball champions are finding themselves right back in the middle of the conference race again this season.

The Fenton Tigers (6-2 in the Metro, 13-6 overall) remained within one game of first-place Linden and still hold control of their own destiny to repeat as league champions after defeating Kearsley 10-1 and 13-2 at Fenton High School on Monday.

"I think we are a team that is still learning and has a lot of talent," Monday's first-game winning pitcher Logan Welch said. "I think we can go a long way if we do the right thing. I'm excited to see our top potential because I know we

haven't played our best baseball yet."

In the opener, Welch, Graham Staib and Brian Casey combined to pitch a four-hitter, walking just one batter. Offensively, Brock Henson was the star, going 3-for-3 with five RBI and three runs scored.

Fenton took the lead for good with two runs in the second inning when Logan Benson hit a two-run home run, plating Henson who opened the inning with a walk.

Later on, it was Henson who homered. Back-to-back doubles by Nolan Lawrence and David Pietryga raised Fenton's lead to 3-1 in the third inning. A batter later, Henson hit a two-run home run, making it a 5-1 lead.

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Lake Fenton's Ben Schulze earned a save for the Blue Devils during their doubleheader sweep of Goodrich on Monday.

## LF baseball earns impressive DH sweep vs. Martians

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton's varsity baseball recently lost to Goodrich in the Greater Flint Baseball Tournament.

The Blue Devils got their revenge on Monday.

The Blue Devils swept Goodrich in a Genesee Area Conference doubleheader, winning the first game 5-1, and winning the second contest 4-3.

"I am really proud of the guys, and how they responded from Friday," Lake Fenton varsity baseball coach Brad LaRowe said. "As I have said all season we have pitched extremely well and we were able to scratch across enough runs to get two wins. The best part is that we made the plays in the field, and when we do that we are as good as anybody. I believe we only committed two errors all day which goes a long way with how well we throw strikes."

The second game was the closer of the two contests.

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## Tigers remain atop Metro standings, edge Holly, 2-0

By David Troppens

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**Holly** — A battle of rivals will usually bring together a pretty entertaining game.

That was the case on Monday at Holly High School.

The Holly varsity soccer team was upset-minded for a large chunk of the game against the Fenton Tigers. However, before the game was over, Fenton found a way to get past the pesky Bronchos, earning a 2-0 Metro League victory. With two games remaining in the league season, Fenton is mighty close to locking up the conference championship. They can do just that at home against Flushing Monday at 6 p.m.

"It feels pretty cool especially with this group of girls. They are pretty special," Fenton senior Margaret

Berry said. "Being my senior year I've seen every type of team. The group dynamic is really cool to see how it is different every year and it's pretty awesome this year."

In the first half, the Bronchos looked like a team ready to post an upset victory. Holly controlled the ball more than Fenton and also had the best scoring chances in the opening half. However, Holly couldn't find a way to get the ball into the net past the Tigers' defense and keeper Lauren Koscielniak. Koscielniak finished with seven saves.

In the second half the Tigers started to take control and get the better shots.

They finally broke the scoreless deadlock on a corner kick attempt with 28:45 remaining in the game.

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Fenton's Margaret Berry makes a header with Holly's Payton Price battling her for the ball. Fenton defeated Holly 2-0.

## Blue Devils eliminated from Flint baseball tourney

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton's varsity baseball team's run in the Greater Flint Baseball Tournament ended a little quicker than the squad hoped on Friday.

The Blue Devils lost to Goodrich 6-1 in a quarterfinal contest.

Goodrich jumped to a 3-0 lead in the opening inning and never trailed. All three runs scored with two out. The first was on a sacrifice fly during the second out. The other two scored due to a fielding error.

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## Track squads perform well at Goodrich

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity track programs have had great seasons within the Metro League.

The teams are enjoying some solid efforts outside the league as well.

The Fenton girls finished second at the Goodrich Invitational, while the Fenton boys placed third. Both Linden programs took fourth while both Holly teams placed eighth.

The Lady Tigers earned four event first-place finishes in the big school competition while the Fenton boys earned two. Linden's boys recorded three event first-place efforts.

No one had more individual event firsts than Linden's Tanner Blaney. He won the 800 (2:04.14) and the 1,600 (4:35.61). There were others who earned an individual first and another first on a relay.

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## Fenton softball struggles vs. Keasley

By David Troppens

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**Fenton** — It wasn't the greatest of days for the Fenton varsity softball team on Monday.

Hoping to possibly get a sweep against Keasley to possibly get back into the Metro League race, the Tigers were outscored 31-9, resulting in them getting swept by the

Hornets. Keasley won the opener 14-3 and won the second game 17-6.

Keasley scored seven runs in the second inning of the first game, and never looked back en route to the victory. That inning included seven Keasley hits and two errors. Eleven of the runs Keasley scored were unearned runs due to six Fenton errors.

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Fenton's Angela Hanners tries to make a tag at second base in the tigers' two losses against the Keasley Hornets.



### SOFTBALL

► **Holly vs. Onaway:** The Bronchos were swept by Onaway, losing the first 3-1 and losing the second 7-5.

In the opener, Holly had just five hits, scoring its only run with a Aubrey Jenkinson single. Madisen Beesley took the loss on the mound, allowing no earned runs over seven innings. She struck out 14 batters and walked just one.

In the second game, Beesley had two doubles while Jillian Cohoon and Megan Sisson had two hits each as well. Sisson took the loss on the mound, pitching all seven innings.

► **Linden vs. Fowlerville:** The eagles lost the first game 4-0, but won the second 19-10.

In the opener, Linden had just three hits. One was a Jillian Widner double. Hobson pitched well in defeat, tossing a five-hitter.

Linden collected 25 hits in the second game with Widner's three-run home run in the eagles' five-run sixth being the biggest shot. Widner's other three hits in the contest were doubles. She drove in five runs and scored three. Buerkel, Crampton, Hobson and Jenkinson had three hits each while Mossing and Avery Koan had two hits each.

### BASEBALL

► **Linden vs. Ann Arbor Skyline:** The eagles (9-7-1) lost to Skyline 4-3 and 8-3.

In the opener, Skyline broke a 3-3 tie with a run in the bottom of the seventh inning. John Miller and Nick Koan had two hits each to lead the offense. Hunter Babcock drove in two runs.

In the second game Miller had two hits and drove in two runs. Babcock and Koan had doubles.

### GIRLS SOCCER

► **Linden 1, Swartz Creek 1:** The eagles tied the game with an Aubrey Moffat goal off an assist by Melanea Strauss. Linden is 3-1-2 in the Metro and 4-6-3 overall.

► **Linden at Coldwater Tournament:** The eagles took third place at the event, losing their first game by a shootout, but

winning the second game by a 3-2 score against Coldwater. Melanea Strauss scored two goals for Linden while Catt Medici had one. Kaitlin Garvey assisted all three goals.

### BOYS GOLF

► **Linden vs. Swartz Creek:** The eagles lost 176-199, but the event marked the first time Linden broke the 200 team score mark all season. Jack Whitman led the eagles with a 47 while Justin Cygnar had a 48. Drew Krueger carded a 50 while Ian Mann shot a 54.

The Linden JV team its match 203-233, with Tyler Jankowski leading the squad with a personal-best score of 48.

► **Holly at Oakland County Meet:** The Bronchos took seventh in the D2 tournament at the Links of Crystal Lake. Noah Rooker led the Bronchos by placing 12th with an 83. Aaron Findley shot an 89 while Matthew Moeller carded a 90. Royce Pucher shot a 97.

► **Keasley JV Tournament:** Fenton led area teams with a second-place finish and a team score of 376. Linden was fifth with a 449 and Lake Fenton was sixth with a 456. Holly took 10th in the 12-team tournament with a 499.

Linden was led by Devin Hubbard's 97, while Tyler Jankowski carded a 108.

### TRACK AND FIELD

► **Lake Fenton at Cavalier Classic:** The Lake Fenton boys earned fourth out of five teams and had a first-place performance. The girls took sixth.

Tommy Hufton led the Blue Devils, winning the 3,200-meter run with a time of 9:39.37. Elijah Bourdeau took second in the 800 (2:02.19) while Eric Niestroy was sixth in the 1,600 (4:39.3). Sophie Clements was Lake Fenton's top female performer, taking eighth in the long jump (14-10 1/4).

### BOYS LACROSSE

► **Lake Fenton/Goodrich 11, Holly/Brandon 8:** The game featured four lead changes before the Lake Fenton/Goodrich squad took the lead for good. Noah Bolton lead Holly/Brandon with five goals.

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### FLax Heat defeat Holly/Brandon in lacrosse, 20-8

It was a windy game for lacrosse on Friday.

The Fenton/Linden co-op called the FLax Heat were playing at home on turf. Certainly there was a possibility of some chaos created by the wind.

The Heat figured a way to win on their home field against the Holly-Brandon co-op by a 20-8 score.



### Linden softball goes 2-1 at Holt Tournament

Linden's bats were booming in two of three tournament softball games at the Holt Invitational on Saturday.

However, it was the one game that the

Linden varsity softball team wasn't able to produce much offense that ended up keeping them from winning the tournament title.

### LF softball suffers rare GAC sweep vs. Goodrich

The Lake Fenton varsity softball team doesn't make a habit of losing Genesee Area Conference contests over the last decade or so.

But on Monday, the Blue Devils were swept by the Goodrich Martians. Lake Fenton lost the opening game 8-6, and then lost the second game 5-4.

### Area golf teams compete at Genesee County meet

All four area tri-county boys varsity golf teams competed in the Genesee County Championships held on Monday at Atlas Valley Country Club.

Fenton took with a team score of 339. Lake Fenton finished eighth with a 350 while Linden (376) and Holly (384) were 12th and 13th, respectively.

### Linden softball team's bats spark sweep vs. Brandon

After opening the Metro League season with just six runs in its first two conference contests this season, the Linden varsity softball team's bats have been hot

ever since.

The Eagles (6-2 in the Metro and 19-7 overall) have scored at least nine runs in every Metro contest since.



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13 Carry on  
14 Hairstyle  
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17 Greek vowel  
18 Firetruck gear  
21 "Impossible"  
22 Officeholders  
23 Bocce equipment  
26 Coquettish  
27 Coll. transcript no.  
30 Fairy tale preposition  
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32 Witticism  
33 Kitten's comment  
34 Wield oars  
35 Choral composition

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Obituaries

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**Jane Louise Voelker**  
1923-2018

Jane Louise Voelker - age 94, of Fenton, died May 6, 2018. Funeral services will be held 11 AM, Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church 10235 White Lake Rd. Fenton, Interment in Tyrone Memory Gardens. Visitation was held Tuesday, May 8, 2018 2-4 and 6-8 PM at Sharp Funeral Homes Fenton Chapel 1000 Silver Lake Rd. Fenton; and from 10 AM Wednesday until the time of the funeral at the church. Those desiring may make contributions to Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church or McLaren Hospice. Jane was born August 9, 1923 in Mt. Morris Township the daughter of Claude E. and Marion R. (Blight) Rumsey. She married Rex R. Voelker on May 21, 1949; he preceded her in death January 14, 1996. She had worked for Genesee County Friend of the Court, and retired from AAA Michigan. She was a member of Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Voelker enjoyed gardening, knitting, crocheting and reading. She is survived by her four children, Vicki (Frank) Gyorkos of Fenton, Yvonne Voelker of Fenton, Lori (James) Stidham of South Lyon, Von (Patti) Voelker of Holly; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister, Joan Weil of Goodrich; brother, Richard Rumsey of Flushing; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and husband. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).





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**Chong Hui Allen**  
1941-2018

Chong Hui Allen - age 76, of Fenton, died May 3, 2018. Funeral services were held 11 AM Monday, May 7, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Interment was held at 1:30 PM Monday at Christian Memorial Cemetery in Rochester Hills. Visitation was held 2-6 PM Sunday, May 6, 2018 at the funeral home. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Pearl S. Buck International ([www.pearlsbuck.org](http://www.pearlsbuck.org)). Chong Hui was born June 5, 1941 in Seoul, Korea, the daughter of JungYul and Sung Nhyun Cho. She retired from Webasto after 25 years of service and was a devoted and loving mother and grandmother. Surviving are: son, Chan Ho "Joe" and wife, Stacey Allen of Fenton; three grandchildren, Jimmy Allen, Kenny Allen, and Hannah Allen, all of Fenton; three siblings, Joyce "Unhe" Dorland of Rochester, SulHee Kim of Korea, and Kyung Ho Cho of Rochester; life-long friend, Jim Murphy; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Robert N. Allen; mother, Sung Nhyun Cho; sister, YunHee Shin; brother-in-law, Arthur Dorland; and niece, Susan Kim. Tributes may be share at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Virginia Mildred "Ginger" (Eaglen) Carswell**  
1930-2018

Virginia Mildred "Ginger" (Eaglen) Carswell - age 87, of Fenton, died May 3, 2018. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at Sharp Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 6063 Fenton Rd., Flint, on Saturday, May 12, 2018. Visitation begins at 12 PM with service at 2 PM. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery. Ginger was born on November 14, 1930 in Pontiac, the daughter of David and Mildred (Wells) Eaglen. She married her loving husband Frank D. Carswell Sr. on December 2, 1946. He preceded her in death on February 19, 2002 after 55 years of marriage. Ginger was a devoted wife and mother who served as a volunteer caring for the elderly at various hospitals and nursing homes. Her many interests included literature, poetry, swing-dancing, music, bowling, fishing, and gourmet cooking. Ginger and Frank Sr. were founding members of the exclusive Traveling Gourmets Dining Club. Ginger's book of poetry is published in the Library of Congress under her pen name G. Carswell. Survivors include five children: Juanita (Bob) Singer of Chesaning, Linda Stillman of Croswell, Frank Jr. (Eva) of Fenton, Thomas (Molly) of Rochester Hills, Shelly (Jim) Johnson of Rochester Hills; son-in-law, Jim Rigdon of Grand Blanc; 18 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Shirley Buterakos and Marlene Greagor; sister-in-law, Shirley Oisted and lifelong friend, Virginia Hill. She was preceded in death by: her parents; husband, Frank D. Carswell Sr.; daughter, Diane Rigdon; grandson, Rob Singer and sister, Juanita Barger. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital at [www.st.jude.org](http://www.st.jude.org). Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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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 proposed district, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton proposes to reconstruct Eleanor Street between Owen Road and Island View Drive, 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 properties with frontage on Barrington Hills, Chateaux du Lac, Eleanor Street, Island View Drive, Pavilion Drive, Pavilion Court & Pine Bluff Court**

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 \$143,750, 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 May 21, 2018.

At the hearing, the board will also 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.

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