

# Jewelry store robbers nabbed

■ Utica police apprehend trio Wednesday following similar smash and grab robbery

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Three suspects Fenton police believe are responsible for the smash and grab

robbery last Friday, May 18, at Kay Jewelers are lodged in a holding cell at the Utica Police Department.

Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater made the announcement Thursday, May 24, less than a week after the robbery was carried out in broad daylight at the Owen Road store.

Slater said Utica police apprehended the trio during the afternoon of Wednesday, May 23 after they responded to a similar robbery at a Jared jewelry store in Utica. The FBI was brought in to assist with the investigation. Slater said a similar robbery occurred in January in

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## Pet shop legislation under fire

■ Bills may not prevent puppy mills

By Hannah Ball

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Some animal rights activists are calling two pending house bills a “wolf in sheep’s clothing,” while the author of the bill says their concerns are false.

The Genesee County Board of Commissioners, along with other county boards and more than 20 Michigan animal advocacy organizations, are opposed to the two House Bills, 5916 and 5917, which could, if those opposed are correct, prohibit local municipalities from banning puppy mills, which could be advertised as pet shops.

House Bill 5916 outlines and tightens healthcare regulations for puppies and kittens. The bill

See **PUPPY MILL** on 16A

## Going with the flow



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Regan Langley, 2, of Tyrone Township watches the water flow over the Fenton dam Wednesday, May 23. The area surrounding the dam, in Millpond Park, is a hub of activity where visitors can sit, socialize and go fishing. The original dam was built on this site by Clark Dibble, one of Fenton’s earliest settlers. See story on Page 1B

## Toxic algae found in Lobdell Lake



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A group of Canadian geese come ashore on Lobdell Lake on Friday, May 25. Harmful blue algae blooms can be toxic to animals and people.

■ Blue-green algae can cause skin irritation, vomiting, death to dogs

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Not all of Lobdell Lake may be safe to swim in this Memorial Day weekend.

On Thursday, May 24, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) found toxic blue-green algae in samples collected off Haviland Beach Drive on the north side of Lobdell Lake.

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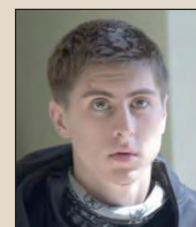
## Linden grad faces additional charges

■ Charged with robbing several hotels in San Antonio, Texas at gunpoint

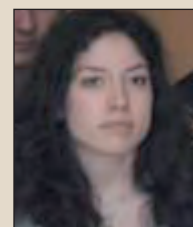
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Additional charges have been issued against Zachary Kentish, 21, and Gabriela Richie, 22, since their arrest in San Antonio, Texas on May 15. Kentish, formerly of Linden and a Linden High School graduate, and Richie of San Antonio have been charged with robbing multiple hotels in San Antonio, accord-



Zachary Kentish



Gabriela Richie

ing to reports in mysanAntonio.com.

The pair’s arrest came after they led police on a chase, which ended with their vehicle crashing into a police cruiser.

See **LINDEN GRAD** on 6A

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“To the King about not having security guards at schools. The answer is simple; nobody wants to pay for them. We don’t pay the teachers, no music, no art, pay to play, the list goes on. A school is not a bank.”



“If there were a better way to protect yourself and your employees other than armed guards and manned entrances, don’t you think banks, courts, government buildings and celebrities would already be using it? Get over your ego and politics and protect our kids in school already.”



COMMENT  
OF THE WEEK

“I have mixed feelings about Fenton’s intentional growth. Can someone please explain to me how plain, non-business-owning residents are any better off due to all this ‘progress.’ Understand, I’m not complaining, just asking. I only see a benefit for businesses, at our expense.”



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**Katie**  
May 19, 2018

## One dress, five brides

■ Five women in one family wear 1961 wedding gown, and each makes it her own

**By Sally Rummel**  
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The wedding superstition that the bride must have, “something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue,” wasn’t hard to follow in Patti Sabourin’s family.

When Sabourin’s daughter, Katie, got married on May 19 to her fiancé, Dr. Andrew Dolehanty, she walked down the aisle of St. John Vianney in Flint wearing the same wedding gown her cousin, aunt, mom and grandmother wore in their own weddings — five in all since 1961.

The wedding gown originated with Katie’s grandmother, Rita, who wore the dress at her wedding to Tom Harris on April 29, 1961.

See **DRESS** on 10A

# Disney FAIRYTALE FOR FENTON COUPLE

■ Former Disney ‘cast members’ get engaged at Disney — also offer inside tips for Disney visitors

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Garret Davies worked at Walt Disney World’s Animal Kingdom as a driver at Kilimanjaro Safari and Allison Ezell was employed in merchandising at Disney’s Hollywood Studios.

It was love at first sight for these two college students back in 2010 when they both participated in an internship called the Disney College Program.

Their long-distance relationship continued while he finished his studies at Colorado State University in hospitality and tourism and she completed her coursework at Michigan State University, before attending the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University.

Both passionate Disney lovers, the couple regularly visited Disney World in Orlando, Florida while they were dating. Since all good fairytales come with a happy ending, he proposed to her on Aug. 20, 2013 in the shadow of Cinderella’s Castle on Main Street at Disney World.

See **DISNEY FAIRYTALE** on 15A

“It’s always changing. You could never experience it all.”

**Garret Davies**  
Fenton resident



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(Left) Garret Davies gets down on one knee to propose to his long-time girlfriend, Allison Ezell, on Main Street at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida on Aug. 20, 2013. They’ll be celebrating their third anniversary on May 30. (Above) Garret and Allison Davies pose with Mickey on a recent trip to Disney’s Aulani on the island of Oahu in Hawaii.



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# Come *Heller* high water...

There are several popular business/self-improvement books out there now (“Factfulness” and “Enlightenment Now”) that make the case that the world is objectively a much better place than it has ever been.

The authors don’t base their position on flaccid, positive-thinking mumbo jumbo. If they did, I wouldn’t believe them. I’m not the type who can step in poo and exclaim, “Great! Fertilizer!”

Just not me.

I’m much more of a realist. Yes, there are some bad, awful things going on right now that make me weep for the future. For starters, the polar ice caps are melting, Americans willingly elected a hateful nin-compoop, and, of course, the band Nickelback still, inexplicably, roams free.

But as Steven Pinker, the author of “Enlightenment Now” points out, we humans tend to “take the world’s gifts for granted, including newborns who will live more than eight decades, markets overflowing with food, clean water that appears with a flick of a finger and waste that disappears with another, pills that erase a painful infection, sons who are not sent off to war, daughters who can walk the streets in safety, critics of the powerful who are not jailed or shot, the world’s knowledge and culture available in a shirt pocket.”

You gotta admit, that’s a pretty persuasive list. But I don’t think it’s just at the “macro” level that life on the planet Earth, and in particular in America, is getting better all the time. Small things about life are better than when I was a kid, too.

Here are a few things on my list. I’d love to hear yours.

Movies – Whenever I watch movies made before, say, 1970, I’m stunned

at how much the art of movie-making has progressed at every level — from scripting to special effects.

Food — When I was a kid, we always got a jumbo-sized orange or grapefruit in our Christmas stocking. A lot of kids did. I didn’t realize why at the time, but it was because top-notch citrus simply wasn’t as available in stores (particularly in the U.P.) as it is today, and was thus a huge treat, worthy of anchoring the toe of a Christmas stocking.

Today’s food distribution system is infinitely better than just a few decades ago. I like grocery shopping just because it still amazes me how different stores are from my youth.

Squeeze ketchup bottles with the dispenser on the bottom not the top — Yeah, it’s a small thing — until you use one of the old-fashioned glass bottles and have to bang and bang on the bottom of the stupid thing until you get annoyed and jam a knife down there to start the flow. Product packaging of all kinds is far better these days.

The Internet — In our house, whenever we have a question about something, we say, “Pull out the miracle machine and find out.” Meaning a cell phone. It’s almost unbelievable that we all have access to the world’s accumulated knowledge in the palm of our hands. Granted, we mostly use that power to swap emojis, but it’s still incredible. Before the web, if you had a question, you looked it up in the Encyclopedia Britannica. (Cue my kids: “The what?”)

Send your lists to me at andrewhellercolumn@gmail.com and I’ll print the best in a future column.

Opinions offered in Come Heller High Water are the author’s alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email the Andrew at andrewheller@tctimes.com.

“I like grocery shopping just because it still amazes me how different stores are from my youth.”



Andrew Heller  
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**I REMEMBER CLEARLY** when Bill Clinton, the Democrat, ram-rodded through the NAFTA deal that has cost us millions of jobs in our country’s wealth. It’s about time someone got an honest shake on this deal. That’s what Donald Trump is doing. It’s so long overdue.

**SAMUEL ADAMS ONCE** noted, ‘A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of any enemy. While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but when once they lose their virtue they will be ready to surrender their liberties.’ He was right.

**I’M GLAD THE** Times printed the Hot line from the person who said no one reads the paper. I’m in my 30s and find the Times to be the most enjoyable and informative thing I read. Most of my friends do also. It sparks a lot of interesting discussions. Keep up the good work.

**NOW THAT THE** girls are in Boy Scouts, every little boy is going to get accused of something.

**EVERY DAY ON** North LeRoy, I see people speeding, running red lights and texting but I never see anybody pulled over. I would love to see a police presence or people pulled over.

**READING ABOUT THE** MSU lawsuit and

the settlement amount, it pains me to realize that the lawyers will get 33 to 40 percent, plus expenses. I’ll be willing to wager that fully one-half will go to the lawyers. This in itself is criminal. You can see why people trust used car salesmen more than they trust lawyers.

**THIS IS FOR** the young girl who was angry with me for turning right so slowly onto Poplar Street. Maybe if you weren’t in my trunk going down North Road I would have turned normally. Go back to driver training.

**GREAT TO SEE** ALICE training in Fenton schools. Please write an article on any plans for a security assessment for classroom door-locking devices and other security system plans. In our ALICE training, we were trained to attack the perpetrator.

**I WOULD LIKE** to say thank you to a very nice guy, who pulled over to see if I needed help with a flat tire in Holly on Thursday morning.

**GOOD IDEA FOR** the school shootings is one entrance with a metal detector, a resource officer standing by, an undercover police officer, maybe a janitor.

**ANYONE MAKING ANONYMOUS** tips or cooperating with law enforcement beware — your identity can now be released without regard for your safety.

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“On a blind date. One of my wife’s girlfriends set us up in January of 1961.”

Jerry Rogers  
Deerfield Township



“We met at a New Year’s Eve party hosted by one of my friends. It was in 1967.”

Mary Ann Dixon  
Argentine Township



“In grade school. We went to St. Michael’s in Flint, and we became boyfriend and girlfriend in grade eight.”

Sue DeLosh  
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“A long time ago, right after high school. We both got married to someone else, then we got back together. We found our way back to each other.”

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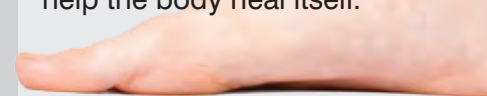
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### MAY 27

**2006:** In Swakopmund, Namibia, the actors Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt welcome the arrival of their first biological child, a daughter named Shiloh Nouvel Jolie-Pitt.

### MAY 28

**1937:** The government of Germany, then under the control of Adolf Hitler of the National Socialist (Nazi) Party, forms a new state-owned automobile company, then known as Gesellschaft zur Vorbereitung des Deutschen Volkswagens mbH. Later that year, it was renamed simply Volkswagenwerk, or "The People's Car Company."

### MAY 29

**1979:** Judge John Wood, known as "Maximum John," is assassinated outside his San Antonio, Texas, home as he bent down to look at a flat tire on his car. Actor Woody Harrelson's father, Charles Harrelson, was charged with the murder after evidence revealed that drug kingpin Jimmy Chagra, whose case was about to come up before "Maximum John," had paid him \$250,000.

### MAY 30

**1911:** The inaugural Indianapolis 500 is run at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indiana. The 200-lap, two-and-a-half mile race has since become a Memorial Day weekend tradition. With the excep-

tion of a break in 1917 and 1918 for World War I and from 1942 to 1945 for World War II, it has been run every year since, and is now the largest sporting event in the world, attended by about 270,000 spectators annually.

### MAY 31

**1859:** The famous tower clock known as Big Ben, located at the top of the 320-foot-high St. Stephen's Tower, rings out over the Houses of Parliament in Westminster, London, for the first time.

### JUNE 1

**1967:** Bob Dylan's instant reaction to the recently completed album Paul McCartney brought by his London hotel room for a quick listen in the spring of 1967 may not sound like the most thoughtful analysis ever offered, but it still hit the nail on the head. "Oh I get it," Dylan said to Paul on hearing Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band for the first time, "You don't want to be cute anymore." In time, the Beatles' eighth studio album would come to be regarded by many as the greatest in the history of rock and roll, and oceans of ink would be spilt in praising and analyzing its revolutionary qualities. But what Bob Dylan picked up on immediately was its meaning to the Beatles themselves, who turned a critical corner in their career with the release of Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.

### JUNE 2

**1985:** Leonard Lake is arrested near San Francisco, California, ending one of the rare cases of serial killers working together. Lake and Charles Ng were responsible for a series of particularly brutal crimes against young women in California and the Pacific Northwest during the mid-1980s. *Source: History.com*

# Linden shooting plot suspect goes to 'boot camp'

■ Sixteen phone calls made or received by Brewer entered into court records

By Hannah Ball

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Kody Brewer, 17, who was caught in the alleged Linden school shooting plot, has been ordered to attend boot camp after violating his probation a second time.

Brewer, who's been going through the court system since October 2015 when the incident occurred, is facing the charge of attempted false report of terrorism, a five-year felony.

Deputy Chief Assistant Prosecutor John Potbury said "boot camp" is a "probationary program that attempts to reform young people from their wayward ways."

The specifics of the boot camp were not disclosed. According to court records,

Brewer will be transferred back to jail after completing the program.

His sentencing date is August 28.

On May 22, transcripts from 16 phone calls Brewer made or received while in jail were entered into the court. Information on those calls is not yet available.

The first time Brewer violated probation occurred in June 2017 when he was out on bond and living with his parents. He created

a social media account and carried a cell phone against court orders. He was also suspended from school five times and was nearly expelled.

The two other boys who were arrested are Lamarr Dukes, 17, and Ryan Stevens, 20. Stevens was sentenced to five years probation in December 2016 after spending nearly a year in jail. Dukes was sent

to a yearlong rehabilitation program in Pennsylvania in September 2016.

**“(Boot camp is) a probationary program that attempts to reform young people from their wayward ways.”**

**John Potbury**  
Genesee County deputy chief  
assistant prosecutor

## LINDEN GRAD

Continued from Front Page

According to the article, police initially said the couple robbed three hotels along I-10. On Tuesday, May 22, police issued two additional aggravated robbery charges to each suspect.

Kentish and Richie are accused of robbing a Red Roof Inn hotel at about 5 a.m. Kentish allegedly put a black handgun on the hotel counter and demanded money from the employee. Later that morning, a Comfort Inn and Suites less than a mile from the Red Roof Inn was

robbed. This time, Richie was allegedly the one with a handgun and Kentish was armed with a knife, according to the arrest affidavit.

As previously reported, San Antonio police believe the duo were involved in robberies that same morning at a nearby Holiday Inn and Hotel San Antonio.

Kentish is now charged with three counts of aggravated robbery, one count of robbery and theft of a firearm. Richie is charged with three counts of aggravated robbery and theft of a firearm. Both remain jailed.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**LAST NIGHT MR.** Mickens was interviewed and talked about how his 15-year-old daughter was killed by MS-13. She was killed for fun. Another man was killed by MS-13 members who stabbed him 100 times and cut off his head. MS-13 is the same people that Nancy Pelosi says need to be treated with respect.

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## ALGAE

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Cheri Meyer, of the Water Resources Division at the DEQ, said they have detected a few algae blooms at Haviland Beach Drive.

"The blooms look like spilled green paint or green soup," she said.

On May 24, they sampled five locations: Haviland Beach, near Silver Lake Road and Whitehead Drive, the dam outlet, the Department of Natural Resources boat launch, and the Bennett Lake outlet. All locations, except for Haviland Beach, were all non-detect. At past samplings on May 14 and May 18, algae blooms also were detected at Haviland Beach.

"We are awaiting laboratory results for the samples at Haviland Beach to determine the exact amounts of microcystin present," she said.

Blue-green algae, also known as cyanobacteria, produces toxins. They can bloom on the water surface where the sunlight reaches, and it gives the water a bright green, blue-green, or brown appearance, according to the DEQ. The toxins may remain in the water even after the visible bloom disappears.

The DEQ classifies an algae bloom in recreational waters as harmful when the microcystin, a common toxin, levels are at or above the World Health Organization's guidelines for non-drinking water of 20 micrograms/liter. An algae bloom is also harmful when other algae toxin levels are at or above guidelines by the DEQ Water Resources Division.

"When you swallow the water or wade through it, it can cause skin irritation and vomiting. If it's high enough, it can cause death to dogs. That's why we get concerned," she said.

People who have been exposed to harmful algae toxins may experience skin rashes and gastrointestinal distress. Consumption by humans or pets may cause muscle cramps, twitching, paralysis, and cardiac or respiratory failure.

"Lake residents and visitors may reduce swimming and boating activities during heavy algal blooms because the blooms are aesthetically unappealing," according to the DEQ.

If someone sees an algae bloom, Meyer said to avoid contact. In the areas of the lake where there is no algae bloom present, it is safe to swim in.

"They can appear very quickly. They can last for a couple days and then disappear," she said. "There is no quick fix to prevent algal blooms. Factors that often contribute to harmful algae blooms include shallow and calm water, warm water temperatures, high phosphorus, and the presence of zebra or quagga mussels, even in low nutrient waters."

Meyer said the DEQ is working to better understand harmful algae blooms and to develop an effective monitoring strategy.

**“The blooms look like spilled green paint or green soup.”**

**Cheri Meyer**  
Department of  
Environment Quality  
water resources  
division

## To tan or not to tan

■FDA: 'no such thing as a safe tan'

By Hannah Ball

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Lying out in the sun and getting a tan will be on the to-do list of many people with the warmer weather, but you might want to rethink those plans.

Wearing sunscreen and adding some color to your skin may seem harmless, but the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) is reminding people that, "There is no such thing as a safe tan."

Amy Heusted, licensed practical nurse at the Skin and Vein Center in Fenton, said they do not recommend tanning.

"We recommend people be smart about it because skin cancer is caused by the sun," she said.

Heusted said to always wear sunscreen that is at least 30 SPF, and reapply it every 90 minutes.

"People are still going to get sun tan lines, even wearing sunblock. If you're going to be outside all day long or people that work outside, they should consciously reapply it every 90 minutes," she said.

Even if sunblocks claim they're waterproof, Heusted said they really aren't. Putting sunblock on again after swimming and drying off is recommended.

"When my mom was growing up in the '50s, they used baby oil, iodine, and laid out on metal roofs," she said. "Skin cancer is on the rise. We are seeing more malignant melanoma than we have ever seen."

Heusted said to be "sun smart" and use effective sunblock that contains zinc dioxide or titanium dioxide because those are physical blockers. This includes brands like CeraVe, Elta MD



Skin Care, SkinCeuticals, and Neutrogena Sheer Zinc sunscreen. The Skin and Vein Center also sells effective sunscreen for around \$14.

### WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR SKIN WHEN YOU TAN?

Once you get a tan and your skin is exposed to UV radiation, your skin increases the production of melanin to try to protect the skin from sustaining more damage. Melanin is the pigment that colors your hair, eyes and skin. A tan, or an increase in melanin, usually lasts around 48 hours.

The extra melanin gives your skin a sun protection factor (SPF) of about two to four, which is far below the minimum recommended amount of SPF 15.

The FDA states that tanning "greatly" increases your risk of developing skin cancer.

"Contrary to popular belief, getting a tan will not protect your skin from sunburn or other skin damage," according to the FDA.

**“Skin cancer is on the rise. We are seeing more malignant melanoma than we have ever seen.”**

**Amy Heusted**  
Skin and Vein Center licensed  
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# Township approves paving part of Whitaker Road

■Project to cost \$150,000

By Hannah Ball

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**Fenton Twp.** — At the Monday, May 21 meeting, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted to approve a 2019 local road project to pave part of Whitaker Road.

The location is at the Linden County Park, from Linden Road to Harp Drive. Operations Manager/Deputy Clerk Tom Broecker said the project area is approximately 1,000 feet long.

According to a memorandum from Broecker to the board, "After reviewing potential projects with the township engineer and GCRC, the paving of Whitaker Road, between Linden Road and Harp Drive, has been recommended for funding.

"This road receives a very high volume of traffic due to its proximity to the Linden County Park, especially during the summer months. Paving this road would be a significant improvement for the residents in that part of Fenton Township," Broecker said.

The township will spend \$59,800 toward the project, with the Genesee County Road Commission providing \$90,200 from supple-



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The portion of Whitaker Road by the Linden County Park will be paved in 2019.

mental local road funds.

Work is expected to begin in 2019.

The vote was 4 to 1, with Trustee Shaun Shumaker casting the dissenting

vote. Supervisor Bonnie Mathis and Trustee Vince Lorraine were absent.

"I am not against it, however, we at the board level didn't have all the information in regards to other roads that could have been chosen for improvement," Shumaker said. "I just would have preferred to have seen all the options so we can be sure we served the residents with the greatest needs."

**“This road receives a very high volume of traffic due to its proximity to the Linden County Park, especially during the summer months.”**

**Tom Broecker**

Fenton Township operations manager/deputy clerk

## Police parking lot safe online exchange location

■People can safely exchange goods bought or sold online

By Hannah Ball

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"Do you buy and sell on Facebook Marketplace or Craigslist and are concerned for your safety when conducting transactions? We welcome you to use our parking lot to meet buyers and sellers in a safe location!"

The Argentine Township Police Department posted this caption on its Facebook page Saturday, May 12, accompanied with photos of a new sign at the department parking lot. Since then, it has reached tens of thousands of people and has been shared nearly 500 times.

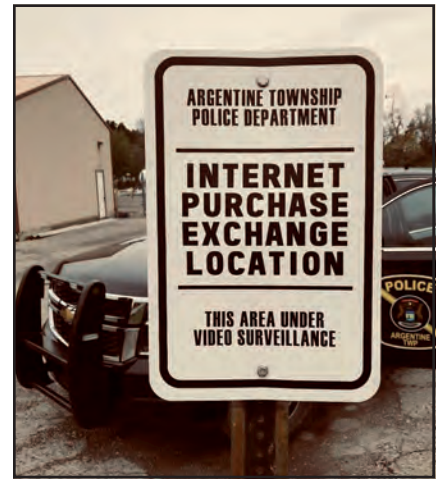
People buying or selling something on Craigslist or another site don't have to worry about an unsafe location.

Det. Sgt. Doug Fulton said, "We notice a lot of people don't like to do the exchanges at their houses. People

can come and do their exchange. If something happens, we got it on video."

The department added the new sign, made by Officer Scott Conner, and the video cameras.

"It's the perfect location. It's well lit," he said, adding that it'll make someone think



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The Argentine Township Police Department parking lot is a safe spot to exchange goods bought or sold online.

twice about tricking someone else during an exchange. "We have seen people use it."

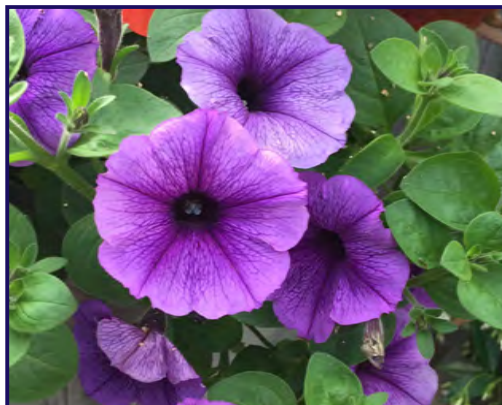
It's not necessary to call the department ahead of the exchange. Fulton said they keep an eye on who comes and goes.

The Fenton Police Department, which is open 24/7, also offers a safe and monitored meeting place for transactions of this nature. Check with your local police department to ask if their parking lot is a safe exchange location.

**“People can come and do their exchange. If something happens, we got it on video.”**

**Doug Fulton**  
Argentine Township  
detective sergeant

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**Rita**  
April 29, 1961



**Patti**  
August 10, 1990



**Mimi**  
July 18, 1997



**Angela**  
August 24, 2012

DRESS

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It was a beautiful, stylish gown of that era, a Priscilla of Boston dress designed with peau de soie, a lustrous satin finish, accented with a bodice of sparkling Swarovski crystals and a long cathedral train.

Most brides put away their wedding gown without ever expecting it to be worn again. But when Rita's daughter, Patti, got married on Aug. 10, 1990, she chose to wear her mother's dress, giving it her own look by altering the long, lace sleeves into short, puffy sleeves.

Seven years later, Sabourin's younger sister, Mimi, was engaged to marry Eric Morgan. She also said "yes" to the dress, and transformed it into her own style by

adding bows to the dress and short sleeves with bows, instead of puffy sleeves.

When Rita's granddaughter, Angela got engaged to Chad Bellant, she decided to continue her family's wedding tradition by wearing the same dress. She removed the sleeves, hemmed it and took off the bow from the back, then wore it down the aisle on Aug. 24, 2012.

"She was the first granddaughter to wear the dress," said Sabourin. "Katie was the second."

**“It was a bit of work getting Katie’s photo taken at church, then having a print made in time to insert it into the frame for display at the reception.”**  
**Patti Sabourin**  
*Daughter, mother, sister and aunt to all who wore this one special wedding gown*

For her wedding last Saturday, Katie did a complete alteration of the gown by removing the entire top half and replacing it with lace and long sleeves, giving it a vintage look. She added a V-neckline and a sequined sash. She also removed all the bows, replacing them with original material.

"The buttons are all original, as well as the train," said Sabourin.

Sabourin has been so touched by this legacy of love among three generations of

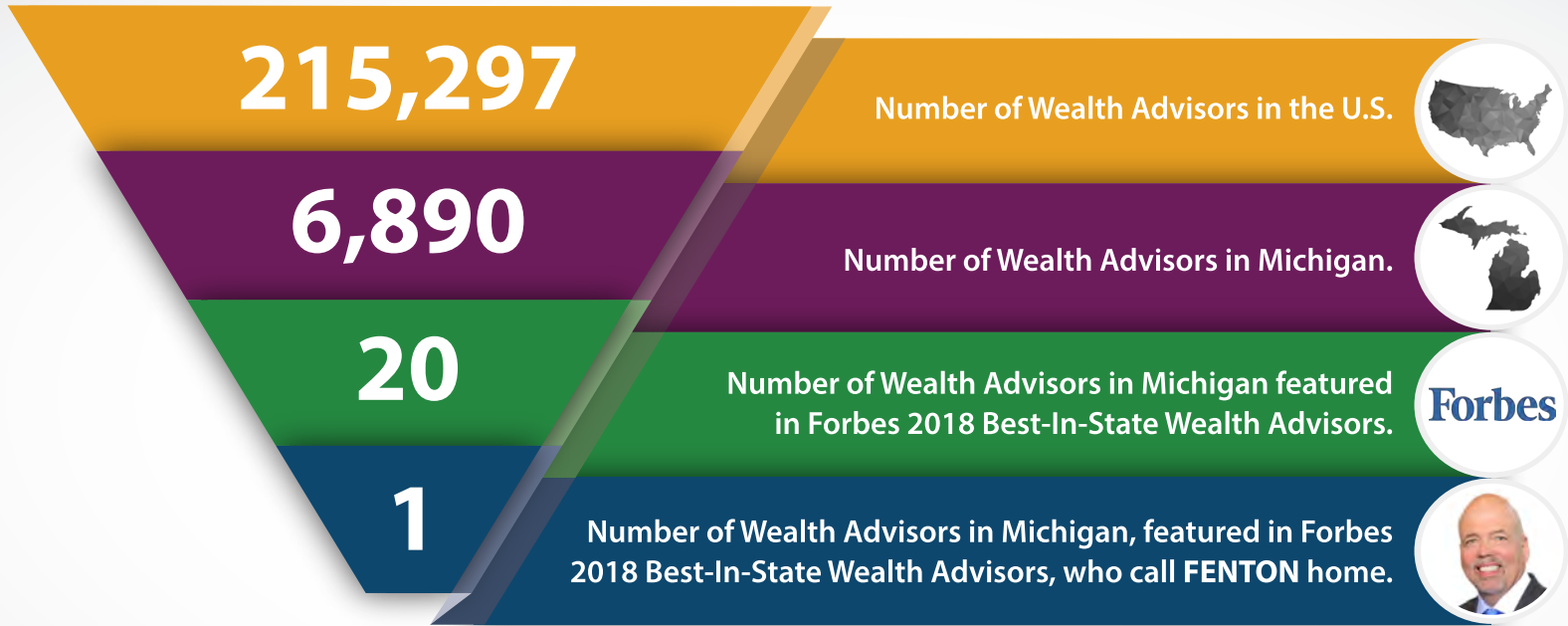
women in her family that she had a huge hand-painted frame made that includes 8- by 10-inch photos of each of the five brides wearing the same dress.

"It's my wedding gift to Katie," Sabourin said. The frame was displayed at her wedding reception at the Flint Farmers Market.

"It was a bit of work getting Katie's photo taken at church, then having a print made in time to insert it into the frame for display at the reception," said Sabourin.

Sabourin and her daughter share not only the same wedding dress but also the same profession. They are both teachers at Lake Fenton Community Schools. Sabourin teaches third grade at Torrey Hill Intermediate School and Katie is a first-grade teacher at West Shore Elementary.

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A.J. Phillips Museum Curator Leo Doan stands among a sampling of authentic uniforms of local soldiers. The museum is open every Sunday, except for holidays, from 1 to 4 p.m.

## Local war heroes memorialized at museum

### ■History of local WWI and WWII veterans on display

By Tim Jagielo

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**Fenton** — There are 400 pieces of local war memorabilia at the A.J. Phillips Museum, and the same number of local stories to match.

At the museum, one can put names to the faces of the people in uniform who fought in World War I and World War II.

If you want to connect with the history of veterans in Fenton, the A.J. Phillips Museum is the place to do so.

"Soldiers that went away in WWII or any war gave the supreme sacrifice, how can we ever forget that, why should we ever forget that?" said Donna Seger, Fenton Historical Society President.

#### A big war with local ties

"Fenton had people in WWII from the bombing of Pearl Harbor and every major battle in the war, and The Nuremberg Trials after WWII," said Ken Seger, curator emeritus, who spent 38 years gathering the military items piece by piece.

The Memphis Belle was a famous WWII B12 bomber, which was a subject of a star-studded 1990 film starring Matthew Modine and John Lithgow. A navigator on that bomber was Chuck Leighton, who taught at Fenton High School from 1947 to 1954. One of his students was Ken Seger.

Seger said the former bomber navigator amused his students with humorous stories from the war.

A picture of Leighton and his crew hangs in the museum today.

There were four Schubach brothers in WWII. Seger recounted the story of Fenton High School football player Elmer Schubach, who sat out of playing football because he knew he would be drafted, and didn't want a football injury to prevent service. "That gives you an idea of what people were thinking during WWII," Ken said.

This same family went on to establish the concrete company this is still in operation today.

Other local WWII stories are more tragic.

Kenny Schultz was on the Japanese island of Iwo Jima, driving Japanese out of underground tunnels. Seger said Schultz went after the Japanese in the tunnels after dark, and finally came out the next morning, and was killed by friendly fire.

Melvin Zavich was in a prisoner-of-war camp. He was in good health, and was going to be sent back to work in Japanese coal mines. Americans sunk the boat, assuming it was filled with enemy forces and killed him.

"They gave up everything — some of them were 17, 18 years old and they gave up everything, their whole future, so we could have our parade on Memorial Day and our parade on the Fourth of July," Donna said.

Ken said that back then, many local students were pulled out of high school to be drafted. "That's the way the war was then," Ken said.

Many of these people's portraits can be seen at the museum today.

#### On display

The military display accounts for approximately 20 percent of the main floor of the museum, and contains about 400 pieces, gathered individually by the Segers over the past 38 years.

In a set of display cases there are nearly 150 photos of local veterans, mostly from WWII. "All different branches," said curator Leo Doan. "Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines."

Within the cases of photographs are many recognizable names, such as Schubach, Strom, Rynearson, Seger, Weigant and Hagerman.

Aside from photographs, there are numerous artifacts from several wars.

There is an American bazooka, Japanese rifles, and some Nazi artifacts, along with items from WWI and Vietnam, such as uniforms, medals and photographs.

Visitors can view a list of Civil War veterans to see if they had relatives in the Civil War, and a WWII binder of photographs put together by Ken Seger.

The museum is at 301 S. LeRoy St., Fenton, across from the police station. It is open Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.

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**Donna Seger**

*Fenton Historical Society president*

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**BOATING SEASON IS** here in Michigan. I trust the Genesee County sheriff is aware and trained that riding on top of a double deck pontoon underway and women going topless are not against the law.

**TIRED OF HEARING** 'common sense' gun control laws. No one can name any law that would stop mentally ill people from getting a gun and doing bad things with it. Israel has a system that has prevented school shootings for a long time and they have many more threats to them than we do. Try their methods.

**I WAS WAITING** for a response about the 'noble Native Americans' being one with nature. I guess that you are OK with scalping, the taking of slaves from other tribes during the battles they had, and driving herds of bison off cliffs to get the meat and skins. As an aside, there are no native people to either continent.

**LONELY, THE SENIOR** widower — Loose Senior Center, Linden and Hartland Senior Center. Many activities from sedentary to very active. What are you interested in? We've got it. Do you play an instrument? Come to Hartland. Many of us are female. Who knew?

**HAD TO LAUGH** at the Hot line about the Tri-County Times. Looks to me like someone got their name in the paper for doing something wrong. Keep up the good work, Times staff.

**THERE IS A** substitute teacher shortage in the surrounding districts. When is Lake Fenton going to raise the substitute pay? The day is 7-1/2 hours, the expectation high and the pay minimal.

**THE MONTH OBAMA** took office, gas prices were \$1.85 and they reached a high of \$4 when he was in office.

**ABOUT TRASH CANS,** I live in a small village and we cannot put cans to the road 24 hours before pickup and have to be off road no longer than 24 hours after emptied or we're fined on our property taxes.

**THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE** not the 'King.' To blame liberals for the lack of school safety is irresponsible. The issues are very complex.

**WELL, THE GOVERNOR** got our taxes where he wants them, and they got gas up to \$3.20 a gallon. There's no collusion now, I'm sure.

WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, May 23, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Memorial Day includes parades and family activities

A complete listing of parades, including times and locations, and other Memorial Day activities in Fenton, Holly and Linden.

Kay Jewelers robbed in broad daylight

Thieves make off with 42 pieces of jewelry worth more than \$50,000 during the afternoon of Friday, May 18.



Holly Hills fire destroys home

The Friday, May 18 blaze that destroyed a Derby Court home in Holly Hills in Holly Township is still under investigation.

Linden grad arrested for Texas robberies

A 21-year-old Linden High School graduate and a female accomplice were arrested Tuesday, May 15 in connection to three Texas hotel robberies.

Billboards seen by thousands of motorists daily

Don O'Reilly of Fenton promotes 'mobile messages' along highway.

A look back at 1968

Jogging becomes the latest fad 50 years ago.

Sign up for an 'Inside/Out' tour of DIA art

■City of Fenton hosts guided tours of masterpiece art prints on display in downtown Fenton

By Sally Rummel

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Now's your chance to view masterpieces from the Detroit Institute of Art in downtown Fenton and learn more about them, right in your own "backyard."

Eleven reproductions of original art masterpieces are on display now through mid-July, thanks to the DIA's Inside/Out program. This program provides art to communities for free, as part of a grant applied for by the Fenton Arts Council.

Guided one-hour free walking tours are now available through the city of Fenton Art & Cultural Commission.

"Join a small group of 10 people or less for this unique opportunity to view the paintings and hear details of each reproduction from a trained local guide," said Pat Lockwood, chairperson of the commission. "Sign up at City Hall by calling (810) 629-2261."

TOURS ARE SET FOR THESE DATES AND TIMES:

- Thursday, June 7 at 5 p.m.
- Saturday, June 9 at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Sunday, June 10 at 1 p.m.
- Thursday, June 14 at 5 p.m.
- Saturday, June 16 at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Sunday, June 17 at 1 p.m.
- Thursday, June 21 at 5 p.m.
- Saturday, June 23 at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Sunday, June 24 at 1 p.m.
- Thursday, June 28 at 5 p.m.
- Saturday, June 30 at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Sunday, July 1 at 1 p.m.

These masterpiece art prints were delivered to Fenton on April 16. "It's a complement to the leased sculptures downtown," said Lockwood.

All the art pieces are in close proximity to the sculptures, near the Shiawassee River at the pavilion and behind the Fenton Community & Cultural Center in Rackham Park.



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On Monday, April 16, Frank Dutchak and Scott Conway of LaVanway Sign Company install a reproduction of "A Day in June" by American artist George Wesley Bellows in downtown Fenton. This is one of 11 vinyl prints installed through the Detroit Institute of Arts' Inside|Out Program.

TAKE A FREE TOUR TO THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS ON SUNDAY, JUNE 10

The City of Fenton Art & Cultural Commission invites residents to attend a free trip to the Detroit Institute of Art on Sunday, June 10. The trip includes luxury motor coach transportation, a guided tour of the DIA at 5200 Woodward Ave. in Detroit, and free time to view the various art collections, one of the largest and significant art collections in the U.S. This event is open to the public, 18 years and older, limited to 54 seats and is free of charge, courtesy of the City of Fenton Art & Cultural Commission, the DIA and the Knight Foundation. The motor coach will depart from the Fenton Community & Cultural Center at 9 a.m. and return at approximately 3 p.m. Café DIA is available onsite for lunch or bring your own box lunch. Register online at [www.slpr.net](http://www.slpr.net) or at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, 150 S. Leroy by Friday, June 8 at 12 p.m. For late registration and additional information, contact Pat Lockwood, chairperson of the Fenton Art & Cultural Commission, at (810) 516-9480.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

**PRESIDENT OBAMA FORCED** our country to buy gasoline from the Saudis and from all other Middle Eastern countries because they shut down our pipeline, prevented new pipelines from opening up, stopped offshore drilling and he pretty much shut down all of the coal industry. It is under President Trump that all of these industries are being re-opened.

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# 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, May 18.*

### Senate Bill 826: Impose licensure on naturopathic physicians

To impose licensure and regulation on naturopathic physicians, with license fees, education requirements and more. The bill defines naturopathic medicine as "a system of practice that is based on the natural healing capacity of individuals."

**Passed 24 to 11 in the Senate**

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES  
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES  
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ NO  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ NO  
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

### Senate Bill 655: Create domestic violence confidential address program

To establish an "address confidentiality program" for victims of domestic violence crimes, with the state Attorney General giving a victim a "designated address" to which mail could be sent and then forwarded to the individual's current location. This location would not be subject to disclosure under open records laws, and the person could also vote in elections using the designated address.

**Passed 36 to 0 in the Senate**

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES  
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES  
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ YES  
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

### Senate Bill 969: Criminalize marijuana-infused alcohol

To make the use, possession and sale of marijuana-infused alcoholic drinks a misdemeanor crime.

**Passed 35 to 0 in the Senate**

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES  
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES  
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ YES  
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

### House Bill 5775: Repeal obsolete lame horse law

To repeal a law dating back to 1913 that regulates the sale of a horse or mule, which by reason of debility, disease, lameness or injury is permanently unfit for work.

**Passed 99 to 9 in the House**

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

### Senate Bill 839: Revise mining permit amendment process

To establish streamlined procedures and timetables for a mining company getting revisions to restrictions in its state operating permit, with many exceptions. This would apply to determinations that a permit amendment does not "result in environmental impacts that are materially increased or different" from those specified in the original permit.

**Passed 63 to 45 in the House**

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

### House Bill 5749: Allow truck platoons on highways

To exempt truck platoon operations from a traffic law requirement that trucks leave sufficient space between themselves for a vehicle to enter that space. "Platoon" is defined as vehicles "traveling in a unified

manner at electronically coordinated speeds." Under current law truck drivers must leave "sufficient space between the vehicle and another truck so that an overtaking vehicle may enter and occupy the space without danger."

**Passed 64 to 44 in the House**

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

### House Bill 5750: Authorize surrendered newborn 'baby boxes'

To revise a 2000 law that provides legal protections to a mother who anonymously surrenders a newborn to an emergency service provider, by allowing providers to install a "newborn safety device" similar in operation to a bank drive-up window or library book return slot, except it would be clean, safe, warm and designed to trigger a 911-call and a notice to staff within 30 seconds that there's a baby inside.

**Passed 97 to 11 in the House**

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

### House Bill 5638: Revise groundwater withdrawal permit regime

To revise a 2008 law that imposed a comprehensive regulatory regime and

restrictions on industrial, commercial and agricultural groundwater uses that might have a negative impact. The bill would allow a more streamlined process for agricultural and other withdrawals that meet certain conditions, and establish deadlines for state officials to process permit requests. It would also repeal a requirement that landowners make public certain agricultural well use information.

**Passed 93 to 15 in the House**

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

### House Bill 5325: Let local business subsidy entities tax residences

To expand the taxing power of local authorities created to deliver direct and indirect subsidies to business property owners in "principal shopping districts" and "business improvement districts," by letting them impose property taxes styled as "special assessments" on home and residential property owners. Under current law residential property is excluded from the levies these entities are authorized to impose.

**Passed 76 to 32 in the House**

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

### House Bill 5902: Allow residential "cross-subsidization" of solar cell maker's lower electric rates

To allow the indefinite continuation of special discounted electricity rates granted by Consumers Energy to the Hemlock Semiconductor subsidiary of Dow Corning, which under a 2010 law were exempted from a ban on cross-subsidization between residential and commercial/industrial customers (meaning residential customers pay more while Hemlock pays less). The bill restructures the authorization for this discount by styling it a privilege that could potentially be claimed by all industrial customers, but with specific details that limit it to just this one subsidized company; under current law this privilege is structured as a "grandfather" provision of the law that banned electric rate cross-subsidization. Note: Hemlock makes photovoltaic solar cells, which were recently granted tariff protection against foreign competition by the Trump administration.

**Passed 77 to 31 in the House**

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

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## DISNEY FAIRYTALE

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That was almost five years ago, and on May 30, 2015, the couple married in East Lansing.

"A Disney wedding, now that's pretty expensive," said Garret, 32, a travel agent for Travel Brokers, Inc. in Fenton. "We thought we'd save our money so we could just visit Disney more often." Allison, 29, is an optometrist at General Optical in Fenton.

The couple fell in love with Fenton, thanks to Allison's roots growing up in nearby Flint Township. Garret grew up in Fort Collins, Colorado, which ironically inspired Walt Disney when he was designing his vision for Disneyland's Main Street USA in California.

But their Disney fairytale hasn't ended there. Because they travel to Disney properties so often, they became Annual Pass holders and most recently, visited Disney's Aulani on the island of Oahu in Hawaii.

Together, they have been to Disneyland in California, Disneyland in Paris and on a Disney Cruise, in addition to multiple trips to Disney World in Florida.

"My favorite is still the Magic Kingdom at Disney World in Florida," Garret said. "It's the most iconic park."

While people ask him all the time if the couple gets tired of visiting the same parks all the time, Garret is quick to say that he and Allison "do Disney" different than most people.

They know the places to go that will give them a different experience every time, including themed meals at many of the varied resorts on the property.

Plus, they return to old favorites like the "mountain rides" — Splash Mountain, Space Mountain, Thunder Mountain. Those are some of the couples' perennial favorites. They'll let the other tourists clamor for rides like "It's A Small World."

"It's always changing," he said. "You could never experience it all."

## Best Disney advice from someone who has 'been there' — Garret Davies, travel agent

• **Plan ahead** — Make your dining reservations and FastPass+ selections well in advance to ensure you'll get to eat where you want and visit or enjoy your favorite attractions with minimal wait time.

• **Book through** an Authorized Disney Vacation Planner to take the stress out of the process.

• **Go left** — when given a choice of direction, turn left instead of right, which is the trend for most people. The Magic Kingdom, for example, was designed like a wheel with a central hub (the area in front of Cinderella's Castle) and spokes (the different themed lands) that branch off the hub. Most people come into the park and go right toward Tomorrowland. So, avoid the crowds by going left toward Adventureland.

• **Celebrate a special occasion** — Whether it's a birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc. stop by Guest Relations and pickup souvenir buttons recognizing your celebrated event. These free buttons will help you get recognized by cast members for your happy occasion. You never know — you might get a free dessert or an opportunity to skip a line. Just don't expect it, accept it!

• **Bring a backpack** and pack a poncho — you can bring snacks, water, sunscreen into the parks. Chances are you'll encounter rain at some point, so bring your poncho.

• **Don't be afraid** to ask questions — Disney is known for its amazing customer service.

## Police&Fire report

### FENTON FIRE CHECKS OUT SMOKE IN FENTON HIGH SCHOOL

The Fenton Fire Department was dispatched to a possible fire in Fenton High School at 1:56 a.m., Wednesday, May 23. Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said staff reported smoke/haze in the southwest hallway. Firefighters checked the entire building and found a faulty HVAC unit on the roof that caused the smoke. No damage to the building was reported and the problem required a minor repair.

### HOLLY COP SMELLS SMOKE, WAKES UP RESIDENT TO PUT OUT BURNING CIGARETTE BUTTS

While on patrol just after midnight Thursday, May 24, Holly police officer Anthony Modica smelled smoke in the area of Oakland Street. Police Chief Michael Story said his officer investigated and located a great deal of smoke coming from the rear of a home in the 300 block of Oakland Street. Officer Dan Livingston arrived to assist. Modica woke up the homeowner and they found that there was a five-gallon bucket containing cigarette butts smoldering in the enclosed porch. The homeowner put out the fire with an extinguisher. Story said the homeowner had no idea of the situation until awakened by the officers. The fire department also was called out, but soon cancelled.

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## ROBBERS

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Indianapolis, Indiana and detectives are checking to see if the robberies are related.

In custody in Utica are a 30-year-old Detroit woman, a 23-year-old Garden City man and a 28-year-old Detroit man. Police will release their names after their arraignments.

Based on their investigation and an inventory of their merchandise, Kay Jewelers told Fenton police that 42 pieces of jewelry worth more than \$50,000 were stolen. Slater said none of the jewelry items stolen from the Fenton store have been recovered, but now that suspects are in custody,

police could learn more about where the jewelry items are.

On Friday, May 18 at approximately 2:15 p.m., Fenton police responded to the jewelry store on Owen Road in the complex next to Target to investigate a robbery complaint. The caller told 911 dispatch that a black man and a black woman entered the store and asked questions about diamonds for a while. A second black man entered the store, at which time they used hammers to smash glass jewelry cases and steal a considerable amount of jewelry.

The suspects fled after approximately two minutes in the store. No injuries were reported.

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## News briefs

### MICHIGAN RESIDENTS TURN IN 23,115 POUNDS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Saturday, April 28 was the 15<sup>th</sup> U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Prescription Drug Take Back Day. The Genesee County Prevention Coalition (GCPC) recognizes this as an important initiative in preventing and combating prescription drug misuse and abuse. Law enforcement participation is vital to the sustainability of this nationwide initiative. In Michigan, 168 law enforcement departments participated with 210 sites across the state collecting a total of 23,115 pounds of unwanted prescription drugs. This brings the total amount of prescription drugs collected by DEA since the fall of 2010 to 9,964,714 pounds, or 4,982 tons. Several local police stations have permanent prescription drop boxes including those in Fenton, Holly Village and Argentine Township.

### FENTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1961 REUNION

The Fenton Alumni Association is planning a reunion for the Class of 1961. The reunion is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 17, beginning at 5 p.m. It will be held at Tyrone Hills Golf Course, 8449 Old U.S. 23, at Center Road. Social hour begins at 5 p.m. Dinner, visiting and dancing to follow. Sherry's Catering will provide dinner. To make your reservations, send a check for \$35 per person, payable to Fenton Alumni Association, to Fenton Alumni Association, P.O. Box 961, Fenton, MI 48430. Commitments are needed by Aug. 10. Send a check with a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive your tickets in the mail or mail in your check, provide your email address and pick up your tickets at the door the night of the reunion. For details, contact Carla (Jaggi) Jaurez at csjmamia@yahoo.com.

## PUPPY MILL

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states a person who operates a pet shop cannot import or sell a dog or cat less than 8 weeks old, unless it's taken in with its litter. The bill lays groundwork for appropriate veterinary practices that must be followed for the animals, including vaccinations and treatments for parasites.

Pet shops cannot sell or transfer dogs unless they are over 8 weeks old, have a pet health certificate, and an implanted identification microchip. They can't sell to people younger than 18 years of age.

If the dog came from a breeder, the retailer must provide the name of the breeder, the address of the breeder, the Department of Agriculture license number of the breeder, the dog's birthday, a document signed by a veterinarian describing any condition that adversely affects the animal, and a few other documents.

The controversy surrounds the second bill, HB 5917. If passed, it will prohibit local units of government from enacting or enforcing an ordinance, policy, resolution or rule that regulates a qualified pet shop.

In response to the bills, Genesee County Commissioner Drew Shapiro proposed a resolution opposing both bills at the Monday, May 21 Genesee County Board of Commissioners meeting. It passed unanimously.

Pam Sordyl, founder of Michigan Friends of Companion Animals and Puppy Mill Awareness of Southeast Michigan, gave background about the bills at the meeting.

Sordyl said the bills "would allow pet stores in Michigan to continue sourcing from large-scale, inhumane commercial breeding facilities and to continue to sell sick puppies to the public, while at the time stripping cities, towns, and counties in the state of the authority to address this issue."

Shapiro said the Petland store chain is the primary backer behind this legislation. Some refer to the bills as the "Petland Bills."

In a joint press release Shapiro and

**“There’s been a lot of misinformation about it, that it allows puppy mills and the like, but it does just the opposite.”**

**Hank Vaupel**  
Michigan representative  
(R-Dist. 47)



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Seventeen mixed breed puppies, which were rescued from a hoarding situation in Ohio, were brought to Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton in 2012.

Sordyl state, "Genesee County is home to the Flint outlet of the pet store chain, Family Puppy, which has joined with pet industry lobbyists to push the highly controversial bills through the legislature.

At Family Puppy, Shapiro said, "They sell these dogs for thousands of dollars. They hold them in inhumane conditions. In addition to the fact that I think puppy mills are terrible, I think it's also a local control issue and it's an overreach. The bill is an overreach by the state."

So far, 26 animal advocate organizations have opposed this bill. This includes the Michigan Humane Society, the Humane Society of the United

States, the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance, and many more (see complete list online with this story).

"It's really a bill masquerading as pro animal when it's really not," Shapiro said.

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) sponsored the bill.

"The bills do two things, the first really tightens healthcare regulations and regulations on pet shops if they're going to sell pets," he said.

Vaupel, who is a veterinarian and practiced for 40 years, said the 8-week rule is due to the immune systems of puppies and kittens not being fully developed until they're 8 weeks old. At that time, it's safe to separate them from their mother. All pet shops would have to

prove is that the animal was deemed healthy by a veterinarian, and all dogs would have to be micro-chipped.

"The second (bill) said they can't be arbitrarily ruled out or ruled out of a district," Vaupel said. "They can't be banned. They're licensed businesses, they pay taxes, they employ people, they're subject to inspection."

The statement that local municipalities wouldn't be able to ban puppy mills is "false. That's just plain false," Vaupel said.

"There's been a lot of misinformation about it, that it allows puppy mills and the like, but it does just the opposite," he said. "If they're going to sell pets, they must abide by all of the regulations to ensure the health and welfare of the animals."

### SUMMARY

■ Two house bills are causing controversy at the state and local level. House Bill 5917 would prevent local municipalities from regulating pet shops, including puppy mills.

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# Meet GRACIE WARDA

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Gracie Warda, 15, is a Tri-County Times intern, learning about journalism through her own real-life experience. A sophomore at Fenton High School, Gracie is on the editorial staff of the Fenton High School newspaper. Next year, she will be assistant editor, in charge of online content. Gracie is the daughter of Jason Warda of Fenton and Mitzi Swanick of West Branch.

**You are an intern at the Times. What does this job involve?**

I do the Street Talk feature, interviewing people on the spot with a question of the week. I take photos of each person and turn everything into the of-



fice on Wednesdays. I am also able to write stories about things I'm interested in. I want to be a journalist for my career. It's a way for me to get my ideas out to the public and for people to use me as their avenue to communicate.

**What makes you very interested in a journalism career?**

I have always wanted to work in journalism. I have a passion for reading and writing. I like to write about hard-hitting topics and opinions that people tend to shy away from. These are the things that need to be talked about. It's

**"I like to write about hard-hitting topics and opinions that people tend to shy away from. These are the things that need to be talked about."**

**Gracie Warda**  
Fenton High School sophomore  
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Times intern Gracie Warda, 15, is a Fenton High School sophomore and online editor and chief for In Print, the school's newspaper. She appreciates that journalism gives people a public voice.

important to let people know that their voices are heard, instead of silencing them. Their opinions matter.

Aside from journalism, I'm an English buff. I love to write and read, especially short stories.

**Are you a book reader or an e-reader?**

I'm a sucker for a good, hard copy book. It's almost reminiscent of when my mom used to read to me when I was little. I'm a very tactile person.

**Where do you hope to go to college?**

My first choice is Columbia University in Manhattan, New York City. I went to Columbia's campus last year with my journalism class; we stayed there for a week taking classes. I fell in love with the school and New York City. My other choices are Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois and New York University, also in Manhattan.

**So you're a big city girl?**

Actually, I can't see myself living in a big city for the long-term. I love Michigan and my family is here. After college, I'd like to come back here, work for a big newspaper, publish a novel on the side and raise a family here.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I'm super busy, between school, my newspaper work, my internship, working at Culver's, etc. I'm also a member of the Silver Lake Ski Team in the summer, plus I'm at my mom's house every other weekend. But when I do have a free moment, I love to read and write.

**If you could interview anyone in the world, who would it be?**

Author John Green, who wrote my favorite book, "Looking for Alaska." He's an interesting person. He's really intelligent, from what I know. It would be informative and fun to have a conversation with him.

**What is the most interesting thing that has ever happened to you?**

That's hard to pinpoint. I've had a bit of a chaotic life. Things just seem to happen to me.

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# Blue Devils impressed with GAC track meet results

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It was a strong night for the Lake Fenton track programs at the GAC Red Meet on Tuesday.

The Lake Fenton boys finished second, while the girls captured third place. For both squads that was realistically the best team performance either squad could've hoped for.

And while the teams did well, the individuals also had strong showings, with the boys earning nine top-three performances and the girls recording five top-three efforts.

"I am so proud of my girls," Lake Fenton varsity girls track coach Heather Byard said. "Everyone of them did a fantastic job of competing last night. We knew going in that Corunna and Goodrich we're out of

reach and that third was up for grabs. It came down to the final race and Lake Fenton took second place. I've never been so excited to get third. It was a great night."

The last race of the night was the 1,600 relay, and Lake Fenton's team of Sophia Clements, McKenna Nugent, Mia Zaitshik and Tori Stewart (4:44.85) took second by a comfortable margin, earning the squad third place with 71 points.

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## Sports Times

# Area rivals sharing baseball's Metro title

■ Eagles' split with Fenton earns Linden portion of crown

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**Fenton** — What seemed like it may be a year of transition for the Linden varsity baseball team, has become a Metro League championship season.

A quality graduation class left, as did their head coach Steve Buerkel. That meant the squad had to become a new family under its first-year head coach Anthony Puente with many unproven players.

It worked out. The Eagles (13-3 in the Metro) split a doubleheader with the Fenton Tigers on Tuesday, assuring them of at least a co-Metro League championship. Travis Klocek was masterful in the opening contest, leading the Eagles to a 3-0 Metro League championship win.

The Fenton Tigers kept their chance

of earning a share of that title alive by winning the second contest 10-3. The Tigers needed to sweep Swartz Creek in a doubleheader on Wednesday to earn a share of the Metro crown, and did so. But on Tuesday, Linden's was the first team to earn the title.

"I'd say it's a pretty big accomplishment," senior captain Drake McLaughlin said.

"Of course, we'd like to win it outright (and losing the second game) was a little bit of a sting, but it's still something to be proud of, especially getting it



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The Linden Eagles celebrate a run during their first-game victory against Fenton, earning Linden a share of the Metro title.

your senior year."

"It means a lot because we've been working together as a team," Puente said.

■ Tigers bounce back vs. Dragons, repeat as champs

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**Fenton** — There was no room for error when the Fenton varsity baseball team played Swartz Creek, Wednesday.

If the Tigers wanted to earn a share of the Metro League crown with the Linden Eagles and repeat as champions, Fenton had to sweep the Dragons.

The Tigers did just that in impressive fashion. The Tigers (13-3 in the Metro and 20-8 overall) earned two 10-run mercy victories against the Dragons, capturing the co-league

title. Fenton won the first game 12-2 and then won the second 14-4.

"It was awesome to get the Metro League title," Fenton senior David Pietryga said. "It means a lot to me. We are so close as a team. Having my teammates there to get this win my senior year is awesome. It's a great experience. I couldn't ask for anything else."

"It says a lot about the hard work we put in as a team and how far this program has come to win back-to-back for the first time in a long time," Fenton senior Nolan Lawrence said.



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Fenton players celebrate a run scored during the Tigers' doubleheader sweep against Swartz Creek, Wednesday.



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Lake Fenton/Goodrich player Abby Gottron runs downfield during a past game. The co-op program plays in a regional semifinal contest on Wednesday at Grand Ledge High School.

Lake Fenton/Goodrich girls co-op squad headed to regional semi

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The Lake Fenton/Goodrich co-op varsity girls lacrosse team is in its third season this spring.

The program has veterans that have been around all three seasons. It also has players that entered it for the first time this year as well. For certain the program is growing. And something else is happening — the program continues to get better.

The co-op squad recently proved that by winning two regional tournament contests. The Lake Fenton/Goodrich co-op defeated Flushing 17-4 in the opening round of the tournament and then won a thriller against Grand Ledge 11-9, earning a spot in Wednesday's regional semifinal contest against Okemos at Grand Ledge High School at 7:30 p.m.

"It has been an excellent season," Lake Fenton/Goodrich co-op girls lacrosse head coach Katie Sabourin said. "They have surpassed my expectations. Yes, I'm definitely super proud of them."

Lake Fenton led by three entering the final minutes of the contest, and tried to control the ball to kill off the clock. Grand Ledge did collect one goal during this period, but for the most part, Lake Fenton accomplished their goal.

"If you asked me two years ago if our team could do that, I would've said no way," Sabourin said. "But now they have stick skills and can control it and find the next pass."

Megan Lynch led Lake Fenton with four goals, while Sophia Clements had three goals.

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Holly's Taylor Barrett won the No. 1 singles flight title for Holly at the Metro League meet Wednesday.

# Bronchos follow perfect regional with perfect Metro championship

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**Fenton** — Nothing seemingly can stop the Holly varsity girls tennis team.

The Bronchos have been the dominant team in the Flint Metro League for over three decades, winning or sharing every title but two since 1982, and the run continued at the league meet, Wednesday at Fenton High School.

Despite missing their No. 2 singles

player, the Bronchos bumped up some players in their lineup and still captured every single flight championship with three straight-set match victories, crushing the field with a perfect team score of 24 tournament points, capturing the Metro crown. What is the key to this outstanding program? Ask the players and they'll have similar responses. It's all about being a team.

"It's our closeness as a team," se-

nior Samantha Hild said. "We all have the same goal. It's a team thing. It's not like our one singles player is going out and playing for herself. Our one singles player is going out there and playing for our team. Our two doubles team is playing for the team. Everyone is playing for our team, and when you play for the team, that's when your team does great things."

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The Fenton varsity boys track and field team celebrate the squad's second straight Metro League title after winning the Metro League meet, Thursday.

# Fenton track teams repeat as Metro League champs

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Both teams took different paths toward a co-Metro League championship with the Flushing Raiders, but both Fenton varsity track and field teams accomplished the task on Wednesday at Clio High School.

The Fenton boys needed to win the Metro League Meet to earn a share of the crown, and did just that, taking first with 158 points, 36 more than Flushing.

Meanwhile, the Fenton girls track team could've won the title outright by

winning the meet, but had to settle for second place, 11 points behind Flushing. That meant the two teams shared the league championship as well.

The women's title represents the third straight season the girls have earned at least a co-Metro championship. Meanwhile, the boys have earned at least a share of the Metro crown in each of the last two seasons.

"It's hard to put into words how it feels to win a second straight championship," Fenton varsity boys track coach Anthony McMillan said.

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## Eagles sweep Fenton, earn second in the Metro

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**Fenton** — It was a nice way to end the Flint Metro League season if you are a Linden Eagle.

The Linden varsity softball team finished the Metro season in second place after sweeping their biggest foes Tuesday. The Eagles edged Fenton 7-6 in the first game and then won the second contest 18-3.

The first game was a thriller with both teams holding the lead at one time.



Linden's  
Jordyn Hobson

1-0 lead in the bottom of the first when Hailee Prater hit a two-out RBI-single, plating Erin Carter who reached on an error.

Linden (12-4 in the Metro and 25-9 overall) earned its first lead of the game with three runs in the third inning. With one out, Lauren Buerkel doubled and Liz Rakowski singled. Ellie Klocek responded with an RBI-single, tying the game at 1-all. A walk to Jillian Widner and a single by Emma Mossing continued the threat.

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#### BASEBALL

► **Holly vs. Swartz Creek:** The Bronchos split their twinbill, winning the first 2-1, but losing the second game 7-6. The split means the Bronchos finished the Metro season with a winning 9-7 record and in fourth place overall.

In the opener, JD Lannon needed just 89 pitches to toss a three-hitter. He struck out seven batters. He also had two hits as did Trey Ridgeway. DJ Tennis and Jacob Bridgewater had RBI-singles.

In the second game, Lannon led the offense with two hits and an RBI. Trey Ridgeway had a hit and two RBI.

► **Powers 3, Linden 1:** Powers took an early lead and held on at Whaley Park against Linden.

Braden Banasiak pitched 4 1/3 innings of two-run ball, striking out six. Rory Shadduck relieved and struck out four batters in 1 2/3 innings of work.

The Eagles scored their only run in the top of the seventh on a Carson Mabe RBI-single.

#### SOFTBALL

► **Fenton vs. Grand Blanc:** The Tigers (11-16-1) split with Grand Blanc, losing the

first game 10-4, but bouncing back to win the second 7-2.

In the second-game victory, Erin Carter continued her strong season by going 4-for-4 with three RBI and two runs scored. Cheryl Hatch had two hits while Hailee Prater had a hit and four RBI. Prater won the game on the mound, striking out four over seven innings.

Erin Carter hit a three-run home run in the first game while Coral Lefever had two hits.

► **Holly vs. Swartz Creek:** The Bronchos lost a pair of tight games against the Metro League champions, dropping the first game 3-2 and losing the second 1-0.

► **Holly vs. Flint Powers:** The Bronchos lost 9-5 and 11-10. Holly struggled with errors in the first contest, resulting in the loss. Gillian Cohoon and Megan Sisson led the Bronchos' hitting attack.

In the second game, Miah Beck hit a home run, but the Bronchos lost a tight contest.

#### GIRLS SOCCER

► **Oxford 1, Fenton 0:** Lauren Koscielniak had three saves in net in the contest. The Tigers outshot Oxford 9-3, but were unable to score.

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### Rinks posts 300th state win versus Mt. Morris

Lake Fenton varsity softball coach Amos Rinks has a pretty impressive resume. It got a little better last week. Rinks surpassed the 300-win mark for varsity softball wins in the state of Michigan.

### Devils do well at GAC meet

It was a case of good news and bad news for the Lake Fenton varsity boys golf team at the Genesee Area Conference Meet.

### Linden, Holly teams post solid results at Metro meet

The Linden varsity boys track and field team hasn't really been one of the major contenders for the Metro League track championship.

### Schramm's pitching leads Blue Devils past Mt. Morris

Mt. Morris had a strong pitching performance against the Lake Fenton varsity baseball team on Monday.



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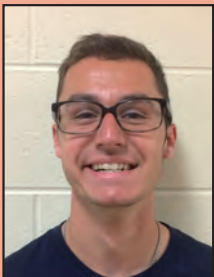
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