**Fenton citizens happy with the way things are**

City leaders surprised that condition of roads did not top residents’ concerns

By Vera Hogan
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**Suspected jewelry store thieves jailed**

Fenton police to present smash and grab case to Genesee County prosecutor Wednesday

By Sharon Stone
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Two of three suspects Fenton police believe are responsible for the smash and grab robbery Friday, May 18, at Kay Jewelers were arrested by the Utica Police Department.

Arrested Wednesday, May 23 and formally charged Friday, May 25 with larceny over $20,000 in Shelby Township were Chanel Lana Fleming, 30, KK Lavon McGilliary, 28, and Jamar Edward Owens, 23. Each were being held Friday afternoon in lieu of $50,000 bonds.

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.

See JAILLED on 10

**Local chicken case comes to a close**

Fenton Township couple move ‘pets’ to basement to comply with zoning law

By Hannah Ball
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The Charlesworth chicken case is closed.

After almost a year in court and almost two years keeping chickens, Andrew and Jen Charlesworth have found a solution to comply with zoning law.

See CHICKEN on 10

**Storage tents might not be allowed in Linden yards**

Residents invited to attend public hearing June 4

By Hannah Ball
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Tents used for long-term outside storage to cover vehicles, equipment or similar items might not be allowed in residents’ front yards.

See TENTS on 8

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“Joe Graves, please explain House Bill 5325, which you voted for. It sounds like the DDA will tax homeowners if the bill becomes law.”
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Fenton DDA continues sculpture program, renting eight pieces for $13,672

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — There are eight new sculptures downtown. Flatlanders Sculpture Supply of Blissfield rotated the pieces out from last year. “We tried to work in a little more color this year,” said John Strayer, chairman of the sculpture selection subcommittee.

The sculpture “Short Conversation” looks like two giant green and pink ferns thrusting from the ground in front of the Fenton Post Office.

“We could tell immediately, the quality of the art was higher,” Strayer, Sculpture Selection Subcommittee chairman said.


The purpose of the DDA is to enhance and develop the downtown, in order to attract more traffic and business for the establishments within the district. “Public Art strengthens and contributes to the sense of place for the community and fortifies the quality of life,” said DDA Director Michael Hart, who is also the assistant city manager.

The DDA rented eight this year, for $13,672, or $1,709 per piece, which is the price for eight to 10 pieces, according to Strayer. These rotating sculptures will join the ones that are now a permanent part of the city landscape. “The Game,” “The Butterfly,” “Pescado II,” “The Game.”

“We tried to work in a little more color this year,” said John Strayer, chairman of the sculpture selection subcommittee. This is the sixth year that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has rented sculptures for one year that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has rented sculptures for a year.

“Graceful Dancer” greets motorists coming into town from Holly.

“I am a happy-go-lucky guy who will make a playful companion. I’m a fun, active Cattle Dog blend. I’m a lucky guy who will make a playful companion. I’m a fun, active Cattle Dog blend.

“Oak Leaf Arch III,” by Jim Gallucci stands as a dramatic entrance to the Fenton Community and Cultural Center.
If I Were King...

There’s no place like home

I am a lifelong Fenton resident. I certainly never planned it that way. When I was young, I couldn’t imagine living my life in this hopelessly backward one-horse town. I was going to see the world. And so, after dropping out of college, I traveled as much as possible. I lived briefly in one other state and one other country. Despite enjoying life in those places (one of them far too much, but that’s another column), I somehow always wandered home again. I ultimately chose to live “where everybody knows your name.”

I’ve never regretted it. That isn’t to say Fenton is perfect. Far from it. There’s lots of things that could be done better, for instance, our roads and streets. By any measurement, they are awful. Our sidewalks are a lawyer’s dream. And our water rates are criminally high.

But, all the above is minor league stuff — stuff that can be fixed and improved relatively easy. When it comes to the core assets and services, that’s where Fenton shines. Our school system is the envy of the entire state. It’s staffed by dedicated teachers and administrators, and embraced by engaged and caring parents.

I love Dibleville because of its diverse range of locally owned businesses and restaurants housed in architecturally interesting buildings. It’s an appealing environment that encourages walking rather than driving.

Our business bedrock is the perfect combination of both national retailers and locally owned and operated establishments that provide goods, services and, most importantly, jobs for our residents.

Our hills, lakes and natural resources provide the backdrop for an abundance of upscale homes.

And, our geographic location is perfect, with easy access to U.S. 23 and I-75, allowing convenient connections to all points north and south.

But, I digress. The primary component of a great place to live is you — you and me and the other 30,000 to 40,000 residents that consider ourselves “Fentonites.”

Most kids in this area are tucked into bed each night by both a mommy and a daddy. Neighbors have respect and affection for each other. Our streets are eminently safe, as evidenced by the hundreds of bikers, runners, joggers and parents with strollers we see daily.

We are safe in our homes, with an almost non-existent crime rate.

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To the more than half of you who support it with a subscription, we say thank you. To the other half, we miss you and hope you will join us. Remember, it’s your community and your newspaper. Supporting them both is the best investment you can make in your family, your community and yourself.

I love Fenton. It’s a place where each of us can find the satisfaction and warmth, which comes from being a member of a community. This is what man has sought since the dawn of civilization. And, it’s still what we seek today — “there is no place like home.”

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“The next day” is July 4, 1776. Oh, the freedom! One year before the “Declaration of Independence,” the Army was formed June 14, 1775. June 14, the “Army Birthday.” The “Army Birthday” is July 4, 1776. Oh, the freedom!

TO THE PERSON leaving their dog waste bags on top of the brush piles on S. East Street: we’ve seen you do it. Be mature and dispose of it properly.

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STATE ROAD JUST put up a new sign saying 25 miles per hour. There is no way you can go 25. Our cars would be in pieces all over the road. Thank you.

IT DOESN’T MATTER if marijuana is legal. People are going to use it no matter what. Might as well make some money off it.

YES, IT SEEMS the skins on Koepel’s Hot dogs have been getting tougher and tougher every year. I don’t know what’s going on, but I wish it would go back to where they were 10 years ago.

OAKLAND IS D IS stuck in the 1950s. Most of their tech center programs are described on their websites as requiring people to lift 50-100 pounds. Someone doing CAD needs to be able to lift 100 pounds? Really? Great way to discourage girls from starting careers in tech or trades.

PRAYERS ARE IN order for the Indiana science teacher who tackled and held down a student who opened fire in his classroom on Friday. This teacher was shot three times and told the students to run.

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Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter
Fenton’s millage rate will remain the same

Officials pass 2018-2019 budget with 10.3593 millage; not raised in 20 years

By Vera Hogan
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Following a public hearing on Monday, May 14, the Fenton City Council unanimously passed the city’s 2018-2019 budget.

No one spoke at the public hearing.

The new fiscal year begins on July 1, 2018 and ends June 30, 2019. According to City Manager Lynn Markland’s presentation to the council in April, by charter, the city of Fenton can levy up to 13 mills for general operating. The current millage cap is 10.3593.

“The 1999 fiscal year will be the 20th consecutive year that the city has not levied additional millage for debt,” Markland said. “Our total of 10.3593 mills continues to represent the lowest millage rate levied by the city since at least 1976.”

Total revenue for fiscal year 2018-2019 is anticipated to be $26,261,961. Add to this the $3,588,463 fund balance that will be available on July 1, the total amount to appropriate is $9,850,424.

Atotal amount of $6,250,285 in expenditures are anticipated for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Of that amount, the lion’s share goes to the police department at $2,492,383, followed by general services at $1,492,383.

In April, Markland said, “The economy has improved and there is evidence of the improvement in many areas of the city. Growth is moving in the right direction. The manufacturing climate is doing well. The city’s industrial park has few vacancies.

“The true cash value of residential properties has continued to increase in the past year and values are nearing pre-recession prices,” Markland added. “The Fenton real estate market has become a ‘seller’s market.’ There is higher demand for homes than the supply.

“The residential and commercial real estate markets have improved and the overall taxable values have increased by about 6.4 percent,” Markland said.

Employee health care costs are a concern every year, he added. “We are anticipating at least a 13-percent increase in healthcare premiums for next year,” Markland said. “We will likely be taking a close look at our healthcare plan and the costs.”

Markland said the 2019 budget that was presented to the City Council is balanced.

“The order to achieve the balanced budget several contributions from other funds are necessary,” he said. “The contribution from other funds to total $422,500 in service payments from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA).”

Both the DDA and the LDFA remain in good long-term financial condition.

The DDA has made some major investments in the downtown and they have assumed debt for the infrastructure improvements for the Street, Traverse and Caroline Street projects, Markland said.

“As their tax base continues to grow from the new development and they continue to pay off debt, the DDA will be able to assist in more improvements in the downtown district,” he said.

The LDFA will again be contributing $50,000 to the Fire Equipment Fund. The current ladder truck has several years of service left, according to Markland, but the money for replacement needs to be set aside for the future.

Senate Bill 871: Extend statute of limitations on criminal sexual conduct crimes

To extend the statute of limitations on prosecuting second- and third-degree criminal sexual conduct offenses in which the victim is a minor to 15 years after the offense is committed, or the alleged victim’s 28th birthday. In cases where an unknown offender is later identified by DNA evidence, the statute of limitations would extend 15 years after the identification.

Passed 108 to 1 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) YES

Senate Bill 653: Create environmental permit appeal panel

To create a state environmental permit appeal panel comprised of certain officials and representatives of specified interests including business and environmentalist organizations. A permit applicant aggrieved by permit denial could appeal to the panel, which would have the authority to revise or reject state environmental regulators’ decision or conditions of a permit.

Passed 58 to 50 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) YES

Parents beware, it could happen here

MSP reports possible attempted child abduction from Macomb County trailer park

By Vera Hogan
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Shortly after 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 27, the Michigan State Police (MSP) reported to all area media a possible attempted child abduction in Bruce Township, located in Macomb County.

Although the children involved were safe, the incident serves as a reminder that actual and attempted child abductions can and do take place throughout Michigan and the country.

That now the weather is nice and the end of school days for this year are just about over, more and more children will be playing outside in neighborhoods, parks, campgrounds and more. If old enough to be out alone with their friends, they should always be aware of their surroundings and remember what they’ve been taught about stranger danger.

MSP reported that between the hours of 11:15 and 11:40 a.m. Sunday, a group of children, ages 5 through 10, were playing at the creek in the Springbrook Trailer Park, located in Bruce Township in Macomb County. The creek is off Cascade Circle inside the trailer Park.

The proposed 2018-2019 Fiscal Budget can be read in its entirety on the Tri-County Times website (www.tctimes.com).
Linden event marks ‘pure’ Memorial Day parade and ceremony

Linden — Memorial Day parades show the heart of the community.

On Monday, May 28, visitors lined downtown Linden and watched as the Memorial Day parade, comprised of members of the Linden VFW Post 4642 and past and active military, walked from the Linden VFW building to Fairview Cemetery carrying the VFW and USA flags.

Along the way, people clapped, saluted, and removed their caps.

The parade also included the Linden High School Marching Band and local Boy Scout troops.

The first stop was a ceremony for military members lost at sea, at the bridge over the Shiawassee River.

After that, many attendees walked to Fairview Cemetery and stood in the cloudless 90-degree weather for the ceremony.

Visitors listened to the ceremony that included a rifle volley, placing symbolic items at the foot of the memorial for fallen veterans, and words from the heart, from VFW members Jim Johnson and Craig Newberry, along with standard VFW selections.

Memorial Day gives citizens a chance for a few hours, “to publicly honor the best and most noble of us all,” Newberry said. “This Memorial Day, with heavy hearts, we recall those we’ve lost.”

As in all local Memorial Day parades, no political or business advertising is allowed. “In Linden we try to keep a pure, pure Memorial Day parade,” said Parade Chairman Douglas Morgan.

This was likely the 71st year of Linden’s Memorial Day parade, but Morgan said records aren’t exact from the 1940s.

**Community Planting Day this Saturday**

Community members are invited to take part in the fifth annual Fenton Community Planting Day on Saturday, June 2, Meet at Fenton City Hall at 9 a.m. Those planning to volunteer are asked to bring rakes, shovels, trowels and gardening gloves. Join Fenton’s Beautification Team as they plant flowers, spread mulch at City Hall, police and fire departments, gazebo, library and museum. Volunteer to keep Fenton beautiful. Call Dawn Overmyer (810) 629-0455 or Pat Lockwood (810) 516-9480 for details. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

**Charter Township of Fenton Notice of Public Hearing**

You are hereby notified of a regular public hearing to be held Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM by the Fenton Township Planning Commission at the Fenton Township Civic-Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka. This hearing will be held to consider the following:

- Amendment to Zoning Ordinance 594, Section 4.02. Accessory buildings: Ordinance amendment to allow accessory structures to be built on vacant lots across the street from riparian lot principal structures.

**Update**

According to a May 26 New York Times article, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is not convinced that Sirhan Sirhan fired the shot that killed his father — and wants a new investigation.

Kennedy Jr., 64, made the shocking disclosure in a Washington Post interview after reviewing an autopsy and police reports, speaking with witnesses and spending three hours visiting the convicted assassin in the California prison where he’s serving a life sentence.

“I got to a place where I had to see Sirhan,” Kennedy Jr. said, refusing to disclose the specific matters the two men spoke about. “I went (to the prison) because I was curious and disturbed by what I had seen in the evidence.

“I was disturbed that the wrong person might have been convicted of killing my father. My father was the chief law enforcement officer in this country. I think it would have disturbed him if somebody was put in jail for a crime they didn’t commit.”

Sirhan admitted at his 1969 trial that he shot Kennedy, but claimed he had no recollection of it.

Sirhan has spent the rest of his life in the oppression of Palestinians. Hubert Humphrey ended up running for the Democrats in 1968, but lost by a small margin to Nixon.

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Kennedy was perceived by many to be the only person in American politics capable of uniting the people. He was beloved by the minority community for his integrity and devotion to the civil rights cause. After winning California’s primary, Kennedy was in the position to receive the Democratic nomination and face off against Richard Nixon in the general election. As star athletes Rafer Johnson and Roosevelt Grier accompanied Kennedy out a rear exit of the Ambassador Hotel, Sirhan Sirhan stepped forward with a rolled up campaign poster, hiding his .22 revolver. He was only a foot away when he fired several shots at Kennedy. Grier and Johnson wrestled Sirhan to the ground, but not before five bystanders were wounded. Grier was disarmed afterward and blamed himself for allowing Kennedy to be shot.

Sirhan, who was born in Palestine, confessed to the crime at his trial and received a death sentence on March 3, 1969. However, since the California State Supreme Court invalidated all death penalty sentences in 1972, Sirhan has spent the rest of his life in prison. According to the New York Times, he has since said that he believed Kennedy was “instinctual” in the oppression of Palestinians.

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Memorial Day

This past Monday we observed Memorial Day when we remembered and honored the fallen who gave everything they had in service to our country.

Historically, Memorial Day was always observed on May 30, but that changed with the enactment of the federal Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which went into effect in 1971. Under the Act, certain federal holidays were to be on Mondays with Memorial Day designated as always being on the last Monday of May. This Act also made Memorial Day a federal holiday.

Since today is May 30, I'm going to respectfully exercise a small bit of writer's privilege and talk about some Memorial Day facts and history.

Memorial Day traces its roots back to Civil War veterans' organization, the Grand Army of the Republic. President William Clinton signed into law the National Moment of Reflection Act in 1998.

In 1967, another federal law officially changed the name to Memorial Day.

Flying the American flag is an important part of the day and the flag should be flown at half-staff from sunrise to noon and then raised to full-staff.

A relatively new tradition came into being with the passage of the National Moment of Remembrance Act signed into law by President William Clinton on Dec. 28, 2000.

Pursuant to the Act at 3 p.m. every Memorial Day, there is to be a one minute pause in our activities

“In honor of the men and women of the United States who died in the service of freedom and peace.”

This tradition should also be played when and where possible.

There are numerous other traditions which I won’t detail here, but suffice it to say we should never forget what our fallen have done for us.

The mere fact that we wake up each morning in a free country should be our constant reminder. May they rest in peace.

Holy cow — it’s hot!

Here are a few ways to beat the heat

By Vera Hogan
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Are you among the many people getting a little cranky over the hot, humid temperatures this past week? If so, the following are a few tips to help cool down until the temperatures come back down to a tolerable level.

Drink plenty of water

Everyone knows how important it is to stay hydrated throughout the year. It’s even more important in the hot summer months when you’re sweating a lot more.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggests thinking of your body like an air conditioner.

Whenever your body heats up from physical activity or the hot weather outside, your internal air conditioner turns on and you begin to sweat. Now that your air conditioner is using its coolant (your sweat), it is important to refill the tank — by drinking lots of water.

As with other hydration myths, water isn’t your only option, but it’s free and easily accessible for most of us. Even if you have to trick yourself into drink more water and to love the taste of it, you’ll be much more comfortable if you keep rehydrating your water glass.

One thing some people do when drinking a lot of water becomes unpleasant, is instead of ice cubes, drop in frozen fruit like lemon wedges, raspberries, blueberries and even peaches. Jazzing it up with a little flavor can make it taste better.

Cool meals like sandwiches with cold cuts and sliced toppings like avocado, tomato, cucumbers, etc., along with some cottage cheese and a wedge of water-melon will fill you up without weighing you down.

Avoid using heat sources

During the hottest hours of a summer day, it is best to avoid using the heat sources in your home. After doing the laundry, consider hanging linens outside (they will smell so good) and wait until evening to dry the rest in your clothes dryer.

Keep excessive sweat under control

For many people, sweat-inducing humidity is the worst part of summer. Even if you don’t have excessive sweat issues, you can get the sweating under control with a few tricks, like applying antiperspirant at night so it works more effectively and wearing breathable clothing materials, such as cotton.

Use your fans more wisely

If you face your fan out, rather than in at night, your room will stay cooler and you might be able to sleep more comfortably. Day or night, you can use a temperature controller (or build one yourself) to automatically turn the fan on or off based on the temperature and humidity.

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67th District Court

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TUESDAY MORNING AND it’s already 85 degrees but there are a lot of hard working young men in bright orange T-shirts cleaning up our expressways. If you have a chance, thank them for their service.

THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL Committee has in their platform the call for higher taxes on gas. Go look it up and read it. The Democrats want higher taxes on gas. But, right now, we’re paying the price with higher gas prices of Obama’s inactivity over eight years where he discouraged exploration and production of gasoline.

THE DETAILS aboutagate are coming out daily, and we are learning about the deep-rooted corruption with President Obama, Hillary Clinton, the CIA, with Clapper, Brennan, Comey at the FBI, and of course Loretta Lynch. This corruption will make spygate the biggest scandal in American political history.

THIS IS FOR John who helped me on Friday, May 25, at Lobdell Lake access. Tell your mother that she raised an angel.

THE MEMORIAL DAY speech President Trump gave at Arlington was emotional and heartwarming. Finally, we have a president who cares about our military, about our vets, and about our VA. What a contrast to the Obama Administration, which totally ignored all of those entities.

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Locals buck up for Escanaba’s fight

Local governments contribute funds to fight tax loophole

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Five hundred here and a thousand there may not seem like much, but if every community in the state of Michigan decides to make like contributions, the Michigan Municipal League’s (MML) Legal Defense Fund for the city of Escanaba should get some substantial assistance.

Earlier this month, the Rose Township Board of Trustees voted to contribute $500 to the fund. On Tuesday, May 29, the Fenton City Council was expected to approve a $1,000 contribution for the same fund. Other local communities have decided to either not contribute or haven’t addressed it yet.

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

According to the 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 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.

The city of Escanaba 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.

According to Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland in a memo to City Council earlier this month, “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 MML. In it, the MML says the city of Escanaba, with a population of 12,616, has expended close to $190,000 from the MML to help pay the city’s defense.

The MML claims the political appointees on the April 2 Planning Commission meeting, “These structures are typically supported by poles, have a fabric roof and/or sides, and are usually used to cover vehicles, recreational equipment, or similar items. Part of their popularity may be due to low purchase and installation costs in comparison to permanent structures.”

City Planner Adam Young told the commission there has been an increase in the use of these accessory structures.

The meeting minutes outline concerns from a municipal standpoint.

“Because they can be very large, visibility and placement of such structures on a property is a concern. The structural integrity of such structures is also a concern, as the structures may not be designed to withstand high winds or snow loads,” according to comments in the meeting minutes.

An accessory structure is a building or structure not attached to a principal building on a lot. They can only be erected in a rear yard, and not within 10 feet of any other building located on the same lot or parcel. Accessory buildings and structures cannot be located closer than 5 feet to any side or rear lot, and they cannot exceed 15 feet in height, according to Linden’s zoning ordinance amendment.

The potential change in the ordinance includes a provision that excludes temporary accessory buildings or structures on the premises for less than 72 hours, which is three days, over any 30-day period. It does not include personal recreational tents.

The Linden Planning Commission will have a public hearing on the ordinance change at the next meeting on June 4. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers, on the lower level of the Linden Mill Building.

SCULPTURES

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Barth: “We could tell immediately, the quality of the art was higher,” he said.

He said the city will choose second again in 2019.
Protect your child from online adult ads

Secretary of State’s Office offers free child protection registry

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With a cell phone that has internet access, kids can visit virtually any site, even if it deals with adult-themed content.

The Michigan Secretary of State’s Office offers a solution—the ProtectMiChild Registry. It allows parents to block adult-content from your child’s phone, tablet or other electronic device.

Michael Doyle, communications representative with the Department of State, said, “It was launched to protect children from unwanted electronic communications about products or services that are legally prohibited for kids.”

Parents can register their child’s cell phone number, email address and Instant Messenger ID to help prevent ads for tobacco, online gambling and pornography. Go to protectmichild.com and click on the “Register My Child/Family.” From there, users can enter email addresses and the birthdates of the children.

“The registry is a free and secure program housed on the Secretary of State website that families and schools can use to block adult-oriented ads for products like alcohol, tobacco, pornography and online gambling from reaching their children’s email inboxes, tablets, cell phones or instant messenger IDs,” Doyle said.

Registration will remain active for three years or until the youngest child listed turns 18.

Since people under 18 are not allowed to purchase certain products or services under state law, this registry will help prevent ads for those products coming to the listed emails.

“One address is registered, senders of messages that advertise or link to prohibited products or services are required to remove the address from their sending lists within 30 days,” according to the site.

Users will then create an account to receive notifications about the registry.

The website also will register a school or other institutions that primarily serve children under the age of 18. These institutions will be confirmed by the ProtectMiChild staff before it goes into effect.

Michigan was the first state to launch a child protection registry in 2005.

“The registry was transferred from the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs to the Secretary of State’s Office by executive order in 2014,” Doyle said.

Tip to cool your car down quickly

This Japanese trick will get your oven-like car closer to a bearable temperature. Roll down one window and open opposing windows if your home and open opposing windows or windows on the top and bottom floors for maximum airflow.

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Avoid using the stove and oven. Much of what you use in both can be accomplished in the microwave. If you must have cookies, for example, try the delicious no-bake kind that are easy to make.

Also avoid running the dishwasher, which emits quite a bit of heat, during the day. If you must use it, turn it off before the drying cycle, open the door and let dishes, etc. air dry.

Your hair blow dryer is not going to be your friend either. Unless you’re a professional model and have to suffer through a blow dry, you may be surprised at how nice your hair looks after it air dries.

Exercise comfortably, even in the heat

Just because it’s hot out doesn’t mean you have to stop exercising. You can get used to exercising in the heat and use common sense strategies such as switching to water sports, avoiding the sun when it’s strongest, and exercising in short bursts.

Optimize your windows

You might not need to run your air conditioner if you pay a little more attention to your windows in the summer. Close the windows and use insulated drapes to keep the sun out during the day and open them at night when the sun is down. You can also hang a damp towel in front of the window to cool the air flowing into your home and open opposing windows or windows on the top and bottom floors for maximum airflow.

Hot Line continued

As a conservative, I hate to suggest that NAFTA was good for America. It did cost millions of people their jobs. But countless more millions were helped by cheaper prices.

Please advise Heller on the climate change issue that it was once called global warming. They switched to climate change because that’s something that’s been going on for millions of years. There are just as many scientists saying no about warming as there are saying yes.

Are you kidding me? First of all, scalping was started by the whites; it was how you got paid your $5 for killing another human. And secondly, natives only killed the amount of buffalo they could use. No waste. Whites killed them by the thousands just for the skins. Maybe take an adult history lesson.

To those who walk with their children or ride bikes with them. Be kind and teach your child not to tease dogs. They may think it’s funny but you never know what that dog will do. Then you sue because they got hurt and it’s your fault for allowing your child to tease them.

Where are all the police in Fenton? I never see them. The Hotliner is right, people speeding, not stopping at stop signs, and running red lights. What the heck is the big fat hurry?

Thank you Fenton VFW, you are greatly appreciated. You were the parade.

Requirements:
• Property & Casualty license or ability to obtain
• College degree desired but not required
Send resume to ejankowski@bbmich.com.
JAILED
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Fenton police said 42 pieces of jewelry worth more than $50,000 were stolen from the Fenton jewelry store. With the Fenton robbery, Slater said Fleming and McGilary are suspects. A third male suspect remains at large and Fenton police are attempting to locate him to make an arrest. Slater said they will be presenting the Fenton robbery case to the Genesee County Prosecutor’s Office today, Wednesday, May 30.

KK Lavon
McGilary

CHAIR TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-13

THAT WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Fenton has accepted petitions from owners of properties benefiting from the proposed improvement of North Shore Drive to create a special assessment district for the improvement of the roadway and sidewalks along that roadway, including a_median striping, street lights, and other improvements that the township defines as a special assessment district, and

THAT WHEREAS, preliminary plans and estimates for the foregoing street improvements have been placed on file in the office of the Township Clerk,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fenton Township Board does hereby tentatively declare its intent to resurface North Shore Drive, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fenton Township Board does tentatively designate the special assessment district against which the costs of the improvements are to be assessed as the North Shore Drive Improvement Special Assessment District, which shall include the following parcels of land:

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and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a hearing on any objections to the petitions, to the improvement, the estimate of costs, and to the special assessment district proposed to be established for the assessment of the cost of such improvement, shall be held on Monday June 4, 2018 at a regular meeting of the township board at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is instructed to give proper notice of such hearing by mailing and publication in accordance with law and statute provided, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-13 as presented.

Motion by: Seconded by:
Ayes:
Nays:

STATE OF MICHIGAN ) ) SS:
COUNTY OF GENESEE )

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton, County of Genesee, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on May 21, 2018, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Thomas Broecker, Deputy Clerk

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Dinner and childcare was provided. According to city officials, widespread community input is essential to the next step in developing the city of Fenton Strategic Plan.

Will Stiverson, a city resident and member of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, said he thought the visioning session was “fantastic.”

Stiverson said what surprised everyone, including the city’s administrators and elected officials, was that the condition of roads was not on the list of concerns by those present.

“People were talking more about enhancing what we already have, making the city more walkable, attracting more retail, and finding more things for our youth to do trying to figure out how to engage teenagers,” he said.

By walkability, Stiverson said participants were interested in not only walkability in the downtown, but throughout the city, like from Silver Park Parkway to the downtown, and downtown to North LeRoy Street.

“People were interested in more events for families to get together downtown that are free to create a more engaging downtown,” Stiverson said.

Carmine Avantini, planning consultant for the city of Fenton, was in attendance.

“It was a great event with tremendous positive input from a broad cross-section of the community,” Avantini said. “Participants were eager to offer their opinion and support the city.”

Avantini said he believes the forum accomplished the goals city leaders were hoping for.

“With the fantastic growth and improvements in the city, council was looking for direction on ‘what next’ since Fenton has a tradition of being pro-active with future projects and efforts,” Avantini said.

A common concern among those in attendance, according to Avantini, was continued improvements with sidewalks and pathways. “It was a common theme amongst all the groups,” he said.

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CHICKEN
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Fenton Township zoning laws so they can keep their chickens. The case was officially closed May 24.

Defense attorney Michael Manley said, “We commend the judge and township officials on their hard work in working through issues with good law abiding citizens. This is just another example of people working hard together to solve problems. I’m happy to say, problem solved.”

Andrew Charlesworth was charged with a misdemeanor for the illegal possession of chickens at their Grove Park Road home in July 2017. The property is not zoned for farm animals, but the couple argued the chickens were pets.

The chickens now roost under their house roof like any other pet, which brought them into compliance. During the night, the chickens return to their coop, which is attached to the couple’s basement.

SUMMARY

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**NOTICE OF HYDRANT FLUSHING CITY OF LINDEN**

City of Linden residents are advised to check their water before using for laundry, etc. on Monday, June 4, 2018 through Saturday, June 9, 2018. This has been rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances during the previously scheduled flushing of hydrants in May. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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The Bronchos' bats heat up in sweep vs. Byron Eagles

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The Holly varsity baseball team was looking for a positive experience prior to the start of districts, the Bronchos may have gotten just what they needed against Byron.

The Bronchos' bats came alive against Byron, earning a doubleheader sweep. Holly won the first game 12-0 and won the second 7-2.

In the opener, the Bronchos scored eight runs in the first inning and then another four in the second inning. The contest only went five innings due to the 10-run mercy rule. The run-producing hits for the Bronchos during the eight-run first were a DJ Tennis RBI-double, an Aaron Lockitski sacrifice fly, a Johnny Peck RBI-single, a Grant Tooley RBI-single, a Daylin McConnaughey RBI-single and a Garrett VanGilder two-run double.

Holly had three singles, two walks, a hit batter and a Byron error in the second inning, sparking the Bronchos' four-run rally. Tooley had an RBI-single for the stanza's only run-producing hit.

VanGilder had three hits. He drove in two runs and scored two. Tennis, Peck, Tooley and McConnaughey had two hits each. McConnaughey had three RBI.

On the mound, Mason Jewell pitched a strong one-hit, one-walk complete-game performance. He struck out five and did not walk a batter.

Holly's DJ Tennis slides into third base in a recent contest.
SPENCER’S
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tered, and being mentioned with the best prospects in the sport is cool. “I’m excited to keep it going.”
Not many prospects get to have their second bout on Fox Sports 1, and now Spencer will be on the network for a second time. He credits his management team, specifically Al Haymon, for his televised bouts. Haymon is a boxing adviser/manager for Floyd Mayweather Jr. and has won the Boxing Writers of America Manager of the Year Award twice.
“It feels great to be getting these opportunities,” Spencer said. “In boxing it is about your management team and your promoter. If they see your value as a star. Sometimes you get overlooked. A lot of great fighters do get overlooked. I’m hoping my management team and promoter see my value. It’s definitely a dream come true (to have two televised matches already). Now I need to perform and make sure to make good use of it. You have to go out and perform.”
Just two fights into his career, Spencer is seeing his rating among super welterweights soar as well. Boxrec.com has Spencer rated 591st out of 1,841 welterweights. Another win should move Spencer’s rating into the top 500.
But right now, rankings don’t matter. It’s preparing for the bout that matters.
“I’m excited about the fight,” Spencer said. “I want everybody to tune in on June 10th on Fox Sports 1. It will be another good night, and I’m excited to have the opportunity to improve to 3-0.”

BRONCHOS
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batters in the five-inning effort. Holly trailed 2-0 after two innings in the second game, but tied it up with two runs in the third, one in the fourth, three in the fifth and one in the sixth.
VanGilder had another strong performance, getting two hits and two RBI.
Mike Bednardczyk, Brenden Kreft and Lannon each had doubles.

In the second game, Linden enjoyed a 3-2 lead until Hartland scored two runs in the sixth, earning the win.

Lannon had four hits while Bryson Bertschey, Jenkinson and Widner had three hits each. Taylor Barrett was the third seed in the No. 1 singles flight and lost to the eventual state champion East Grand Rapids’ Sloane Teske. Teske returns to defend her championship, but the two combatants wouldn’t face until the finals this year.

Johnson was the second seed in last year’s No. 2 singles tournament, eventually losing to the sixth-seeded Forest Hills Central’s Kaitlyn Fox. Sells was the top seed in the No. 3 singles flight a year ago and lost to Okemos’ Sema Colak in the semifinal. If Sells is going to advance deep this year, her eventual opponents could include all three of the top three seeds in the later rounds of the bracket.

Hild also made a deep run into the semifinal a year ago. She teamed with Taylor McAninch to earn the top seed in No. 4 doubles. This year, the challenge will be tougher as the sixth seed at No. 2 doubles. McAninch also returns this season back at No. 4 doubles. She and Bilbog got in a bracket that if they win their opening round match, they’ll face the No. 1 seed in the second round.

It seemed many of Holly’s unranked flights ended with tough draws. Megan McReynolds will face the top seed in the No. 4 singles flight if she wins her first match. Holly’s No. 3 doubles team of Megan Lesperance and April Tetlow may have had the most fortunate draw of the unseeded flights. They won’t face a seeded foe in their first round match, but would have to beat the No. 1 seed in the quarterfinals if they want to advance.

Beyond results, Lesperance said the team has one other ultimate goal. “Our goals are one, we want to stay as close as we are as a team now,” Lesperance said. “And, two, we want to do our best, give it our all and see what we come out with.”

PREP REPORT

BASEBALL

Linden vs. Hartland: Linden (17-12-1) lost two tough one-run verdicts against Hartland, losing the first game 1-0 and the second contest 4-3.

In the opener, Hartland scored the game’s only run in the second inning. Drake McLaughlin had two of Linden’s three hits in the contest. John Miller pitched the first 1 2/3 innings, allowing the one run. Ben King relieved and tossed four innings of one-hit ball. He struck out six batters.

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Lake Fenton vs. Lakeland: The Blue Devils (9-16) lost both games 15-5 and 8-2.

In the opener, Cody Schramm and Cameron MacNeill had two hits each, while Andy Lyons and Brenden Carr had two RBI each. In the second contest, Kevin Stephens had an RBI-single while Bryson Nugent, Chris Toroczak, MacNeill and Cody Schramm each had hits.

SOFTBALL

Linden at Ogemaw Heights Tournament: Linden beat Gladwin 10-0, but lost to Bullock Creek 9-3 and Rogers City 7-4.

In the win against Gladwin, Ashley Bertschy, Deanna Jenkinson, Liz Rakowski and Jillian Widner each hit home runs. Jenkinson had three hits while Bertschy, Rakowski, Ellie Klczek, Jordyn Hobson and Avery Koan had two hits each. On the mound, Hobson pitched a two-hitter, striking out two.

Rogers City scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh to beat Linden. Bertschey, Jenkinson and Widner had home runs for Linden in this contest. Jenkinson paced the Eagles with two hits against Bullock Creek.
Lorraine R. Longstreth 1925-2018
Lorraine R. Longstreth - age 92, died Friday, May 25, 2018. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Fenton, at 11 AM Friday, June 1, 2018. Visitation will be from 10-11 AM, Friday at the church. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery. Holly Mrs. Longstreth was born in Detroit on August 8, 1925 to Otto and Alma (Jerou) Fraza. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. She is survived by her five children, Linda Longstreth of Fenton, Larry (Kathy) Longstreth of Cooperville, Leslie (Tim) White of Holly, Lane (LuAnn) Longstreth of Linden and Lee (Brenda) Longstreth of St. Louis, MO; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren. She also raised 11 foster children. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Longstreth, her brother, Donald Fraza and sister, June Simione. Memorial donations can be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital, www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.
For the week of June 22/Jul 22

CANCER
Lara Croft is the fiercely independent daughter of an eccentric adventurer who vanished when she was scarcely a teen. Determined to forge her own path, she refuses to take the reins of her father’s global empire just as staunchly as she rejects the idea that he’s truly gone. Going explicitly against his final wishes, she leaves everything she knows behind in search of her dad’s last-known destination: a fabled tomb on a mythical island that might be somewhere off the coast of Japan.

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GEMINI
Try to be as perceptive as possible when dealing with individuals in the days to come, Taurus. This will help you help them as effectively as you can.

ARIES
Try to be as perceptive as possible when dealing with individuals in the days to come, Taurus. This will help you help them as effectively as you can.

TAURUS
Try to be as perceptive as possible when dealing with individuals in the days to come, Taurus. This will help you help them as effectively as you can.

SCORPIO
Relieving stress can ease any worries you have. A greater sense of clarity is to reflect on your rela-

LIBRA
Take shifting emotions in stride, Leo. There is no right or wrong way to feel. If something does be-

LEO
Take shifting emotions in stride, Leo. There is no right or wrong way to feel. If something does be-

SAGITTARIUS
Take pride in your accomplishments and those of your associates, Sagittarius. You have collectively been working hard and deserve all the recognition you get.

CAPRICORN
Look for ways to be more independent this week, Capri-

AQUARIUS
Explore different events or possibilities where you can hang solo. You can use some time alone.

PISCES
You may find yourself dealing with mixed feelings that you can’t get to the root of. Relieving stress can ease any worries you have.

AQUARIUS
Explore different events or possibilities where you can hang solo. You can use some time alone.

TOMBAHEAD
The Bachelors follows a mourning father (Oscar Winner JK Simmons - Whiplash, La La Land) who moves across the country with his teenage son (Josh Wiggins - Walking Out, Max) for a private school teaching job, after the early death of his wife. Their lives begin to transform due to two unique women (Oscar Nominee Julie Depby - Before Sunrise, 2 Days In Paris and Odeya Rush - Lady Bird, The Giver), who help them embrace life and love again.

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