

# 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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The Fenton City Council hosted an event Thursday, May 24, to give citizens a chance to share their concerns and opinions about the state of the city and things that could be improved.

More than 130 people attended the forum at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center.

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Lew Bender (right), 2018 Fenton Planning Forum moderator, talks about areas of opportunity in the city with Brad Jacob, former city councilman, on Thursday, May 24.



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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 Cha-nell Lana Fleming, 30, KK Lavon McGilary, 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.

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‘This Memorial Day, with heavy hearts, we recall those we’ve lost.’

Craig Newberry  
Linden VFW Post 4642

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The Linden VFW Post 4642 Color Guard pauses briefly during the 2018 Memorial Day parade in downtown Linden on Monday, May 28. The event also included a memorial for fallen Navy veterans, a 21-gun salute, marching band, and a ceremony at Fairview Cemetery.

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## 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

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During the night, the chickens return to their coop, which is attached to the couple's basement. Fenton Township dismissed the criminal case against the couple.

## 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

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“OK, here’s where I put both feet down. I read my Tri-County religiously and people are saying and commenting that nobody reads it. That’s a bunch of baloney. I’ve got to have my Tri-County fix.”



“All the excessive fireworks, bottle rockets and noisemakers two to three days prior to the holiday means that obviously the law regarding fireworks is not working. Fireworks make a cruel noise that upsets most animals and especially dogs. Not to mention any veteran with PTSD. How disrespectful and this is no way to honor the veterans.”



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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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The Fenton Downtown Development Authority spent \$13,672 to rent eight sculptures for the 2018 program. Since 2013, the first year for statues, five sculptures have been purchased through various means and are a permanent part of the city.

## New sculptures bring new colors in 2018

### ■ Fenton DDA continues sculpture program, renting eight pieces for \$13,672

By Tim Jagielo

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**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.

“Yada Birds,” a 21-foot tall spire, rises high into the air at Main and LeRoy streets.

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

This is the sixth year that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has rented sculptures for the downtown. In 2013, the city rented six sculptures for \$9,054.

The purpose of the DDA is the 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

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

## A LOOK BACK at 1968

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## Bobby Kennedy is assassinated

### ■ Son wants investigation re-opened

By Vera Hogan

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Nearly six years after his brother, President John F. Kennedy, was assassinated in Dallas, Texas, Senator Robert Kennedy is shot on June 5, 1968 at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles after winning the California presidential primary.

Immediately after he announced to his cheering supporters that the country was ready to end its fractious divisions, Kennedy was shot several times by the 24-year-old Palestinian Sirhan Sirhan. The senator died a day later.

The summer of 1968 was a tempestuous time in American history. Both the Vietnam War and the anti-war movement were peaking. Martin Luther King Jr. had been assassinated in the spring, igniting riots across the country. In the face of this unrest, President Lyndon B. Johnson decided not to seek a second term in the upcoming presidential election.

Robert Kennedy, John's younger brother and former U.S. Attorney General, stepped into this breach and experienced a groundswell of support.

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## If I Were King...

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### 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 Dibbleville 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.



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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 us — 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.

Residents have embraced a shop-local mentality that is profoundly beneficial to area merchants, resulting in innumerable benefits to all of us.

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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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**WHEN A CITY** grows, a number of things happen. First, the tax base grows, which over time, leads to more money for infrastructure investments. Second, residents typically get better choices of places to eat and do business. Lastly, the population diversifies.

**I AM SADDENED** to see yet another dead cat near Hickory Ridge and Bone Road. Please be a responsible pet owner, spay/neuter and don't let your animals outside to roam near such a busy road. Thank you, from a concerned animal lover.

**IN MY EXPERIENCE**, it is mostly men in their big black pickup trucks who drive so aggressively. I have had more encounters with aggressive drivers in Fenton than I ever did in my beautiful, former city of Troy.

**REGARDING** the blue trash tubs that we use in Fenton Township. I don't have room in my garage for them, so they stay outside on my driveway. There are a lot of yards filled with junk cars and trash and I sure don't think that we should complain about two blue tubs being outside.

**IN RESPONSE TO** the Hot line that claimed Obama accomplished very little. Obama passed health care reform and the stimulus, which brought us out of the recession. He also eliminated Osama Bin Laden and saved my job and plenty of my neighbors' jobs by turning around the U.S. auto industry.

**OAKLAND ISD IS** stuck in the 1950s. Most of their tech center programs are described on their website 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.

**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.

**THE NEXT DAY** to celebrate is June 14, the 'Army Birthday.' The Army was formed June 14, 1775, one year before the 'Declaration of Independence,' July 4, 1776. Oh, the 14th is also Flag Day.

**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 Koegel'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.

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### What do you think of the changes in downtown Fenton?

### streettalk



"My problem is that I don't like spending money on new street signs and artwork when I think there are better uses of taxpayer money."

**Faye Haven**  
Linden



"I think they're good for the business community. It brings more people into the community to shop and support everyone."

**Roger Kelley**  
Argentine Township



"I don't go down there very often but I think it's neat that they're growing. I've lived here my whole life."

**Lavonne Mills**  
Fenton



"I think they're taking away the quaintness of a village. It's too much. And they're trying to do it in Linden, too, taking away the quaintness. There's no place to park."

**Marlee Prater**  
Fenton Township



"I love them. I'm glad to see change. I like all the artwork."

**Nancy Peters**  
Fenton



# 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 budget presentation to the council in April, by charter, the city of Fenton can levy up to 13 mils for general operating. The current millage cap is 10.3593.

“The 2019 fiscal year will be the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 \$6,261,961. Add this to the \$3,588,463 fund balance that will be available on July 1, the total amount to appropriate is \$9,850,424.

A total 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 ‘sellers 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.

“In order to achieve the balanced budget several contributions from other funds are necessary,” he said. “The contribution from other funds 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 Streetscape 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.

The proposed 2018-2019 Fiscal Budget can be read in its entirety on the Tri-County Times website (www.tctimes.com).

## 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 25.

**Senate Bill 123: Establish minimum clearance when passing bicycles**  
To require drivers who are passing a bicyclist to their right that is going the same direction to stay at least 3 feet to the left. Also, to explicitly allow passing a bicycle in a no-passing zone if there is enough room to make it safe to do so. Senate Bill 170 establishes the same rules for drivers passing a bicycle to the left of the vehicle.  
**Passed 36 to 1 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 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

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

Now that 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.

In the MSP media release, F/Lt. Michael Shaw said the children said they saw a beige, what they thought to be a SUV, with a female driver and male passenger pull up to where they were playing. “They are described as white and had tattoos on their arms,” Shaw said. “In addition, the children stated the female driver had short, curly reddish-brown hair and was wearing sunglasses.” Both were described as being heavier set. “After the SUV stopped, the children saw the male get out of the car, at which time the female driver yelled ‘get her,’” Shaw said. “The children said when they heard this they all ran away.” The children did not get a license plate number from the vehicle but said the vehicle was similar to a minivan, but not an actual minivan. The vehicle was further described as having stickers on the rear passenger side and on the driver’s side windows were what the children believed to be Dragon Ball Z stickers, red and orange stickers with a lightning bolt. “The kids saw the same vehicle on Saturday, May 26, six separate times driving through the trailer park,” Shaw said. On Tuesday, Shaw said the vehicle involved in this incident has been located and MSP is investigating. Anyone with information is asked to call (313) 237-2450.

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# Linden holds 'pure' Memorial Day parade and ceremony

■Linden event marks more than 70 years of recognizing those who died while serving country

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**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 mil-



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The Linden VFW Post 4642 Color Guard exits the building to kick off the Memorial Day 2018 Parade on Monday, May 28.



(Left photo) The honor guard delivered two 21-gun salutes. (Right photo) Hundreds of Linden area residents attend the Memorial Day parade Monday, May 28.



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itary 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.

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## 1968

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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 distraught 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 "instrumental" in the oppression of Palestinians.

Hubert Humphrey ended up running for the Democrats in 1968, but lost by a small margin to Nixon.

### 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.

Kennedy was hit by four bullets fired into the back of his head — including the fatal shot. But Sirhan had been standing in front of Kennedy. And over the years, there have been reports that as many as 13 shots had been fired.

The courts have refused multiple times to order a new investigation, according to the Washington Post.

Today, Sirhan Sirhan is 74 years old.

Sources: history.com; nytimes.com; washingtonpost.com

## 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:

### PUBLIC HEARINGS:

#### **R18-002 Chad Bugg, 12441 Sharp, Linden:**

Requesting recommendation to the Township Board to rezone from R-1, Single Family Residential – Rural to R-3, Single Family Residential – Medium Density part of parcel 06-07-400-003.

#### **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.

YOUR OPINION MAY BE EXPRESSED VERBALLY AT THIS HEARING OR IN WRITING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION PRIOR TO THIS HEARING. THE PLANNING COMMISSION ENCOURAGES YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS MATTER.

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ROBERT E. KRUG  
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

## News briefs

### 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.

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**Mark McCabe**  
67th District Court  
Ask the  
**judge**

### 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 veteran Major General John Logan, who was concerned after the war that his comrades who had died would not properly be remembered.

As a result and as the leader of a Civil War veterans' organization, he issued General Order Number 11 proclaiming May 30, 1868 as the day to decorate the graves of these veterans with flowers or whatever else was appropriate.

From that Order, the tradition of a yearly Decoration Day was started which eventually came to informally be known as Memorial Day.

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 pursuit of freedom and peace."

Taps 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 learn to love the taste of it, you'll be much more comfortable if you keep refilling 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.



### 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 save your energy — literally. If you have a ceiling fan, run it counter-clockwise (the "summer" higher-speed setting) for optimum cooling.

### Eat cool food

Summer may be a great time to cook out and eat outdoors, but eating "heavy" food like hamburgers and steaks may make you feel more hot and sluggish.



Cool meals like sandwiches with cold cuts and sliced toppings like avocado, tomato, cucumbers, etc., along with some cottage cheese and a wedge of watermelon 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.

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## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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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 OF** spygate 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

By Vera Hogan

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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 that are vacant and abandoned, and may not even be located in Michigan.

For example, a fully operational store, like a new Super Walmart, gets to pay the

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

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

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 on the Menard appeal, and other Delta County taxing entities have added approximately \$40,000 to the city's defense.

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

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in Linden City for much longer.

The Linden Planning Commission has been discussing subjecting temporary/portable accessory structures to the same requirements as permanent accessory structures. This means that vinyl or canvas tents, or similar carports or storage tents and shelters could not be erected in front yards.

According to minutes from 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 structures.

The meeting minutes outline concerns from a municipal standpoint.

## SUMMARY

Tents used for storage might not be allowed in front yards in Linden if the Planning Commission makes certain changes to the city's accessory structure ordinance.

"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.

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Linden Planning Commission minutes

## SCULPTURES

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Librarian," "Grateful Fred" and "Rubbik's Cube" were purchased by city, business and private funds, and are scattered about the downtown area.

The art pieces are chosen by the DDA subcommittee in January from a catalog of about 500 art pieces. Strayer said the committee was able to choose second from all the other municipalities seeking rental sculptures because the commitment letter was sent in on time.

"We could tell immediately, the quality of the art was higher," he said.

He said the city will choose second again in 2019.



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"Brainstorm," by Pam Reithmeier, sits in the empty lot next to Vek's in Dibbleville.

## New sculptures of 2018

**"A Man,"** by Richard Morgan  
Location: Fenton City Hall, 301 S. LeRoy St.

**"Brainstorm,"** by Pam Reithmeier  
Location: Shiawassee Avenue, next to Vek's

**"Harp"** by Mike Sohikian  
Location: Cornerstone Building, N. LeRoy Street

**"Large Graceful Dancer,"** by James Havens  
Location: west of Red Fox Outfitters, on Main Street

**"Oak Leaf Arch III,"** by Jim Gallucci  
Location: Fenton Community and Cultural Center, 150 S. LeRoy St.

**"Short Conversation,"** by Robert Garcia  
Location: Fenton Post Office, 210 S. LeRoy St.

**"Within,"** by William Walther  
Location: at Shiawassee River, near Fenton Fire Hall restaurant

**"Yada Birds,"** by Ric Leichter  
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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.

**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 and close the opposite door a few times to cool that car down.

**Stay cool while you sleep**

Summer heat is worst when you're trying to get some sleep, because a higher body temperature makes it harder to fall asleep. If you feel like an insomniac in summer, cool your head with a special pillow like the Chillow, sleep on top of a wet sheet (aka the "Egyptian method").

**Know your body's cooling points**

If you're stuck in the heat and can't get to a cooler place, know your body's best cooling points, such as your wrist and neck. By applying ice cubes wrapped in a towel (or any other cold object) to these pulse points, you'll cool down more quickly and effectively.

**Cool off with a bath**

When all else fails, take 10 in your indoor pool. Don't have one? Yes, you do. If you have a bathtub, fill it up with luke warm water (not freezing cold, you'll shock yourself). Get in and relax for five or 10 minutes. Get your head wet if you can. Sometimes cooling off by taking a bath is the only way to carry on with the day.

Source: lifehackers.com

# Protect your child from online adult ads

## ■ Secretary of State's Office offers free child protection registry

By Hannah Ball  
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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-themed 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.

"Once an 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.

**“It was launched to protect children from unwanted electronic communications about products or services that are legally prohibited for kids.”**

**Michael Doyle**  
Department of State communications representative

# ProtectMiChild

PROTECTMYCHILD.COM  
Parents can prevent unsolicited adult-themed ads going to their children's phone and email by registering their contact information with a program set up by the Michigan Secretary of State.



## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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**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.

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**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/children to tease them.

■■■  
**WHERE ARE ALL** the police in Fenton? I never see them. The Hot-liner 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.

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Holly's DJ Tennis slides into third base in a recent contest.

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

By David Troppens

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If 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, Masen Jewell pitched a strong one-hit, one-walk complete-game performance. He struck out five

See **BRONCHOS' on 13**

## Fenton/Linden lacrosse team ends strong season in regional tourney

By David Troppens

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It was another successful season for the Fenton/Linden varsity girls lacrosse team.

But the season ended a bit earlier than the Heat

hoped.

The Heat fell behind 11-5 in the opening half and were unable to cut into the gap during the second half, resulting in a 14-8 regional playoff loss to the Lake Orion Dragons.

The Heat jumped out to an early 4-2 lead but the Dragons scored five unanswered goals, taking a decent lead from that point on. Lake Orion led 7-4 when the Heat scored again, cutting the gap to 7-5, but Lake Orion scored the final

four goals of the half, taking the 11-5 halftime lead.

In the second half, Lake Orion was able to keep the game's pace slowed down, maintaining its six-goal lead.

Minna Ramirez led the Fenton/Linden co-op with four goals. Sarah Reuschlein netted two goals while Korryn Smith and Lara Kemp had a goal each. Kemp also had an assist.

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Kelly Kemp

# Sports Times

## Spencer's third pro bout slated for June 10

By David Troppens

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Joey Spencer has loved being home while training for his third professional fight of his boxing career.

"It feels great," Spencer said. "I can train hard every day and afterward spend time with my family and friends. I love it."

The Linden native's time at home is going to end soon as he prepares to leave for his third professional fight of his career scheduled for June 10 at the Pioneer Event Center in Lancaster, California. And just like his second fight, this one will be broadcast on a national cable network. Fox Sports 1 will air the card, including Spencer's four-round bout against a yet-to-be determined opponent. Spencer is excited.

"This has been the best training camp since I turned pro," Spencer said. "I had good camps before the first and second fights, but this one definitely has been the best. I've had no hang-ups, no problems. I haven't missed a beat the whole training camp."

Spencer hasn't missed a beat in his first two professional bouts either.

The 18-year-old started his professional career with a second round technical knock out (TKO) of Uriel Gonzalez at Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino Events Center on February 17, and he followed it with another TKO of Ousmane Sylla on April 13 during his national cable television debut in a bout that took 51 seconds — and about four punches — to complete. Spencer was already a prospect to watch prior to those matches, but after earning his victory against Sylla the amount of people with their eyes on Spencer has grown tremendously.

"That fight went viral. It had 70,000 Facebook views alone,"



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEPHANIE TRAPP

Joey Spencer (right) celebrates his second professional victory with his father, Jason Spencer, minutes after the fight. Spencer's third professional fight is June 10 on Fox Sports 1.

Spencer said. "It is cool that people are paying attention. That's a good feeling. My hard work is being no-

See **SPENCER'S on 13**

## Holly tennis looking forward to state meet

### ■Bronchos looking for fourth straight top 10 finish at season's final event

By David Troppens

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The Division 2 state meet has been a day of celebration for the Holly varsity girls tennis program in recent years.

The Bronchos traditionally go to the event, but in each of the last four seasons, the Bronchos have done more than been participants.

Holly has placed in the top 11 in each of the last four seasons, progressively getting better with each venture. They were 11th in 2014, and followed that up by taking 10th with

eight points in 2015. In 2016, Holly and Fenton hosted the tournament, and the Bronchos scored 19 points, earning sixth. Finally, last spring the Bronchos scored 16 points and tied for fifth.

The good news is it looks like Holly should have another memorable state trip when the squad heads to Kalamazoo College on Friday. The Bronchos have many experienced competitors that have made the recent success possible headed to this season's state meet. The Bronchos also have five seeded flights. Nichole Johnson is the top seed at No. 2 singles while Taylor Barrett is the No. 3 seed at No. 1 singles. Makenzi Sells is the sixth seed at No. 3 singles.

Holly also has two seeded doubles

flights. The No. 1 doubles team of Maika Hogarth and Ruby Barrett earned a fifth seed while Samantha Hild and Danielle Sink earned a sixth-seed at No. 2 doubles.

"We felt we got a good draw in some spots and a bad one in different spots," Holly varsity girls tennis coach Will Sophiea said. "Regardless, all of our kids will go out and have opportunities to perform well and play on the biggest stage."

The girls are excited about the tournament.

"I definitely want to see us do a little better than last year," Sink said. "We want to get a little better every time."

"We just want to get better from it (in terms of her doubles flight). I'll be happy if we get into the second day, but it's a tough spot. No. 2 dou-

See **HOLLY on 13**



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Holly's Megan Lesperance returns a ball in a recent match. She's one of 12 Bronchos competing at the Division 2 state tennis meet at Kalamazoo College starting Friday.





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Linden native Joey Spencer walks to a neutral corner after earning a knock out in his second professional fight. Spencer's third fight is June 10 on Fox Sports 1.

## SPENCER'S

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bles is a tough flight, but we want to work for it."

"Personally, I would like to see our team finish the same or higher than we did last year," Hild said. "I think we have a great team this year, and I think we have a great shot."

At last year's state meet, all three seeded singles players had deep runs at the event, each getting to the semifinal round. 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.

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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."

"It feels great to be getting these opportunities," Spencer said. "In boxing it is about your management team and your promoter and 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 pro-

moter 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 Bednarczyk, Brenden Kreft and

Lannon each had doubles.

On the mound, Tennis settled down after the first two innings allowing three hits and four walks over six innings of work. He struck out nine. VanGilder pitched the seventh, allowing one walk while earning a strike out.

Holly begins Milford district action against Hartland Saturday at 1 p.m. at Milford High School.

## 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.

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

Parker Mabe had two hits.

► **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 Tomczak, 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 7-6.

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 Klocek, 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. Bertschy, Jenkinson and Widner had home runs for Linden in this contest.

Jenkinson paced the Eagles with two hits against Bullock Creek.

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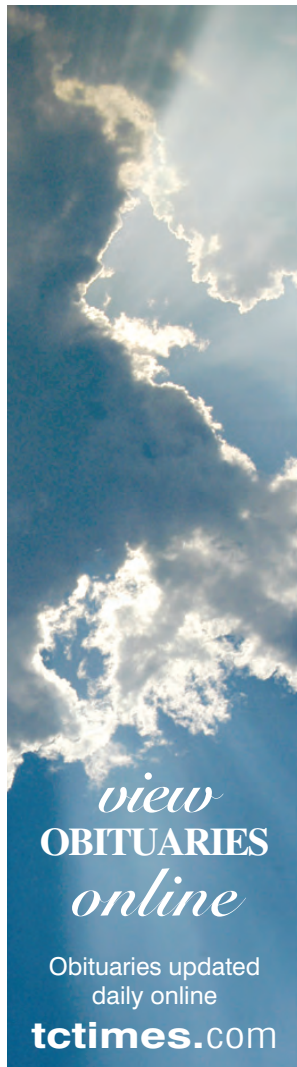
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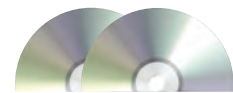
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**Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, if you are seeking pleasure, try some healthy pursuits. These can include exercise, soothing baths, hiking trips, or other activities that benefit the mind and body.

**TAURUS**  
**Apr 21/May 21**  
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.

**GEMINI**  
**May 22/Jun 21**  
Your confidence may surprise you this week, and you may feel like there is nothing you cannot do, Gemini. Others will respond positively to your advice.

**CANCER**  
**Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, if you are commanding enough, you can accept a position of leadership in the near future, even if you haven't yet had authority over others. This is a turning point.

**LEO**  
**Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Take shifting emotions in stride, Leo. There is no right or wrong way to feel. If something does become troublesome, talk it out with a confidante.

**VIRGO**  
**Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, a long to-do list may leave you wondering why you decided to take on so much. Consider the ways you can lighten your load and approach remaining tasks one by one.

**LIBRA**  
**Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, your efforts will soon begin to bear fruit. You may feel like you have finally begun to realize your goals. Just don't steer off path, and take time to reflect on your success.

**SCORPIO**  
**Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Take time to reflect on your relationships this week, Scorpio. Such reflection can help you ensure you let others know just how much they mean to you.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
**Nov 23/Dec 21**  
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**  
**Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Look for ways to be more independent this week, Capricorn. Explore different events or possibilities where you can hang solo. You can use some time alone.

**AQUARIUS**  
**Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, 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.


**PISCES**  
**Feb 19/Mar 20**  
A greater sense of clarity is coming your way, Pisces. Remind yourself to be inspired by the sights and people around you.

**Midweek Sudoku**

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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**Midweek Crossword**

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5 Recipe meas.  
8 Slender smoke  
12 Stereo precursor  
13 Conger or moray  
14 Opposed to  
15 Sit on eggs  
17 Highlander  
18 Rib  
19 Off the path  
21 Thing  
24 Golf prop  
25 Related  
28 Sandwich shop  
30 Shock and —  
33 Lair  
34 Duck down  
35 Vast expanse  
36 Pouch  
37 Male 38-Across  
38 See 37-Across  
39 Eggs  
41 Unrivaled  
43 Legendary  
46 Adult insect  
50 Sahara-like  
51 On an angle  
54 Rinky- —  
55 Use the microwave  
56 Unrivaled  
57 Long story

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1 Send forth  
2 Corn concoction  
3 Erstwhile Peruvian  
4 Family member  
5 With 6-Down, cups and saucers and such  
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29 Toy block name  
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32 Listener

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	11 Compassion	
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	20 Use a swizzle stick	42 Zero
	22 Fix a manuscript	43 Crazes
	23 Olympics prize	44 Operatic solo
	25 Billboards	45 Dimension
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# KNEE PAIN

**Stem Cells and Other High Tech Therapies take  
Knee, Hip and Back Pain Treatment to the Next Level**

**FREE STEM CELL DINNER SEMINAR**



**We want you to  
start living your life  
PAIN FREE!**

Did you know that Millions of Americans suffer from joint pain? In fact, this pain accounts for many visits to primary care physicians and many anti-inflammatory drug prescriptions.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>  
7:00PM  
DINNER PROVIDED**

**Aubree's Restaurant**  
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## WHAT CAUSES OSTEOARTHRITIS?

Factors which may cause joint pain include the following:

- Excess body weight
- Wear and tear over the years
- Joint injury
- Stresses on the joints from certain activities including sports, work and leisure activities

## JOIN US - FREE STEM CELL SEMINAR

With Dr. Katrina Nicholson DC, in conjunction with Neuro Pain Consultants

Discussion includes:

- Common causes of joint pain
- Latest options available
- What are stem cells?
- Other high tech therapies used by professional athletes
- Are you a good candidate?

## ARE YOU A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR THIS TREATMENT?

Do you wake up with joint pain?

Does your pain keep you from certain activities?

Are you active and sometimes suffer from sore joints?

Do you take medications for your pain?

Do you have difficulty going up and down stairs due to pain?

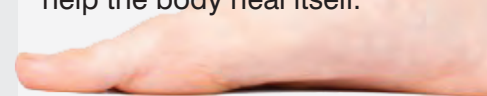
Have you tried everything to get rid of your pain with no success?

*If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may be a candidate for pain relief and healing.*

## Unlocking the regenerative power of the human body

WHAT IS REGENERATIVE MEDICINE?

Regenerative Medicine holds the promise of repairing damaged tissues and stimulating the body's own repair mechanisms to functionally heal previously irreparable tissues. This is attempted using a combination of the latest technologies and treatment options which may help the body heal itself.



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