

# Fenton woman dies in head-on crash with semi

■Oscoda Township police say semi-truck crossed centerline on U.S. 23

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A 55-year-old Fenton woman was killed in an automobile crash, which took place at 11:35 a.m., Friday,

June 1 on U.S. 23 in Au Sable Township. The Oscoda Township Police Department has identified the Fenton woman as Kelly Marie Davis.

According to the police department, the crash involved a semi-truck and a car driven by Davis, who died at the scene. The 67-year-old semi-truck driver, Jerry

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SUBMITTED PHOTO  
Kelly Marie Davis, 55, of Fenton was killed Friday, June 1 in a head-on crash with a semi-truck in Au Sable Township.



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## Fenton schools hire resource officer

■Adding another layer of safety is chief concern of school administrators, police

By Vera Hogan

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Officer Thomas (Tom) Cole, a 13-year veteran with the Fenton Police Department, will have a new title this coming September — School Resource Officer for Fenton Area Public Schools.

On Monday, June 4, the Fenton Board of Education voted to have Fenton Area Public Schools enter into a contract with the city of Fenton to have Cole, 41, work as the district's new liaison officer during the school year.

According to Superintendent Adam Hartley, the school district and the city have created a partnership that is most cost effective for the district.

Cole will be paid \$43,000 for his first year with the district, and \$51,000 for the second year, according to Hartley. These amounts are 60 percent of what it was cost the city to hire a new officer.

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## The future starts today!



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On Friday, June 1, Linden High School seniors rehearse before their graduation ceremony. Approximately 265 students graduated on Sunday, June 3. See more photos of area graduates online at [tctimes.com](http://tctimes.com).

## Linden tent decision goes to City Council

■Angry residents oppose ordinance change that prohibits tents in front yards

By Hannah Ball

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**Linden** — At the Monday, June 4 Planning Commission meeting, multiple residents spoke against the potential change to Linden City's accessory structure

ordinance that would prohibit storage tents in front yards.

Linden resident Vaughn Boilore said he has kept tents in his side yard for over 20 years. "It hasn't left the yard. It hasn't obstructed views from anybody," he said, adding that his neighbors have never complained. "I don't know what the deal is. Why are they bothering you so much? They're not an eyesore."

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“I think the folks are going in a direction not consistent with what the citizens really want.”

**Doug Morgan**  
Linden resident



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The Linden City Council will decide whether to allow canvas storage tents, similar to the one shown above, in front yards.

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SUMMARY

■ There are nearly a dozen medical facilities in the tri-county area, each with numerous physicians and specialists. See the Tri-County Times Source Book for a list of those facilities.

Choosing a new doctor can be a daunting task

■ Important things to do and consider includes personal visit

By Vera Hogan  
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Oh no! The family doctor you’ve come to know and love is retiring, or moving out of state, or just not going to be available anymore. How do you find another primary care physician?

Unless your trusted doctor provides you with some referrals for reliable alternatives, you’re probably on your own.

According to Blue Cross and Blue Shield, the following are things to consider.

The first thing you need to consider is your **health insurance coverage**.

Most health plans have negotiated special, discounted rates with certain doctors and hospitals in your area, and you will pay less out of pocket for visiting those doctors, who are called “in-network” for insurance purposes. Ensuring that you

select an in-network doctor will help you avoid a surprise out-of-network charge or having to pay in full out of pocket because the doctor you’ve selected doesn’t accept your insurance plan.

Now that you have the list of in-network doctors, you can begin narrowing it down.

**Family practice** physicians are able to treat patients of all ages, from newborns to the elderly. They are generalists who can treat a wide variety of conditions, and often can also treat ailments you’d normally see a specialist for, like sports injuries or some women’s health needs.

**General practice** physicians are like family practice physicians and can treat patients of any gender or age. This category is one area where you might also find osteopaths, which are physicians that practice a type of alternative medicine with special focus

on the musculoskeletal system, and are distinguished by the “D.O.” after their name instead of “M.D.”

Ask for **referrals** from family members, friends, coworkers — anyone whose opinion you trust. Many people feel most comfortable visiting a physician who is recommended by someone they know. Ask around and see what doctor your friends and family visit.

Think about how far you can or want to **travel** to see a doctor. Do you want a doctor located close to your home or where you work? You’ll also want to consider **office hours** — what days and times does the doctor see patients?

Will you need to take time off work to visit the office, or can you go after work or on weekends? It’s also a good idea to check what hospital the doctor admits patients to.

See **DOCTOR** on 9

Your primary care physician should be someone you trust and can rely on to help manage your healthcare.

A LOOK BACK at 1968

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‘Night of the Living Dead’ debuts in ‘68

■ Considered today the ‘king of zombie flicks’

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Fifty years ago, a small group of Pittsburgh filmmakers decided to make a scary movie. Working from a shoestring budget with limited crew and a cast partly composed of amateur actors, they headed out to a Pennsylvania farmhouse and began crafting a horror classic.

Today, *Night of the Living Dead* is universally regarded as the king of zombie flicks, but it didn’t start out that way.

What started as a weird idea for a movie about aliens went through rewrites, crucial casting decisions, and a little fire to become the film we know and love today.

In early 1967, writer/director George A. Romero, writer John A. Russo, and actor Rudy Ricci were working together at their Pittsburgh-based commercial film company, when they decided it was time to try their hand at making a feature film. Though the effort eventually produced *Night of the Living Dead*, early concepts were very different. Russo initially thought of making a horror comedy about “hot-rodding” alien teens who would visit Earth, meet up with human teenagers, and

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## If I Were King...

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### Ten commandments for your college-bound daughters

If you are college bound, like my granddaughter, you are one of the most fortunate people on the planet. For four years you will be required to do little more than read and write, think and discuss — and do your laundry! You will not have to mow the grass, pay the electric and water bill or shovel the snow. Most of your meals will be prepared for you. Your dishes will be washed, your trash will be collected and you will have no cable bill or mortgage to pay. This four-year experience is incredibly costly, so take full advantage of it. You will never experience it again.

Here are ten commandments that will help you make the most of it.

**1: Friends matter.** Be very selective about making new friends — they should mirror your values and social preferences. They will influence your life greatly.

**2: Never walk alone at night.** Thousands of lions in Africa survive by picking off the gazelles that wander from the herd. Travel in packs — always! No exceptions.

**3: Never take a drink** of any kind from someone you do not know. Never take a drink from a glass that has been out of your sight for even a moment. Do not ever leave a party with someone you don't know well. Have a pact with your friends to watch out for each other.

**4: Sit in the front row.** College is hard, so sit in the front row. You will learn more and there are fewer distractions. Plus, the kids that the professor is familiar with always get better grades. Ask questions — good teachers like answering good questions.

**5: Alcohol, controlled substances,**

**drugs, sex** and many other choices will confront you. Make choices that are in alignment with your character and your life. Social responsibility now rests entirely with you, not what other people are doing.

**6: Mom and dad are always** available. Do not ever be afraid to reach out to them at any time — day or night. It would be beneficial to all involved if your daughter had a rough schedule of regularly calling home. Parents worry 24/7.

**7: Be firm** when you need to be. Do not compromise your ingrained values and principles. You know right from wrong — apply it.

**8: Manage your sleep schedule.**

Your brain, your body, your moods and your ability to learn suffer terribly when deprived of sleep. Brains are like rechargeable batteries — they must be recharged through sleep or they will not function well.

**9: Get a credit card** for emergencies. Be very clear on what an emergency is, and isn't. It is good practice for sound money management, and it's one more safety net in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

**10: Have fun.** The next four years will have a significant impact on the rest of your life. So work hard, dream big, make good decisions — and have fun! Let your values, your faith, and your character guide you.

Remember that you are attending college because your parents provided you with the academic training, the intellectual ability and the financial resources that are necessary for being admitted. Not everyone is so fortunate. You will only get one shot at this. Make sure you don't blow it.

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FOSTER CHILDS

“... sit in the front row. You will learn more and there are fewer distractions.”

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**I HAVE A** suggestion for the entitled NBA player who parked in three handicap spots. When the officer says 'Back up,' you should back up. When he says 'Take your hands out of your pockets,' do it. I've been stopped, did what was asked of me, never been tased and never been arrested. Park legally and this never would have happened.

**SOMEONE HAS BEEN** illegally dumping in the Tyrone Township area. Thursday someone dumped a whole HVAC on Center Road. If you see this kind of activity, please report it. Tyrone Township citizens need to be more proactive in reporting, as we don't have regular policing in the township.

**A HOT-LINER ASSOCIATED** conservatism with NAFTA. That's not correct. Globalists like Bush 41 and Clinton wanted NAFTA. Fellow globalist, Henry Kissinger, in 1993, said that NAFTA was the architecture for the New World Order. This is not conservatism.

**I WAS SHOCKED** when I learned that at a girls soccer district playoff game one lone athlete and her dad in the stands took a knee during the national anthem. Time to revive the phrase 'America — love it or leave it.'

**HEY RTA (REGIONAL** Transportation Authority), 22 shootings and eight dead

over holiday. This is why Amazon and others don't like Detroit, not transportation. Say no to new taxes.

**TO THE PERSON** comparing the president's golfing, in regard to his bone spurs, to military service and what they do. You obviously were not in the service. I am sure he uses a golf cart when he golfs. Get a life. He is doing a better job in his current position then we have seen for many years.

**TRADE DEALS ARE** an idea supported by conservatives and every Republican president since Eisenhower. Sure Clinton supported NAFTA, but it was passed through Congress with unanimous Republican support and conservative Democrats.

**I DON'T GET** it. They can pave Whitaker Road for \$150,000 but the area of Ripley to Rolston would be over \$1 million or some crazy number. Can someone explain?

**IT IS NOT** bullying to expect a city councilwoman to behave better than some teenage vandal. We should expect better from an elected official.

**ONE THING IS** for certain: you will never see those big pickup trucks parked at the library.

**IF YOU'RE INTERESTED** in Florida or California, real estate in those states are on the cusp of another crash due to the elimination of Obama's safe guards. Michigan, Illinois and Ohio are also on deck.

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### What do you remember most about graduation?



"My high school graduation was from Mercy High School, and we all wore these beautiful white dresses, it was almost surreal."

Christin Zammit-Lee  
Holly Township



"Probably the music, the song that they play while you walk. It's such a powerful song, it almost gave me chills."

Dale Sawyer  
Fenton Township



"We had a beach ball and we were hitting it around and they stopped the ceremony until we got rid of the ball. Until the last minute in school, they were trying to control us."

David Troppens  
Fenton



"It was a long time ago. I was at a fairly small college, so it was a pretty intimate ceremony. It was great because everybody knew everybody."

Beth Legler  
Blue Springs, Missouri



"I think just my family being there, for both high school and college graduation. They were so supportive."

Autumn Perry-Macclaren  
Linden

## streettalk



## Sludge to be removed from Fenton's water plant

■ North pond to be cleaned this year, followed by south pond in 2020

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The Fenton City Council will vote Monday, June 11 on whether to spend close to a total of \$200,000 to clean the lime lagoons of sludge this year and in 2020.

According to a memo from Water Plant Supervisor Stephen Guy to Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki, "It is time to clean out the north lime lagoon of sludge residual."

Guy said one pond is cleaned while the other, the south pond, is in use.

"At present water usage rates, it takes about one year to fill a pond, which then sits for another one-year dewatering period and becomes manageable to clean out with a backhoe and covered trucks," he said.

In 2014, the bids included both ponds which encompasses four years total, Guy added.

Prolime, Inc. has submitted a proposal for the clean out of the two ponds in 2018 and 2020. Prolime has been the lowest bidder for the last three clean outs and have done a good job for the city, Guy said.

The proposal to clean out the north pond will cost \$96,075, and the south pond clean out in 2020 will cost \$98,175.



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The Beecher tornado killed 116 people, injured 844 and destroyed more than 300 homes.

## The 1953 Beecher tornado

■ It slipped to second deadliest in U.S. history after 2011 Joplin, Missouri tornado

**By Vera Hogan**

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Most local residents remember the Aug. 24, 2007, F-2 tornado being the worst, and more likely the first, they have ever experienced.

It happened just before 6 p.m. that early Friday evening, when the tornado brought winds in excess of 100 miles per hour roaring through Fenton and Holly, leaving a path of destruction in its wake.

That was nothing compared to the June 8, 1953 tornado in the Beecher area of Flint. The storm, classified an F-5 on the Fujita Scale, killed 116 people, injured 844 and destroyed more than 300 homes. Dwight D. Eisenhower declared the area a national emergency.

Until May 22, 2011, there had not been a tornado in the United States, before or since, that killed and injured as many people.

A deadly F-5 May 2011 tornado occurred in Joplin, Missouri. It claimed the lives of 161 people, damaged 7,500 dwellings affecting more than 17,000 people. It now holds the record as being the deadliest tornado in U.S. history since 1947. The Beecher tornado has slipped to second.

An F-5 is considered the worst of all tornadoes on the Fujita Scale, according to the National Weather Service.

**What happened in Beecher**

The storm started just west of North Linden Road, jumped down Coldwater Road, between Coldwater and Carpenter roads, and bounced over Richfield Road.

Fenton residents remember the strange yellow sky with dark swirling clouds to the north at around 8 p.m. that warm Monday evening.

It was Monday, and National Weather Service officials report the daytime temperature reached 82 degrees, falling only a few degrees by sunset. The dew point temperature, indicative of the moisture level in the air, was unusually moist for June at close to 70 degrees. Strong and warm southerly winds were blowing into

Genesee County from the Ohio Valley at about 20 mph, connecting with a brisk cold front that was beginning to sweep into the region from Wisconsin. A classic super cell storm was brewing.

In June of 2009, Jan Ryneanson, features editor for the Times, interviewed some folks who remember the Beecher tornado like it was yesterday.

"I'm lucky to be alive," said **Darrell Tobias** of Fenton Township, who was 14

at the time, the youngest of nine children.

"We lived at 1206 W. Kurtz, two blocks off North Saginaw, and a block south of Coldwater Road," Tobias said. "My dad was working at Buick and mother and I were at home when the house blew apart."

"There was no basement. His mother was in the kitchen when she saw the storm coming. She shoved him into the adjoining bathroom."

**See TORNADO on 6**



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■■■  
**MY GRANDSON CAME** up to me and said 'I just pressed my handprint on the neighbor's new poured driveway.' I responded in the same way as Vera Hogan, 'Just Sayin' — 'a little mischievous and kind of funny.'

■■■  
**RIGHT, BECAUSE WALKING** and playing golf is similar to the actions that took place in Vietnam?

■■■  
**LEADERSHIP EQUALS COMPETENCE** plus judgment plus character. Manager equals competence plus judgment or competence plus character, but not all three. The result of leadership is loyalty. Our last presidential leader was George Herbert Walker Bush; all others were managers. You do not get loyalty by directing or requesting it.

■■■  
**THE MAIN REASON** for school shootings has to be the breakdown of the family unit and the failing of parents to teach discipline and respect.

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## TORNADO

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"I blew up in the center of the tornado and didn't hear anything," Tobias said. "I just remember seeing the telephone poles and houses and swirling items. I landed in a field about seven blocks away, north of Coldwater Road.

"My shirt and undershirt had been blown off, along with my shoes and socks, but I had my Levis and my Timex watch had stopped at 8:35 p.m.," Tobias said.

He didn't know until later that he had a broken hand and arm, but he had numerous flesh wounds and was bleeding from his nose and ears because of the immense pressure his body suffered.

He stood up, started walking and saw some neighbors. As a newspaper carrier, Tobias had 150 customers in the area.

Returning to what had been his home, he found his mother lying on the front cement steps. Her clothing had been blown off except part of her petticoat, which was around her neck. Her elbow and arm to her shoulder were crushed, and she had an extended head gash with her ear almost cut off.

Four of Tobias's sisters and their families lived in the same vicinity and lost everything.

"We were very fortunate," he said. "My brother-in-law, who was lying on top of his children to protect them, was killed, but everyone else survived."

His mother was unconscious for 21 days and remained in the hospital about three months while undergoing several surgeries. After this ordeal, she never again suffered from her usual summer hay fever, he noted.



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"I still don't see how I lived, it was a miracle," Tobias said. "It wasn't my time to go. At least 25 people in my immediate neighborhood were killed."

**Ann Adams**, who died in May 2015 at the age of 81, was a student nurse at Hurley School of Nursing in Flint, when the tornado hit.

"I received my senior stripe about two weeks before. That night, the lights had gone out in the dorm, but I was on surgery call from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. A call had come through and then the phone went dead.

**"I still don't see how I lived, it was a miracle,"**

**Darrell Tobias**  
Fenton Township resident

"I remember the sky, it was greenish-yellow and part of it was bright orange and the heat was so thick you could cut it. When I walked out of the dorm to the hospital, the lights were on because of generators.

People were all over the entranceway. Doors were used for stretchers.

"The hospital was like a war zone. We had to try to identify people and had to give them all tetanus shots. The thing that amazed me was how everyone was so dirty. Their skin was pelted with dirt and encrusted with gravel and stones.

"It was chaos. Supplies were limited.

We ran out of everything. We had to discharge people so we could use their beds. Students from GMI (General Motors Institute, now Kettering University) helped bring patients and cots in.

"Our morgue was full, as were others at St. Joe's and McLaren. Finally, they used the old National Guard Armory for a morgue."

**Glenda Smith** of Fenton vividly recalled the events of that day as well.

"We were in Flint to attend a shower," she told Rynearson in 2009. "The adults were at my aunt's house on Coldwater Road and the children, about a dozen cousins, were in the house across the street that belonged to another aunt.

"The children were watching 'I Love Lucy' on TV when the power went off.

"Something told my mother to get up and look out the window. She saw a tornado coming and heard the train noise. She ran out of the house toward us (across the street.) She ran in and shoved us in the basement.

"All the rooms, but one, were lifted from the foundation. A bedroom where all the windows had been open, remained," Smith said. "And, on the outside wall of that room, on an attached shelf, a statue of the Virgin Mary stood intact."

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## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT** the stock market went up under Obama because of quantitative easing, which means the federal government was printing money. This is one of the main reasons that he increased the national debt by \$10 trillion. It didn't go up because of sound economics.

**THE REASON WE** are unwilling to accept change is because we don't want to end up being just like every other town across the country.

**TO THE PERSON** that recalled that Obama sat safely in the White House while our brave soldiers captured Saddam Hussein. He was captured Dec. 13, 2003 and George W. Bush was in the White House. Facts.

**WHERE CAN ONE** drop off small batteries for recycling without having to wait two hours in a line that is only offered at locations two times a year?

**THE MAY NEW** jobs report came out this morning and again President Trump smashed the record. Now, we have 223,000 new jobs, extreme economic growth and optimism. Unemployment is at an 18-year low at 3.8 percent. This is all due to President Trump's astute business sense.

**IF I UNDERSTAND** correctly, we have a gas tax that's supposed to be raising money to fix our roads, which are horrendous. I hear that Snyder is using the money to buy signs four touring along the expressway. Are we allowed to do that? The money should be used for the roads especially in Fenton. They're ridiculous.

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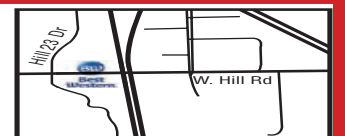
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### The wedding cake case — Part II

Last December I wrote a column about a case, Masterpiece Cake-shop Ltd. v Colorado Civil Rights Commission, which was then pending before the United States Supreme Court. It centered around a Colorado baker, Jack Phillips, who had refused to design a wedding cake for a gay couple based on his religious beliefs opposing gay marriage.

The couple filed a discrimination complaint with the Colorado Civil Rights Commission, which found unlawful discrimination based upon sexual orientation in violation of Colorado's Anti-Discrimination Act. The Colorado Court of Appeals upheld the Commission's decision.

The question presented in the Supreme Court was did Mr. Phillips have the right to refuse the gay couple's order?

I said at the time when a final decision was made I would submit a full report.

On June 4, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Mr. Phillips in a 7 to 2 decision.

Justice Anthony Kennedy delivered the opinion of the court with three concurring opinions and one dissenting opinion. What this means is that at the end, Mr. Phillips prevailed although not all of the justices necessarily agreed on the precise reason(s).

Justice Kennedy's opinion focused on the fact that there were at least two principles to be reconciled here.

The first is the authority of the state to protect the rights and dignity of gay couples who wish to be married who face discrimination when seeking goods or services. The second is the right of all persons to exercise fundamental freedoms under the First Amendment of freedom of speech and the free exercise of religion.

Since these are very important rights, Mr. Phillips had the right to a hearing before a neutral decision maker.

The Court found that contrary to his rights, the Colorado Civil Rights Commission was not neutral and instead was openly hostile to his religion. Accordingly, the decision finding discrimination was reversed.

This opinion has been described as being a very narrow one, resolving very little in this area, and that with slightly different facts the result could have been different.

The Supreme Court news service SCOTUSblog says the ruling seems to leave open at least as many questions as it resolved.

With this issue we'll simply have to wait and see what happens next.

*The wedding cake case — Part I, was published Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017.*

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**COUNCIL GETTING UPSET** about some handprints on a sculpture depicting illegal gambling?

■■■■  
**IN REGARDS TO** marijuana legalization. Who owns my body, me or the government? What right does the government have to tell me what I can put into my own body? Bacon double cheeseburgers are bad for you, too. Should the government make those illegal, as well?

■■■■  
**NICE JOB, GENESEE** County Road Commission. I could have done as just as well with a can of soup and a spoon.

■■■■  
**THERE YOU GO** again. You people calling in about gun control laws. Do you seriously think that the criminals care about what your laws are?

■■■■  
**THE CEO OF** Starbucks is criticizing Trump for his harsh language. Give me Trump's harsh language over milk toast Obama any day.

■■■■  
**WHEN ARE THE** street cleaners in Linden going to clean the street and the manhole covers?

■■■■  
**THANK YOU HARRY** and Meghan. The world needed a Cinderella story right about now.

■■■■  
**IT SEEMS ONLY** fair that we should put posters on every corner in town and find the other culprit(s) in cement gate. The city council was quick to publicly flog Cherie Smith. It could have been handled quietly. Since it is such a big deal, what's the plan to catch the other(s) and write an article in the paper about them?

■■■■  
**WHEN ARE WE** going to repave Runyan Lake Road and Shiawassee Avenue from White Lake Road to Fenton High School? This stretch of road, which is heavily traveled, is in terrible condition. Please help.

■■■■  
**FIVE DAYS ON** the road in several different states. One hour into Michigan a busted windshield by flying rock. Your state is a joke.

■■■

## News briefs

### Cruise in Fenton

Every Friday evening, from 5 to 8 p.m., weather permitting, through Aug. 31, car enthusiasts can show off their nice looking or antique cars in the parking lot at O'Reilly's, 15130 Silver Parkway, Fenton. The cruise is non-profit for fun and all show cars are welcome. Organizers say they have quite a few sponsors, including Classic Auto Body Repair, Leo's Coney Island, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Wright Enterprises, Inc., and Vanguard Motor Sales, which give out prizes to the best car of the evening. The owner of the best car will be presented with a custom "Golden Piston" plaque. Independent judges will make the decisions and each week the award goes to someone who has not won. For more information, call Rick at (810) 869-3429.

### Fenton Water Department hires attendant

Jonathon Barancik joined the Fenton Water Department as an attendant on May 14. He was introduced to the City Council at its Monday, June 4 work session. Barancik is a 2009 graduate of Lake Fenton High School. After high school, he joined the U.S. Army where he trained as a chemical specialist. He is married and has two young sons.

## Eleanor Street to be reconstructed

■ Properties on adjacent streets also assessed to help cover \$125,000 project

By Hannah Ball

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The Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted 5-0 to approve creating the Eleanor Street Improvement Special Assessment District at the May 21 meeting.

The project consists of reconstructing Eleanor Street between Owen Road and Island View Drive. The district includes 186 parcels with frontage on Eleanor Street, Barrington Hills, Chateaux du Lac, Island View Drive, Pavilion Drive, and Pavilion County and Pine Bluff Court. The estimated cost of the project is \$143,750. The township received property owner signatures from 52 of the road frontage in the district.

A few residents spoke at the May 21 public hearing. Kim Width said no one except the properties fronting the improvement were assessed when Island View Drive between Jacob Road and Eleanor Street was paved. She told the board it wasn't fair that she has to pay a portion of the Eleanor Street paving.

According to meeting minutes, "Operations Manager (Tom) Broecker clarified that the Island View project was completed under a different special assessment statute by GCRC (Genesee County Road Commission). The township uses a statute that requires assessment against all properties that benefit from the improvement."

Fenton Township resident Chris Swanson coordinated the petition process to obtain the signatures and said the road is in desperate need of improvement. He submitted names from people who support the project and cited improved safety and elimination of vehicle damage as benefits.

Broecker said the next steps include the GCRC providing a project agreement for township approval, then the GCRC will design and bid out the project. The township will then create a special assessment roll and will schedule a public hearing on the roll. "If the final cost is close to the \$125,000 estimated by the road commission, the total assessment should be \$650-700 per parcel," he said.

Supervisor Bonnie Mathis and Trustee Vince Lorraine were absent.

### SUMMARY

■ The Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved creating a special assessment district to reconstruct Eleanor Street between Owen Road and Island View Drive.

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## OFFICER

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“(City Manager) Lynn Markland and (Police Chief) Jason Slater have been great to work with,” Hartley said.

The city and school district are holding off on the official signing of the contract until fall. Hartley said there may be state or federal grants coming in that may be able to reduce the costs.

Cole’s time will be dedicated to the school district for the nine months of the school year, and could possibly be on hand for some summer activities, Hartley said. He will remain a city of Fenton employee with the police department.

A former officer in Mt. Pleasant, Cole is ALICE trained, the active shooter response training. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. He also is a tactical self-defense trainer.

“Officer Cole already has some ideas, being proactive in helping maintain a positive environment when it comes to providing school safety,” Hartley said. Cole will be helping the education process when it comes to things students are exposed to on a daily basis, such as threats, drugs and alcohol, Hartley said.

“What it boils down to is we worked very close with the Fenton Police Department to determine how we can build more layers of security for our staff, students and families,” he said. “This ultimately led to getting this officer for us.”

Cole will not just serve the high



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Officer Thomas (Tom) Cole, the new Fenton schools resource officer, is a 13-year veteran of the Fenton Police Department.

school, but all six buildings in the district. He will have an office in each.

“If something were to occur during the school day that we have to call 911 — that doesn’t change, we’re still calling 911,” Hartley said.

Cole is not a stranger in Fenton schools. “I’ve heard nothing but positive reactions from administration and teachers,” he said. “We’re very happy that it’s Officer Cole.”

Cole is formerly of Linden and is a 1995 graduate of Linden High School. He graduated from Saginaw Valley State University in 1999, majoring in criminal justice with a minor in sociology. He graduated from the Police Academy at Delta College in 2000.

Prior to joining the police force in Fenton, Cole spent five years living and working in Mt. Pleasant. In addition to serving the city of Fenton, Cole is a sports enthusiast and enjoys working out.

## TENT

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According to meeting minutes of April 2, these structures are usually supported by poles and have fabric, vinyl or canvas covering. They’re used to cover vehicles, recreational equipment or similar items. These structures are popular due to the low cost compared to permanent structures, according to the minutes.

The Linden Planning Commission voted 8-0 to recommend to the City Council that the accessory structure ordinance be changed to subject temporary/portable accessory structures to the same requirements as permanent accessory structures. Commissioner Jennifer Scott was absent.

This change would mean that these structures could not be erected in front yards. The amendment 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.

Linden resident Rick Hawd, who has two tents behind his garage, said, “I hope you guys understand that there are a lot of people in town that can’t afford to build garages at their homes.”

Doug Morgan said, “I think the folks are going in a direction not consistent with what the citizens really want.” He said he wants less regulation, and that more people complain about people who speed in the town and the condition of the streets.

Resident Jean Claude Howd said he was worried the commission would prohibit tents entirely. Claude raised the point of irregular shaped properties that don’t have much of a backyard. He said a “blanket statement” on where someone can put a tent is not a good idea.

“These structures are very strong structures. They’re very sturdy,” he said.

City Manager Paul Zelenak clarified the tents are allowed in backyards, and that a few residents brought this issue to them because they don’t like the tents in front yards.

Adam Young, city planner and zoning administrator, said to make sure these

tents were installed safely, they could require residents obtain a permit so the building official can ensure safety measures are adhered to.

These tents are affordable, he said, and “that’s one of the reasons why we’re suggesting to not prohibit them, but rather regulate them.”

If people have uniquely shaped yards, they can apply for a variance to erect a tent in a certain part of the yard.

Commissioner and City Councilor Brad Dick said unfortunately, the law says they do have to make blanket statements. “We

can’t say it’s good for these couple yards and not good for other yards,” he said.

Commissioner Daniel Cusson said he doesn’t like government control, but the change is about ensuring the structures are safe, and making sure people don’t have multiple different colored tents tied to together because it impacts the aesthetics

and safety of the city.

The Linden City Council will ultimately decide on whether to adopt the change. The next meeting is Monday, June 11 in the council chambers in the lower level of the Linden Mill Building.

### Accessory structures

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.

According to the April 2 Linden Planning Commission meeting minutes, “Because they (canvas tents) 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.”

**“That’s one of the reasons why we’re suggesting to not prohibit them, but rather regulate them.”**

**Adam Young**

Linden city planner and zoning administrator

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## Lake Fenton students raise \$500 for Center of Hope



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

The marketing class of Lake Fenton High School teacher Dorthy Switalski raised \$500 with a school project for the Fenton Center of Hope on Thursday, May 31. Switalski said the project is part of their social entrepreneurship unit where the goal is to use business skills to make a profit, then give the profits away in an effort to “make the world a better place.” The students ran a “Because Nice Matters” campaign and sold buttons for \$1.



# 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, June 1.*

### Senate Bill 941: Spend \$100 million on job training and preparation programs

To spend \$100 million on government job and career training programs, scholarships, program grants and more, which would be labeled a "Marshall plan for talent." Senate Bill 942 would authorize paying for this with money borrowed against revenues from a 1998 state tobacco lawsuit settlement.

#### Passed 30 to 2 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES  
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES  
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ NO  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) Did not vote  
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

### House Bill 4106: Give high school graduation credits for internship or work

To require school districts to give ninth-through 12th-grade students credit toward state graduation requirements for spending at least four hours per week getting work experience or in an internship. The credit would equal that granted for taking one traditional course. Students would be excused from one class period of instructional time for each day they work or intern. This would not apply to students who are struggling in school as defined in the bill, and would be subject to various specified conditions.

#### Passed 36 to 0 in the Senate

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

### House Bill 5687: Require resident alien's drivers license to expire with visa

To require that a drivers license issued to a resident alien must have an expiration no later than the date on which the individual's presence in the in the U.S. becomes unlawful.

#### Passed 36 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES

## CRASH

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William Guy, from Ossineke was transported to Tawas St. Joseph Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The preliminary investigation reveals that the northbound semi-truck crossed the centerline on U.S. 23 into the path of the southbound passenger car.

Police were assisted by the Oscoda Township Fire Department, Iosco County Emergency Medical Services, the Oscoda Area First Responders and the Michigan State Police Commercial Motor Carrier Division.

The crash remains under investigation.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Sharp Funeral Homes.

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

### House Bill 5606: Revise wine tasting restrictions

To amend the state's very detailed and prescriptive liquor control code to permit wineries that conduct tastings and sales at their production facility to also sell customers other nonalcoholic beverages, and require them to provide water.

#### Passed 107 to 0 in the House

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

### House Bill 5810: Revise involuntary mental health treatment process:

To revise a 2005 law that authorizes courts to order involuntary assisted outpatient mental health treatment for an individual with a serious mental illness in response to a petition (usually from family members) showing the individual represents a risk themselves or others. The bill would streamline petition approval requirements, place a 10-day deadline on court action, require a psychiatrist to supervise an assisted outpatient plan ordered by the court, and more.

#### Passed 104 to 3 in the House

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

## DOCTOR

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Language is another important factor to check. You need to be able to communicate clearly with your doctor, so check which languages he or she speaks to be sure you'll be able to understand each other. Many doctors now use email or an online portal to communicate with patients, which may be another item of importance to tech-savvy communicators when selecting a physician.

**Visit** the doctor. Nothing can really give you a feel for whether you've selected the right doctor like an office visit and a face-to-face meeting. Be sure you feel comfortable in the office and with the physician and nurses. Your primary care physician should be someone you trust and can rely on to help manage your healthcare.

Talk with him or her about any current medications you are taking and your medical history to be sure you are on the

same page when it comes to managing any chronic conditions.

When in the office, you should evaluate **other environmental** factors. Take into account the demeanor of the people who answer the phone and greet you when you walk in — are they efficient and friendly? Are the phones answered in a timely manner? How far in advance do you need to schedule an appointment? And **how long** is the wait to see the doctor after you arrive for your appointment? While you're waiting to see the doctor, chat with the people in the waiting room. Are they agitated for having to wait so long, or do they confirm that you're making the right choice?

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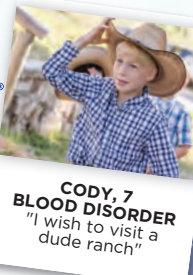


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## Fenton awarded two MDEQ grants

■ Will allow city to look into storm water and wastewater systems

Compiled By Vera Hogan

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The Fenton City Council will be voting on two resolutions at its Monday, June 11 meeting. The resolutions authorize the city manager to serve as the authorized representative for two agreements.

The first is a SAW (Storm water, Asset Management and Wastewater) Asset Management Plan, and the second is a SAW Sanitary (wastewater) Asset Management Plan.

Earlier this year, the city was awarded two SAW grants from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). These grants are aimed at helping communities learn more about their infrastructure and to plan long-term improvements and maintenance activities.

According to Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki, the total project cost is \$993,686, divided between storm water (\$443,511) and wastewater, or sanitary (\$550,175). The grant is for \$894,317 and the city is required to match 10 percent, or \$99,369.

This is a reimbursement type program through MDEQ. The project and grant funding will take place over three fiscal years.

With the assistance of OHM, the city's engineers, programs have been developed for both sanitary and storm asset management.

The project work includes review of the storm water and wastewater systems, inspection of roughly 30 percent of each system, digitizing the assets into the city's GIS system, prepare five- and 10-year capital improvement plans, review utility revenues and expenditures and provide information to eliminate any funding gaps that might be found.



## CATCH OF THE WEEK



Evan Ureche, son of Tom and Jamie Ureche of Fenton caught these two 13.25-inch crappies on Silver Lake.

## 1968

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generally cause mischief with the help of a cosmic pet called "The Mess."

The group's budgetary constraints made this concept impossible, so Russo instead dreamed up an idea about a boy who runs away from home, only to discover a field of corpses under glass, which were rotting to the liking of alien creatures who would eventually consume them. Russo presented this idea to Romero, who latched on to the flesh-eating angle.

Armed with Russo's flesh-eating concept, Romero went to work, pairing it with a story he'd been working on that "basically ripped off" Richard Matheson's apocalyptic horror novel *I Am Legend*.

Russo later recalled that Romero returned with "about 40 really excellent pages," including the opening in the cemetery and the arrival at the farmhouse. Russo set to work on the rest, and *Night of the Living Dead* began to come to life.

The movie was made on a budget of less than \$150,000, which meant everything from props to sets had to be created on the cheap. Since the film was shot in black and white, the crew never had to worry what color the blood was, so either red ink or chocolate syrup was used, depending on the desired effect in each shot.

For the scene in which Karen Cooper (Kyra Schon) begins eating her father's corpse, the crew's leftover lunch was employed.

To add to the realism of the zombie attack scenes, both Russo and actor Bill Hinzman, who played the iconic "Cemetery Ghoul" in the opening sequence, volunteered to be set on fire. Russo was lit on fire during the scene when the survivors are throwing makeshift Molotov cocktails at the undead, while Hinzman poured lighter fluid on his suit so he could be lit during the scene in which he wards off the ghouls with a torch.

One of the film's most famous elements is its grim ending, in which the main character, having survived the night, is shot by the sheriff's zombie-hunting posse and thrown on the fire. At one point, a happier ending for the film was considered, but Jones fought it and won.

Source: [mentalfloss.com](http://mentalfloss.com)

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you feel especially creative this week and want to focus on the future. You may have concrete ideas, but don't know just how to put those plans into action. Seek assistance.

### TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, learning to detach from thoughts and feelings can help you learn which ideas are important and which ones are extraneous. This can help you reduce stress.

### GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, if you feel like something is lacking in your life right now, you may want to surround yourself with some friends who provide inspiration and compel change.

### CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, rather than looking to others for validation, take an inward look and praise yourself. There are so many things you do well, and these are deserving of attention.

### LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you could have some psychically tuned feelings this week and will seem to know about things before they happen. Trust your instincts.

### VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Make yourself more available to your loved ones over the next few days, Virgo. Try connecting with them by discussing your goals and asking advice.

### LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, compassion and understanding will drive your actions over the course of this week. You seem especially connected to others and their feelings.

### SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, a hectic schedule may have you feeling tense and resentful of all your responsibilities. Concentrate on one task at a time rather than obsessing about it all.

### SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Reminiscing about the past can be a good way to connect you with your history, Sagittarius. Just do not dwell too much on what should've been. Use it as a chance to grow.

### CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, strengthen relationships by letting other people know how much you appreciate them. This will help you feel a greater sense of joy as well.

### AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you may feel enthusiastic this week about what life has to offer. Make the most of your rejuvenated spirit. Make an effort to reconnect with an old friend.

### PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Feeling nervous about the outcome of some endeavors is natural, Pisces. But if you work through various scenarios, you will feel more relaxed.



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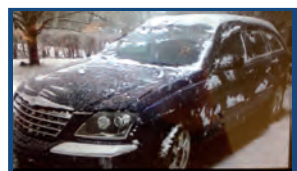
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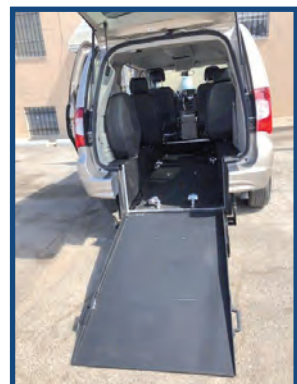
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### Fenton



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# Linden softball advances to title game, falls to Powers

**By David Troppens**  
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**Flint** — It was a season of near-titles for the Linden varsity softball team.

Yet, when the season ended at the Division 2 district title game at Powers High School on Saturday, the Eagles had to be pretty pleased with how their season went.

The Eagles had a young team entering the season, and yet kept their goals high. They wanted to compete for a Metro League title and compete for the district crown. The Eagles came a little short on the Metro title though, finishing in sole

possession of second place, but they did compete for the district crown and ended the season with darn near 30 wins (28-12 actually) in what was another strong season.

The season ended with a 7-2 loss to Powers in the district title game. The district began with a 10-6 victory of the Brandon Blackhawks.

“This season meant everything to me,” Linden senior Liz Rakowski said. “It started out with a young

team that we didn’t know what was going to happen, and we gelled together really well. ... We lost a few girls at the beginning of the season and we didn’t really know what to expect. But as soon as I saw the team that we did have, I knew we could accomplish (all of our goals).”

“It’s been a really good season,” Linden varsity softball coach Gordon Jamison said.

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## Johnson caps tennis career in grand fashion

■ Senior wins Holly’s first-ever state flight championship, leads team to fifth-place team finish

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Nicole Johnson has been a part of the four greatest consecutive seasons in Holly varsity girls tennis team history.

It’s only fitting the senior capped off the four-year era with a bang of her own.

Johnson became the first flight state champion in Holly girls tennis history by capturing the No. 2 singles flight title at the Division 2 State Tennis Tournament. Johnson’s performance helped lead the Bronchos to a fifth-place team finish at the meet.



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Holly’s varsity girls tennis team (above) placed fifth at the Division 2 team state meet. (Left photo) Nicole Johnson (center) won the No. 2 singles flight championship at the state meet. She is pictured with Holly coaches Will Sophiea (left) and Erik Kahn (right).

“It feels really good,” Johnson said about her flight championship. “It was a big goal of mine to accomplish it.”

“I definitely felt pressure going into the matches and during the matches as well. I wanted to do really well in the tournament and wanted to do well for my team.”

Johnson opened with a 6-1, 7-5 win against Portage Central’s Ashna Mehra and then beat Grand Rapids Forest Hills’ Andrea Wang 6-2, 7-5 in her second match. Marian’s Mia Schwartz went down 6-2, 7-5 in Johnson’s semifinal match, setting her up for a battle with the No. 2 seeded Sofia Gryzenia from Birmingham Seaholm. Johnson, the top seed, won the match 6-4, 6-4. Last year Johnson lost in the semifinals. Two years

ago, she was a state runner-up.

“The first set went every other game, back-and-forth with each of us holding serve, but for the most part I was up a game that whole set,” Johnson said. “At the end (of the second set) I was down 4-2 or 4-3 and then won the next

few games. It was a very tight match.”

“I’ve never seen someone carry themselves the way Nicole has,” Holly varsity girls tennis coach Will Sophiea said.

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Photo courtesy of **APRIL ZAITSHIK**

Lake Fenton senior Jaden Zaitshik (left) won the Division 2 State Track and Field Championships high jump event on Saturday, clearing 6-foot-7. Lake Fenton varsity boys track and field coach Kyle Smith is pictured with Zaitshik.

## Lake Fenton’s Zaitshik jumps to a state title

**By David Troppens**  
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Jaden Zaitshik thought he may have blown any chance of winning a state championship in the high jump a day before the Division 2 state track and field meet held at Zeeland High School.

He thought he may have blown his chances at dinner time.

“It was very unexpected,” the Lake Fenton senior (and now graduate) said. “I had a big meal the day before the meet and I wasn’t expecting to jump very high.”

Zaitshik surprised himself apparently. He ended up winning the Division 2 high jump title by posting a winning leap of 6-foot-7, one inch better than Dearborn Divine Child’s Luke Ciarelli who leapt 6-foot-6.

Zaitshik’s performance enabled the Blue Devils to finish tied for 14th at the state meet with 13 points. Linden also competed at the meet with the boys placing tied for 22nd with nine points.

Zaitshik said it was a fun competition.

“It was a friendly competition,” Zaitshik said. “He was very polite. We were both going for the same thing and wanted the same thing. I think we were both happy with the way it turned out.”

Zaitshik made his first attempt at 5-11 and 6-2. He took two tries at 6-4 and 6-5. By that time, only Zaitshik and Ciarelli remained.

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## Blue devils beat Linden, fall to Goodrich at district tourney

**By David Troppens**  
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**Flint** — Cameron MacNeill practices bunting every day at Lake Fenton’s varsity baseball team’s practices.

On Saturday it paid off.

MacNeill placed down a perfect suicide squeeze bunt with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth inning, leading the Blue Devils to a 4-3 nine-inning

victory against the Linden Eagles during a Division 2 district semifinal contest at Flint Powers High School.

Unfortunately, the final didn’t go Lake Fenton’s way, losing 3-1 to another big rival, Goodrich. But that loss couldn’t dampen a few big firsts for the Blue Devils under head coach Brad LaRowe.

First off, it marked the first time the Blue Devils defeated Linden

twice in the same season since LaRowe took over six years ago. The Blue Devils split a double-header against Linden earlier this season. Second, the Blue Devils captured their first Division 2 district victory in school history. So the win, and the game-winning sacrifice bunt, were big moments in Lake Fenton history.

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Photo courtesy of **CONNIE HATHAWAY**

Lake Fenton’s varsity baseball team celebrates its district semifinal victory against Linden at Powers High School on Saturday.



# Tigers' run ends in district title contest, 3-0

By David Troppens

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**Ortonville** — Margaret Berry has seen some great times with the Fenton varsity girls soccer team.

Her career started with a position on the Tigers' Division 2 state finalist squad during her freshman season. Her career ended on Friday, in a tough 3-0 loss in the Division 2 district title game against Notre Dame Prep.

"These four years have been unforgettable," Berry said. "We've made insane memories together. Being with Sully (Fenton varsity girls soccer coach Matt Sullivan) for four years and being with the seniors in the program for four years has been everything. There are no words to describe it."

Notre Dame Prep was the stronger team on Friday. The Tigers were unable to muster a consistent offensive attack on the Fighting Irish, while the Irish took advantage of their quality scoring chances.

The first of those goals was provided nine minutes into the game when Notre Dame Prep's Mariana McParlin scored on a kick from about 35 yards out to the farside post top corner. Notre Dame Prep took a 1-0 lead into the half.

It remained 1-0 until the Irish scored with 22:35 remaining in the second half. That's when a cross by Stephanie Manlaci was received by Itala Gemelli, resulting in a wide-open shot on goal. The goal was scored, making it 2-0. About seven minutes later a Lauren Lopez scored on a free kick from about 30 yards out, pretty much icing Notre Dame's victory at 3-0.

Fenton had chances, but they didn't come frequently. The Metro League champion Tigers ended their season 15-5-1.

"I thought we worked our butts off every day," said Boston University bound Berry.

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Fenton's Hanna Chapin (right) battles for the ball with Notre Dame Prep's Stephanie Manlaci during the Tigers' 3-0 loss in the district final on Friday.

## Setzke, Keiser lead area athletes at Division 1 state track meet

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity track and field teams captured Metro League titles this season.

And some of the competitors that made those titles possible had a final chance to compete at the Division 1 state meet at East Kentwood High School.

Two competitors came home with All-State honors. Chanse Setzke earned the honor for the Fenton boys. The senior competed in the long jump and posted a fifth-place leap of 22-feet-5 1/2. He improved upon his seeded jump by about seven inches. His performance earned the Fenton boys all of their team points.

For the girls Alexa Keiser earned All-State honors by taking eighth in the 3,200-meter run. The sophomore posted a time of 10:41.17, about nine seconds better than her seeded time.

Cassandra Campbell competed in two events and came close to earning All-State honors in both. In the 300 hurdles the junior took ninth, with a time of 45.32, missing the top eight by about a half-second. She also took 13th in the 100 hurdles with a time of 15.07, .43 seconds better than her seeded time.

The boys had three others that competed. Like Setzke, Ryan Miller competed in the long jump, taking 14th with a leap of 21-3 1/2.

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## Fenton, Holly baseball squads lose district openers

By David Troppens

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Districts always is a hard time of the year for the Fenton and Holly varsity baseball teams.

It seems each season the two squads compete against the larger baseball

schools located closer to the Kensington Valley area, making life a challenge come tournament time.

It was once again this season as the Holly Bronchos lost to the Hartland Eagles 4-0, and the Fenton Tigers lost to Milford 5-2. The Hartland Eagles even-

tually won the district title.

The Tigers jumped to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first. Milford cut the gap to 2-1 in the second and the lead held on until Milford scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

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## LF softball struggles versus Powers, falls in district semifinal

By David Troppens

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The Lake Fenton varsity softball team picked the wrong day to have one of its worst game performances of the season.

The Blue Devils' offense and defense struggled against Powers Catholic in the two team's district opener on Saturday, resulting in a 9-0 loss.

Lake Fenton managed only three hits against Powers' hurler Natalie Ovadek and the defense committed five errors, resulting in four unearned runs for Powers.

Powers jumped to an early lead with four runs in the top of the first inning. The

inning was set up by a single, an error and a walk, loading the bases. McKenna Friedt responded with an RBI-single, while McKenna King followed with a two-run single. Powers slowly increased the lead with one run in the second, three in the fourth and one more in the fifth. Lake Fenton had only four baserunners. Kalani Lau had singles in the fourth and sixth innings, and eventually advanced to third base each time. Each time she was stranded there. Haley McLellan singled while Kaylie Terburgh and Allie Postal each reached on walks.

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### PreReport

#### SOFTBALL

► **Hartland 10, Fenton 0 (at Milford regional):** The Eagles scored five runs in the bottom of the second inning and eventually earned a 10-0 five-inning win against the Tigers. Fenton had one hit. Hailee Prater singled in the fourth inning with two out. Beyond that hit Hartland's Rachel Everett got the other 15 batters she faced out.

Offensively, Sam Nagel hit a two-run home run for the Eagles, while Madelin Skene and Delaney Grundman had two hits each.

► **Milford 11, Holly 1 (at Milford regional):** Milford scored four first inning runs and scored nine unearned runs, resulting in the loss.

#### GOLF

► **Fenton, Holly, Lake Fenton & Linden at Hawk Hollow regional:**

The Tigers led the area golf teams by taking seventh with a team score of 342. Braden Lapa led the Tigers with a 78 while Dylan Conte shot a 79. Logan Lake shot a 92 while Mitchell Chopp carded a 93.

Lake Fenton placed 11th with a 365. Evan Pribble led the Blue Devils with an 83 while Avery Schaal carded an 85. Bradley Holder carded a 94 while Jacob Zink shot a 103.

Holly placed 13th with a team score of 375. Noah Rooker led the Bronchos with an 86, while Ethan Postma shot a 94. Danny Matthews followed with a 96 while Aaron Findley shot a 99.

Linden took 17th with a 409 team score. Drew Krueger led the Eagles with a 97 while Aiden McCarthy carded a 100. Ian Mann shot a 102 and Cameron Sproule shot a 110.

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# Obituaries

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**Sandra Kay Johnson**  
1944-2018

Sandra Kay Johnson - age 74, of Fenton, died Saturday, June 2, 2018 at her residence. Funeral service will be held 11 AM Thursday, June 7, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton with Pastor Michelle Forsyth officiating. Interment will follow at Tyrone Memory Gardens. Visitation was held 5-8 PM Tuesday, June 5, 2018 and will be 2-4 and 6-8 PM Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at the funeral home. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Lung Cancer Research Foundation ([www.lungcancerresearchfoundation.org](http://www.lungcancerresearchfoundation.org)). Sandra was born May 31, 1944 in Saginaw, the daughter of Albert and Thelma (Gardner) Owen. She was a 1962 graduate of Saginaw Buena Vista High School. She married Richard Johnson on January 26, 1976 in Bay City, MI. Sandra graduated from Wayne State University in 1988, the same year daughter Shannon graduated from high school. Her career focused on Human Resources at General Motors and other companies but her loves were cooking and her flower gardens. She was outside in a garden

almost daily, either her own flower gardens or one of the volunteer gardens she worked in. "Toots" as her husband always called her was proud to have completed the MSU extension Master Gardener program and was very active. In 2017 Sandra also joined the Fenton garden club "The Open Gate Garden Club". A life culture highlight was the three years Sandra and her husband spent in Japan. With a maiden name Owen, Sandra always claimed to be Irish. During the summer of 2017 Sandra and Richard spent three weeks touring England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, and Wales. Surviving are: husband, Richard; son, Sean Pietryga and wife, Sherry; daughter, Shannon Watkins and husband, Tim; grandsons, Blain, Zaque and David Pietryga; granddaughters, Sydney Watkins, Maci Pietryga, Tabatha Clark and Jessica Clark; sister-in-law, Susan Johnson; nephew, Mike Oleyar and wife, Cindy; nieces, Kristie Hynes, Shelly White and husband, Lenny and Patty Mayball and husband, Duane. She was preceded in death by: sister, Shirley Oleyar and brother-in-law, Mike.



**Jeffery Joseph Weick**

1977-2018

Jeffery Joseph Weick - age 41, of Livonia, formerly of Rose Township/Fenton, died Sunday, June 3, 2018. Funeral services will be held 4 PM Thursday, June 7, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Thursday from 12 PM until the time of the service. Jeffery was born April 10, 1977 in Wyandotte, the son of Joseph and Nancy (Kovalchik) Weick. He was a 1995 graduate of Fenton High School and he received an Associates Degree from Mott Community College. He was employed by Ford Motor Company for the past 17 years. Surviving are: his three beloved sons, Joshua, Samuel, and Benjamin Weick; parents, Nancy and Eric Pompa of Rose Township; brother, Drew Pompa; grandparents, Roy and Elizabeth Pompa; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Weick. Tributes may be posted at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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Midweek Crossword

**ACROSS**  
1 Move rapidly  
5 Pirates' quaff  
8 EPA concern  
12 World's fair  
13 Detergent brand  
14 Hardy cabbage  
15 Tolerate  
16 Whatever number  
17 "— have to do"  
18 Release  
20 Heart lines  
22 Sauce source  
23 Prickly seed-case  
24 Scenery chewers  
27 Afternoon shows  
32 Biz deg.  
33 Journalist Tarbell  
34 "Erie Canal" mule  
35 Math tables, e.g.

**DOWN**  
1 Hump-backed animal of India  
2 Kin of 1-Down  
3 Colorful fish  
4 Swamp  
5 Easily prepared product  
6 Grecian vessel  
7 Poet Angelou  
8 Slalom slope  
9 Futon, for one  
10 — podrida  
11 Solidifies

38 Ratio phrase  
39 Auto  
40 Hr. portion  
42 Religious retreat  
45 Declare  
49 See 38-Down  
50 A billion years  
52 Lotion additive  
53 Faraway fleet?  
54 Blackbird  
55 Palm variety  
56 Libretto  
57 Meadow  
58 — off (angry)

19 "When pigs fly!"  
21 Japanese sash  
24 "Let me think ..."  
25 "The — Daba Honeymoon"  
26 Compact car maker?  
28 Citric beverage  
29 Devil's home?  
30 Chow down  
31 — -mo replay  
36 Toughest to find  
37 Gershwin or Glass  
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