Fenton schools will use proceeds from sale of 3.5 acre parcel for security upgrades

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Last December, officials in the city of Fenton voted unanimously to rezone some of the property owned by Fenton Area Public Schools and a section of land across the street on Owen Road. The school district’s Owen Road property, located between the Speedway gas station and the high school football field, all the way back to the bus garage, including the land where the bus garage is located, was re-zoned from Low Density Residential (LDR) to General Business District (GBD) with a Planned Unit Development (PUD) overlay. The PUD overlay will also now include property across the street on the north side of Owen Road, which starts on the west side at U.S. 23 and ends at Alloy Drive. “The school property just east of the Target entryway has been planned for commercial use since the previous Master Plan Update,” Carmine Avantini, the city planner, said in December 2017. The Master Plan, through the U.S. 23 Owen Road Study, designates the Owen Road frontage portion of the school property for two restaurant commercial out lots. Superintendent Adam Hartley said this week that the Fenton Board of Education

See PROPERTY on 6A

Retiring faded ‘old glories’ on Flag Day

Great Lakes National Cemetery (GLNC) in Holly Township hosted its second annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on Thursday, June 14, Flag Day 2018. The GLNC Advisory Council estimates that they retired approximately 5,000 flags from the cemetery, as well as those brought in by the public. See story on Page 17A

Debate over reading material prompts new school policy

Linden parents can now see school’s reading list online

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After months of debate over the books and movies studied by students at Linden schools, the Linden Board of Education adopted an updated English curriculum at its May 30 meeting. See READING LIST on 15A

Barricaded Fenton man takes own life

Chief: ‘It was a long day and a tragedy for the family’

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It’s been five days since the police standoff on Hickory Street and local police officers are coming to terms with the emotionally exhausting situation — the unknown, possible domestic violence, possible suicide, possible homicide, and more. See TRAGEDY on 14A

“Andrew Heller’s drivel should be dealt with by his removal from the Times staff. The derogatory smearing of our national anthem and our flag is put forth without benefit to anyone. He is a cancer in an otherwise great publication.”

“Lo, it is summer, that long anticipated stretch of lazy, lingering days, free of responsibility and rife with possibility. It’s a time to hunt for insects, master handstands, practice swimming strokes, conquer trees, explore nooks and crannies, and make new friends. Nothing is better than summer in Michigan.”

“Love to read Andrew Heller in the Sunday Times. Always brings a smile to my face. At least Heller doesn’t hide his identity.”

“Want to enrich your family’s life? It is rewarding beyond words to rescue a dog from Adopt-A-Pet and have that dog become part of your family. We finally did it and Cassie is now the most popular member of our family. The kids dote on her. Right now is the perfect time.”
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Dan Ferguson with his wife, Jennifer, are raising three daughters, Maris 16, (left) Wren, 12, (right) and Lynde, 8. His daughters like his jokes, his support and knowledge and calm demeanor. Ferguson said his role as a parent helps his job as principal of Lake Fenton Middle School — he tries to treat students the way he’d want his own children treated.

‘Teach them that they have a voice’

By Sally Rummel
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“After our first child, the best thing was learning that love has depth and I learned a whole new kind of love,” he said. “Now the best thing is watching and listening to my daughters laugh together and care for each other. When they show care and compassion for one another, I know they are developing life-long relationships.”

A very important aspect of his relationship with his family is to be the leader when it comes to encouraging faith.

“Our daughters have two rules: Follow Christ, and be an amazing sister and daughter,” he said. “Later in life, the roles of mother and wife may enter my life. When they are showing care and compassion for each other, I know they are developing life-long relationships.”

“Anyone can be a father, but it takes a real man to be a daddy.”

Anonymous

What makes a great dad?

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A good father can make all the difference in a child’s life. He is a pillar of support, strength and discipline. His work is endless and sometimes thankless. But at the end of the day, it shows in the sound, well-adjusted children he raises.

Here is how a few local fathers answered the question, “What makes a great dad?”

Brad Wright, vocal music and music technology teacher at Fenton High School, is shown here with his family. They are (from left) Jennifer with Macy, 12, in front of her, son Joe, 10, Brad, oldest daughter Juli, 24, and Addie, 14.

“I think one of the things that makes a great dad is putting family first. Being at events like games, recitals and concerts says more than words can. I also think treating mom with love and respect is important as well. But really simple things, saying ‘I love you’ and ‘I’m proud of you.’ Doing things together like gardening, hiking, hunting, fishing, playing frisbee, just being together.’”

See GREAT DAD on 10A

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Come Heller high water...  

D omino’s has a publicity stunt going right now where they pave potholes in states around the country (although, oddly enough, not Michigan) to prevent damage to their pizzas.  

Pretty clever.

Pretty sad, too. We’ve officially reached the point where government at all levels is so pathetically gridlocked and underfunded that even fast food companies are doing a better job of maintaining public services.

I blame libertarianism. At some indeterminate point in the far distant past, Republicans adopted the crackpot libertarian belief that all taxes — no matter how small or how needed — are bad.

So when the GOP is in power, they often cut taxes. Public services, in turn, suffer, to the point now in Michigan where it’s entirely plausible that you and your Ford or GM could be swallowed whole by a pothole, never to be seen again.

Or, in the case of potholes, your entire city could be poisoned, all because government was trying to save a couple of bucks on chemicals.

Democrats are no better. Instead of being brave little boys and girls when they’re in power, they, too, prefer to cut taxes, if possible. They seldom, if ever, do the courageous thing and (gasp) raise taxes because they’re afraid they’ll be labeled as spendthrifts by Republicans (copyright pending on the name) and voted out of power. (It’s all about them, people. Not us. Remember that.)

This is why our schools are a wreck, college costs are soaring, and our roads, bridges, water systems and parks are crumbling. In short, America has become like a wealthy, old miser who dresses in rags, won’t pay to see the doctor and dies alone in his decaying old mansion, surrounded by bales of money.

Since Domino’s is a Michigan company, you would think state lawmakers would be shamed into action. But they are beyond shame at this point.

“Wait a second,” you’re saying, especially if you lean Republican. “Didn’t the Legislature just approve $300 million in surplus funds to fix roads in metro Detroit?”

Yes, they did. But it’s a drop in a very large bucket. As Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel told the Free Press: “I’ve got 803 lane miles to fix right now.”

The $7.7 million he’s getting from the surplus will rebuild about 4.5 miles of that. Woo-hoo!

The truth is Michigan is hopelessly behind in infrastructure spending. According to a ClickOn Detroit report earlier this year: “In investment per lane mile, Michigan is 33rd. Investment per vehicle-mile traveled, we’re 47th. And per capita, we’re dead last in the country.”

What that means is we’re ultimately to blame. You and me. (Well, mostly you. I’m willing to pay higher taxes for better public amenities.)

We love to gripe about the roads. A recent AAA survey said 90 percent of us rate our roads and bridges as fair or poor. But it also indicated we aren’t willing to pay more to fix them. So why do we get what we get.

But let’s look on the bright side. If you don’t want to pay more in taxes but want your street fixed, you can always buy a pizza and ask the delivery guy to put in a good word for you with Domino’s.

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Mr. Trudeau seems to be upset with the United States and Trump. Maybe we ought to just put in a U-turn lane on the Ambassador Bridge and send his trucks that he sends over here with their garbage right back.

After eight years of Obama’s weak and feckless leadership, it is refreshing to observe Trump’s tough talk and his tough stance in the North Korea talks and at the G7 Summits where Trump always put America first.

This is to the Republican who won’t vote Democratic because they support or defend gangs, killing police officers, human trafficking and abortions. I counter that the world and political parties aren’t that black and white, but mostly gray.

To Hotliner asking “Why doesn’t the King use his real name?” Every week his name (Foster Childs) is right there below his photo. Duh.

President Trump has restored optimism for our country. He has rebuilt our military and he has revised our economy with lower taxes and with household income that is at a 50-year high. The Democrats, of course, would love to redistribute my income with massive tax increases and massive regulations.

See Hot Line throughout Times.
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“The board also voted to restrict the revenue from the sale of the Owen Road property to be used for security upgrades at AGS Middle School and the Ellen Street Campus,” Hartley said. “The AGS Middle School project will be phase one of the project.”
Hartley said safety audits were completed at each building/campus to identify safety gaps and vulnerabilities.
“AGS showed safety gaps in entrance/access to students,” he said. “The AGS entrance is by the cafeteria and gymnasiums.”
The ongoing question was how to solve the issue, including adjusting the existing entrance. It was decided that a new entrance will allow for a secure access point and moves ingoing and outgoing foot traffic away from students and staff.
The existing office at AGS will become three classrooms, including a science lab, Hartley said.
The district has investigated the use of 3.5 acres of land adjacent to the football stadium and bus facility for three years, since 2015.
“After completing due diligence work the district determined that leasing the property was not a viable option and releasing a bid for sale would be the most prudent,” Hartley said. The bid will include deed restrictions and landscaping requirements.
The bids released will be due back on June 28. The finance committee will review the bids and make a recommendation to the board in the early fall regarding next steps.
Construction is expected to take place during the summer of 2020 and completion of the project in the fall of 2020.

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Two recent breakthroughs in breast cancer research provide hope for a better future in fighting this deadly disease.

Breast cancer breakthroughs offer hope

Local expert says annual mammograms and early detection still important

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If you were watching Good Morning America last week, you may have caught what sounds like a very promising update on breast cancer research.

Dr. Jennifer Ashton, who serves as medical editor and chief medical correspondent for ABC News and Good Morning America, talked about a major breakthrough in the fight against breast cancer.

Ashton’s report told of a clinical trial with a 49-year-old woman with Stage 4 metastatic breast cancer. This patient was out of options, said Ashton.

The cancer patient participated in cell-based immune therapy. Basingly, they took 11 of her immune cells, duplicated them by the billions and gave them back to her to attack the cancerous tumor. Ashton called it a “seek and destroy” mission. After three years, she said the woman is cancer free.

Ashton further stated that anyone interested in participating in this medical trial can go to clinicaltrials.org and interested in participating in this medical trial can go to clinicaltrials.org.

Regional Medical Imaging

Dr. Randy Hicks, co-owner of Regional Medical Imaging in Fenton for 29 years, watched the GMA report and said, “This is great, this is what the whole medical world is working on. It’s a case of her own body fighting her own tumor, training her body to kill her own cancer.”

According to the New York Times (nytimes.com), many women with early-stage breast cancer who would receive chemotherapy under current standards do not actually need it, according to a major international study that is expected to quickly change medical treatment.

The study found that gene tests on tumor samples were able to identify women who could safely skip chemotherapy and take only a drug that blocks the hormone estrogen or stops the body from making it.

The results of the study indicate that 70 percent of patients who would be potential candidates for it based on clinical features can be spared from needing chemotherapy.

Researchers did caution that the data indicated that some women 50 and younger might benefit from chemo even if gene-test results suggested otherwise.

Most cases of breast cancer occur in older women. The median age at diagnosis in the United States is 62.

Hicks, who saw this video as well, said the report is true. “It’s a multi-international study that tells us what we’ve been doing in the past is probably wrong and we were over-treating,” he said. “We can now cut back and do things differently. The challenge is always trying to learn. As a radiologist, I find the tumor, get it from chemo even if gene-test results suggested otherwise.”

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The bottom line

The bottom line, according to Hicks, is that these things are indeed happening in the world. These clinical trials and studies are blazing the future of where we are going to be, but it is not prime time.

“Still today, have a mammogram once a year, see your doctor and do self breast exams,” he said. “The future is looking bright, but early detection is key.”

BREAST CANCER STATISTICS

• About 1 in 8 U.S. women (about 12.4 percent) will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime.
• In 2018, an estimated 266,120 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 63,960 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer.
• About 2,550 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in men in 2018. A man’s lifetime risk of breast cancer is about 1 in 1,000.
• Breast cancer incidence rates in the U.S. began decreasing in the year 2000, after increasing for the previous two decades. One theory is that this decrease was partially due to the reduced use of hormone replacement therapy (HRT) by women after the results of a large study called the Women’s Health Initiative were published in 2002. These results suggested a connection between HRT and increased breast cancer risk.
• About 40,920 women in the U.S. are expected to die in 2018 from breast cancer, though death rates have been decreasing since 1989. Women under 50 have experienced larger decreases. These decreases are thought to be the result of treatment advances, earlier detection through screening, and increased awareness.
• For women in the U.S., breast cancer death rates are higher than those for any other cancer, besides lung cancer.
• Besides skin cancer, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among American women. In 2017, it’s estimated that about 30 percent of newly diagnosed cancers in women will be breast cancers.
• In women under 40, breast cancer is more common in African-American women than white women. Overall, African-American women are more likely to die of breast cancer. For Asian, Hispanic, and Native-American women, the risk of developing and dying from breast cancer is lower.
• As of January 2018, there are more than 3.1 million women with a history of breast cancer in the U.S. This includes women currently being treated and women who have finished treatment.
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• Breast cancer incidence rates in the U.S. began decreasing in the year 2000, after increasing for the previous two decades. One theory is that this decrease was partially due to the reduced use of hormone replacement therapy (HRT) by women after the results of a large study called the Women’s Health Initiative were published in 2002. These results suggested a connection between HRT and increased breast cancer risk.
• About 40,920 women in the U.S. are expected to die in 2018 from breast cancer, though death rates have been decreasing since 1989. Women under 50 have experienced larger decreases. These decreases are thought to be the result of treatment advances, earlier detection through screening, and increased awareness.
• For women in the U.S., breast cancer death rates are higher than those for any other cancer, besides lung cancer.
• Besides skin cancer, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among American women. In 2017, it’s estimated that about 30 percent of newly diagnosed cancers in women will be breast cancers.
• In women under 40, breast cancer is more common in African-American women than white women. Overall, African-American women are more likely to die of breast cancer. For Asian, Hispanic, and Native-American women, the risk of developing and dying from breast cancer is lower.
• As of January 2018, there are more than 3.1 million women with a history of breast cancer in the U.S. This includes women currently being treated and women who have finished treatment.
• A woman’s risk of breast cancer nearly doubles if she has a first-degree relative (mother, sister, daughter) who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Less than 15 percent of women who get breast cancer have a family member diagnosed with it.
• About 85 percent of breast cancers occur in women who have no family history of breast cancer. These occur due to genetic mutations that happen as a result of the aging process and life in general, rather than inherited mutations.
• The most significant risk factors for breast cancer are gender (being a woman) and age (growing older).

HOT LINE

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On Tuesday, June 12, Torrey Hill Intermediate School graduated 160 students. They will be sixth-graders in the fall. Here, they receive a clap-out from faculty, parents and 310 classmates at the luau-themed party.

School’s out

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Councilwoman’s removal from Oakwood Cemetery Board rescinded

By Vera Hogan
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As part of her “punishment” for placing her hands in wet cement at the base of “The Garne” sculpture at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, the Fenton City Council voted at a recent meeting to remove Councilwoman Cherie Smith from all boards and commissions.

The only commission she sits on is the Oakwood Cemetery Board.

At the Monday, June 11 meeting, the council was informed by retiring city attorney, Stephen Schulz, that the way Smith was removed from the board was not done according to stipulations in the City Charter.

According to the City Charter (Sec. 5.4) such removal by the council shall be made according to stipulations in the City Charter.

None of these things were done prior to Smith’s removal from the Oakwood Cemetery Board. As a result, and instead of going back and following proper procedure, the council voted to rescind their vote to remove her from the board.

Officials expressed severe disapproval of Smith’s actions at the Tuesday, May 29 meeting. They publicly chastised her after she admitted to making a handprint in the wet concrete around the base of the sculpture. Smith was caught in the act on surveillance video. The base has since been fixed.

The sculpture was donated to the city by Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman last October. Smith apologized, saying it was “a dumb thing to do.”

The Fenton City Council also voted at the June 11 meeting to appoint Patti Halligan to the Oakwood Cemetery Board, to fill the vacant seat previously held by Loretta Peters. Her term will expire on April 1, 2021.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

DOES ANYONE THINK this whole eighth-grade formal dance is a little ridiculous? I mean isn’t that what high school is for?

I GET SO much joy driving past the beautiful horses and their colts. Thank you to the house on Torrey Road for the many smiles.

LINDEN’S MAYOR, CITY Council and Planning Commission are reaching far, far, far into their utopian dreams for ideas about new laws to pass in their effort to make Linden the ‘perfect’ place to live. Vote these yahoos out of office the first chance you get. Thank you, my neighbors.

PRESIDENT TRUMP, AS a candidate, said that he would not touch Social Security, Medicare or Medicaid. Last week he sent a bill to Congress to cut $800 million from those very programs.

SAYING ALL (OR any) Democrats want to protect MS-13 gang members is like calling all (or some) Republicans white supremacists.

OH VANITY, WHERE is thy selfie-stick?

GREAT DAD

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The following are stories you may have missed in the Wednesday, June 13, Midweek Times. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

**Police standoff ends in death**
A 35-year-old man suspected of domestic assault died of a self-inflicted gunshot. He was discovered after what was thought to be a standoff with Fenton police and Michigan State Police, who were unaware that he had already taken his own life.

**NEW 911 Fire Reports**
A new Tri-County Times feature exclusive to the Midweek edition. It will not appear in the Sunday weekend edition or on our website. It is a listing of all 911 calls, date, time, location and nature of emergency for the week prior.

**Michigan bicyclist deaths increase by 15 percent**
If one House Bill (4265) becomes law, motorists will be required to give cyclists 3 feet of road.

**Linden tent issue tabled**
Residents with existing tents in front yards could be allowed to keep them.

**A look back at 1968**
Love-rock musical “Hair” premiered on Broadway 50 years ago.

**Tyrone police and fire assessment to be renewed**
Same services and annual fees paid since approved in 2010. A public hearing has been scheduled for 7 p.m., June 19.

**Fenton golfer turns 100**
Swingless golf club helps Annie VanLeuven drive ball 200 yards at Fenton Farms Golf Club.

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On Wednesday, June 13, Bill Carr Signs completes the installation of the “Horizon Building” sign on the newly constructed building in downtown Fenton. Construction is still on track for summer completion and occupancy, said Kevin Johnson of Rhoades & Johnson. The building is 23,000 square feet. No additional tenant information is available at this time. Johnson expects a July announcement for tenants.
Meet DANIEL CUSSON

• Linden planning commissioner
• Electrician
• Volunteer firefighter
• Veteran

By Hannah Ball
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Linden resident Daniel Cusson, 44, who was born and raised in Wyandotte, moved to Linden six years ago. He served in the Army from 1991 to 1994. He and his wife, Danielle, each brought two kids into the marriage. As a new volunteer firefighter, Cusson has completed the medical training, but not fire training. He worked in zoning in Wyandotte and brought that experience to Linden.

How long have you been an electrician?
All my life. My grandfather owned a company down in Wyandotte called Harvey’s Electric. I would go there on the weekends and after football practice, sort through parts and load the vans, clean up the shop. In high school, I would dig ditches and run some pipe.

Tell me about being a volunteer firefighter.
I joined in November. My first fire was yesterday (Tuesday, June 12). It was exciting. Part of the volunteer thing is missing a few hours of sleep when the pager goes off. I feel like it’s just something to help the community.

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A lot of people don’t understand what it takes, with all the committees and sessions, just to run the city. It’s just a group of people that have the same goal in mind and that’s to make the best decisions for the citizens as a whole.

Your wife is the mayor of Linden. What’s that like?
It’s what we expected. Although she was a councilor for a dozen years, we knew she’d have a lot of work to do. She had to prove herself because a lot of people in town still have the mentality that women shouldn’t be in charge. Are we back in the ‘40s?

She’s been at everything, every community function. It’s been a challenge to balance that schedule with home life and four kids. I try to do as much as I can to give her the freedom and her schedule to do what she needs and what’s best for the city.

What do you do in your free time?
We spend some time with the kids. We go to Lobdell Lake and hang out with the in-laws. I listen to a lot of books on tape as I’m driving an hour each way. I do a lot of volunteer work. Our son, he just became an Eagle Scout. My young-est son, he’s in Webelos now, he’s moving onto Boy Scouts. Most of our lives involve responsibilities with the kids. I collect sports cards and memorabilia, like baseball cards and autographs. That’s probably my favorite hobby.

Father’s Day is this Sunday. What does it mean to be a father?
Everything. My dad was never around when I was a kid. I have a few pictures of him playing baseball or going ice skating, but I’ve always said I wanted to be a good dad. Be the dad that’s at most of the sporting events. You can’t make everything, especially with all four kids.

You want to be that active parent, you want to be that person that gives them the guidance that kids need that I didn’t have. As a parent, you want to give your kids the best opportunity so they can be successful in life. It’s probably the best challenge I’ve had in my life.
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DAN FERGUSON
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One of the hardest things Ferguson has had to learn is how, as a dad, to say “no.” “It’s so much easier to say ‘yes,’” he said. “But there are just some things as a parent that simply cannot be negotiable.”

While Ferguson grew up playing sports, providing his greatest memories growing up, his three daughters have thrown him a curve ball with their lack of interest in participating in traditional sports.

“So my favorite activity is watching our girls compete in dance, perform in plays, concerts and recitals,” Ferguson said. He’s happy to do so, believing that any activity they participate in that takes risk and growth is something to celebrate.

He loves to watch the TV show “This Is Us,” saying that Jack Pearson is his favorite TV dad. “He’s a man who isn’t perfect but whenever he pauses his self-interest and focuses on the needs of the family, he brings honor to his home,” Ferguson said. He gives Frank Castanza of “Seinfeld” an honorable mention because “who doesn’t love Festivus?”

Ferguson’s real life father figure, however, is his father-in-law, Wayne Teggerdine. “He’s the most influential man in my life,” he said. “He shows by example how to honor his marriage and support his entire family any way he’s able. He’s always working for others in any way he can add value to their lives.”

His advice for other fathers of daughters: “Teach them that they have a voice. A young lady with confidence and a strong self-concept can truly accomplish anything.”

TRAGEDY
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It started when a woman called 911 at 8 a.m., Tuesday, June 12, to report an assault against her, by her 35-year-old boyfriend, Kyle Smith. The couple, who had two children in common, lived in a house on Hickory Street in Fenton.

Fenton police officers were dispatched to the house but were but were unsuccessful in making contact with the man. While there, the officers learned that the victim and one child were at the police station. The officers returned to the police station to ask the woman more questions.

Once police determined that a felony (domestic assault) had occurred, they returned to the home to arrest Smith. As police approached the front porch of the house at 8:49 a.m., they heard a single gunshot. Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater said his officers believed the man was alone in the house, based on what his girlfriend had told them. After hearing the gunshot, police pulled back and called Michigan State Police (MSP) Emergency Support Team (EST) for the Third District for backup.

After securing the perimeter of the house, MSP broke down the barricaded front door using an armored vehicle. They also broke a window with rounds of rubber ammunition so that a robot with an attached camera could be placed inside the home.

Slater said after the initial gunshot at 8:49 a.m., no other gunshots were fired. Hours later, after several pleas to convince Smith to surrender, police found the suspect dead in the basement.

Speaking about the situation Friday, Slater said the first thing to be considered by police is the safety of the public and his officers.

Based on past experiences in similar situations, he said police do not know if a suspect harmed themselves or if they are waiting for police to enter the home. “Our goal was that no one was going to leave that house,” Slater said.

State police are brought in because they have the equipment to handle this type of situation, including the armored vehicle.

While attempting communication with the suspect, Fenton schools were advised of the situation and schools went into secure mode as a precaution, although Slater said he did not believe any of the schools were in danger.

The Genesee County Medical ExaminerInvestigator(MEI) responded and assisted with processing and documenting the scene. An autopsy was ordered and at this time, Smith’s body was positively identified and family members were notified.

Slater said the entire ordeal started around 8 a.m. and police did not clear the scene until after 3 p.m. “It was a long day and a tragedy for the family,” Slater said. “I wish he had chosen another path other than taking his own life.

“It plays on our minds, we don’t know if someone is homicidal or suicidal.” As with every major event, Slater said they will critique their response and learn from this experience. “It was an unfortunate situation and I wish it didn’t end that way,” he said.
Summer is ‘Safety Town’ time

Open registration for four-day program in Fenton

“Safety Town” is once again coming to town in Fenton this summer. Fenton Kiwanis has open registrations for the Safety Town Program, which teaches pre-kindergartners, young 5’s, and kindergartners a variety of life safety aspects. This is the 23rd year Safety Town has been offered in the Fenton area. Registrations will be accepted until all available slots are filled.

Safety Town is set up to resemble a small-scale town with small buildings, roads, street signs and railroad crossings. The interactive learning environment is used to offer practice in many of the safety lessons.

Safety Town will be offered Aug. 7 to 10, at the Ellen Street Campus in Fenton.

Two sessions are offered: Session 1 is 9 a.m. to noon and session 2 is 1 to 4 p.m. All lessons and activities relate to a specific topic regarding safety, such as traffic and pedestrian safety, riding and parking a bicycle, stranger danger, playground safety, railroad safety, school bus safety, animal safety, sun safety, fire safety, swimming safety and much more.

On Friday, Aug. 10, the last day of class, parents are invited to attend the Safety Town graduation ceremony to watch their children, wearing their Safety Town T-shirt and bicycle helmet, receive their certificate.

For more information or to register, call Fenton Kiwanis members, Cathy Utter (517) 230-6161, uttectar@aol.com or Heidi Howieson (810) 955-6754, hhowieson@gmail.com.
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Federal law requires faded, frayed U.S. flags be ‘retired’ by fire, with dignity

By Tim Jagielo
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Holly Twp. — Standing before the blistering heat of the fire pit, Anthony Raffin, 11, carefully tosses in small American flags one by one, from an armload he’s holding.

“I do this a lot,” he said. “I like doing it; it gives me a chance to honor my country.”

Raffin was one of several volunteers who retired approximately 5,000 American flags on Flag Day, June 14.

The fire sent billowing black smoke across the Great Lakes National Cemetery (GLNC) grounds.

Per federal law, the American Flag is to be “retired,” when it no longer “serviceable,” as outlined in United States Flag Code Title 4, Section 8K. It states, “The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.”

Bill Wentz is provost marshal of the GLNC Advisory Council and Flag Committee Chairman. He said a flag is ready for retirement when it is “frayed, being ripped apart by winds, discoloration.”

“The flag is truly a symbol of our country, the home of the brave and the free,” said Donald Lada, vice president of the GLNC Advisory Council.

This was Fenton resident Bonnie Pray’s first Flag Retirement Ceremony.

“There’s a lot of people that don’t know and don’t understand what the flag stands for,” she said. “I’m very proud to know many people who fought for this country, and for this flag.”

Before the flags could be retired, a Flag Retirement Ceremony is held by members of the Patriot Guard Riders and Great Lakes National Cemetery Advisory Council.
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JUNE 17
1994: Viewers across the nation are glued to their television screens, watching as a fleet of black-and-white police cars pursues a white Ford Bronco along Interstate 405 in Los Angeles, California. Inside the Bronco is O.J. Simpson, a former professional football player, actor and sports commentator, whom police suspected of involvement in the recent murders of his former wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman.

JUNE 18
1984: Talk radio icon Alan Berg, the self-described “man you love to hate,” is gunned down and killed instantly in the driveway of his home in Denver, Colorado. The 50-year-old host, whose show on the station KOA gained a strong following in the early 1980s, stirred up controversy with his outspoken personality, abrasive approach and liberal views. He had already been the target of a steady stream of death threats.

JUNE 19
1938: A flood in Montana kills 46 people and seriously injures more than 60 when it washes out train tracks. Custer Creek is a small winding river that runs through 25 miles of the Great Plains on its way to the Yellowstone River. On the evening of June 19, a track walker was sent out to check the rail lines near Custer Creek in Terry, Montana. He reported dry conditions and no problems with the tracks. However, within just a few hours, a sudden downpour overwhelmed Custer Creek. A bridge used by trains was washed out, and when the Olympian Special came through, it went crashing into the raging waters with no warning.

JUNE 20
1977: With a flip of a switch in Prudhoe Bay, crude oil from the nation’s largest oil field begins flowing south down the trans-Alaska pipeline to the ice-free port of Valdez, Alaska. The steel pipeline, 48 inches in diameter, winds through 800 miles of Alaskan wilderness crossing the Arctic mountain ranges and hundreds of rivers and streams. Environmentalists fought to prevent its construction, saying it would destroy a pristine ecosystem, but they were overruled by Congress, which saw it as a way of lessening America’s dependence on foreign oil.

JUNE 21
1964: Michael Schweener, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney are killed by a Ku Klux Klan lynching mob near Meridian, Mississippi. The three young civil rights workers were working to register black voters in Mississippi, thus inspiring the ire of the local Klan.

JUNE 22
2011: After 16 years on the run from law enforcement, James “Whitey” Bulger, a violent Boston mob boss wanted for 19 murders, is arrested in Santa Monica, California. The 81-year-old Bulger, one of the FBI’s “Ten Most Wanted” fugitives, was arrested with his longtime companion, 60-year-old Catherine Greig, who lived Massachusetts with the gangster in late 1994, shortly before he was to be indicted on federal criminal charges.

JUNE 23
1987: Long before Hannah Montana and High School Musical, a 16-year-old aspiring pop star named Tiffany Darwish had a self-titled debut album on a major record label that was gathering dust on the shelf. The album was to be indicted on federal criminal charges.
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Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)
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Do you ever wonder what legislators do every day in Lansing? If you’re an avid reader of the Times’ “Michigan Votes” feature, you know what they do (among other things) — make up laws.

When they come back after their summer break, maybe they should take a look at the following laws, still on the books. They have been called the “dumbest” and “craziest” laws in Michigan.

No ‘drunking’ and riding
Persons may not be drunk on trains. No person shall while in an offensive state of intoxication enter or be on or remain upon any railway train or interurban car as a passenger.

Poor pooch
It is illegal to kill a dog using a decompression chamber. Killing a dog or other animal; use of high altitude decompression chamber or electrocution prohibited. An animal control officer or other person killing a dog or other animal pursuant to the laws of this state shall not use a high altitude decompression chamber or electrocution for that killing.

Maybe they won’t mind
Adultery is illegal, but can only be punished upon a complaint by the affected husband or wife. Any person who shall commit adultery shall be guilty of a felony; and when the crime is committed between a married woman and a man who is unmarried, the man shall be guilty of adultery, and liable to the same punishment.

No prosecution for adultery, under the preceding section, shall be commenced, but on the complaint of the husband or wife; and no such prosecution shall be commenced after one year from the time of committing the offense.

Best leave that girl alone
Any man who shall seduce and debauch any unmarried woman shall be guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment in the state prison not more than five years or by fine of not more than $2,500; but no prosecution shall be commenced under this section after one year from the time of committing the offense.

We all know that it is illegal to drive a moving vehicle while intoxicated, but did you know that in Michigan, it is also illegal to be a passenger on a train while intoxicated? Act 68 of the Michigan Compiled Laws was enacted in 1913, but was never repealed.

Top ‘crazy’ laws in the state of Michigan
• In Kalamazoo it is illegal to serenade your girlfriend.
• In Harper Woods it is illegal to paint sparrows and sell them as parakeets.
• In Rochester all bathing suits must be inspected by the police.
• It is illegal for a man to scowl at his wife on Sunday.
• In Detroit it is illegal to let your pig run free unless it has a nose ring.
• Willfully destroying an old radio is prohibited.

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Connors leads Powers all-league teammates, headed to Detroit Mercy to continue career

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Kelson Connors didn’t start playing lacrosse until he was in the seventh grade.

“It didn’t take him long to realize the sport was going to be one of his passions in life.”

“My whole life I played baseball but when I was young, I was always around the speed of lacrosse,” Connors said.

“I love football because contact is my stuff and lacrosse has contact. “Lacrosse is No. 1. Football was No. 1 for awhile, but I quickly figured out I was pretty good at lacrosse. I love them both, but lacrosse clicked with me.”

Conners, a recent Powers graduate, was one of five tri-county athletes on the Chargers’ squad that earned All-Saginaw Valley League honors and, one of two to earn first-team status. He’s also headed to the University of Detroit Mercy to continue his lacrosse career at the Division 1 level next school year. The area all-league lacrosse players — Connors, Miles Cramer, Hunter Skarzynski, Ben Affrica and Fidel Carino — helped lead the Chargers to a 11-6 final season record and to the regional championship contest, eventually losing to Orchard Lake St. Mary’s 15-8.

“The season went really good,” said Connors, who not only was a first-team All-SVL selection but also selected the league’s most valuable player.

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Holly girls tennis scores an ace this spring

Five Fenton squads fill our Tri-County Top Eight Teams of the Spring list

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In some ways making our 2018 Tri-County Top Eight Teams of the Spring list was easy.

Figuring out the top three squads was pretty simple. And figuring out who was No. 1 was pretty much a no-brainer.

However, after that, there is very little separating No. 4 to No. 8. Consequently, the second half of the poll was a challenge. But, everything in life can’t be simple, so the sports staff will continue forward with brave thoughts. Here are the top eight teams of the spring sports season in the tri-county area based on the staff’s evaluation.

No. 8 - Fenton girls track and field: The Tigers dominated the dual season, going 8-0, but took second at the Metro Meet and had to share the title with Flushing. The Tigers placed fifth at regionals, they also had more people participating in more events. Chase Setzke placed fifth in the long jump.

No. 7 - Fenton boys track and field: The Fenton boys did the opposite of the Fenton girls. The Tigers lost to Flushing during the dual portion of the season, but bounced back to win the Metro Meet and share the Metro crown. The boys are higher than the girls because while the boys also placed fifth at regionals, they scored more team points (62), and also had more people participating in more state events. Chace Setzke placed fifth in the long jump.

No. 6 - Fenton baseball: The Tigers defended their Metro crown by earning a co-championship with Linden with a 13-3 league record. The Tigers finished 21-11 overall. They placed higher than Linden because the Eagles had a weaker overall record.

No. 5 - Lake Fenton/Goodrich girls lacrosse: It’s hard to figure out where to rank the co-op program because the sport is so new to this area, the squad finished 11-2 overall and also advanced to the regional championship round, losing to Okemos in that round. The Fenton/Linden girls won a league title but lost to Lake Fenton/Goodrich and had a pretty average overall record. That’s why this squad is rated higher than the Fenton/Goodrich girls lacrosse team.

No. 4 - Fenton/Goodrich girls tennis team (above) and the Lake Fenton/Goodrich girls lacrosse team.

No. 3 - Lake Fenton/Goodrich girls tennis: It’s a tough decision where to rank the Fenton/Goodrich tennis team because they finished 16-2 overall and advanced to the regional championship round. The Tigers placed higher because they had more team points (502).

No. 2 - Fenton/Goodrich girls tennis team: The Tigers finished 11-1 overall and also advanced to the regional championship round. The Fenton/Goodrich tennis team placed higher because they had more team points (484)

No. 1 - Lake Fenton/Goodrich girls tennis: The Tigers finished 16-1 overall and also advanced to the regional championship round. The Tigers placed higher because they had more team points (528).

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Along with Mexico and Canada, the United States will be hosting the 2026 World Cup. It will be the second time in history the World Cup has been hosted by the United States.

Other good news may be tagged to that announcement.

Traditionally, the country hosting the tournament gets an automatic bid to the event. Considering the United States is hosting 60 of the 80 matches, it’s likely the United States will get that automatic bid. However, it’s not a given. The Federation International de Football Association (FIFA), can grant an automatic bid to none or all three of the hosts. Still, chances are the United States will get that bid, and even if they don’t, while the Americans didn’t qualify for the World Cup this season, with the World Cup expanding from 32 to 48, the chance of the United States qualifying should be a bit easier.

I missed going to a World Cup game when the United States hosted in 1994, despite the fact I lived 20 minutes from the Pontiac Silverdome where some games were actually played. If I’m around in 2026, there’s no way I’m not going to a game.

With no US in the tourney who is my rooting interest this World Cup?

With the United States out, I’m pretty much forced to change my allegiance to my bloodlines. I’m roughly half Polish and half-German, so those are my default picks. One would think I should be geeking having German blood, considering the defending champions are a great selection to win this year’s cup as well, but I’m an underdog guy. I’m going to pull.

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Most sports enthusiasts understand the tri-county area has its share of running enthusiasts. And to give these runners their “racing fix,” the tri-county area has plenty of events you can attend located in your own backyard. We’ll occasionally present this runner’s log during the summer to help those who maybe looking for an area race to support. If you know of any events located in Fenton, Holly, Linden, Fenton Township, Tyrone Township, Holly Township or any other tri-county community, alert us about the event at droppens@ctimes.com and we’ll add it to the list.

EIGHTH-ANNUAL FIRSTTRY TRIATHLON

Top eight

**HOLLY**

**FENTON**

**HARTLAND**

**TOP EIGHT**

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Linden co-op girls lacrosse team.

No. 4 - Lake Fenton girls soccer:
The Blue Devils ended up earning a co-
Genesee Area Conference title during the
regular season, and also won the league
tournament. However, the squad finished in
the district semifinal, keeping the Blue
Devils from finishing higher in this poll.

No. 3 - Fenton boys soccer:
The Tigers had a strong season, finishing the
Metro League slate in dominating fash-
ion with an 8-0 mark and the outright
league crown. The squad also had a solid
15-5-1 mark, and advanced to the district
title game. However, once there, Fenton
lost a 3-0 contest to Pontiac Notre Dame
Prep, keeping them from having a shot to
contend for our top spot.

No. 2 - Fenton boys golf:
The Fenton boys golf team was a reasonably easy
No. 2 selection. The Tigers dominated
league play, winning the first Metro tour-
ament by four strokes. From there, they
just got better, going 8-0-0 in dual play.
They won the final Metro meet by 29
strokes with a 335.

What keeps the Tigers from contend-
ning for the top spot is that they took only
seventh in regional play. It was a tough region,
which meant the Tigers had to do bet-
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spot. In fact, they probably had to figure
a way to qualify for the state meet.

No. 1 - Holly girls tennis team:
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at these polls and challenging me why
his tennis teams weren’t always as high
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SportsCenter is pretty much garbage
then. Why bother? You can find
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of their sets by a 6-2 or better score in
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fact, we’ll bet they didn’t lose a single set in Metro League
dual or tournament play this year.

And now they are doing stuff against their “easier competition” that makes
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