With medical bills piling up, fire department asks for community's help
By Hannah Ball

An Argentine Township firefighter who's worked for the department since 1984 is now looking for help from the community that he has protected for decades.

Assistant fire chief needs lung transplant to survive
By Hannah Ball

Frank Hatton

No site plan review needed amid controversy
By Hannah Ball

Fenton — Silver Spray Sports is approved to construct 17 more boat slips on their marina on Silver Lake to have 50 slips total.

On Thursday, May 23, the Fenton Planning Commission approved the special land use request in a

Silver Spray Sports approved for 17 more slips

See HELP on 9

Error in county’s calculation results in lower millage rate
By Vera Hogan

At its May 13 regular meeting, the Fenton City Council passed its fiscal year 2019-2020 budget. The operating millage rate for the upcoming year that begins July 1, will be 10.1847, which is down from the 10.3012 mills charged during the 2018-2019 year.

The operating millage approved by the council on May 13 was 10.2095. According to Treasurer Jon

Fenton council passes 2019-2020 budget

See BUDGET on 9

Fires are seen for miles Monday evening; blaze rekindles Tuesday morning
By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — Approximately six fire departments responded to a house fire on Lake Farms Court, off Silver Lake Road, in Fenton Township on Monday, May 27 around 7 p.m.

People driving boats and pontoons need to be reminded that they are to travel in a counter clockwise path around the lake. Owners, be sure to remind your teenage kids this too before we have an accident out on the lake.”

House ‘total loss’ after charcoal grill fire

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Parts of the east side of the roof were engulfed in flames as firefighters from Fenton Township, Fenton City, Mundy Township, Linden, Grand Blanc and Hartland Township used hoses to douse the fire on the 3,200-square-foot two-story brick home.

See FIRE on 5

“I can’t wait for my kids to get out of school for the summer. I think their little brains need a break from school work. I’m so glad our schools don’t force a year-round schedule.”
Linden grad on week 18 of dog search

Lab/boxer mix last seen Jan. 22; $1,000 reward offered

By Hannah Ball

For 128 days, which is 18 weeks, Cruz, a black and white Labrador/boxer mix has been missing.

Linden graduate Tyler Castro has had Cruz ever since he was a puppy and feels “lost” without him.

“In my 26 years that’s the closest I’ve had to having a kid. That dog was my baby. I would spend all day, every day with that guy. Take him out every morning before I left for work, tuck him in before I left. Come home to him happy and excited to see me. We’d play in the yard or chill on the couch,” he said.

The 3-year-old dog has been missing since Jan. 22. He was last seen on the corner of Ripple Drive and McCaslin Lake Road in Argentine Township.

“I realized he was missing when I came home and he had already been missing for an hour,” said Castro, a 2011 Linden High School graduate. “He usually never left the yard. He used to run across Ripple to mess with the neighbors’ dogs, but they moved a few months ago so he hasn’t left the yard since then.”

Castro immediately took off running down the road, calling his name. He searched for six miles but didn’t find him. He shared his first Facebook post about his missing dog about three hours after Cruz took off. The next morning, Castro went to the Argentine Township Police Department to report his missing dog, and the department made a Facebook post about Cruz.

“We put together a search party of 12 to go out and look for him. We checked to make sure he didn’t run out into the swamp while others knocked on doors,” he said. “People constantly reach out and say they would go out looking for him.”

He made 150 missing posters and placed them around the area.

The Facebook posts describe Cruz as a Labrador/boxer mix with white toes and a white tail, which makes it look like a paintbrush. He has a white streak down the middle of his face between the eyes that wraps around his muzzle. Cruz has brown eyes and is wearing a blue collar with a HomeAgain ID and Michigan license tag.

He’s offering a $1,000 reward to who returns Cruz or gives him the tip that leads to his rescue.

See DOG SEARCH on 7

The first couple days it was just this weird fog of confusion and just being lost, unsure of what to do. Then after that it was just heavy depression, wasn’t eating, wasn’t sleeping."

Tyler Castro
Linden Community Schools graduate
Fenton Observes Memorial Day

The Fenton Memorial Day Parade started at 10 a.m., Monday, May 27. The Fenton Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) led the parade, with local Scouts and the Fenton High School Marching Band following. The parade traveled through downtown, with one ceremonial stop along the way before the full ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery.

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During the Senior Awards Night on Wednesday, May 22, numerous Lake Fenton High School graduates learned of local scholarships that they had won. These scholarships do not include scholarships given by the universities or colleges themselves.

Starting in the spring of 2004, I’ve been a presenter on this special evening for the graduates. I do it for our late son, Brad, who would be 31 if he were still alive.

I’d like to recognize the winners of Brad’s memorial scholarship. Thomas (Tommy) Hufton and Samuel (Sam) Selley each won $7,500 toward their college tuition.

Sam graduated with a 4.0 GPA. He was in the National Honor Society, Student Council, participated in cross country, track and field, robotics, marching band and more. He also put in many hours volunteering. He plans to attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor to study medicine. He seems to have so many qualities that Brad had.

Tommy graduated with a 3.56 GPA. He too participated in cross country, track, Key Club, National Honor Society, Pipe Youth Ministry and more, while also volunteering with several groups. He will be heading to Saginaw Valley State University in the fall to study business.

We wish Sam and Tommy all the best as they pursue their dreams.

I wanted also to take a minute to recognize the recipients of the other local scholarships, presented by community members.

- Lake Fenton Youth Basketball — $2,500 each — Sophia Clements, Samuel Selley
- Fenton Lions — $1,000 each — Eric Niestroy and Julia Reyes
- Ralph Coaster Fenton Kiwanis — $1,000 each — Taylor Godlewski and Aubrey Howieson
- The State Bank — $500 — Saylor Spees
- Lake Fenton Community Education Foundation — $1,000 each — Abigail Fletcher and Malorie Mayner
- C.S. Mott Trustee Leadership — valued at $14,000 — Airiel Jabiro
- Brad Stone Memorial Scholarship — $7,500 each — Thomas Hufton and Samuel Selley
- Tremaine Reality Real Living Scholarship — $750 — Katelyn Foerster
- Van Gilder Family Foundation Scholarship — $2,500 each — Brooke Clark and Easton Fray
- Fenton Chamber of Commerce — $2,000 — Heather Nickels
- The Fenton Rotary Scholarship — $1,000 — Sydney Upcraft
- Frank Hoedl Memorial Scholarship — $500 — Samantha Sheltraw
- Randy Wise GMC/Southern Lakes and Park Recreation — $500 — Dylan Hillger
- Linden Chapter #175 of the Eastern Star — $1,000 each — Cody and Hunter Schramm
- Lake Fenton Youth Football/ Cheer Scholarship — $500/$250/$250 — Sara Mitchell, Cody and Hunter Schramm
- Superintendent Williams Scholarship — $500 — Brianna Polehna
- John Olmstead Scholarship — $500 — Ellise Atkins
- Lake Fenton Education Association Scholarship — $1,000 — Meghan Powell
- Kristine Hudson Scholarship — $500 each — Brianna Mann, Grace Rheoads
- Lake Fenton Athletic Boosters — $500 each — Sophia Clements, Abigail Fletcher, Easton Fray, Taylor Godlewski, Dylan Hillger, Aubrey Howieson, Thomas Hufton, Sara Mitchell, Eric Niestroy, Brianna Polehna, Grace Rheoads, Samuel Selley

Job well done, seniors.

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FIRE
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Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said the family was barbecuing with charcoal on the deck. The fire grew, and the wind caused the flames to quickly spread to nearby shrubbery and the house. However, Volz still hasn’t had an opportunity to sit down with the owner of the house to confirm everything.

“There wasn’t an explosion,” he said. “Right now, we’re at accidental. It happened quick.”

The father was mowing the lawn at the time and the rest of the family was inside. Everyone was able to get out safe.

Firefighters from those departments were on scene from around 6:50 p.m. Monday to 2:30 a.m. Tuesday morning. On Tuesday, at 10:30 a.m., 911 was called again because smoke was rising from the house.

Volz said there were two spots embedded in the basement that firefighters couldn’t get to because the first floor collapsed.

“We had to get in through a walk-out window. Lots of stuff on top can come down,” he said. The roof above the garage started burning again. Fenton Township, Fenton City, Linden, Burton Mt. Morris Station 2 and Swartz Creek responded to the Tuesday fire.

That area of Fenton Township does not have municipal water lines, so firefighters had to truck in water from a hydrant on Silver Lake Road in the city of Fenton and Mundy Township.

“We had help from Brian Will (Linden fire chief). We had a whole slew of departments to keep fresh bodies going in and out,” Volz said.

He’s in contact with Michigan State Police for help in getting a cause of origin for the fire. He said the house is a total loss and that the family was able to stay with relatives.

CALEDAR OF EVENTS

FREE HIP AND KNEE PAIN SOLUTIONS SEMINAR
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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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NEW CAROLINE STREET LOT WILL BE FOR PUBLIC PARKING

Fenton City Council voted to make lot public — not just for library

By Vera Hogan
At the request of Fenton City Councilman Dave McDermott, the council voted in late April to designate the parking lot under construction on Caroline Street as a public parking lot — not just for library patrons.

The lot is being constructed next to the Jack R. Winegarden Library, where in May of 2017 a condemned old house was demolished to clear the way for the lot. For several years in the early 1990s, the now-razed building housed a daycare and preschool center called The Carousel Club. It later housed a Montessori school.

Construction on the new parking lot began May 13, according to Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki.

“Completion will be approximately one month out, subject to not running into any unusual site issues or problems,” said Michael Hart, assistant city manager and DDA director, in early April.

The work is being done by Allied Construction of Clarkston, which bid $249,751.25 for the project.

Allied Construction has been in operation for nearly 50 years and has completed similar projects with the city of Fenton in the past, according to Andy Harris of OHM Advisors, the city’s engineering consulting firm.

The new parking lot will feature 20 new parking spots.

The City Council also authorized the payment of $35,000 to enter into the Scope of Construction Services Agreement with OHM Advisors for the parking lot project, and $6,250 for geotechnical services with the G2 Consulting Group.

Plans also are to refurbish the existing library parking lot, which is deteriorating. There will be surface and drainage improvements to the existing lot where there will be three handicap parking spaces and three for employees.
The Queen of Soul and holographic wills

One of the greatest singers of all time left this good earth on Aug. 16, 2018 when Aretha Franklin passed away in Detroit.

She had an incredible career and was literally American royalty as she was given the title of the “The Queen of Soul” in 1967 by a Chicago disc jockey.

When she died it was estimated that she had a net worth of $80 million. She reportedly died intestate or without a will.

Last week things changed as three handwritten documents which had been found in her Bloomfield Hills home, one or more of which could have been intended to be her will, were filed with the Oakland County Probate Court.

The question now presented is can a handwritten document be recognized as a valid will?

The answer is it depends on a number of things.

Under Michigan law, a handwritten will is called a “holographic will.”

A holographic will can be declared valid as long as it is dated, the testator (person making the will) signed it, the “material portions” of the will are in the testator’s handwriting, and it’s evident that the document was intended to be the testator’s will.

The term “material portions” includes who the heirs are, who the personal representative will be, and any special instructions such as providing for the care of a minor child.

A hearing or a trial is held in the Probate Court to determine these issues. All documents, other evidence and testimony is reviewed to determine if there has been a sufficient showing of the existence a holographic will.

Sometimes this can be a very difficult and highly contested process.

This is an example of why it’s very important for everyone to consider having a will and possibly a trust.

When you do, the likelihood of your wishes being carried out after you’re gone increase dramatically.

There are other famous music figures who had estate issues or died without a will including James Brown, Prince, Amy Winehouse, Bob Marley and Jimi Hendrix.

Legal commentators are already predicting that the Franklin case could take a considerable amount of time to be resolved. Hopefully there will be a satisfactory resolution for all concerned and the Queen will be able to rest in peace.
HOT LINE CONTINUED

FLINT’S WATER WAS not poisoned. The change to river water was to save money for a bankrupt city. Flint Water Department forgot to put chemicals in to keep the lead pipes used by residents to prevent leaching. Flint Water Department failed to check water at the homes.

MICIGAN LAWMAKERS ARE largely all talk, little action when it comes to their financial transparency.

FENTON AREA PUBLIC Schools superintendent already has a ‘Plan B’ if the sinking fund ballot measure fails in August; revote in November.

IN MAY 26 edition of Tri-County Times, Flint Hispanic leader decrees, ‘White people can’t say that because they are white.’ So who is the real racist?

WOW, TALK ABOUT changing the subject, wow. You blame Snyder and emergency management but refuse to look at Snyder’s record. You must be a current or former Flint resident looking to ease a guilty conscience for having poisoned your own kids at the ballot box.

I AGREE WITH the person who mentioned the Fourth of July parade. The last couple of years it has been nothing but a giant advertisement joke. If you want to be in the parade, do a float. Celebrate the holiday; it’s the day of our freedom.

I AGREE THAT a woman and her doctor are best qualified to make decisions on her health care. But who is taking the child into consideration and making the best decision for them? They didn’t ask to be brought into this world but once they are a viable fetus they need an advocate to speak for them.

WHEN YOU BUY a new house in a new sub at the end of an existing neighborhood, show some respect for the neighborhood you drive through to get to your new home. Slow down. Watch out for our kids.

TO THE PERSON who quoted Abraham Lincoln regarding Memorial Day. He died three years prior to the holiday being established. Memorial Day was established by John A. Logan and it was originally called Decoration Day. Read your history books.

Meet
Airiel Jabiro

• Lake Fenton High School senior
• TV production class leader
• National Honor Society member

By Sally Rummel
Airiel Jabiro, 18, is a senior at Lake Fenton High School where she enjoyed being involved in school activities such Student Council vice president, a member of the National Honor Society and leads the class in TV production. The daughter of Renard Jabiro and Jennifer Duggan, she has four sisters, Abrie, Araya, Aranda, Avvev and a “bonus sister,” (her best friend since childhood) Olivia Gark. Jabiro plans to study business at Mott Community College, where she earned the Trustees Scholarship.

What has been your most positive experience during school year?
My most positive experience in high school was the unconditional support and love I had in school. I was very close with my class because I was involved and I am so thankful for the staff and students there.

What would be the biggest change you’d make in your high school, if you could?
I think if I could change one thing it would be to get more people involved in school events such as student section and spirit week. Those were my favorite memories from high school and I want everyone to get the chance to experience it, too.

What would be the best foods for the rest of your life, what would they be?
Pizza, Highland House breadsticks and brownies. I don’t think I could live a happy life without those three.

What do you like to do for fun?
I love to spend time with my friends and family and I love making funny videos for other people to watch. A fun activity I do in my free time is to shop at my favorite store, Meijer.

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?
Sometimes wish I was bald; I would never suffer a bad hair day again.

Are you a lake person or a mountain person?
I am a definitely a lake person, but I would take an ocean over a lake any day. I love turtles — I love marine life, in general.

What do you see yourself doing in five years, 10 years?
I see myself finished with school and hopefully pursuing my job of interest. In 10 years, I see myself living in a nice house with a yard my dogs truly deserve.

If you could trade places with a famous person, who would it be?
It would be Ellen DeGeneres. She is so funny and she lives her best life, all while interviewing inspirational and famous people. Plus, she is the voice of Dory in the phenomenal animated movie, Finding Nemo. What would be better?

What profession excites you?
The profession of film excites and interests me, from acting, to editing, to camera work or even script writing.

What will you remember most about your senior year?
I think I will remember all the bittersweet memories and friendships I made during this year and how emotional I was about it all being over.
HELP
Continued from Front Page
Assistant Fire Chief Frank Hatton, 56, has lived in Argentine Township nearly his whole life, since 1969. In August 2018, he was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis and is currently using two oxygen concentrators.

“The Argentine firefighters and community are requesting your help and support for a lifelong member of our family,” reads a gofundme page started by Fire Chief Matt Lafferty.

In May, Hatton received a call from Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids and made the 100-mile car ride for an urgent evaluation where he learned that his condition progressed faster than expected.

He needs a lung transplant to survive.

“It was like, ‘wait, what did you just say?’ Shock, denial, scared all wrapped into one,” Hatton said. “It has put a lot of things in perspective for me.”

He’s currently at home in Argentine with his family.

“I cannot say enough for my team in Grand Rapids. They are awesome. Everyone there is top notch. They expedited the test I needed before a surgery. That’s rough on them to imagine going into work and telling your boss you had to take time off. Plus the emotional and physical toll it takes on them,” he said.

Hatton decided to become a firefighter because Dick Harwood, the father of one of his good friends, was on the Argentine Township Fire Department.

Hatton said, at the time there was no 911, and they used “ephones,” which were phones in the firefighters’ houses.

“After seeing what these individuals did to help the community, I decided to give back, too,” he said. “I’ve never regretted that decision.”

Hatton said he can’t say enough about his fire department family.

“They have also stepped up. It’s been a trying year for a few folks on our new millage rate is less than was expected,” he said.

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Satkowiak, Jr. however, the new figure is 10,184.7. “Due to an error in the calculation of our Headlee Rollback factor by the Genesee County Equalization Department, our new millage rate is less than was expected,” he said.

The new figure will reduce the taxes collected by $26,615, he said. An amended budget reflecting that change was approved by the council at its May 28 meeting.

Total revenues expected for the coming fiscal year will be $4,101,283 in taxes. Other revenue expected will come from charges and services, fines and forfeits, licenses and permits, interest payments, refunds and reimbursements and transfers in to the tune of $2,303,614. Total revenue is expected to be $6,404,897. Add that to the July 1 fund balance (at the end of 2018-2019 fiscal year) of $4,061,184, the total available to appropriate is $10,466,081 for the next fiscal year.

As in previous years, the police department will cost the most. Expenditures for the police department are expected to be $2,583,334. That is followed by general services at $1,409,103. The fire department is expected to be the third costliest at $737,620 for fiscal year 2019-2020. Legislative and executive expenses, protective inspections, public service, community service and operating transfers out are expected to be $1,584,900.

The total amount of expenditures is expected to be $6,314,957.

Any changes to this budget will require approval by the Fenton City Council. City Manager Lynn Markland is charged with executing the budget and holding departments responsible for performing their responsibilities according to the amounts appropriated for each.
Fenton Township that stated they do not require a site plan review from Silver Spray Sports.

At previous meetings, the commission discussed when a site plan review would be required. City officials ultimately decided a site plan review was not necessary, and that Silver Spray Sports met standards of the ordinances.

Riparians on Silver Lake packed an April Fenton Planning Commission meeting. Residents are worried about boat traffic on the lake. However, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) does not measure or regulate carrying capacity on lakes.

At the May 23 meeting, Patti Smith, co-owner of Silver Spray Sports with her husband, Jeff, asked the Planning Commission to approve the request with no conditions.

“We strongly feel we have met and exceeded all requirements for our additional slips to receive an unconditional approval from Fenton City tonight,” she said.

The business received its DEQ permit last fall, secured the permit from the city, and got a verification letter from Fenton Township to confirm all of its permitted parking including its private overflow lots.

Potentially improving the parking lots with pavements was mentioned in the process to ensure there were enough spaces.

Smith quoted a May letter from the Silver Marl Lake Association that read, “Surfaces like wood, brick and gravel for decks and walkways which allow rain to soak in and not run off. Even they acknowledged it’s much better to have mostly natural surfaces near lakes, which is best for controlling runoff and promotes filtration at the encouragement and recommendation of experts in their fields.”

Fenton ordinances require the marina to have 60 parking spaces — 10 for its retail business and one space for each boat slip. Owners showed with diagrams and drawings that they can accommodate 62 parking spaces. Even though part of the parking is in Fenton Township, Sprague said he would accept it.

One local resident spoke against approving the slips, and said the commission needs to consider capacity on the lake. The DEQ does not monitor how many boats should be on a body of water.

“They don’t do it. They leave it up to the individual township or city to consider that,” she said.

The resident also asked if the ordinances for parking considered vehicles pulling trailers. Sprague said they did not.

“These things need to be considered beyond what the city ordinance states because the city ordinance isn’t focused on the situation here on Silver Lake,” she said.
Many track athletes have high seeds entering state meet

By David Troppens

When the state track and field competitions take place Saturday, there are some tri-county area participants that should do well.

A few may even have a chance at leaving the meet with a state championship.

Based on regional seedings, the tri-county area has three individual performers and one relay team entering the meet with a top-three position.

The highest seed is owned by the Fenton varsity boys 800 relay team of Ethan Pyeatt, Noah Sage, Ryan Miller and Brandon Miller who earned their regional championship with a time of 1:27.93. The only team with a time better than Fenton’s team is owned by Division I state meet hosts East Kentwood. Their squad posted a time of 1:27.64 at its regional meet.

Fenton’s varsity boys team also has two individual No. 3 seeds. Freshman Justin Miller has made a quick impact in the high jump, posting a third-place finish.

Holly’s Taylor Barrett is the No. 2 seed in the No. 1 singles bracket entering the D2 state tennis meet.

Blue Devils fall to Goodrich in Greater Flint Tournament championship game

By David Troppens

It’s probably fair to say the Lake Fenton varsity baseball team is tired of seeing the Goodrich Martians in the other dugout this spring.

The two teams faced off for a fifth time at the Greater Flint Baseball Tournament championship game on Memorial Day, with Goodrich beating Lake Fenton (18-11) for the fourth time in five games, earning a 5-0 victory and the tourney title.

The Blue Devils’ offense struggled against Goodrich hurlers Colby Phipps and Brayden Raether as the duo combined to pitch a one-hitter. Phipps tossed five innings of no-hit, two-walk ball, earning the win while Raether pitched two innings of one-hit ball in relief. Cody Schramm earned the Blue Devils’ only hit of the game when he...
Tigers perform well at tourney

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity softball team competed in the Queen of Diamonds Tournament and finished the event with a 3-2 mark.

Fenton defeated Clio 12-2 and Caro 10-1, but lost to Eaton Rapids 8-7 and to North Branch (4-2 and 3-0) twice.

Fenton (23-9) lost to a walk-off single in the bottom of the eighth to lose to Eaton Rapids. Hailee Prater had three hits with two of the safeties being a double and a triple. Natalie Thomas (triple) had three hits and Erin Carter had three hits. Cadyn Reger and Hannah Bollinger had two hits each.

In the 4-2 loss to North Branch, Fenton had just six hits with Carter leading the way with a triple.

Fenton followed with a 12-2 win, using 15 hits to earn the win.

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Bronchos finish second at Queen of Diamonds tournament

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity girls softball team has struggled this spring.

However the Bronchos had a moment to remember at the Queen of Diamonds Tournament during the holiday weekend.

Holly (7-22) finished in second place in its division of the event, beating Clio and Eaton Rapids, but losing to Caro. The tournament was shortened due to rain which meant the Bronchos took second due to a tiebreaker. Holly was unable to play North Branch due to weather.

“We would have loved to have had the chance to play our game versus North Branch for the championship,” Holly varsity softball coach Scott Culter said. “The entire team played well. It was a great team effort all around. I’m very proud of these young ladies who fought hard all weekend.”

Holly scored five runs in the first two innings and never trailed against Clio in a 10-2 victory.

Libby Boehm led the offense with a blistering 4-for-4 performance, including five RBI. Nora Kreft had a big game, collecting three hits and three RBI. One of her hits was a two-run inside-the-park home run.

On the mound, Marissa Beck pitched a seven-hitter, striking out three and walking just one.

In the 8-4 win against Eaton Rapids, Holly scored three runs in the bottom of the second to take a 4-2 lead and then broke a 4-4 tie with a run in the fifth and three more in the sixth to earn the win.

Isabella Lockitski had the big bat in this contest, collecting three hits and four RBI. Two of her hits were doubles. Joelle Widdis had three hits while Jillian Cohoon had two hits with one being a triple. Boehm had two more hits in this contest as well.

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Blue Devils sweep Flushing Raiders

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton will be a member of the Flint Metro League during the 2019-20 academic school year, and many teams have spent this season competing against as many Metro foes as possible in preparation for the change in leagues.

The Lake Fenton varsity softball team is one of those squads that have done just that. Last week they opened the week with a game against area rival Fenton. The Blue Devils capped the week with a doubleheader sweep of the Flushing Raiders, winning the first game 8-7, and the second game 10-7.

In the opener, the Blue Devils broke a 7-7 tie with the game-winning run in the bottom of the sixth. Olivia Tanner reached second base on an outfield error, and moved to third on Haley Whittecar’s single. Taylor Godlewski plated the winning run with a batted ball that was booted as well, making it an 8-7 lead. Flushing put the first two runners on base in the seventh inning, but winning pitcher Godlewski got the next three batters out without the game-tying run coming across the plate, earning Lake Fenton the win.

Godlewski pitched a seven hitter while striking out five.

Whittecar and Christina Lamb led the offense with two hits each. Whittecar had a two-run single in Lake Fenton’s four-run first while Lamb capped the first-inning scoring with an RBI-single.
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seed and regional championship leap of 6-foot-4. The only competitors ahead of Miller are Grand Blanc’s Ethan Vargo and Kalamazoo Central’s Faylin Goodwin who each won regional titles with leaps of 6-5.

Fenton sophomore Noah Sage will be entering the D1 state meet as a third seed in the 400-meter run. He holds a time of 49.23 seconds, just .26 seconds behind Milford’s top-seeded Gunnar Gustafson’s 48.97.

The Linden varsity boys have a third-seeded competitor for the Division 2 state meet being held at Zeeland High School. Tyler Buchanan posted a third-place seeded time of 4:20.01 in the 1,600 run, less than two seconds slower than top seeded Otsego’s Alex Commerford’s top time of 4:18.41.

Finally, Lake Fenton’s Michael O’Brien also earned a third seed in the 300 hurdles with his time of 40.45 seconds at regionals. O’Brien’s time is more than a second behind Zeeland West’s Ethan Brooks’s first-place time of 39.12, the only competitor with a time less than 40 seconds.

Many others at the four tri-county squads are seeded in the top eight.

Lake Fenton’s Eric Niestroy (right) and Linden’s Tyler Buchanan (left) are competing at the Division 2 state track and field meet on Saturday. Photo: Susan Niestroy

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program (Sophiea played for Holly’s successful boys tennis program) and we were excited to get to the state finals and maybe win our first-round match. For someone who has been around 10 to 15 years as a player and now as a coach and to see the evolution of especially the girls team is exciting. Seeing how they’ve gone from a team hoping to win a match or two (at the state meet) to one that’s actually competing for a state championship is almost dream-like. It’s a testament to these girls being passionate about the program and putting the time in needed to be successful.”

Two players have been behind much of the program’s success over the last four seasons — seniors Taylor Barrett and Megan McReynolds.

“It’s really impressive what the girls have done since 2015-16,” Sophiea said. “They do things the right way and their teammates follow.”

Barrett enters the state tournament the second seed in the No. 1 singles flight. A year ago she advanced to a semifinal match at No. 1 singles, losing a three-set match.

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opened the bottom of the sixth inning with a single. However, the inning ended two batters later with a ground out and a double play.

Schramm also opened the game with a walk and was bunted to second by Landon Verhelle, but he was stranded at second base. Schramm also earned a two-out walk in the bottom of the third, but never advanced beyond first base.

Goodrich scored a run in the opening inning with a double and a fielding error. A two-run single and an RBI-double in the second made it a 4-0 Goodrich lead.

Ben Schulze took the loss on the mound, tossing the first four innings and allowing all five runs. Cam Williams pitched the final three innings, allowing just one hit while striking out two.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR BYRAM LAKE**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on motion of the township board, as authorized by PA 188 of 1954, as amended, the township board proposes to continue a lake improvement program on Byram Lake consisting of the eradication and/or control of aquatic weeds and plants and related services, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the costs thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the costs thereof are proposed to be specially assessed are more particularly described as follows:

All parcels of land with frontage on or legal access to Byram Lake

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board has received plans showing the improvements, together with an estimate of the costs in the approximate amount of $200,000, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the aforementioned special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of costs and proposed special assessment district may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours on regular business days from the date of this notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing on the plans, district and estimates of costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday June 3, 2019.

At the hearing, the board will consider any written objections and comments to any of the foregoing matters which are filed with the Township Clerk at or before the time of the hearing, and any objections or comments raised at the hearing; and at the hearing (or any adjournment of the hearing which may be made without further notice), the township board may revise, correct, amend or change the plans, estimates of costs or special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if written objections to the improvement are filed with the township board, at or before the hearing, signed by record owners of land constituting more than 20 percent of the area in the proposed special assessment district, then the township board may not proceed unless petitions in support of the project, signed by record owners of more than 50 percent of the area to be made into a special assessment district, are filed with the township. Written comments or objections may be filed with the Township Clerk at the address set out below.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if the township board determines to proceed with the special assessments, it will cause a special assessment roll to be prepared and another hearing will be held, after notice to record owners of property proposed to be specially assessed, to hear public comments concerning the proposed special assessments.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place in person or by representative and to submit comments concerning the foregoing.

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FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE FOUR LAKES STREET IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF FENTON TOWNSHIP, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THE OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN THE FOUR LAKES STREET IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor and assessor officers of the township has reported to the township board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by her covering all properties within the Four Lakes Street Improvement Special Assessment District benefited by the proposed street improvement project. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs of asphalt resurfacing Four Lakes Avenue, West Four Lakes Drive, Sadler Drive, Squaw Lake Drive, Isleview Drive, Crystal Cove Court and Emerald Pointe, and work incidental thereto within the aforesaid special assessment district as more particularly shown on the plans on file with the Township Clerk at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the township, which assessment is in the total amount of $618,388.56.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan on Monday June 3, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular working hours of regular working days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, because the revised costs exceed the previous estimated costs by 10% or more, the public hearing shall also be an opportunity for property owners in the special assessment district to provide comment regarding the continuation of the project in light of the increase in costs.

An owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. (The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 35 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.)

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Marie M. Henderson
1956 - 2019
Marie M. Henderson - age 62, of Holly, passed away Friday, May 24, 2019. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM, Friday, May 31, 2019 at The River Church of Holly with Pastor Caleb Combs officiating. Visitation will be from 2-5 PM and 7-9 PM, Thursday at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Marie was born in Detroit on November 18, 1956 to John and Marie (Lanzon) Fokinski. She was a proud Grandma and she also had a great love for the community of Holly and her country. She had a giving and caring heart, always putting the needs of others first. She was an employee of Villager’s Restaurant in Holly for over 17 years, a member of the River Church, and she also had a great love for the community of Holly and her country.

Joe E. Flores
1950 - 2019
Joe E. Flores - age 69, of Fenton, died May 23, 2019. Funeral services will be held 11 AM, Friday, May 31 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, Pastor Ron Sharp officiating, Visitation will be held 4-8 PM, Thursday, May 30. After services in Fenton he will be transferred to Las Vegas, New Mexico where a visitation will be 1-4 PM, Sunday, June 2 at the Gonzalez Funeral Home, 2315 Hot Springs Blvd., Las Vegas, NM 87701, he then will be transferred to Our Lady of Sorrows for a 7 PM rosary Sunday. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 8 AM, Monday, June 3 at Our Lady of Sorrows, 403 Valencia St., Las Vegas, NM followed by interment at the Santa Fe National Cemetery. Joe was born Jose Eugenio Flores on April 2, 1950 in Las Vegas, NM, the son of Ignacio and Agapita (Lopez) Flores. He retired in 1987 as Master Gunnery Sergeant for the U.S. Marine Corps with 20 years of service. Surviving are two children, Jose (Kasi) Flores II of Richland, NC; Consuelo Flores Beamer of Fenton; mother of his children, Connie Robertson; grandchildren, Tyler, Landen, Clayton, Benicio, and Manuel; sister, Dolores O’Neal of OK; brothers, Pete Flores of Dearborn and Nash Flores of OK. He was preceded in death by his parents. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Sylvia Loretta “Mama Shannon” Cole
1934 - 2019
Sylvia Loretta “Mama Shannon” Cole - age 84, of Fenton, formerly of East Detroit, passed away Saturday, May 25, 2019. Visitation was held 2-8 PM, Tuesday, May 28, 2019 and will be 9-10:30 AM Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. On Wednesday we will depart at 10:30 AM from the funeral home in procession to drive around Lake Shannon on the way to church for the funeral service at 12 PM at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 13667 Highland Rd., Hartland. Pastor Chris Thoma & Pastor Pies officiating. There will be a luncheon immediately following the service, location will be announced. Contributions would be appreciated to Our Savior Lutheran Church or Make-A-Wish Foundation. Sylvia was born August 19, 1934 in Detroit, the daughter of Raymond and Loretta (Rein) de Steiger. She was a child advertising model from ages 3 to 6 for Pontiac Motor Company and Household Finance Company. Sylvia graduated from East Detroit High School and later Michigan State University with a BA in Journalism. She was a Crime Reporter for the Pontiac/Oakland Press before she was self-employed as a Lake Developer and Real Estate Broker. Along with her former husband Jim Cole, they developed over a dozen lakes in Michigan including Lake Sherwood in Milford, Lake Ogemaw in West Branch, and Lake Shannon in Fenton where she made her home and raised her family. Sylvia had been president of the Lake Shannon Women’s Organization and the Lake Shannon Water Ski Club. She was a member of the Lake Shannon Sportsman Club and prior member of the Lake Shannon Bowling League and the Lake Shannon Ladies Pinochle Club. She had been a member of the Livingston County Board of Realtors, serving on their Professional Standards Committee. Sylvia was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church and also had served as the President of the Transfiguration Lutheran Women’s Club. She also served as president of the Fenton Newcomers Club and had been a member of the Fenton Branch of The National Farm and Garden Association. Sylvia was very active and civic minded also serving in the Zonta Club, and as a Cub Scout den mother and Girl Scout assistant leader. Surviving are: her children, Christine (David) Belisario and Harold (Dee) Cole; step daughter, Linda (Paul) Cole; grandchildren, Joshua Cole and Joi (Darin) Francis; sister, Rose Marie (William) Stiehl; nieces and nephews, Peter, David, Lisa, Michelle, Timothy, and Sheri; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. Sylvia was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Raymond de Steiger. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.
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1  Snapshot
6  America’s uncle
9  Go back
12  Dawn
13  Pirouette pivot
14  “7 Faces of Dr. —”
15  Foolish
16  Current
18  Use mouthwash
20  Stirred
21  Service charge
23  Exist
24  Nervous
25  Screws up
27  Point of view
29  Horseradish cousin
31  Medal earners
35  Mottled mount
37  Break suddenly
38  Went on all fours
41  Kreskin’s claim
43  Have a go at
44  In the pink
45  Daughter of Muhammad
46  Down, cheese-topped sandwich
47  Oppressive
49  Danger
52  [Uncorrected] Phantom’s bailiwick
53  Work with
54  Skip a sound
55  Superlative ending
7  Top-rated "Family Guy" daughter
8  "Cats" inspirer
9  "Corn" spike
10  Money lenders
11  One over par
12  Deed holders
13  Wheat or rye
14  A handful
15  Geological period
16  Brewery product
17  Demolition specialist
18  Altar affirmative
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**Midweek Jumble**

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME!

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Our HELOC loans help you make your dreams into reality. Some of the features and benefits include:

- 15 year draw period
- Credit available when you need it
- Minimum loan amount is $5,000
- Use the equity in your home for things like home improvements, vacations, debt consolidation, college tuition, and more!

*Introductory Annual Percentage Rate (APR) of 1.99% begins on date of closing and is effective for 12 months. After the 12-month period, the variable rate APR as disclosed in your Home Equity Line of Credit Account Credit Agreement and Disclosure Statement will apply. Current APRs range from 5.00% to 10.50%. Maximum APR that may apply is 18.00%. Minimum loan amount of $5,000. Closing costs typically include appraisal, title insurance, recording fee and range from $350 to $1,200. These costs are initially waived by the credit union. Repayment of waived costs will be required if the HELOC is closed and cancelled within 24 months of origination. Property insurance required. Monthly payments based on a 20-year amortization with a minimum monthly payment of $50.00. Programs, rates, terms and conditions are subject to change without notice. Introductory APR offered on new Dort Federal HELOCs. Members who currently have a Home Equity Line of Credit through Dort Federal are not eligible. Offer valid on owner occupied property only where collateral loan to value is 80% or less and excludes all loans already financed at the credit union. Proof of income required, subject to normal underwriting guidelines. Other restrictions may apply. Introductory APR offer good February 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Consult your tax advisor about potential tax benefits.

1.99% Intro APR for First 12 Months!*

*CURRENT APRs RANGE FROM 5% TO 10.5%

APPLY THROUGH DEC. 31, 2019

Variable rates based on Prime plus or minus a margin (margin identified at time of application, is defined as the number of percentage points the lender subtracts or adds to the index rate to determine the annual percentage rate to be charged).