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More money for Genesee County's local roads

By Hannah Ball

Starting this year, the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) is investing 200 percent more money into local roads compared to 2018.

The GCRC's Local Road Allocation Fund is money earmarked for townships to use for paving, maintaining and/or improving local roads. In 2018, the fund had \$800,000. In 2019, it increased the allocation to \$2.4 million.

Director Fred Peivandi, who became acting director February 2018 and managing director August

See ROADS on 10A



Life lessons in Little League — On Tuesday, June 4, Fenton Little League player Maddie Williams, with the coach-pitch division, takes a swing during a game while another player waits on first base for a chance to run. Most nights of the week in the spring feature multiple Little League games throughout the tri-county area. **See story on Page 1B. Photo: Tim Jagielo**



The historic old Baptist Minister's home took a beating during storms from 2013-2015. It was demolished in September 2015, after engineers deemed it unsafe.

Times file photo

Old seminary property to be marketed by Fenton Realtor

■ **Goal is to sell parcel at High Street and State Road with adjacent privately owned land**

By Vera Hogan

A parcel of land steeped in Fenton's rich history may

be the future location of residential development of some kind.

The city owns the 1.41 acres of land at High and State roads, where the historic old Baptist Minister's home, also known as the

old seminary, once stood. The 147-year-old seminary building was demolished almost four years ago in September 2015.

The city now owns the property as a result of unpaid **See SEMINARY on 9A**

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“I guess I just don't understand what our elected representatives think their job entails. The majority of local voters endorsed the legalization of marijuana, yet the reps somehow believe that we do not want local access? Do you represent your constituents or are you just voicing your own personal beliefs?”



“Yay! Concerts in the park started Thursday. Please consider leaving pets at home. It is no fun for them on busy sidewalks. There are six other days to stroll at leisure.”



“No matter which way you lean, save your political opinions. Nobody cares. If you want to make a difference, get involved.”



COMMENT
OF THE WEEK

“Most dangerous road in Fenton Township? Owen Road from U.S. 23 to Linden Road. Make it three lanes.”





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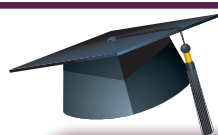


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1-3 pm



Open
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Sunday
1-3 pm

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16445 Red Fox Trl
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Open
Sunday
1-3 pm

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5405 Floria Dr
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New on Market

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Hartland Schools • \$339,000

8799 Southridge Dr
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Sunday
1-3 pm

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Items that can and should be recycled



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PLASTIC BOTTLES, JUGS, TUBS

■ Aluminum can be 'infinitely' recycled; throw away items smaller than a credit card

By Hannah Ball

Make sure you're recycling and not "wish-cycling."

"Wish-cycling," said Deirdre Edgar, Republic Services spokesperson, is when people have good intentions and place items

in the recycling bin with the hope they're recyclable when they actually aren't.

Numerous municipalities in the tri-county area employ Republic Services for trash and recycle pick up, including Fenton, Fenton Township

and Linden. It's important to know which items can actually be recycled.

"Our recycling facilities receive a lot of old clothing and shoes, stuffed animals, toys, tools — items that

See RECYCLE on 8A

“...dangerous things to put in your recycling are electronics with lithium batteries, which can cause fires.”

Deirdre Edgar
Republic Services spokesperson

English-learning students bring diversity to schools

■ Local students speak Spanish, Hmong, Albanian, Arabic and German

By Tim Jagielo

In the tri-county area, there are approximately 122 students in local schools who speak English as their second language.

These students come from various backgrounds and take classes alongside English-first students, but receive assistance from staff in various ways.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has programs specifically for English learners. Local districts use these programs

See DIVERSITY on 12A

“Fenton is so lucky to have this diverse group of students.”

Courtney Szucs

FAPS executive director of special services

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Just sayin'...

On the road again...

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It's nice to remember how much I loved road trips. If I had a decent, reliable car, I could drive for hours.

When I was 25 and about to make a major life change, I acquired a brand new car from someone who hoped the gift would convince me to change my plans. I thanked him for the car, said I had to think about it, and the only way to do that was by taking a road trip — alone.

He agreed and off I went, heading south from Chicago. I made it all the way to Nashville when the trip to my intended destination was cut short because of serious flooding in the south. I stayed overnight in Nashville and started for home the next morning. I gave the car back and said “adios!”

Another of my fondest road trips was when my youngest son, who was 17 at the time, and I traveled by car to Virginia Beach for spring break. We planned to go to Chicago so I could show him around some of my old stomping grounds. But the night before we were to leave he said, “I don't want to go to Chicago, I want to see the ocean.”

That night, I did some research and decided, “Yup, we can do this, Virginia Beach is only about a 14-hour drive.” So very early the next morning, we took off and I drove us straight through.

When we got right up to the Atlantic, I looked at him and said, “That's the ocean.” Then we turned around to look for a hotel.

We took a shorter route home a few days later, via the Pennsylvania and Ohio turnpikes. We took turns driving that time. He was driving when we approached the mountains in Maryland.

He said, “Hey look Mom, there really is a Cumberland Gap.” As if the school books were lying about that, good grief.

I recently read a story about a very cool woman I've never heard of. Her name was Alice Huyler Ramsey, who at 22 became the first female to take a transcontinental road trip.

According to roadtrippers.com, on



VERA HOGAN

June 9, 1909, Ramsey, along with two sisters-in-law and a young friend, set off for San Francisco from Manhattan. Back then, only 152 miles of the 3,600 they traveled were paved.

The ladies slept in the car when it got stuck in the mud, passed by a manhunt for a serial killer in Nebraska, got bedbugs from a Wyoming

hotel, and were surrounded by a Native American hunting party, bows drawn, in Nevada. Fifty-nine days after they set out from New York, the women arrived in San Francisco.

In 1986, Ramsey took her final highway to heaven. She was 97 years old.

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GREAT JOB LINDEN Eagles softball — 2019 Metro League Champs.

■■■
FENTON AREA, WHEN are you going to wake up and understand that the Republicans are just stringing you along with social issues? They really don't care and are not interested in representing you but you take the bait over and over again. Sad.

■■■
TYRONE TOWNSHIP — MAYBE it's time to start enforcing code violations regarding blight and help taxpayers maintain their property values. Some properties are becoming literal junk yards. Open your eyes. Rose Township, this is for you, too. It's not the 'holler' after all. Start doing your jobs.

■■■
AN EXHIBIT EXPLORING the world's connection to water is coming to the Michigan Science Center in Detroit.

■■■
PEOPLE WHO ARE legally required to report suspected child abuse and neglect in Michigan may now do so online.

■■■

What activity makes you lose track of time? Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter | street talk

"Working on my artwork. I draw medical illustrations on a computer and I also like to paint in oils."

Lorie Gavulic
Fenton

"Binge watching TV shows. I recently binge watched 'Dead to Me' on Netflix."

Rebecca Andreski
Davison

"Singing. I like to sing Barber Shop. I've been singing for 35 years in the Fenton Lakes Chorus."

Hettie Gorton
Fenton Township

"Going to car shows. I go to a lot of them. There's one this weekend at the Packard Paving Grounds. I've had a lot of different cars."

Duane Zalewski
Shelby Township

"Watching YouTube videos make me lose track of time. You watch one thing and then you watch another and get sucked in."

Bob Ouellette
Fenton Township

Residents divided on Four Lakes assessment

■ Cost to fix the streets more than doubled; residents asked to sign new petitions

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — Residents on Four Lakes Avenue and surrounding roads were surprised when the cost estimate for fixing their roads jumped from \$1,700 to \$4,614.84 per parcel.

At the Monday, June 3 Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting, residents in the Four Lakes Street Improvement Special Assessment District spoke for more than an hour about the revised cost and condition of the roads. The board ultimately tabled the discussion and told the residents to bring back new petitions.

In the summer of 2018, a majority of residents in the district signed a petition in favor of an assessment to pay for upgrades on their roads. Originally the district included Four Lakes Avenue, West Four Lakes Drive, Sadler Drive, Squaw Lake Drive and Islevue Drive.

They received an initial projected cost of \$200,007. The cost would

have been \$1,699.12 for parcels in the district and fronting the improvement, \$1,274.34 for parcels fronting Emerald Pointe and \$424.78 for parcels fronting Crystal Cove Court. Emerald and Crystal roads are adjacent streets.

The special assessment roll for the Four Lakes Street Improvement Special Assessment District was adopted August 2018.

However, according to township meeting minutes, "During the process of finalizing the construction agreement for the project, the township was advised that the cost proposal used as the basis for the special assessment was not calculated correctly by the contractor."

The committee of property owners that oversaw the process solicited new proposals over the winter. The goal was to complete the street improvements in 2019.

The district now includes Crystal Cove Court and Emerald Pointe, as well as the original streets listed above, and

is projected to cost \$618,388.56. This amounts to \$4,614.84 per parcel.

The price also increased because the scope of construction was more extensive and expensive to achieve a longer life expectancy. Because the original costs increased by more than 10 percent, the board was required to hold a public hearing so property owners could provide input.

One of the involved residents, Mark Shantz, said when this was originally passed, the idea was to remove the top few inches of asphalt "as needed" on five streets. But if they redid the street, it would have a longer life expectancy. The current roads are approximately 24 years old. Shantz said they wanted a road that would last another 25 years as opposed to eight.

"What it comes down to is what do we need to do?" he said. "Is it a 2-inch overlay like we were going to do last year? Or a complete rebuild?"

See **FOUR LAKES** on 9A

SUMMARY

■ Special assessment districts are used by homeowners living in subdivisions or groups of streets as a means to fix the roads. Each parcel is assessed a certain amount.

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Nurjihan Torabi of Fenton makes her way through the dense Eid celebration crowd Tuesday, June 4, in Burton. Several Fenton area residents attend Mosque here, and are celebrating their month of Ramadan coming to an end. **Photo: Tim Jagielo**

'It's a beautiful experience, Ramadan'

■ Local Muslim families celebrate a month of fasting, community and charity

By Tim Jagielo

Burton — Men in colorful clothing whirl to energetic singing, chanting and drumming, while the rest of the attendees sing and dance along in a communal celebration of breaking their Ramadan fast Tuesday, June 4.

During the celebrations, Hasan Siddiqui of Tyrone Township watches, sings and films the events via camcorder. His wife, Leona, minds their three small children upstairs.

Several members of the As-Siddiq Institute and Mosque are from Fenton or Tyrone Township. These include the Siddiqui family and several others. The mosque's spiritual leaders also live in Tyrone Township.

Other post-Ramadan "Eid al-Fitr" activities included giving gifts and greetings, a carnival for children and a feast downstairs. This three-day fes-

tival marks the end of one of the most significant annual events for Muslims, and is one of the pillars of their faith.

The end of Ramadan means the end of fasting for 16 hours each day. During the 30 days of Ramadan, Muslims don't eat or drink even water and abstain from leisure activities they'd normally enjoy.

"... all worldly desires are cut off during the day. Your focus is completely on trying to better yourself."

Hasan Siddiqui
Tyrone Township resident

"It's a very beautiful experience, Ramadan," Hasan said. "You're obviously not eating, you don't drink, you don't have relations with your spouse, all worldly desires are cut off during the day. Your focus is

completely on trying to better yourself."

He said Ramadan is a time of self-critique and self "auditing" to avoid being selfish or unkind. Being charitable is required. They also pray significantly more, and some congregations will read the entire Quran in 30 days.

The first three days of fasting is the most difficult. Leona is a stay-at-home mother of small children. "It can be a little ugly the first week," she said. After that, the family settles into a

See RAMADAN on 9A

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WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE MIDWEEK TIMES

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, June 5, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Our Future

Meet Krista Lopez, 18, Linden High school graduate (2019).



Township prohibits marijuana facilities

Fenton Township Board can vote to opt in anytime in the future.

Plea entered in Linden Little League embezzlement case

Stephanie Suzanne Blackburn, 41, entered a plea agreement May 30 in an embezzlement case involving the Linden Little League.

Former constable's lawsuit settled

Lawsuit filed by Emile Bair in U.S. District Court; was seeking at least \$75,000.

Torrey Road to be closed

Repair of drainage culvert expected to take three weeks.

Shiawassee River Fest returns to Fenton

2019 event will take place downtown instead of Bush Park.

'100 deadliest days' have begun for teens

Drinking and driving, speeding, distraction are top killers on the road this summer.

More recreation means more injuries

NOCFA steps up search and rescue skills amid uptick in mountain biking in Holly trails.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHERE IS THE county commissioner for Lake Fenton? School still is in session and a portion of Torrey Road (by West Shore Elementary and Torrey Hill) has been closed. Couldn't the county road commission wait a week before starting this project?

DOES ANYONE KNOW when McCaslin Lake Road is going to have chloride applied? The dust is unbelievable.

WE HAVE SEVERAL establishments in the area that serve alcohol, including

grocery stores and gas stations, but our elected representatives have decided that in spite of the majority of voters approval of marijuana legalization, you do not want to have marijuana retail sales in Fenton? Have you forgotten who voted you into office?

CONGRATULATIONS LINDEN

VARSITY softball district champs. A great display of teamwork, coaching and fan support.

WHY DO THE construction workers take up most of the few available parking spots in front of the library? They should park in a parking lot and walk. Their cars

sit there all day. They even take up a spot, if available, to eat lunch. Now there aren't any handicapped spots by the library, which makes it hard, too.

OAK STREET IN Fenton has red octagon-shaped signs; they say 'STOP'. Look it up if you don't know what it means.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2019 Linden Eagles Softball District Champions!

CARBON DIOXIDE, THE gas scientists said is most responsible for global warming, peaked again at record levels last month.

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IF IT'S FOUND that you weren't guilty of crime X, that says nothing as to whether you thought that you might be indicted for crime X, or that one of your friends or family members would be indicted for crime X. Obstructing the investigation is illegal, ask Martha Stewart.

■■■■
CONGRATULATIONS TO JORDAN H. on winning metro and districts!

■■■■
NOW THAT THE feral cats are gone in Tyrone Township, we have an abundance of vermin. So thank you for taking the feral cats away. Nature takes care of nature.

■■■■
IT'S VERY SIMPLE. If Americans want to live under a 'world government,' run by socialist dictators, they should vote for presidential candidates like our last four presidents. If Americans want to continue to live in a free and independent nation, they should support Donald Trump.

■■■■
IF A 'FALTERING' Linden travel program is five teams, 70-plus kids, awesome coaches and families, then I will continue to have my kiddos play in Linden. You haters keep on hating.

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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

GRAND BLANC WOMAN ARRESTED FOR OWI

At 12:15 a.m. on Saturday, June 1, a Fenton police officer observed a vehicle swerving on Silver Lake Road near Poplar Street. The driver made a wide turn onto Poplar Street and crossed the centerline. The officer conducted a traffic stop and made contact with the driver, a 51-year-old Grand Blanc woman, who admitted to drinking alcohol. She failed the field sobriety test and a breath test revealed her blood alcohol content was twice the legal limit. She was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated (OWI) and lodged until sober at which time she was issued a court appearance ticket for OWI.

RECYCLE

Continued from Page 3A

could be reused if they're donated, but not if they're put in the recycling container" Edgar said. "Other common items we receive, which we shouldn't, are diapers, garden hoses and yard debris. And dangerous things to put in your recycling are electronics with lithium batteries, which can cause fires."

Edgar also advises against putting items that are too small in the recycling bin because they can fall through the sorting equipment at the plant. Plastic bags will get tangled.

"An easy way to remember it is, don't recycle anything smaller than a credit card. If you want to recycle the cap to your water bottle, leave it on the bottle. And plastics bags should never go in your curbside recycling container. To be recycled, plastic bags need to be returned to the collection bin at the grocery store for commercial processing," he said.

People often put items in the trash bin when they could be recycled. This includes aluminum cans, cardboard and paper. Aluminum can be recycled over and over again, infinitely, Edgar said, and producing new cans from recycled aluminum uses 95 percent less energy than making cans from raw materials.

"Paper and cardboard also can be recycled multiple times — on average, 5-7 times. Recycling paper and aluminum saves energy and preserves valuable natural resources," he said.

Items you can recycle:

With paper waste, you can put news papers, envelopes, junk mail, phone books, brochures and magazines in the recycling bin. Acceptable aluminum and metal items include aluminum cans, food cans and scrap metal. Ream papers, file folders, poster board, cereal boxes, frozen food boxes, cardboard boxes and milk cartons can be recycled.

Pizza boxes can potentially be recycled.

The grease from a used pizza box prevents it from being recyclable. It can be disposed of with other solid waste. If your pizza box doesn't have any grease on it, then you can place in your recycling bin, according to the Republic Services website.

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Items you cannot recycle:

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Genisys Credit Union and Cars 108 collect more than 3,000 stuffed animals to comfort children

When first responders give a "critter" to a child at a traumatic scene, they are handing them an object of comfort that will help them feel safe. Genisys Credit Union and Cars 108 organized a collection for new/like new stuffed animals for children in distressing situations. "We truly enjoy sponsoring projects like this," said Jackie Buchanan, Genisys Credit Union president and CEO. "Being able to support the communities we serve is very important to our

organization." The Genesee County Department of Health and Human Services will gather the donated critters, clean and distribute them to first responders to give to children who may be found in devastating situations. Community members were encouraged to drop off new or gently used stuffed animals to select Genisys Credit Union branches. The goal was to collect 2,000 critters — 400 more critters than last year. Cars Critters, together with Genisys Credit Union collected over 3,000 toys. The generosity of the local community has been astounding, Buchanan said.

SEMINARY

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taxes by the previous owner and has been debating what to do with the vacant parcel, with its sale being at the top of the list.

Steven Melcher of The Steven Melcher Group of Berkshire Hathaway Home Services in Fenton said last week that he has a verbal agreement with the city to market the property. He said the city would like to sell its parcel as one with the adjacent property owner.

In 2017, City Manager Lynn Markland began discussions with Tim Scarberry representing The Scarberry Family Trust, which owns the adjacent 6.95 acres around the corner on State Road.

Melcher and his group are actively seeking builders who may be interested in purchasing the properties, which together represent more than 8 acres. They have not yet settled on a price tag for the combined properties, he said.

In December 2017, Tim Scarberry said, "Putting them together would be a game changer." He said at the time that he is very much in favor of collaborating with the city to market their vacant properties together.

"If the two properties merged, it would become a really nice project," Scarberry said. "It would uplift that entire area."

Builders who may be interested in these properties may call Melcher at (810) 513-1561 for more information.



The city of Fenton owns the 1.41-acre parcel of land at the corner of State Road and W. High Street. The land came into the city's possession because of unpaid property taxes by the previous owner. *Times file photo*

Background

In November 2013, the building sustained significant damage during a rainstorm with high winds. The subsequent harsh winters of 2013-2015 resulted in further destruction of the deteriorating building, which was near ruins when it was torn down. The structure had collapsed completely on the east side, with rooms and debris on all three floors exposed.

An engineering study in early 2015 resulted in a recommendation to demolish the building. The 10,000-square-foot mansion, built in 1868, had been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1983.

on Four Lakes Avenue, said the asphalt is breaking in certain spots and that it's only going to get worse. Mark Osburn said it's not fair that they haven't had the opportunity to sign another petition on the higher cost.

Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk, said the district was not required to circulate another petition after hearing the new cost.

But, they will now. Clerk Robert Krug, who ran the meeting in Supervisor Bonnie Mathis' absence, made a motion to continue this topic of discussion at the next meeting on June 17 after residents submit petitions stating who is for and against the assessment.

RAMADAN

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rhythm. The body adapts to fasting and it's a little easier.

Their children don't fast, but they are aware of the season and have things like a Ramadan calendar, similar to an advent calendar with candy and a reading from the Quran each day.

It depends on the family and the congregations, but total fasting can sometimes begin around the age of 13.

The Ramadan schedule

Ramadan is known to Muslims as the month of community, and their activities are designed to bring them together as a congregation.

The Siddiquis wake at approximately 3 a.m. to eat breakfast as a congregation at the mosque. Then they pray from 4 to 6 a.m., and then sleep for a couple hours until waking up. Then they fast all day, and break fast at 9 p.m. again as a congregation at mosque. They pray from 10:30 p.m. to 11:45 a.m. and then go home to sleep until the next day begins.

"It's definitely a month to be a little less physically active," Leona said.

Some Ramadan seasons are very hot, but this year they benefitted from the mild, cool spring.

Did you know —

Believe it or not, participants tend to gain weight during Ramadan. "It's also a 'believe-it-or-not' for a lot of Muslims," Leona said with a laugh. This is because the body adapts to fewer calories and when the fasting ends and they feast, they can gain weight.

Islam is one of the three "Abrahamic" faiths, which include Judaism and Christianity, which claim the prophet Abraham as their forefather. Islam reveres Israelite prophets such as Jesus. Hasan said Muslims are also waiting for the second coming of Jesus.

"There's so many commonalities," Leona said, between the main monotheistic religions. "It's not as different as you think."

Ramadan is a celebration of the month that God, or Allah, revealed the sacred texts to the Prophet Muhammad. According to The Independent, The tablets of Ibrahim, the Torah, the Psalms, the Gospel and the Quran were sent down during this time.

FOUR LAKES

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Opinions from the audience were mixed. Joe Jenio, president of Emerald Pointe Property Owners Association, said they were supportive of the petition last year and that they only have one area on the road that needs to be fixed. Jenio would rather see the potholes filled.

Mike Miller, on Crystal Cove, said the majority of people on his street support fixing the roads. "I'd prefer to see it done all the way through," he said.

Linda Moorhouse, on Islevue Drive, said the six residents on her street are "100 percent" in. Roger Polk,

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ROADS

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2018, said the increase in allocation funds was a combination of more money from the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF) and Peivandi himself seeing that local roads needed help. He was able to take additional monies from the fund balance and put it into the allocation fund.

Former Gov. Rick Snyder signed into law in November 2015 a \$1.2-billion road-funding package. The plan has received much criticism because the plan doesn't give the full \$1.2 billion to transportation until 2021. Peivandi said Snyder's plan has increased GCRC funding by approximately 8 to 10 percent on an annual basis.

In order to use this money, the state requires that townships put up matching funds.

Fenton Township was required to pay to get the matching \$117,936 offered by the county this year. The township spent the money on limestone resurfacing on sections of Sharp Road, Smith Road and Thompson/Odell roads, along with constructing asphalt paved aprons on Odell Road and Ray Road.

"The increase in local road funding from the Genesee County Road Commission has helped Fenton Township to stretch its road improvement budget significantly. Six separate local road projects will be partially funded with Road Commission allocation dollars in 2019, as compared to three projects in 2018 and two in 2017," said Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk of Fenton Township.

The classification of "local roads" does not include primary roads, said Alexander Patsy program manager and development engineer with the GCRC.

Primary roads are well-traveled section-line roads maintained by county funds. This includes Owen Road, Silver Lake Road, Linden Road, Fenton Road and more. Local roads generally have less volume. Two examples of local roads include Ripley and Fairbanks.

Subdivisions do not qualify for this

allocation money because while they're considered local roads, they are not section-line roads. Generally, section-line roads make up the grids in the townships, but the term also includes roads that allow access to varying neighborhoods, parcels, properties and other roads.

The GCRC does routine maintenance on subdivisions, such as filling potholes, but they do not fund higher-class projects such as resurfacing.

Patsy said the state has certain guidelines for how road commissions

can spend their money, and the commission has to show that they aren't directly funding more than 50 percent of projects on local roads. The GCRC expects townships to pay for construction costs and the commission pays for engineering costs and inspections.

Subdivisions are not considered local roads and do not qualify for Local Road

Allocation Funds. These roads must be maintained, paved or improved by the township or by assessing the residents who live on that road.

In 2019, Argentine Township was allocated \$136,000 by the GCRC.

Argentine Township spent \$62,000 for limestone resurfacing for the section of Smith Road in that municipality.

While Fenton Township has a larger population, Argentine Township has more miles of section-line local roads. The GCRC determines how much money townships will receive with guidelines similar to the ACT 51 law. The amount is calculated based on 65 percent mileage and 35 percent population size.

The money in this fund does not accumulate over the years, and most townships use all of it every year. Townships can also transfer money earmarked for them if they aren't planning to use all of it, or run out of matching fund dollars.

Argentine Township recently transferred \$70,000 to Atlas Township.

Peivandi expects the 2020 allocation fund to be around \$2.4 million, but said it will rise to \$3 million in the coming years. They're currently in the process of putting the budget together.

“The increase in local road funding from the Genesee County Road Commission has helped Fenton Township to stretch its road improvement budget significantly.”

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Teachers benefit from foundation grant dollars

■\$11,000 awarded by Fenton Education Foundation this year

By Vera Hogan

The Fenton Board of Education approved the 2018-2019 school year foundation grants at its Monday, June 3 meeting.

The names of proposed recipients and details on the grant projects were presented by Barry Tiemann, principal of State Road Elementary School. He also is on the Fenton Education Foundation Board of Directors and serves as the Grant Committee chairperson.

The Fenton Education Foundation exists for the purpose of supporting and enhancing the academic, art and athletic programs for all Fenton Area Public School children.

"The Foundation further demonstrates our commitment to the advancement of the educational mission of the Fenton school district by providing up to \$10,000 each year in grant opportunities to our Fenton staff," Tiemann said in a memo to the school board.

Tiemann said much like in previous years, the number of grant requests and the amount of money requested far exceeded the amount available from the foundation. This year there were \$19,026 in grant requests.

"While we weren't able to fund all of them, we anticipate some of the other requests will be funded through alternative district funding," he said.

There is a vast mix of grade levels and disciplines represented in the 2018-2019 school year grants. Because \$1,000 of unused grant money from last year was returned to the foundation, they were able to award \$11,009 this year.

The recipients are:

North Road Elementary School

• **Amy Bonk, Amy Heslip** and **Jennifer Tiemann**, kindergarten teachers, each received \$650 for "Books for Shopping." This program provides new, high quality, leveled books for students to select from in each kindergarten classroom library.

• **Sandra Law**, art teacher, received \$590 for ceramic material.

• **Cynthia Panchula**, second grade teacher, received \$650 for "Promoting Reading Success" materials.

• **Jeanne Young**, physical education teacher, received \$217 for "Music Movement & Toe Token Rewards."

State Road Elementary School

• **Mechelle Clark**, first grade teacher, received \$520 for STEM kits for morning tubs.

• **Renee Kuhn**, kindergarten teacher, received \$905 for "Listening Comprehension Learning ALL Year" materials.

• **Michelle Vultaggio**, a kindergarten teacher, received \$240 for "Ten Frame Answer Boards for Hands on Learning."

• **Susan Welch**, fourth grade teacher, received \$420 for "Class Set of Headphones."

Tomek-Eastern Elementary School

• **Sheila Best**, fourth grade teacher, received \$200 for "Class Set of Headphones."

• **Kristen Senyko**, kindergarten teacher, received \$247 for "You've Got Mail," a classroom mailbox center where each student has their own mailbox to provide an organized, designated space for their materials.

AGS Middle School

• **Cassandra Birchmeier**, art teacher, received \$600 for "Clay Working & Painting Proposal."

• **Stephanie Chapman**, technology teacher, received \$600 for "Computer Science/STEAM Technology Class."

• **Andy Perkins**, music teacher, received \$600 for "instrumental Music Library."

• **Claire Reynolds**, eighth grade science teacher, received \$270 for "Classroom Headphones."

Fenton High School

• **Tracey Jambeck**, art teacher, received \$1,000 for "Bringing more sculpture into the Sculpture, Drawing and Painting class."

• **McMillan, Hall** and **Bakker**, representing track and field, received \$1,000 for "High Jump Pit."

• **Mitchell Smelis**, athletic trainer, received \$1,000 for "CPR Manikins."

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE WEEKLY Hot-liner who still has a burr under their saddle about Linden softball, he or she needs to get over it and get on with their life.

ITOO HAD read Mueller's report and want to see a complete unredacted report. Thus far, I've learned the report is not a read; it's a study and couldn't have been read in the short time

Attorney General Barr claims. His added redactions including his lies to Congress are the beginnings of a cover up.

I SECOND THE comment applauding and appreciating the auto business on Silver Parkway in Fenton. Since we moved here six years ago we have been treated so fairly and honestly by them that we cannot ever imagine changing companies. Kudos to Dave and Barb and all those who work for them.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

THERE ARE MANY more religious sects in this country than Christianity. To incorporate 'Christian values' in the government would violate the religious rights of all other religious groups.

THE FLINT WATER problem started long before Snyder took office. Flint's water department was neglected for decades. The Detroit water and sewage department used Flint as a cash cow for most of Granholm's administration. That water department gave Flint an ultimatum to pay nearly double their current water rate or be shut off.

'OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE' may be charged but a charge is nothing until a warrant is issued and a conviction is obtained. Not one word should ever be published until a conviction is achieved. People are ruined by the salacious press, without one word ever uttered in a courtroom.

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CONGRATS LINDEN SOFTBALL — District Champs!

ALL FREEWAYS SOUTH of I-10 should be a minimum of three lanes in both directions. All of them.

I WONDER IF any of the nurseries are ever inspected by the state. What a great place to grow marijuana, legal or otherwise. I have noticed lots of expansion at some of them.

ROSE TOWNSHIP INCORRECTLY applied my taxes and now I have a nasty gram from Oakland County. Totally Rose Township's mistake and Paul (Rose Township treasurer) admits it's their fault but they (Rose Township and Oakland County) say I'm responsible for late charges and interest. What?

ONE GAS STATION on Owen Road needs to invest a few dollars in updating/improving its facilities. It frankly is an eyesore amidst several excellent businesses that have tried to enhance that side of the freeway. Remove and replace most of those old, overgrown shrubs and apply a little paint to the building, please.

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and also fine tune their own services based on needs.

"Fenton is so lucky to have this diverse group of students," said Courtney Szucs, executive director of special services for Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS.)

FAPS has 45 English learner (EL) students, the most in the area. Szucs said 10 languages are represented in the group.

Students are first assessed for their English proficiency to determine if they're eligible for language assistance services. The level of assistance is based on their proficiency and how they're doing in school.

An EL facilitator is available during the day to help students, and they're continually monitored while in school. English learners take the WIDA Assessment (formerly World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment) to determine what services they'll need in the next year, or if they're instead ready to leave the EL program.

There are 36 students in Holly Area Schools (HAS) who speak English

as a second language. "Most of our English Language Learners come from Spanish-speaking families," said HAS Superintendent Scott Roper. "We also have students who speak Hmong, Albanian, Arabic and German as their first languages."

Staff collaborates for best results in helping students. "This could involve individualized instruction in language arts, math, reading and other core subjects," said Roper, who added that English language learners have the option to take quizzes and tests separately giving them more time to understand the content.

Lake Fenton Community Schools has 23 English learners total, and Linden Community Schools currently has 18 students who qualify for language support.

"Our students come to us in a variety of ways," Szucs said. "Many have family who were already in the area and have come to join them from their home countries ... Some of our students were adopted from other countries and others moved with their families to the area for work."



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Blue Devils fall to Williamston in regional semifinals

By David Troppens

It was going to be a tough challenge for the Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer team when the Blue Devils faced Williamston in a Division 3 regional semifinal contest on Tuesday in normal circumstances.

The Blue Devils already knew they were going to have to travel to Wil-

iamston's field and find a way to defeat a perennial strong soccer squad on its own home field, but the challenge was made tougher when Morgan Reitano was unable to play in the contest due to a red card

issued to her during the district championship game against Ovid-Elsie.

Without their best player, the Blue Devils fell behind during the first two minutes of the game, and eventually lost a 5-0 verdict against the Hornets.

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Sports Times

Tigers win thriller, headed to D1 regional semifinals

By David Troppens

Commerce — The Fenton varsity baseball team's historic run through the Division 1 tournament will continue for a bit longer.

The Tigers got some clutch relief pitching from Logan Welch and the game-winning two-run single by Cameron Steeves in the top of the fifth inning, earning the Tigers a 3-2 regional semifinal victory against Walled Lake Northern at Walled Lake Northern High School on Thursday.

"I don't know if I've ever been on a team like this before," Welch said. "We were about .500 but once we got to the postseason we really hit our stride and bonded. We are a close team. Everybody loves each other on the team and we are playing for each

other. So it's really nice that we have a group of kids that really love being with each other, and keep fighting to keep playing with each other for that much longer."

The Tigers (20-17) now travel to Novi High School to play in the regional championship game against

See **TIGERS** on 15A



(Above) Fenton catcher Logan Angel and pitcher Logan Welch celebrate seconds after the Tigers' 3-2 victory against Walled Lake Northern. (Left) The Tigers celebrate after Spencer Rivera scored the go-ahead run.

Photos: David Troppens

Kirsten Foor (right) heads a ball in the Tigers' 2-0 regional final loss to Powers on Thursday. Photo: Mark Bolen

Fenton's season ends in regional finals vs. Powers Catholic, 2-0

By David Troppens

Flint — In early April, the Fenton varsity girls soccer team was still trying to find its regular-season legs underneath them.

The Tigers had just beaten Swartz Creek to get their first win in three tries during the early portion of the season. But even then, Fenton varsity girls soccer coach Matt Sullivan knew there was something special about his senior class.

"I can tell you we are going to have a lot of fun this year," Sullivan said. "These seniors are dead set on having fun this year and I'm excited. How that translates on the field — that usually translates into good things."

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Tigers knock down top-ranked DeWitt in regional semis

By David Troppens

Flint — First went down the No. 8 team in the state.

Next was the No. 5 squad in the state, earning the Fenton varsity girls soccer team a Division 2 district title.

On Tuesday, the top-ranked team in the state went down to the Fenton Tigers 2-1 in a regional semifinal contest at Flint's Atwood Stadium.

Maybe the only ones not shocked by the list of ranked teams falling to Fenton are the Fenton Tigers and their fans who have seemingly seen this story before.

Fenton used its team love and its deep bench to frustrate the undefeated DeWitt Panthers, earning a 2-1 victory and proving once again that maybe the state has undersold the determined Tigers in the state rankings.

The Tigers used their trademark style to earn the victory. They played strong defense and when given the chance, used a counter attack with their great speed up front. That equation worked for two second-half goals. And when the Tigers needed their de-

fense to step up, the defense did so consistently. Keeper Lauren Koscielniak made 14 saves, including some of the diving variety, to earn Fenton a spot in Thursday's regional title game against the Flint Powers Catholic Chargers. Results of that game can be found elsewhere in this publication.

The Tigers weren't surprised by the victory. They know the most important ingredient to a victory — loving each other and believing in themselves.

"It means the world to be out here playing with these girls for a final season at Fenton High School," Koscielniak said. "We have a lot of love in the program. Unlike any other team we are playing for each other. We are not playing for anybody else — not for our coaches or for our family. We are playing for each other, looking at each other's eyes when we play the game and we pull out wins like that. That's what it's all about."

"We do it for each other and the love for this program is awesome," Murphy said. "(Fenton varsity girls soccer) coach Matt Sullivan preaches



(Above) The Fenton Tigers celebrate their 2-1 victory against DeWitt in the regional semifinals on Tuesday. (Right photo) Hanna Chapin (right) battles with a DeWitt player during the contest.

Photos: David Troppens



how much we love each other. The chemistry we build. We are always the underdogs going in, of course against the top-ranked team in the state when we are not ranked. But we stick together, held to it and came out with this win."

"No, not really," Sullivan said when asked if he was surprised by his team's success. "I didn't necessarily think we were going to win but we've been here before many times. We've had to face some pretty good opponents before. We are confident how we are going to come out. At this point, so much can happen in terms of the result. All you care about is how the girls come out. Do they come out with positive energy and support each other? Are they smiling and having fun and working their butts off? As long as that happens, we'll take the results after that. That I'm absolutely confident in."

After a scoreless first half, both teams had chances to get the first goal in the second half. A lead pass to Murphy with about 36 minutes left in regulation was the first strong chance by either team in the second half. It

was saved. About seven minutes later, Fenton's other dangerous forward, Callie Dickens, had a shot that was saved at the near-side post.

Only a minute after that, Koscielniak made what was probably her best save when she made a punch save on a shot that looked destined to hit the back of the net.

"I had the one I had to jump to the upper right-hand corner and punch it over," Koscielniak said.

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Fenton's Lawrence enjoys strong first season at Kellogg CC

By David Troppens

Nolan Lawrence had some good times and some bad times during his first year on Kellogg Community College's baseball squad.

He can't complain about the team's results or his own individual performance.

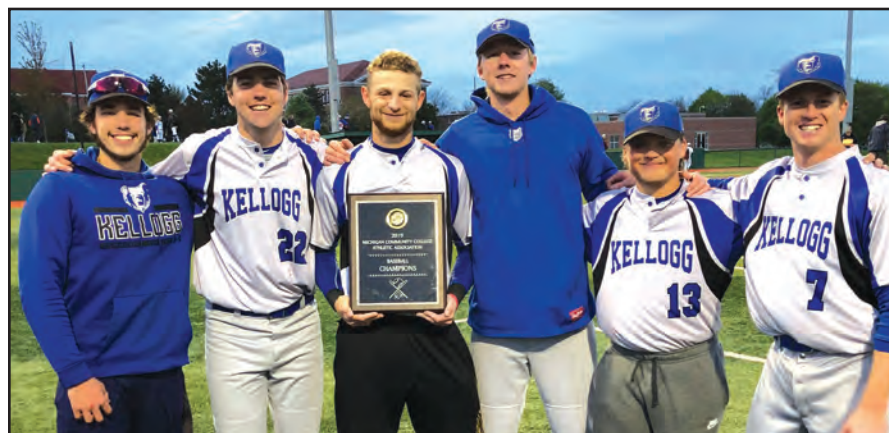
Kellogg Community College dominated the Michigan Community college Athletic Association season, posting a 26-2 record and a 40-15 record overall. The squad cruised through the regional tournament and earned a spot in the Division 2 Junior College National Baseball Tournament.

And Lawrence played a nice role in the

squad's overall success. Lawrence batted .314 with an on-base percentage of .444 and a slugging percentage of .490. The only thing that didn't go Lawrence's way was his health. He suffered a pulled hamstring about halfway through the season, meaning he was only able to play in 24 of the team's games, collecting 51 at bats overall.

"It was a good season and I grew a lot as a player," Lawrence said. "Of course, the injury held me back on a personal level, but as a team we dominated the state and we competed at the national level, which was pretty cool."

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Shawn Lawrence (fourth from the right) celebrates Kellogg Community College's Michigan Community College Athletic Association's baseball championship.

TIGERS

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Detroit Catholic Central, Saturday at 12:30 p.m. The winner of that game will play in the Super regional contest against the Romeo-Brother Rice victor at approximately 3 p.m.

"You have to forget about it and we have to keep looking forward," Welch

said. "You can remember how nice it was to get this win, but you have to get it out of your mind to just keep focusing on the next one."

The Tigers have earned the right to remember the game after what they accomplished. The Knights took the early lead, scoring two runs in the bottom of the first inning. Fenton starting pitcher Graham

Staib struggled early as Bryan Malak singled and scored on Noah Stants's triple. A batter later, Johnny Stepek grounded out, plating Stants.

Fenton cut the gap in half with a run in the second inning. Henson singled, stole second and third base and scored on Brendan Alvord's sacrifice fly. Fenton trailed 2-1.

Staib steadied his pitching after the first inning but struggled in the fourth. After getting an out, Jack Elkins and Ty Stepek hit back-to-back singles, forcing Staib out of the game in favor of Welch. Welch allowed a sacrifice bunt, hit Zach Brunet to load the bases but then got Malak to pop out.

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FENTON

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It did translate into great things. The Fenton Tigers captured an outright Metro League title, defeated state-ranked Goodrich and Notre Dame Prep and also area rival Holly to win a district crown. And before their postseason tournament run was over, the Tigers also defeated top-ranked DeWitt in the regional semifinals.

But the Tigers' season finally came to an end Thursday during the squad's regional championship contest against Flint Powers in a 2-0 loss at Flint's Atwood Stadium, the location of their 2-1 victory against DeWitt just two days earlier.

"I'm going to remember every practice that we laughed and goofed around," one of Fenton's 13 seniors Hanna Chapin said. "I'm going to remember every game and how we came together as a team was incredible. I'm going to remember every girl on the team."



Fenton's Hanna Chapin (left) prepares to kick the ball downfield in the Tigers' 2-0 regional final loss to Powers Catholic. Photo: Mark Bolen

"We took it one day at a time and every game we were fighting for one more dinner together, one more practice, so we weren't really paying too much attention if they were ranked or were not ranked, if it was Powers or not Powers."

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