Area man to serve years on drug, weapons charges

Russell Cockerham pleaded guilty in April; sentenced June 11

By Vera Hogan
Russell Cockerham, 49, of Highland Township, was sentenced last week on drug and weapons charges. He was arrested Aug. 2, 2018 during a raid at a senior care facility run by his wife, Angela Cockerham.

In April, Cockerham pleaded guilty to several charges before Judge Rae Lee Chabot of Oakland County Circuit Court. According to court records, Cockerham was sentenced Tuesday, June 11.

In a plea agreement, one count of delivery and manufacture of methamphetamine and ecstasy was dismissed, and one count of weapons-felony firearm was dismissed. On the charge of delivery and manufacture of a controlled substance less than 50 grams, he was sentenced to one to 40 years. On the charge of felony possession of a firearm, he was sentenced to one to 15 years. On a charge of possession of a controlled substance, he was sentenced to one to 20 years.

Golfers help raise $13,000 toward scholarships

Fenton Twp. — Golfers take off in their carts for the 2019 Brad Stone Summer Classic golf scramble at Fenton Farms Golf Club on Saturday, June 15. This is one of the longest running memorial tournaments in the area. Through the golf scramble and past hockey tournaments, $213,800 in college scholarships have been awarded to area students. See story on page 9

Four Lakes assessment approved

56 percent of owners voted ‘yes’ to pay $4,600 for new roads

By Hannah Ball
Fenton Twp. — At its Monday, June 17 meeting, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted 6-0 to approve the Four Lakes Street Improvement Special Assessment District, which will cost $4,614.84 per parcel.

Homeowners have the option of paying their share all at once, or in annual payments for a period of 10 years.

The vote came after a few residents spoke in favor of the project, which includes redoing the roads.

According to board minutes, the total amount is $618,387.80. See ASSESSMENT on 5

Section of road still closed due to massive hole

Ray Road culvert funding approved

By Hannah Ball
Fenton Twp. — Funds to fix the large hole in Ray Road have been approved.

The Genesee County Road Commission will pay $112,500 of the proposed $150,000 project cost. Because the road divides Fenton and Mundy townships, both will pay matching funds of $18,750 each.

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved paying this amount at the Monday, June 3 meeting. The meeting minutes state, “The board was reminded that this See CULVERT on 5

Thank you to Nancy at Halo Burger for blessing my girls and me with chocolate chip cookies Saturday. That initiated a conversation with them about kindness and loving well. Look for ways to bless others, friends. It’s easier than you might think. Have a great day.”

“Cyclists also own cars and pay taxes. If they unnerve you, you are a bad driver. Sell your car and surrender your license before you hurt someone.”

“I hate traffic circle/roundabouts and speed bumps. But I feel sorry for the guys that invented them as they will surely spend eternity in hell.”
Neuropathy Treatment Breakthrough

By Erica Rainer

If YOU suffer from Neuropathy, Pain and Numbness in your Hands and/or Feet, we have some good news, though.

Dr. James Ide, clinic director at Painless Chiropractic of Fenton. Other symptoms associated with the condition are problems with urination, bladder and bowel control, sexual dysfunction, vomiting, nausea and dizziness among others. This condition can eventually lead to further nerve damage causing complete loss of leg and/or arm leading to amputation, along with organ failure in some cases.

Are you or someone you love suffering with weakness, numbness and pain from Nerve Damage in your hands and/or feet? You are not alone. More than 20 Million people across the United States are dealing with some form of Neuropathy. Most commonly noticed first in the hands and feet, causing weakness, numbness and tingling pain and more debilitating... balance problems. “Most people find themselves feeling frustrated with no place to turn and no hope of recovery. By the time they come see us, they feel like they have tried everything. Their primary care doctor put them on Anti-Seizure or Epilepsy medications like Gabapentin, Neurontin, Cymbalta or Lyrica and told them they will just have to live with the pain.” said Dr. Ide.

That is until now. With recent advancements in nerve regeneration technology and treatment options, clinics all over the world are seeing larger success rates and faster results for their neuropathy patients. “This new technology paired with a multifaceted approach has been life altering for our clinic and our patients. The development and success of the Painless Neuropathy Protocol by Dr. James Ide and his care team at Painless Chiropractic in Fenton has been the talk of the town in recent months. “We have seen an increase in Neuropathy patients and the results that they are getting in such a short amount of time is truly amazing” said Kaitlin Johnson, the Patient Advocate & Coordinator at the Fenton clinic.

“I suffered with neuropathy in my feet along with back and shoulder pain. Walking was very difficult and I had to use a cane. After starting on the Painless Neuropathy Program, I feel 100% better. Each day I can tell a difference in my foot and am just so thankful that I will be able to fully walk again.”

- Becky H.
Grand Blanc MI

There are some things people can do at home to aide in the healing process of their neuropathy however healing neuropathy is an all encompassing process that will require lifestyle changes along with guidance from a medical professional that is experienced and skilled at doing so.

Your Invitation for a comprehensive Neuropathy consultation and examination to determine the level of progression your Neuropathy has reached and if you are a candidate for treatment...

The Times has teamed up with Dr. Ide once again to help our readers learn about new options for getting the healthcare and relief they deserve! All you have to do to receive a comprehensive Neuropathy Consultation and Examination with the most advanced Electrodiagnostic Testing and along with easy to understand report of findings who Dr. Ide is call 810-214-2532.

Mention this article (Code: NEUR0428) and the team will happily reduce the usual consultation and exam fee of $210 to just $47. But hurry, due to the number of patients the office is able to see, this is a limited time offer with only 30 appointments available and they will be on a first come first serve basis at this exclusively discounted rate.

My advice, don’t wait around suffering a moment longer...

If you or your loved one is experiencing pain, numbness, tingling, pins and needle sensations, cramps and spasms of your legs, hands or feet, along with the many other bodily symptoms this horrible condition pelagies people with, take action.

Find out if the Painless Neuropathy Protocol can help you regain the feeling in your hands and/or feet and start living your life again!

The program is effective and lasting because it actually treats the nerves at the root cause of the problem.

“The Painless Neuropathy Protocol is a multi-faceted approach to decrease neuropathy symptoms by nurturing the nervous system from the inside out, increasing circulation, blood & oxygen flow, working to rebuild, strengthen and better balance the body as a whole while stimulating the damaged nerves. Engage and revitalize the damaged nerve areas of the body, enabling them to reactivate and function at an increasingly higher rate over time while also increasing the patient’s quality of life.”

Over the years, they have treated thousands of patients with chronic conditions like Neuropathy, Sciatica, Back and Neck problems, Whiplash Injuries along with Vertigo and childhood illnesses and sports injuries. The office is well known and has a good reputation. The vast majority of their patients enjoy superior, lasting relief. In fact, many who have suffered have tried other treatment options with no luck and have been told that they are just stuck with their pain and discomfort, yet have credited the care team at Painless Chiropractic for giving them their lives back!

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Fenton Farmers Market opens Thursday

Rain or shine, local farmers markets offer their bounty of the season and a little more

By Sally Rummel

Michigan spring produce will be the star of the Fenton Farmers Market, which debuts this Thursday, June 20, from 5 to 8 p.m. on the front lawn of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

The market will be open rain or shine, unless weather conditions are dangerous, said Pat Allen of Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation. SLPR sponsors the event with the city of Fenton and the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Bring your umbrella just in case, and enjoy shopping from about four dozen vendors selling fresh fruits and vegetables, crafts, jewelry, honey and meats from Roeske Farms of Hartland, including free-range chicken and turkey, pork sausage, bacon and more.

Pao Xiong of Xiong’s Mini Market hands shoppers a bag for selecting sunflowers in July 2018. The Fenton Farmers Market will be held Thursday evenings on the lawn of the Fenton Community and Cultural Center this summer. Times file photo

“All the produce has to be Michigan grown,” Allen said. Food vendors will be plentiful, too, including sales of barbecue and smoked meats, tacos, hot dogs and pizza.

Visitors with a Michigan EBT card for food assistance can earn “Double Up Food Bucks,” Allen said. “You’ll get $20 in tokens to be used for any food items, including cookies and breads, and an additional $20 in tokens to be used only for fruits and vegetables.”

The city of Linden will open its Farmers Market on Wednesday, July 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. at a brand new location on Walmar Street next to Eagle’s Wooden Park. In case of inclement weather, the event will be at the Linden VFW Hall at 105 Mill St.

The markets will run through Aug. 28 and are sponsored by SLPR, the city of Linden and the Linden DDA.

Interested vendors will find an application on the SLPR website, slpr.net.

If you’re out and about near the village of Holly, the Holly Farmers Market is open every Sunday between May 12 and Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Crapo Park. You’ll find seasonal produce, microgreens, baked goods, salsa, chips, meats, honey and beeswax products.

“It’s been raining for almost every market of the year so far,” said Gen-evieve Rainey, market master. “All the bad weather makes it difficult, but we’re open rain or shine as long as there is no severe weather.”

Vendor information can be found on the Holly Farmers Market website: Hollyfarmersmarket.weebly.com.

Genesee County is home to two year-round farmers markets in Flint and Davison.

The Flint Farmers Market has been recognized as one of the “Great Places in America,” by the American Planning Association.

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Networking never fails

There are two reasons you should network: make connections. Still not sold? Here are two reasons you should network:

- Networking led to securing a presenting sponsor for one of our events in Lapeer, and I was able to chat face-to-face with a few people I’d been exchanging emails with all week.
- All good business folks know in theory that networking works, but sometimes we need a reminder of why this medium is such a powerful way to make connections. Still not sold? Here are two reasons you should network:

You get to know people on a different level: Networking events are work events, but they have a different vibe than an office or even a lunch meet-up. People are a little more relaxed and share more, making it easier to get to know them.

You up your profile: Most of us want to be known. It takes a lot of networking to make this happen, especially in bigger cities, but it’s worth it. Even if you don’t speak to a potential client at a particular event, chances are when you do set the meeting they’ll say, “Oh yeah, I think I met (or saw) you at that one event.”

Not all networking is easy. Hello, awkward silences and conversations. Here are two ways to help with that:

- Ask questions: Think like a journalist. Ask tons of open-ended (not yes or no) questions.
- Smile: Even if you’ve had a long day, don’t stop smiling when networking. Everyone at a networking event has the same goals — to meet people and create connections — make it easy for others to achieve those goals.

Networking isn’t always convenient. Sometimes it’s after hours, sometimes it’s at 6 a.m. on a Saturday, but it’s always worth it.

Why do you believe in networking?
Email me at ecaswell@mihomepaper.com.

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Have a change you’d like to share with the community? Have you grown? Are you moving? Are you updating your show room? Please contact me at ecaswell@mihomepaper.com to share your story of change with our readers.

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A lot of groups are still waiting to have an abortion. No child support. Not that they would pay it anyhow.

*TO THE HOT-LINER* catch and release ‘illegal aliens’. I detect racism. Are these asylum seekers fish? Are they from another planet? Use your brain, instead of your anger and ignorance.

*TO THE PERSON* who ran over the turtle crossing the road after a long line of cars went around it. Thanks for ruining my faith in humanity. It had almost made it across the road and I saw you purposely swerved to run it over.

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**Where do you get your inspiration?** Compiled by Logan Shanafelt, intern

- **“My mom. She is very kind, gentle, giving, and free-spirited.”**
  — Jenny Florip
  Fenton

- **“My grandpa, also known as the cart guy at VG’s. And my faith, I go to The Rock church.”**
  — Katelyn Wilkowski
  Fenton

- **“My mom when I see her do anything, I can always count on her and talk to her.”**
  — Taylor Hagerman
  Linden

- **“By setting my own goals and going after those, and trying to achieve those goals for my family.”**
  — Elvis Tudor
  Fenton

- **“Church, I go to The River Church and have for the past three years.”**
  — Rose Van Norman
  Fenton
ASSESSMENT

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Mark Shantz, a resident in the assessment district who circulated petitions, said, “There was a determination by many people, including myself, that felt ‘let’s do the roads the right way. Let’s do it once and move on with our lives.’ That’s been the theme.”

According to Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk for Fenton Township, of the 134 property owners, 110 voted either “yes” or “no.” He received 75 “yes” votes (56 percent), 35 “no” votes (25 percent) and 24 (18 percent) did not submit a preference.

Approximately 54 percent of the road frontage supported the project.

Trustee Vince Lorraine said even if all the “undecided” votes were a “no” vote, the “yes” votes still had the majority. Trustee Christine Reid said she appreciates the residents getting the votes again to make sure everyone’s voice was heard.

Treasurer John Tucker abstained from the discussion and vote because he lives in the assessment district.

Cost increases from $1,270 to $4,614.84

In the summer of 2018, the board approved an assessment district, which included Four Lakes Avenue, West Four Lakes Drive, Sadler Drive, Squaw Lake Drive and Isleview Drive. The projected cost was $200,007, which would have been $1,699.12 for each parcel in the district. It also would have cost $1,274.34 for parcels fronting Emerald Pointe and $424.78 for parcels fronting Crystal Cove Court. Both are adjacent streets.

However, the cost proposal wasn’t calculated correctly and residents went out for a new estimate. The cost jumped from $1,699 per parcel to $4,614.84 due to the project being more extensive and including Emerald Pointe and Crystal Cove Court.

Because it increased more than 10 percent, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees was required to have another public hearing, which it held on June 3. It lasted for longer than an hour, with residents speaking for and against it. Some residents wanted the entire road redone so it would last longer. Other residents wanted only the potholes fixed. The board asked the residents to recirculate petitions. The results were heard Monday, June 17.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

HEY, GO GET yourself some cats and relax, but you care for them. They are a dime a dozen.

WHAT? SOMEONE IS comparing men getting vasectomies, which prevents pregnancy to using abortion for birth control? I doubt anyone would object to women getting tubal ligation. Everyone has a choice. Choose life for that baby.

KINDA THINKING MADONNA ate just a little too much LSD in the past.

CULVERT

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culvert replacement was already on the 2019 project list and will not require a budget amendment.”

In mid April, the culvert under Ray Road, between Linden and Sharp roads, collapsed. Alexander Patsy, GCRC programming and development engineer, said this was due to rain.

“It effectively washed out, taking a lot of the road with it,” he said in a previous Times article.

The GCRC deemed the road unsafe and closed an approximate 6-foot stretch.
The longest day of the year

Compiled By Vera Hogan

Friday, June 21, marks the first day of summer

It is believed that solstices have been celebrated at Stonehenge, in southern England, for thousands of years. Photo: bbcnews.com

It is is the longest period of sunlight. On that day, the sun’s rays strike Earth at a more direct angle, causing the efficient warming called summer. Because the sun is highest in the sky on this day, a person’s shadow (at noon) is the shortest it will be all year.

For those who live in the Southern Hemisphere, this is the shortest day of the year and marks the arrival of winter.

Solstice fun facts

The solstice does not bring the earliest sunrise.

The earliest sunrises of the year occur about a week before the summer solstice. In 2019, the earliest sunrises of the year occurred locally on Thursday and Friday, June 13 and 14 (at 5:56:11 a.m.).

The reason for the timing of sunrises is related to the length of day — which is longer than 24 hours in June — and the inclination of the Earth’s rotational axis.

The latest sunrises of the year will occur after the solstice on Friday and Saturday, June 28 and 29, 2019 (at 5:59 a.m.).

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Solstice traditions

Many cultures, both ancient and modern, celebrate the sunlight with rituals and holidays.

Every year on the summer solstice, thousands of people travel to Wiltshire, England, to Stonehenge — a mysterious prehistoric monument.

In Sweden, people traditionally celebrated the beginning of summer eating the first strawberries of the season. They also celebrate, and still celebrate, a holiday known as Midsummer’s Day, which is one of the four ancient quarter days of the year.

Eating strawberries is considered the perfect way to celebrate the June solstice, since June’s full Moon is also known as the “Full Strawberry Moon.” It typically coincided with the ripening of strawberries in what is now the northeastern United States.

Stonehenge

For centuries, historians and archaeologists have puzzled over the many mysteries of Stonehenge, the prehistoric monument that took Neolithic builders an estimated 1,500 years to erect. Located in southern England, it is comprised of roughly 100 massive upright stones placed in a circular layout.

While many modern scholars now agree that Stonehenge was once a burial ground, they have yet to determine what other purposes it served and how a civilization without modern technology — or even the wheel — produced the mighty monument. Its construction is all the more baffling because, while the sandstone slabs of its outer ring hail from local quarries, scientists have traced the bluestones that make up its inner ring all the way to the Preseli Hills in Wales, some 200 miles from where Stonehenge sits on Salisbury Plain.

On the summer solstice, the sun rises behind the Heel Stone, the ancient entrance to the stone circle, and sunlight is channeled into the center of the monument. It is believed that solstices have been celebrated at Stonehenge for thousands of years.

Sources: English-heritage.org; almanac.com; history.com
Communication and court interpreters

In the 1967 prison movie “Cool Hand Luke,” there is a famous line by the prison captain played by Strother Martin directed to a prisoner played by Paul Newman, which goes, “What we got here is a failure to communicate.” This same line is repeated at the end by Mr. Newman to Mr. Martin.

I won’t spoil it for those who haven’t seen the movie but suffice it to say that at both points communicating was extremely important.

Putting the movie to one side, communication has always been important and when it comes to the law, it has long been recognized that effective communication is vital, especially in courtroom settings, when a person’s life and/or future can literally be at stake depending on the outcome of a hearing or trial.

The law requires that all parties should have the opportunity to participate in court. But what of situations where through no fault of their own, a person simply can’t participate because of a language barrier or a hearing disability?

The answer here is simple — there are laws and rules which require that they be given this opportunity and this is when court interpreters can enter the legal picture.

When there is a language barrier, Michigan has a court rule (M.C.R. 1.111) which provides that a judge is to appoint a properly qualified foreign language interpreter for a person who has “Limited English Proficiency” to allow them to meaningfully participate in the case or court proceeding either as a witness, a party, or a person who has a substantial interest in the matter.

As to a person with a hearing disability, there is the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and its 2008 amendments which require that qualified individuals be given full and equal access to the justice system.

Additionally, Michigan has both a 1982 statute called the Deaf Persons’ Interpreter Act and administrative rules, which require qualified sign language or other interpreters to be appointed for court proceedings for deaf or deaf-blind individuals.

The bottom line here is that for court proceedings there can never be “a failure to communicate.” I believe that we in the court system are doing our best to protect everyone’s right to have effective communication under the law.

Cockerham

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substance under 25 grams, he was sentenced to one to 15 years. On four charges of weapons-felony firearm he was sentenced to a minimum (and maximum) of two years on each, with credit for 35 days served.

Cockerham was sentenced as a habitual offender. He remains lodged in the Oakland County Jail.

The case against Cockerham stems from an Aug. 2, 2018 raid by the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office at Carter Country Homes, Inc., a group home located at 1288 Essay Ln.. The Cockerhams and other family members lived there, along with a few elderly clients receiving foster care.

Drugs and weapons were confiscated during the raid.

The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) had earlier that year suspended the license of the adult foster care home, which is located in a remote area just a quarter mile south of the Rose Township border in Highland Township.

Authorities discovered that the family was using the facility as a front for selling drugs.

Carter Country Homes owner Angela Cockerham was ordered to suspend operation and five elderly and disabled residents were transferred to other state-licensed facilities. According to LARA documents, the residents of the home included those who were physically disabled, mentally disabled, developmentally disabled, and/or those with Alzheimer’s. At least one was bed-ridden.

According to the LARA summary, the case started in January 2018 when deputies assigned to the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office Narcotics Enforcement Team received complaints of the sale of cocaine by Cockerham.

On Aug. 2, 2018 OC SO de puties executed a search warrant of the facility in the early morning hours, entered the facility through an unlocked front door, and located and secured the five adult foster care residents.

They also located and secured the Cockerhams in the second-floor unlocked bedroom. A loaded unsecured firearm was recovered from the nightstand closest to Russell Cockerham, a previously convicted felon.

During this search warrant, according to the LARA summary, facility residents approached OCSO deputies on the scene and informed them that Russell Cockerham frequently smoked marijuana in the facility and residents reported having trouble sleeping because of all the drug sales that occurred at the facility through out the night.

Russell Cockerham was arrested Aug. 2, 2018, and charged with multiple felony drug delivery and weapons charges. Angela Cockerham was charged with felony possession of cocaine. On Aug. 8, 2018, she turned herself in and was released on bond. Court records show no further information regarding her arrest or subsequent action. It also appears that an attempt by the court to make her forfeit her firearms was unsuccessful.

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New committee charged with restoration project

Will explore grant opportunities and more for one of Genesee County’s oldest buildings

By Hannah Ball

Linden — A committee of seven people will work on a plan to restore the old Linden Mill building.

At the Monday, June 10 meeting, the Linden City Council approved appointments for the Mill Building Advisory Committee lasting until June 2020.

One of the members, Mayor Danielle Cusson, said the purpose is to gather information and make recommendations to the council for what work should take priority, as well as pursuing grant options and fundraising opportunities.

“The mill building is a symbol of Linden. Mill building houses our public library, the Linden Museum as well as our council chambers. Many current and former residents want the mill building to be restored and preserved,” Cusson said.

Because it’s a nationally recognized historical building located next to the Shiawassee River, any work has to follow specific requirements.

“Therefore, any work done at the mill building must comply with historical guidelines as well as environmental restrictions,” Cusson said.

Recently, the city has had two professional assessments done on the building — one in 2016 by John Dziurman Architects, and another in 2017 by HRC, which prepared the facility evaluation report. Both reports are available at lindenmi.us. The city has completed some of the suggestions.

The advisory committee was formed in April and the members were approved June 10.

“In selecting members, we wanted representatives from council, the historical society, and historic district commission,” Cusson said.

The following people are on the committee: Danielle Cusson, mayor and council representative; Marguerite Plumb, historic district commission representative; Barbara Kincaid, curator of the Linden Mills Museum; John Hartman, architect; David Lossing, former Linden mayor; Peter Maas, president of the Linden Mills Historical Society; and Karen Breasbois, member of Shiawassee Mills Questers Chapter #420.

Kincaid said she is “pleased and honored” to be a charter member of the committee.

“The Linden Mills Museum has been housed in the mill building for more than 40 years. I feel it is most fitting and appropriate to be a part of this project,” she said.

The current mill building was built in 1871. Kincaid said, and over the years it has seen many maintenance and repair projects as needed.

“Many factors are involved with various providers. Funding must be obtained by way of grants and donations,” she said. “I look forward to offering input and suggestions in order to accomplish restoration of Linden’s Historic Mill building in the near future.”

History of Linden Mill building

The Linden Mill building is one of the oldest building in Genesee County.

Seth Sadler and Samuel W. Warren, who were local residents, built a saw and gristmill from 1845-1850, which operated with the earlier facility, according to michmarkers.com. This complex became known as the Linden Mill building.

The current structure is the third one, built in 1871 after the first two were destroyed by fires. According to a report by John Dziurman Architects, Ltd., the Linden Mill building operated as a gristmill until 1956. The machinery was dismantled and sold at auction that same year.

It was purchased by the village of Linden, which is now a city, that year to be used for municipal offices and a library. Approximately four years later, the municipal offices were moved to the current city hall on East Broad Street.

It was the first structure in Genesee County to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972.
Brad Stone Summer Classic keeps growing

Outing in memory of 12-year-old boy has raised more than $200,000 in 19 years

By Tim Jagielo
Fenton Twp. — The Brad Stone Summer Classic memorial hats are always orange, and a little frayed looking. This year, a large embroidered “61” graces the front. The tournament always also memorializes Brad’s hockey jersey number.

Brad’s mother and golf tournament co-organizer Sharon Stone has designed dozens of hats over the years for the golf scramble in memory of a similar one he received for Christmas in 1999. Every golfer receives one when they arrive.

To date, a total of $213,800 in college scholarships have been awarded to graduates of Lake Fenton High School and members of the Eastern Michigan Hockey Association.

This year’s tournament was held Saturday, June 15. This is the 15th year it has been held at Fenton Farms Golf Club.

That morning, an orderly pile of the latest hats sat beside the registration table and snapped by the enthusiastic golfers.

This tournament is run by family and friends, and had 141 golfers this year. Stone said they raised approximately $13,000 after expenses.

Despite the threatening weather, golfers enjoyed 18 holes of golf, food, a bar and prizes, with no rain.

Tournaments like these take several volunteers and many hours of work leading up to the big day. Watching the carts finally take off to golf, Stone said it feels “emotional, overwhelming, and wonderful.”

Brad Stone was 12 when he died from complications of an asthma attack in 2000, leaving his parents Sharon and Jeff Stone, and siblings Jake and Laura. The tournament in Brad’s honor has been going strong since then.

Pamela Powell of Detroit was the recipient of Brad Stone’s lungs in July of 2000. She attends the golf outing each year, and despite the time that has passed, said it’s still important for her, and she still appreciates her life being extended another 18 years.

She was fighting sarcoidosis, an inflammation of the lungs, and pulmonary hypertension, a high blood pressure condition that attacks the lungs and portions of the heart before receiving Brad’s lungs.

“You never get over the awesomeness of the gift of life,” she said. Her husband David expressed appreciation for the Stone family as well.

See BRAD STONE on 10

Pamela Powell of Detroit hugs tournament co-organizer Sharon Stone after golfing was underway on Saturday. Powell was the recipient of Brad Stone’s lungs after he died from an asthma attack in 2000. Photo: Tim Jagielo
Nancy E. Petruska dies at 89

By Vera Hogan

Nancy E. Petruska, whose name along with her husband’s, Edward H. Petruska, will be forever etched in Fenton Area Public Schools history, died on June 15 in Novi. She was 89 years old.

Her husband died on Feb. 21, 2009 at the age of 85.

Nancy graduated from St. Matthew High School (class of 1947) in Flint and received a bachelor degree from Western Michigan University before beginning a teaching career of 30-plus years, mainly at State Road Elementary School in Fenton. She and Edward were married for 54 years before his death in 2009.

Nancy and Ed lived in Fenton for 49 years. They were dedicated to education and in 2006 were honored when the “Edward and Nancy Petruska Lifetime Achievement Award in Education” was created by the Fenton Education Foundation.

This award was established via a gift from the Petruska family to the school foundation. The award recognizes the contribution that educators make to the community. The Petruskas were part of a generation that developed the standards of excellence that have been the hallmark of the Fenton Area Public Schools. They served the school and the community with humility, generosity and leadership.

For funeral arrangements see page 18. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Fenton Education Foundation at fentoneducationfoundation.org.

MARKET

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Located at 300 E. First St. in Flint, the market is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for food vendors, entertainment, kitchen demonstrations, events and more.

The Davison Farmers Market, at 8110 E. Court St., is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for a mix of indoor and outdoor vendors selling fresh produce, baked goods, meats and cheeses and crafts.
continuing patriotic culture with ice cream

flag day celebrated by 350 children reciting pledge of allegiance at uncle ray’s

by tim jagielo

fenton — flag day, friday, june 14, was celebrated by children with a microphone in their left hand, and their right hand over their hearts.

at uncle ray’s dairyland, 350 children aged 2 to 12 recited the pledge one by one on stage before a large crowd, usually filmed or photographed by their parents.

the crowd applauded when they finished and they were given a gift certificate for a free sundae and a round of mini golf.

the fenton vfw provided flags.

“we gave out about $3,000 worth of goodies,” said owner dave durant. “it’s well worth it. it’s great to see the young generation continue the patriotic culture, especially in today’s environment … we think it’s a great investment in the future.”

this is the third year of the event, hosted by the popular ice cream and miniature golf business. according to durant, it’s about their tradition of thinking outside of the box and also encouraging patriotism.

durant said there were three children who used american sign language (asl) to recite the pledge. some especially young and shy ones had help from siblings or parents. “all their execution was perfect,” he said.

the patriotic event started with appropriately patriotic music. members of the lake fenton marching band led by ryan gonder played a patriotic music set.

the event ran from 2 to 5 p.m. the afternoon closed with “proud to be an american” by lee greenwood played over the pa system.

“for us it’s very important that we continue the tradition of patriotism. we think we can change the world with one ice cream cone,” durant said.

the origin of the pledge

according to history.com, the original pledge was written by christian socialist minister francis bellamy. it read, “i pledge allegiance to my flag and the republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

the pledge was originally published in the magazine “youth’s companion” in 1892. the pledge was written for use in patriotic celebrations surrounding the 400th anniversary of christopher columbus’s arrival in the new world. the pledge began to gain popularity in schools across the u.s., with subtle tweaks implemented through the decades.

congress adopted the pledge in 1942, also adding that it should be recited with a hand over the heart, instead of outstretched toward the flag because it too closely resembled a nazi salute.

in 1954, the phrase “under god” was added to the pledge, according to smithsonian.org, after lobbying from religious groups and fraternal organizations. today, the pledge is: “i pledge allegiance to the flag of the united states of america, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under god, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

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By David Troppens

Fenton Twp. — Some faces have been around for nine years. About half of the athletes were there competing in their first triathlon of their careers.

But while the experience varied and the goals of the event did as well from athlete to athlete, it appeared the ninth-annual FirstTry/FastTry Triathlon held at Clover Beach and Linden County Park on Saturday was a success.

Almost 160 competitors competed in one of the two sprint marathons with roughly about half competing in the rookie race (the FirstTry) while the other half were veterans, competing in the FastTry event.

“I’ve done it in the past. I won the masters (division) last year,” said overall male winner Adrian Forbes. Forbes completed the race that includes a 300-yard swim in Byram Lake, an 11.3-mile bike ride and a two-mile run through Linden County Park in 49:16, about four minutes before any other competitor crossed the finish line. That second-place competitor was Demetrios Mersinas, who finished in 53:29.

The triathlon is considerably shorter than a traditional Olympic triathalon. That is purposely done so that competitors can give a triathlon a chance with out being intimidated by the distance covered during the swim, bike ride and run. It seems like it’s a winning formula, considering the event has been around for nine years.

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Photos: David Troppens

Athlete performances vary at FirstTry Triathlon

By David Troppens

There have been a lot of changes for Joey Spencer since Linden’s only professional boxer last took the ring, defeating Osias Vasquez by an unanimous decision on April 13.

Spencer has himself a new trainer. Helping out Spencer’s father is Josh Kosier, co-owner of Holly’s Ultimate Athlete Performance. With the additional trainer came a change in the way Spencer prepared for his upcoming six-round fight at Las Vegas’s Mandalay Bay Events Center on Sunday.

And finally, when Spencer takes the ring during the Fox Network’s Premier Boxing Champions event starting at 8 p.m., the 19-year-old will be facing his biggest challenge to date — 24-year-old prospect Akeem Black (5-2).

Spencer (7-0) feels good as he prepares for his next six-round bout.

“Everything at Ultimate Athlete Performance is in place,” he said.}

Holly girls tennis remains atop spring’s Elite Eight

By David Troppens

Over the last few years the Fenton athletic program has been the dominant one in the tri-county area.

And when the sports staff does its end-of-the-season or end-of-the-year polls of the top teams, it shouldn’t be shocking to see the Tigers’ teams dominate the lists.

The 2019 Tri-County Elite Eight Spring Sports Teams of the Year list isn’t an exception. Of the nine teams listed in the poll (we had a tie in ninth place), Fenton is involved with six of the squads.

The top four is going to have a huge Fenton theme, with three of the four squads coming from Tigerland.

Last edition we listed teams in the No. 8 to No. 5 positions. Today, the sports staff will list the top four squads.

No. 4 - Fenton girls track: The Fenton varsity girls track team is a tough one to rank on this list.

It’s hard to find an area squad that

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ELITE EIGHT
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was more dominant than the T’igers in their conference. Fenton swept through the dual portion of the season relatively easily, going 8-0. Then, when the T’igers competed at the league meet, Fenton took first, scoring 200 1/2 points, 64 1/2 points ahead of second-place Flushing. Fenton won seven of the 17 event titles at the league meet.

What keeps the T’igers from ranking higher is their postseason performance beyond the league meet. At the regional meet, the T’igers posted a respectable third with 59 points, but finished a distant third with 59 points, 38 points behind second-place Brighton.

To crack in the top three, the T’igers had to do slightly better. They finished 32nd at the state meet.

No. 3 - Fenton boys track: The Fenton boys were pretty dominant themselves during the Flint Metro League season, but weren’t quite as dominating as the Fenton girls. The Fenton boys also went 8-0 in league play, but “only” won the league meet with 157 points, 45 points ahead of second-place Swartz Creek. Fenton won eight event league titles.

At regionals, the T’igers took third, with 64 points, just 21 1/2 points out of first place, and also came home with four event regional championships.

Once at the state meet, the T’igers took 10th overall, earning two state runner-up finishes. Noah Sage took second in the 400 while the 800 relay team of Ethan Pyeatt, Sage, Ryan Miller and Brandon Miller also earned them a second.

No. 2 - Fenton girls soccer: Some day this team won’t be overlooked and underrated.

However, this wasn’t that season.

The Tigers are well respected in the Flint Metro League, defended their Flint Metro League title by posting an unbeaten 7-0-1 mark in league play. However, during the early portion of the non-league season, the Tigers didn’t turn many heads with strong wins. They played a lot of tough squads, but generally lost those games.

When the postseason came, they started winning them. The Tigers faced eighth-ranked Goodrich and fifth-ranked Notre Dame Prep in the district tourney, beating both en route to a district championship.

The regional didn’t get much easier as the T’igers had to face top-ranked DeWitt in the regional semifinal round. The Tigers made easy work of the Panthers, earning a 2-0 lead before leaving Atwood Stadium with a 2-1 victory.

The Tigers then had to face 11th-ranked Powers in the regional championship game. It may have been a case of too many quality squads consecutively, as Fenton lost to Powers 2-0. Still, the tourney run and the league title were more than enough to earn the Tigers the No. 2 spot in our poll.

No. 1 - Holly girls tennis: Last year’s No. 1 squad returns to lead our list in 2019. The Holly varsity girls tennis squad has always been a dominant team in the Metro, and one of the elite in the region, but over the last five or so years, the Bronchos have upped their game and become one of the elite D2 tennis programs in the entire state of Michigan.

The rest of the Metro League had no chance of beating Holly, even though every single foe faced the Bronchos on their own home courts. When the league tournament came, the Bronchos cruised to an easy league meet championship as well.

Holly’s dominance continued at the regional when the Bronchos earned a regional championship. Finally, the Bronchos made it five straight seasons of top-10 finishes at the state meet by taking eighth.

This was an easy selection. The Bronchos earned the top spot convincingly.
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“...the training style was a dramatic change for Spencer, but it seems to have him feeling strong entering Sunday’s eight professional bout of his career. “Josh and (director of Sports Performance) Kyle (McCarty) have brought a lot of needed balance to our training,” Jason Spencer said.
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Samuel Carnes, 11, hands out flags at the first Concert in the Park on Thursday, June 6 at Rackham Park in Fenton. Samuel is with the Prelude String Orchestra, which also handed out programs and collected donations while the Fenton Community Orchestra performed. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Patriotic Prelude String Orchestra

Trying to kick the habit?
The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is offering free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges through Sept. 30. The offer is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) “Tips from former smokers” campaign featuring real people who are living with the effects of smoking-related diseases and secondhand smoke exposure. Up to eight weeks of free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges are available to Michigan residents who call the Quitline at 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669). Enrollment is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. “CDC’s Tips campaign reminds people of the harmful effects of smoking and connects them with important resources like the Michigan Tobacco Quitline,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy director for health. “As a physician and public health professional, I know all too well the terrible toll of smoking. MDHHS is committed to helping Michiganders quit tobacco products and reduce their risk of tobacco-related illnesses like cancer and heart disease.” For more information, call 800-QUIT-NOW or visit Michigan.gov/tobacco.
For the week of June 17, 2019

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
Pull out all the emotional stops this week, Aries. Things seemingly tug at your heartstrings more so than in the past, and it’s okay to have a few tears develop during a sad movie.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, kick communication up a notch if you want to get things done. Write things out if you need a cheat sheet, then pull together all of the key players.

GEMINI
May 22/Jun 21
Money is a priority this week, Gemini. Have you reconciled your checking account lately? See where you are spending and saving.

CANCER
Jun 22/Jul 22
Don’t overthink things too much, Cancer. Try to go with the flow as much as possible. Situations with coworkers could take an unexpected turn. Be on the lookout.

LEO
Jul 23/Aug 23
You are in need of a break this week, Leo. However, there are many demands on your time and focus. Devote this weekend to self-care and R&R.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
The first half of the week lights up your friendships and long-term aspirations, Virgo. Try putting the two together so you can have more balance in your life.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, career stars are shining brightly for you and all eyes are on you. Use this opportunity to really showcase your talents. People with power may be watching.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, inspiration is in big supply this week, but be sure to watch out for those who might try to dissuade you. Keep plans on the down low if you have a great idea.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you might get a little off course in the next few days. But all it will take is a little correction to have your plans and goals line up once again.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
Relationships take center stage this week, Capricorn. You are getting pulled in many different directions, but you may love being busy and the energy that requires.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
Work and health take the helm this week, Aquarius. Are you running yourself ragged or not feeling 100 percent? It might be time to really focus on schedule adjustments.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
Good old fashioned fun is on the horizon, Pisces. Use the warm weather as an opportunity to go to a drive-in movie or attend a local carnival.
Charles D. Fogel
1933 - 2019
Charles D. Fogel - age 86, of Linden, died Saturday, June 15, 2019. Funeral services will be held 12 PM Thursday, June 20, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation will be held 6 PM - 8 PM Wednesday, June 19, 2019 and 11 AM until the time of service on Thursday. Burial will be 10:30 AM Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society. Charles was born October 20, 1933 in Flint, the son of Michael and Julia (Makranyi) Fogel. Mr. Fogel was a veteran of the US Marine Corps and retired from General Motors after 38 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Roberta; daughter, Janie Butterworth; grandsons, Michael Butterworth and Timothy Henderson; great-granddaughter, Lydia Henderson; sisters-in-law, Donna Robinson and Judy Leek-Relyea; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Michael and William; daughter, Lynn Henderson. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Maria Josephine Lanning
1937 - 2019
Maria Josephine Lanning - age 81, of Fenton, died Sunday, June 16, 2019. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Friday, June 21, 2019 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 6481 Faussett Rd., Howell with Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Interment will follow at St. Augustine Cemetery. Visitation will be held 2 PM - 8 PM Thursday, June 20, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton where a rosary will be prayed at 7 PM. Visitation will also be held from 10 AM - 11 AM Friday at the church. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to St. John Educational Foundation (www.fentoneducationfoundation.org). Maria was born July 29, 1937 in Poteet, TX, the daughter of Vincent and Josephine (Espinosa) Huizar. She was a 1956 graduate of Vassar High School. Maria retired as a bookkeeper at Bazley’s Market in 1994 after 18 years of service. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton. Maria was a regular at Loose Senior Center and never missed the Senior trips. She enjoyed Tiger’s baseball, golfing, bowling, playing cards and going to the casino. Surviving are: three daughters, Mary (Clayton) McCauley of St. Clair Shores, Jacqueline Zaiser of Grand Blanc, and Christina (Christopher) Neuville of Linden; ten grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 12 siblings, Christopher (Alice) Huizar, Rose Huizar, Joan Baravino, Jerry (Elizabeth) Huizar, Gary (Bonnie) Huizar, Dora (Steve) Fobe, Vincent (Candy) Huizar, Pete (Judy) Huizar, David Huizar, Beverly Huizar, Marcos Huizar, and Linda Huizar; brother-in-law, Adam Salinas; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by three husbands, John Jelsch on October 21, 1994, Theodore Hibbard on May 5, 2006 and Gerald Lanning on February 20, 2017; daughter, JoAnne Lamb; and two sisters, Anita “Ann” Wise and Delores Salinas. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Nancy Ellen Petruska
1930 - 2019
Nancy Ellen Petruska - age 89, of Novi, and formerly of Fenton, went home to be with God on Saturday, June 15, 2019. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Thursday, June 20, 2019 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton with Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Interment will follow at St. John Cemetery, Fenton. Visitation will be held 4 PM - 8 PM Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton where a rosary will be prayed at 7 PM. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Fenton Education Foundation (www.fentoneducationfoundation.org). Mrs. Petruska was born on February 19, 1930 in Flint, the daughter of Jeremiah and Vesta Dunn (nee Van Houton). She graduated from St. Matthew High School (class of ’47) in Flint and received a bachelor’s degree from Western Michigan University before beginning a teaching career of 30-plus years, mainly at State Road Elementary School in Fenton after the family moved there from Niles, MI in 1958. Mrs. Petruska met her future husband, Edward H., in Niles and they married on August 28, 1954, in Flint. They were married for 54 years before Edward died in 2009. Nancy and Ed lived in Fenton for 49 years. They were dedicated to education and in 2006 were honored when the “Edward and Nancy Petruska Life Time Achievement Award in Education” was created by the Fenton Education Foundation. Mrs. Petruska became a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth after she and her husband moved to Novi in 2006. Surviving are: four children, Edward J. Petruska of Casa Grande, AZ; Catherine and husband, Jeffrey Fox of Springboro, OH; Steven Petruska and wife, Jill of Goodrich; James Petruska and wife, Jodi of Northville; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. A brother, Michael, preceded her in death. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.
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