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2017 FHS homecoming king dies in Cheboygan County crash

■ Parker Dagenais, 20, was on his way back to college when wet roads turned to ice

By Vera Hogan

A 2017 graduate of Fenton High School, Parker Dagenais, 20, died in a traffic crash on I-75 in Cheboygan County late Sunday night, Oct. 13. He was on his way back to Lake

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Parker Dagenais

Grant for nearly \$1 million awarded for sewers, storm lines

■ Fenton City required to cover 10 percent for each dollar spent using the state grant

By Vera Hogan

Fenton City sewers and storm lines will be inspected and cleaned in the near future. On Monday, Oct. 14, Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Brisson presented information on the Stormwater, Asset Management, Wastewater (SAW) Grant Contract.

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Fenton's Brandon Miller leaps over some of his offensive linemen in the Tigers' 20-7 victory against Flushing during Fenton's homecoming game. Photo: Mark Bolen

'Broken' spring planting shatters fall harvest

■ Soy and corn farmers experiencing severe reduction in yields due to spring rain

By Tim Jagielo

The unprecedented spring rain dealt a blow against farmer's fall yields.

Overall, Michigan soybean harvesting is a third of what it usually is, according

to the Michigan State University Extension. This is due to the irregular growing season this year.

Mike Glass is headquartered in Shiawassee County, but has hundreds of acres including in Genesee County surrounding Horizon Lakes Airpark in Fenton Township. He rotates his crops

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Historical homecoming win for Fenton

■ Tigers to play in Metro title game this Friday

By David Troppens

Fenton's varsity football team made Friday's homecoming game against the Flushing Raiders one to remember.

By defeating the Raiders 20-7 in rainy conditions, the Tigers became the champions of the Metro League's Stripes Division, earning them a spot in Friday's first-ever Metro League Championship game against the Godrich Martians. See story on 10



“Isn't suing your homeowner's association like suing yourself?”

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“I'm really enjoying all of the outdoor scarecrow displays that the Linden busi-

nesses and organizations have creatively made. It's nice to have such a fun taste of fall in the town.”



“People, the entrance to Starbucks is right in, right out only. Go to the light.”



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GRANT AWARDED

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"The Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) awarded the city of Fenton a SAW Grant in the amount of up to \$993,686," Brisson said in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland. "The city's match is 10 percent for each dollar spent using the SAW Grant."

OHM, the city's engineering firm, prepared a project scope that includes inspection of approximately 78,000 feet of sanitary sewer and 64,000 feet of storm sewer as well as condition assessment for manhole structures, Brisson said.

Root cutting and mineral deposit removal in sanitary lines will be performed as needed.

Although Taplin of Kalamazoo came in with the lowest bid of \$339,053, the itemized pricing by Pipeline Management of Milford has been determined by OHM to yield lower risk of cost for the specific maintenance items that will be used for the project, Brisson said. Based on OHM's recommendations, city staff and OHM recommended Pipeline Management in the amount of \$344,600.

"The city will be reimbursed by the EGLE/SAW Grant for 90 percent of the costs associated with this contract," Brisson said.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

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Fenton DPW preparing for winter roads

■ Officials authorize spending \$104,295 for 1,500 tons of bulk road salt

By Vera Hogan

It's a sure sign that winter is coming. On Monday, Oct. 14, the Fenton City Council authorized the purchase of bulk road salt for winter operations at a cost per ton of \$69.53, with a 1,500-ton commitment for a total cost of \$104,295.

The salt will be purchased from Detroit Salt Company, which the Department of Public Works (DPW) has bought salt from in previous years. During the winter of 2018, the DPW purchased 864 tons of salt at a cost of \$64.89 per ton. "DPW staff researched bulk salt purchasing consortiums to ensure the price quote from Detroit Salt is competitive," said Dan Brisson, interim DPW director in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland. The current bulk salt contract for Genesee County road agencies is \$71.44 per ton with an out-of-state vendor, Brisson said.

"Delivery service is critical to our community as we have limited on-site storage capacity," he said. "Detroit Salt is the closest salt mine to Fenton and this is a key component that ensures reliable delivery service."



“Witches” brave the wind and rain.
Photo: Tim Jagielo

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — Festive shopping events keep giving downtown businesses a reason to stay open late.

Julie Green of Billmeier Camera enjoyed the second annual Witches Night Out held Friday, Oct. 11, even it was just to get dressed up.

She said more than 50 “witches” came through for their photo booth, though she added that Ladies Night out, held in November, is much busier.

This event was organized by Karen Piacentini of Fenton’s Open Book and Brenda Hasse. Piacentini said more than 300 shoppers participated, visiting the 29 businesses that stayed open until around 9 p.m.

NO BROOMS, just tote bags

■ 2019 Witches Night Out brings 325 visitors to downtown

These businesses ranged from restaurants to health food stores to antique stores that offered drinks and snacks.

A complementary tote bag was given at the AJ Phillips Museum.

“They are definitely good for business,” said The Laundry, CRUST and El Topo co-owner Mark Hamel. “Had the weather been better I’m sure the sidewalks would have been packed. Despite the weather it was still a good night for business.”

Green said the busiest time was from 6:30 to 8 p.m., after which traffic dropped off. The foot traffic might have been impacted by the Fenton High School homecoming parade, which was canceled due to weather. She added that these shopping events take time to grow — she remembers when the Ladies



A coven of “witches” hangs out in Dibbleville during Witches Night Out on Friday, Oct. 11. From left are Mehgan Rayner, Brenda Hasse, Karen Piacentini, Francine Johnston, Jennifer DeGuise and Nancy Day. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Night Out in Fenton was a much smaller event, which now dwarfs the Halloween-themed event.

Piacentini said they’re already working on new ideas for next year, such as providing photo opportunities — like a large

Jack-O-Lantern unique to each business or a dance area.

In an effort to raise funds for the Fenton Firefighter Charities, most businesses hosted a “fill the boot,” which was collected after the event. Results will be available soon.

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Sharin' the spotlight The marching band, it's like one big musical family

By Editor Sharon Stone

If you listen closely, you can sometimes hear the distant sound of drums early in the morning before the start of the school day or after school in the fall. That drum cadence is the beat to the area high school marching bands working on their half-time shows for the Friday night varsity football games.

I played the clarinet growing up and played for four years in my high school marching band. I can remember getting up extra early during football season so that we could practice half-time routines in the wet grass. Our band sold oranges and grapefruits one year so that we could pay for our weeklong trip to Florida. We marched in the parade at Disneyworld, in June, in black wool suits. It was hot, but so much fun.

Lake Fenton's music program has flourished under the direction of Ryan Gonder. I would say all of our local school districts have wonderful marching bands. There is so much talent in this area and I think it's great that so many students are active in music.

In addition to football half-time shows, and in-stands performances, bands practice for parades, concerts and competitions. Holly's high school band is traveling to Ireland next year to take part in the St. Patrick's Day parade. They're going to make memories to last a lifetime.

Gonder said Lake Fenton's marching

band has 165 members. That is more than one-quarter of the students at the high school. He said the band practices every day in class, has one week of band camp, sectionals prior to band camp in July and throughout August, and several evenings once school is in session.

Some bands incorporate their own light shows as well as the talented ColorGuard performances with members' flags and elaborate costumes. The music directors pick the half-time show and have a drill written for them. There's a combination of purchasing and arranging music selections.

Lake Fenton's band is heading to Chicago the weekend before Thanksgiving to perform in Chicago's Magnificent Mile Lights Festival Parade. I'm sure many par-

ents also will make the trek to experience the parade with their kids.

Gonder said interest in music continues to grow at Lake Fenton mostly because administrators value music education and they listen to the needs of the three music teachers in the district.

Being in a band is like being in a big family with new family members joining in each year. Gonder stays in touch with past members and tries to go see them perform beyond high school.

Learning a musical instrument, including one's voice, is a skill that can be used for the rest of that person's life, whether it be in an organized ensemble or for personal enjoyment.

As an appreciative spectator, three cheers to our musical entertainment.

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Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor

What shows are you binging/enjoying right now?



"There's some good ones on. I like the doctor one — 'The Good Doctor.' We watch sports. We like 'Bull,' we like 'Dancing with the Stars' and 'The View.'"

— **Peggy Johnson**
Linden



"I watch a lot of HGTV, 'Real Housewives.' I have little kids so I don't have time for a lot of TV."

— **Melissa Huff**
Linden



"'Survivor.' I've been watching it for years. It takes you way from the realities of now; no politics."

— **Jean Smith**
Fenton Township



"I don't get to watch my shows because I have a 4-year-old daughter. She likes her unicorn shows. When we do watch TV I don't get to pick."

— **Nick Sage**
Linden



"I've been enjoying 'This is Us.' I like how the characters evolve."

— **Jill Behrens**
Linden

street talk

Our Future

Meet

Kendall Susack

- Proud overcomer
- Loves rescuing animals
- Future veterinarian

By Vera Hogan

Kendall Susack, 14, is a freshman at Fenton High School who hopes to attend Michigan State University in the future and eventually become a veterinarian. Although the Times normally interviews juniors and seniors for "Our Future," Kendall is inspirational for having overcome an invisible disability (see sidebar).

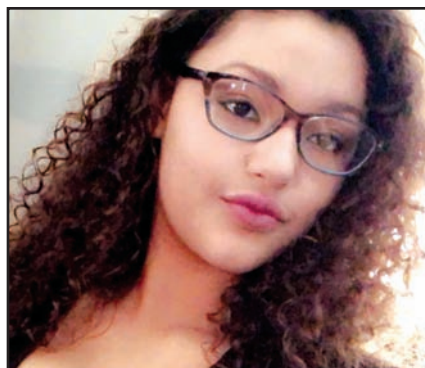
What accomplishment are you most proud of?

I am proud that I have been able to overcome my invisible disability and all the school I have missed and still been able to keep my grades in the A/B range. I am in 10th grade math and that was hard to get to as I missed 38 days my first semester of eighth grade.

Do you think it's harder to be a teen today than it used to be?

I think that it is the same but for different reasons. Our generation has phones that can video anything, we can take pictures and post them on social media no matter if they are good or bad. Social media and texting has taken the one on one with others. My mom has us put our phones down at dinner so we can talk. My mom has always said, "Thank God phones and social media weren't around when I was young." I believe because of phones and social media teens have to live up to the "standards" that are put out there. And it can also alienate you from others if just one person posts something and others follow it. **If you were given \$1,000 to donate what/who would you donate it to and why?**

I would donate the money to the Invisible Disability Association. They



are amazing they help make people aware that not all disabilities can be seen. This week is Invisible Disability Week and it helps to show you who may have one or what they are. Michigan has declared Oct. 13-19, 2019 as Invisible Disability Week.

What do you like to do for fun?

I love to spend time outside taking pictures or looking at all the different animals where I live. I love to rescue animals and get them well and if they go back to the wild, I release them. I love to do paintings — it's calming and I am pretty decent at it. I love to play with my baby brother. We have a lot of fun running around outside teaching him how to write and listening to BTS (BTS is also known as the Bangtan Boys, a seven-member South Korean boy band).

Do you know what a rotary phone is?

I actually do! I was going through pictures with my mom and in the kitchen where she grew up and they had a red one. I laughed and asked her how do you use that and she told me, I asked how long did it take to dial? When we went on a school trip to the Henry Ford Museum they had one there and she made me dial her old phone number that took about a minute to get it done. I am glad we don't have them but they are really cool and retro looking

What is the best thing about your family?

Everything! We are crazy, loud, fun and very close. We have the best relaxed holidays and several traditions that people think are weird, but we love them. I see my grandma at least once a week if not more. We love each other for who we are and we always try to lift each other up no matter what.

What is an invisible disability?

According to disabled-world.com, an invisible disability, or hidden disability, is an umbrella term that captures a whole spectrum of hidden disabilities or challenges that are primarily neurological in nature.

Invisible disability, or hidden disability, are defined as disabilities that are not immediately apparent. Some people with visual or auditory disabilities, who do not wear glasses or hearing aids, or discreet hearing aids, may not be obviously disabled. Some people who

have vision loss may wear contacts. A sitting disability is another category of invisible impairments; sitting problems are usually caused by chronic back pain. Those with joint problems or chronic pain may not use mobility aids on some days, or at all. Although the disability creates a challenge for the person who has it, the reality of the disability can be difficult for others to recognize or acknowledge. Others may not understand the cause of the problem if they cannot see evidence of it in a visible way.



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HARVEST

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and would have planted corn or soy this spring. Instead, the fields sat unused.

He said due to the spring rain, he was only able to plant 45 percent of what he usually does in corn and soy. Of that, he said 40 percent has been harvested as viable goods.

"We just started harvesting, we're gonna have to stop because there's a lot of beans that aren't dried out," he said, describing the spring planting schedule as "broken." The recent fall rains slowed the harvesting process, which must be done before the frost hits.

He was only able to plant 30 percent of the corn he usually does.

Soy and corn must both reach maturity and be harvested before frost. So far, Michigan is behind 2018 numbers with corn reaching maturity, according to the

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) with the United States Department of Agriculture.

By Oct. 6, 2018, 76 percent of Michigan corn had reached maturity. As of Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019, 31 percent of planted corn had reached maturity.

A sign of soybeans maturing is when they drop their leaves, reaching the "R7" stage of development. Michigan soy is behind at this stage as well. Of the soy beans planted, 69 percent have reached this stage of development. In 2018, 88 percent were in this stage.

Because the fields were planted irregularly when they could find a dry space between spring rainstorms, soy is also maturing at different rates. Glass said

“Not only did we struggle with (rain) in the spring, we struggle with it now. It gets kind of frustrating, to say the least.”

Mike Glass

Corn and soybean farmer

that he's harvesting what was planted right before the spring rains.

Once he harvests some soy, he has to wait for the next group to mature.

Philip Kaatz is the Michigan State University Extension point of contact for farmers in several counties including Genesee and Livingston on field crops. He said the spring weather has affected crops, especially in those counties along the I-69 corridor, which he said had the highest amount of unplanted crops in Michigan. Other Great Lakes States had similar issues.

He said in his 36-year career, it's the worst spring he's seen.

Pat Starrs of Starrs Farms in Fenton Township said his yield will be about 60 percent of normal.

He grew pumpkins, squash and fall sweet corn. "When you push a crop back in Michigan, the days get shorter and crops get shorter, also," he said. "If it matures at

all it will be lucky for a lot of places."

He said farmers always find a way to survive until next year and hope for a better season ahead.

Glass said he's carried crop insurance for 12 years and this is the first time he's used it. It doesn't completely cover his substantial losses, but it helps. Like any farmer, he uses strategy to pivot and maximize the land. He would normally be planting corn at the airport property, but because of the rain, he's planted winter wheat that can go dormant through the frost and harvest in July.

Dwight Eichelberg with Eichelberg Farms said he's just finished selling sweet corn, and despite the rainy season, his sales were okay.



On a rare day without rain, farmer Jacob Glass plants soybeans in a Gaines Township field Wednesday, June 19 at Cook and Nichols roads. Only a percentage of this crop could be harvested.

Times file photo



Mark McCabe
67th District Court
Ask the
judge

AN UPDATE ON THE MICHIGAN REGULATION AND TAXATION OF MARIHUANA ACT

On Nov. 6, 2018, Michigan became the 10th state in the nation to legalize the recreational use of marijuana by adults (21 and older) with the passage of Proposal 1 — The Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA).

Specifically MRTMA provides for adults to be able to possess, use, and cultivate marijuana and for taxed commercial sales by state licensed retailers. It also provides for the creation of a regulatory framework for the commercial provisions of the Act.

At the time it was passed, I wrote a column about the law and today I will provide a brief update.

The part of MRTMA allowing individual marijuana possession and cultivation has gone into effect. As to commercial growing, sales, and taxation, it's still a work in progress but getting close to being finalized.

Toward this end, an entity called the Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA) has been given the responsibility for drafting rules to implement the rest of the statute and then to administer it.

This is a mammoth undertaking and for the past year, the MRA has been very busy.

MRA now has its rules in place as to how the commercial aspects of MRTMA are to be implemented including licensing. MRA also has published an instruction booklet for those who wish to apply for licenses for what are called "Adult Use Establishments."

There are licenses for growers, designated consumption establishments (a place to use marijuana), marijuana event organizers, marijuana micro businesses, processors, retailers, safety compliance facilities (warehouses), and secure transporters.

As one can see, these licenses cover a broad spectrum of commercial marijuana operations.

Applications for these licenses will be accepted starting Nov. 1.

Under MRTMA, local communities can opt out of allowing Adult Use Establishments, and as of Oct. 11, there are 994 Michigan governmental units which have done just that with 24 in Genesee County.

It is anticipated that actual retail sales will commence sometime in 2020, and there will be a 10-percent excise tax and a 6-percent sales tax imposed by using the state's special computer program called the Marijuana Enforcement Tracking and Compliance System, which monitors inventory and sales.

There are many additional details, which I haven't mentioned here. For more information, MRA has a website at mich.gov/lara.

FHS homecoming parade canceled

■ Weather nixes parade which would have commemorated 50th year for high school building

By Tim Jagielo

While Fenton beat Flushing in its homecoming football game, the parade was canceled due to weather, possibly for the first time in the modern era, according to Superintendent Adam Hartley.

The public was notified Friday, 75 minutes before the parade was set to start. Hartley said 20 floats and 200 participants were set to walk or ride in the parade. It was canceled with hopefully enough time for participants to change their plans.

Hartley said the decision was made by the parade committee. This includes high school administration, teachers and the athletic department.

"We rely on radar and local weather reports when it comes to making a decision to cancel an event that may place our students and families in any kind of danger," Hartley said. "Careful attention was paid to the window of time for the parade set-up, and the time of the actual parade."

They made the decision at 3:45 p.m. "The weather radar indicated rain and storms would materialize between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m., and threaten the safety of parade participants and attendees," Hartley said. "It was hoped that canceling at 3:45 p.m. would give parade participants enough time to adjust their plans and not report for the parade line-up beginning at 4:30 p.m."

Participants included sports teams from the high school and middle school, floats for each high school grade level along with elementary buildings and the homecoming court.

The 2019 parade was unique in that it was set to help celebrate the 50-year anniversary of the opening of the current Fenton High School. Ann Barker of Fenton was planning on participating by riding the 50th anniversary float as a former homecoming queen. "Yes I was disappointed it was canceled, but I felt bad for the high school students, floats, queen's court and the band that missed out," she said.

The afternoon brought a fair amount of rain, but the situation seemed to clear by 4:30 p.m.

Fenton's homecoming was the last of the area school districts this year.

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Hunters urged to put safety first



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■ Especially when hunting from a tree stand

Compiled by Vera Hogan

Hunting requires meticulous preparation and a commitment to safety, but as Michigan's bow season enters its second full week, it's a good time to consider extra precautions when hunting from a tree stand, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The Tree Stand Safety Awareness

Foundation, a nonprofit focused on safety education and mindfulness, collected accident information from 12 states. Although Michigan wasn't a participating state, the data provides a good starting point for conversation.

When it comes to tree-stand incidents, the foundation found that:

- The average fall victim's age was 47.
- Lock-on and climbing stands were the most common types involved.
- The majority of people who fell did not

use a harness.

- Most falls occurred when people hunted with traditional firearms or bows, followed by muzzleloaders and crossbows.
 - Most people fell because they slipped or lost their grip or balance.
- "The DNR is in full support of the foundation's effort to boost tree-stand safety," said Lt. Tom Wanless, the hunter education administrator for the state of Michigan. "The more information hunters have, the safer they can be."

Wanless shared a few tips:

Use your hands and feet to maintain three points of contact when ascending or descending a tree stand.

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When lifting a crossbow or firearm (unloaded, safety on) into a tree stand, use a secure pull system, such as a rope.

Never attach anything to a trigger or trigger guard.

The DNR teaches tree-stand safety, safe firearm handling, first-aid and other important life skills as part of its hunter education program. Read more hunting safety tips or find a hunter safety education course near you at Michigan.gov/HuntingSafety.

NEWS

BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Greater Flint community mourns William S. White

One of the longest-serving leaders of a major philanthropy in the United States, William S. White died Oct. 9 at age 82. Just two days earlier, he delivered an impassioned speech as his career was celebrated by the Council of Michigan Foundations at that organization's annual conference. In 1961, White married Claire Mott, a granddaughter of industrialist Charles Stewart Mott, who created the Foundation that bears his name. Eight years later, White's father-in-law, C.S. Harding Mott, hired him as a consultant. In that role, White subsequently helped to reorganize and modernize the Foundation's administrative, financial and grant-making procedures. His success in those efforts led to White being named vice president and secretary of the Foundation in 1971 and elected to its board of trustees. Over the coming years, he would be elected to the positions of president, chief administrative officer, CEO and the role he served until his last day, chairman of Mott's Board of Trustees.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

SO NOW I wonder where some of my neighbors in Rose Township who don't have weekly trash pickup are getting rid of their trash — they probably take it to the recycle bin.

WE FOLLOW THE American way and abandon another ally; first the South Vietnamese and then the Kurds. That's what happens with civilian control of the military.

GM CURRENTLY PAYS 97 percent of a UAW employee's health insurance. In this day, only paying 3 percent into employee health insurance is unheard of (average is 15 percent). But the UAW strikers against GM feel they need more? They are all greedy and will bankrupt a company and this entire region.

HATE IS NOT a mental illness, according to the Diagnostic Manual. So when someone says all mass shooters are mentally ill, you need to ask if they were really mentally ill or just a hate-filled person.

ROBERT KRUG, FENTON Township Clerk, promoted a 'free dog park.' I wonder what fund is paying for maintenance. I sure hope this 'free dog park' is not coming out of my tax dollars

CONSEQUENCES OF ABANDONING allies. Witness Afghanistan and how long the United States was there after the Soviets left. We also left Afghanistan.

COULD YOU PEOPLE who keep claiming that baby boomers have destroyed the economy please give some examples of just how this was done? Get your heads out of your cellphones and grasp some reality. It just so happens that this baby boomer president has this economy booming, pun intended.

ONE OF THE last times I went through a regular line at a big box store, the cashier rang me up for three watermelons and 11 avocados, when I was in fact buying zero watermelons and one avocado. Give me the self-scanners any day — quick, fast and easy.

FREE HONG KONG and send the NBA to China.

CRASH

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Superior State University where he was a junior.

According to the Petoskey News, early season wintry weather contributed to multiple traffic crashes on Interstate 75 in Cheboygan County with one of them involving a fatality.

In a news release issued Monday, Cheboygan County Sheriff Dale Clarmont said his department handled several traffic crashes that evening.

"During the course of a couple of hours the weather changed from rain to sleet to freezing rain which caused I-75 to ice up," Clarmont said in the release, resulting in four crashes, one of which claimed the life of Dagenais.

Clarmont said at 9:18 p.m. deputies from his department were dispatched to a vehicle in the ditch, rolled over at mile marker 317. The report indicated that a passerby stopped to help, pulling off the roadway to assist when another northbound vehicle lost control, slid sideways into the parked vehicle then entered the ditch area, rolling over.

The vehicle was a 2007 Buick Lucerne driven by Dagenais, who died as a result of injuries sustained in the collision. Alcohol was not a factor and Dagenais was wearing

his seatbelt.

"This is an unfortunate and tragic accident and our hearts go out to the family," Clarmont said in the release.

According to his obituary, Parker is the son of Paul and Susan Dagenais of Fenton. He was a 2017 graduate of Fenton High School, where he was honored as the 2016-2017 homecoming king. At Lake Superior State University (LSSU), he studied Sports Management. Parker also was the student assistant coach for the LSSU women's basketball team.

"If Parker didn't have a ball in his hands, he had a game on the TV — and sometimes both," according to his obituary. "He loved basketball, soccer, golf, and anything else that involves competition. He was an avid University of Michigan fan his entire life. His newfound love was Lake State #BelieveInBlue."

Surviving Parker are his parents, siblings, Jordan and Madison Dagenais of Iron Mountain and Ypsilanti, respectively; grandparents, Ray and Diane Dagenais of Fenton; many loving extended family members; and his faithful four-legged friend, Woody.

He was preceded in death by his sister Erin Jordan Dagenais, who died of a congenital disease at the age of 22 on Jan.

5, 2016, brother Connor Mathew Dagenais, and grandparents Larry and Patricia Jordan.

Laura Lemke, assistant principal at Fenton High School said the school learned of his death Monday. In addition to being named homecoming king, she said, "Parker also was connected to the basketball team because he was student manager. I know he also played AYSO soccer. His mother, Susan, works a few

days per week in the FHS kitchen.

"Such misfortune for a parent to have two children pass on so close together," Lemke said.

Parker's father, Paul Dagenais announced the loss of their son on Facebook and shared this sentiment: "He was loved by all who knew him. What an incredible person, love you to the moon!"

For more information and funeral details, see Parker's obituary in this edition.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

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Zombie Walk postponed

Due to the weather, Linden's Zombie Walk, renamed Zombies, Scarecrows and Monsters, has been postponed to Saturday, Oct. 26. It was originally scheduled for Friday, Oct. 11, but the event was rained out. The zombies and other monsters will line up outside Linden's Fairview Cemetery at 6 p.m. and depart down Tickner Street at 6:30 p.m. The route ends at Eagle's Wooden Park. Attendees



can also enter to win a scarecrow contest. Linden Dance Academy will perform the classic Michael Jackson dance "Thriller" after the parade. The studio will host free dance clinics at 15188 Linden Rd. on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 11 a.m. to noon and Sunday, Oct. 30, from 11 a.m. to noon.



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Fenton's Aidan Brzezinski (left) and Michael Crane run in a recent race.

Photo: David Troppens

Area cross country squads compete at O'Mara Invitational

By David Troppens

Fenton and Linden had their rivalry battle spread into the Kayla O'Mara Invitational on Saturday.

In both varsity races, Fenton finished second followed by Linden in third.

In the girls race, Fenton came mighty close to winning the meet, being edged by Flushing by a point 67-68. Linden had 115 points. Fenton scored 91 points in the boys' race while Linden scored 105 points. Holly took seventh (173).

Fenton's Alexa Keiser was the only runner to finish the women's race in less than 19 minutes, finishing in 18:34.25. Holly's Andrea Ruiz placed second (19:19.37), while Fenton's Emily Grob (seventh in 20:09.19) and

See **INVITATIONAL** on 12

Fenton tennis headed to D2 state meet, takes second at regionals

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity boys tennis team is elevating its status at the state level.

The Tigers earned their first D2 state trip since 2016 after taking second in a very tight regional competition.

Six of the eight teams had a flight winner with the regional champion

Flushing Raiders winning just one. Flushing did have four flights in the finals and won with 13 points. The Tigers collected two flight champions while taking second place. Holly had two flight champs and tied third with Farmington Hills Northern with nine team points.

What thrilled Fenton varsity boys tennis coach Gary Ballard as much was the competition the Tigers were able to beat to qualify for the state meet.

"We are competing against Detroit schools now," Ballard said.

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Sports



Tigers earn spot in first-ever Metro title game

By David Troppens

Fenton — A decent amount of history was made at Fenton High School during homecoming Friday night.

First off, the Tigers (6-1) made some history when they earned a spot in the first-ever cross-over Metro League championship game by defeating the co-defending Metro League champion Flushing Raiders 20-7 during a fairly rainy night.

The second piece of history was made by Fenton kicker Braden Moore when he converted a 50-yard field goal during the third quarter, giving the Fenton Tigers a 10-0 lead. His kick bested the old record earned by Chris Wolfert 33 years earlier when he hit a 47-yard field goal.

Finally, the Tigers also became the first-ever Metro League Stripes Division champion, earning them the spot in the Metro League championship game between the Goodrich Martians at Goodrich High School on Friday. Goodrich finished a perfect 5-0 in its

division just as Fenton did.

"It means a lot," Moore said about the Tigers earning a spot in the title game. "Hopefully when we go to Goodrich we will go out there and become the first Metro champs (in the league's new format)."

"I've never done anything like this," Jaden Laines said. "The Big Ten does something like this and I think it's really special that we get to be able to do this. It's the first time ever in the Metro League so I'm excited."

The Tigers were pretty excited about quite a few aspects of their play. Moore had to be near the top of that list.



Fenton's defense dominated during the Tigers' 20-7 victory against Flushing on Friday. Photo: David Troppens

Moore converted a 26-yard field goal with 4:25 left in the first quarter, giving the Tigers the lead for good.

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Eagles' defense struggles vs. Kearsley Hornets in 44-26 loss

By David Troppens

For the second straight season, the Linden varsity football team will be missing the state playoffs.

The Eagles (2-5) led early, but lost a 44-26 verdict to the Kearsley Hornets on Friday.

Kearsley collected 589 yards total offense and scored 30 unanswered points (all on Braylon Silvas's TD runs) between the second half of the second quarter and the early portion of the third quarter.

Linden led 13-8 after a Colby Kohmescher 22-yard TD pass to Brenden Miller before the run began. By the time Silvas scored his fourth TD on a 48-yard run, the Eagles trailed 38-13.



Linden's Gavin Wildeman runs downfield during a recent game. Linden lost to Kearsley, 44-26. Photo: Brian Hoag

Kohmescher opened the scoring for Linden with a three-yard TD run in the first quarter. After Carson Kelley's extra-point kick, the Eagles led 7-0.

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Bronchos earn second win, crush Swartz Creek

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity football team had lost five games in a row and scored just 26 points in its six contests entering Friday night's seventh week game against Swartz Creek.

The Bronchos turned that trend around against the Dragons, earning a dominating 37-7 victory Friday night at Swartz Creek High School.

"The win is huge," Holly varsity football coach Dallas Lesperance said. "The guys are starting to believe in what we are doing. This was great for the guys. They worked hard and I'm proud of them."

The Bronchos scored two first-quarter TDs and took control of the game quickly. Logan Spencer scored the first one on a 12-yard run. Ben Gramer made the first of his five extra-points, giving the Bronchos a 7-0 lead. The second one came on Kolten



Holly's Christian Sells runs downfield in a recent contest. The Bronchos defeated Swartz Creek 37-7. Photo: Mark Bolen

Steele's eight-yard TD run. Holly led 14-0.

Steele had a big game, scoring three TDs. His second one

came on a two-yard run, making it a 21-0 Holly lead. In the third quarter, Ryan Morgan See **BRONCHOS** on 12

Blue Devils 'frustrated' after 40-8 loss

By David Troppens

After Friday's 40-8 loss to Brandon, Lake Fenton varsity football coach Marty Borski didn't have much to say. In fact, he couldn't think of anything to say.

"We are frustrated as players and coaches," Borski said. "I'll be honest. For the first time ever I didn't have an immediate answer what could be the issue. I didn't have anything to say. I have to go through the film, re-evaluate this and start fresh on Sunday. It's not like we are outclassed or anything like that. We are just making silly mistakes for this point of the season and it's not just the young guys, it's also the seniors, and we are making mistakes I wouldn't ever think we'd make in a million years."

"It seems we have a different breakdown at key spots. If there are



Lake Fenton's defense prepares for a play during a recent game. Photo: Christopher Summers

80 plays, we play 75 of them dead even, but it's a breakdown on a key third down on either side of the ball."

Lake Fenton trailed 40-0 before scoring their only TD late in the game.

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Tigers break school record at MISCA meet

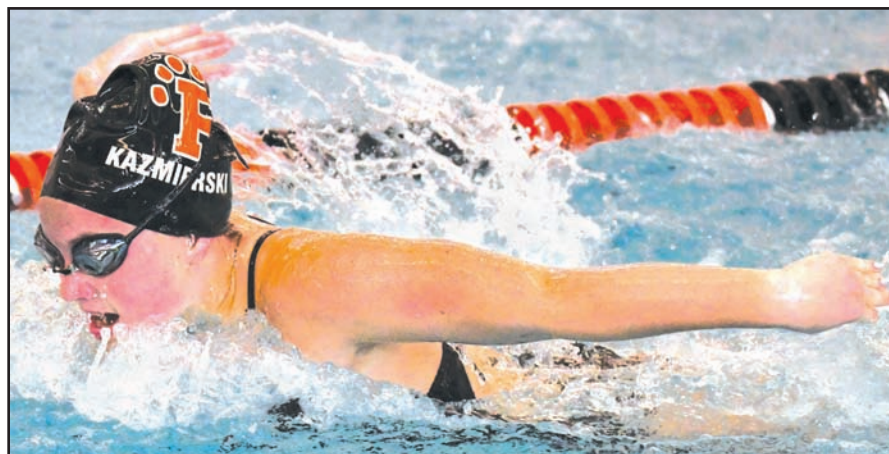
By David Troppens

Another school record went down for the Fenton varsity swim team last weekend.

The Tigers competed at the MISCA meet on Saturday and had its 200 medley relay team break a school record. The team of Gracie Olsen, Abigail Dolliver, Halee Alexander and Lillie Kromer posted a fifth-place time of 1:51.00, a time nearly six seconds below the state-qualifying time. It also was the second-lowest time posted by any Division 2 school.

"We swam pretty well," Fenton varsity girls swim coach Brad Jones said. "We set the school record in the 200 medley relay to start the day. The record was broke last year at the state meet by two of the current members — Olsen and Dolliver. Halee Alexander, at fly, and Lillie Kromer, at free, joined the relay this year."

Olsen also had a big day individually. She took second in two events, posting the best time in Division 2 action in both events. She took second in the 200 freestyle (1:52.49) and in the



Fenton's Madeline Kazmierski was one of 11 Fenton athletes who competed in an individual event at the MISCA meet. Photo: Christopher Summers

500 freestyle (5:04.06).

The Tigers had three other state-qualifying times. The 400 freestyle relay team, who already have qualified for the meet, posted a time of 3:40.11 with the team of Olsen, Kromer, Delaney Fries and Sophie Stefanac. Dolliver competed in the 100 breaststroke, taking 15th with a time of 1:09.60 while Kromer took 20th in the 100 freestyle (55.29).

Plenty of other Fenton swimmers competed in individual events. In fact, 11 athletes competed in 19 events. The Tigers had four swimmers in the 100 butterfly, led by Halee Alexander's 40th-place time of 1:02.80. The others were Abby Carrigan in 52nd (1:04.31), Madeline Kazmierski in 53rd (1:04.35) and Rose Haney in 56th (1:05.21).

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Linden's River Meckstroth (center) has been one of the Eagles' top runners this fall. Photo: David Troppens

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Taylor Huntoon (10th in 20:44.56) earned top-10 finishes. The rest of Fenton's top five runners were Kaitlin Bayer in 15th (20:49.18) and Jessica Adams in 34th (21:27.64).

The Linden women were paced by Melanea Strauss who finished 18th overall in 20:54.75. The rest of the Eagles top five runners were Kathryn Walterhouse in 22nd (21:03), Zoe Brown in 27th (21:14.55) and Alexcis Parker in 28th (21:15.63).

On the boys' side Linden's Tyler Buchanan was the only runner to finish with a time less than 16 minutes with a time of 15:55.61. He beat the entire field by about 38 seconds. After that, the rest of Linden's scoring five were River Meckstroth in ninth (16:54.60), Kyle Eberhard in 12th (17:01.14), Liam Sack in 42nd (17:51.20) and Simon Dicks in 43rd (17:51.78).

Fenton's boys were led by Adam Jesse who took eighth (16:53.27) while teammate Logan Canada took 10th (16:58.86). The rest of Fenton's top five runners were Samuel Cox in 17th (17:09.54), Micah Dekraker in 27th (17:29.94) and Josh Maier in 29th (17:39.46).

Holly's boys had 13 runners record personal-best times. The Broncos were led by Gabe Sanchez in 18th (17:10.29).

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BRONCHOS

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completed a pass to Christian Sells, setting up Steele's two-yard TD run.

The Broncos' biggest TD run was provided by Jacob Hild when he scored on a 30-yard scamper. Holly led 35-7 at that time. Finally, Holly scored two more points with a safety.

"The guys who are here believe in what we are doing," Lesperance said. "A perfect example came during the game. It was getting sloppy with a lot of penalties but the kids said they were going to play it our way and keep it clean. ... That's what we teach."

The contest was clearly Holly's best on offense. The Broncos scored more points against the Dragons than they had the first six weeks combined.

"We've struggled with some things with our execution," Lesperance said.

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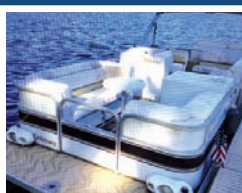
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1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
2. Clerk Krug led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Appointed Clerk Krug as temporary chairman.
4. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$516,286.05.
5. After conducted a public hearing on same, adopted Resolution No. 2019-21, creating the Silver Ridge Street Improvement Special Assessment District.
6. Received the 2nd quarter report from Fire Chief Ryan Volz.
7. Conducted the first reading of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to rezone part of parcel 06-22-528-007, (14214 Eastview Drive) from R-MH to R-5.
8. Approved motions to allow Trustee Lorraine and Trustee Reid to abstain from voting on all actions, in this and future meetings, relating to a proposed lake improvement special assessment district for Lake Fenton due to a conflict of interest.
9. Adopted Resolution No. 2019-22, scheduling a public hearing on the creation of a new lake improvement special assessment district for Lake Fenton.
10. Adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 5, 2019 Special Election has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 2:00 PM at the Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan.

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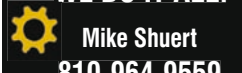


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- 34 Steer
- 35 Maiden
- 37 Needlefish
- 38 Bat a gnat
- 39 Praise in verse
- 41 Young horse
- 45 Good, in Guadalajara
- 47 To and —
- 48 Sinner's fate
- 52 Vat
- 53 Hunter in the sky
- 54 Prime meridian hrs.
- 55 Recede
- 56 Madrid mother

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- 57 Ultramodernist
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- 3 Busybody
- 4 Root beer brand
- 5 Gave a talk
- 6 Macho type
- 7 Otherwise
- 8 Fond du —
- 9 Work with
- 10 Lair
- 11 Preceding
- 17 On in years
- 21 Specter
- 23 Blue cartoon character
- 24 Japanese pond carp
- 25 Conclude
- 26 Teensy
- 28 Multipurpose truck
- 30 Khan title
- 31 Egos' counterparts
- 32 Margery of rhyme
- 33 "— Little Teapot"
- 36 LummoX
- 37 Human — Project
- 40 Condescend
- 42 Frequently
- 43 Caribbean resort island
- 44 Theater vestibule
- 45 Poison
- 46 Aware of
- 48 Comical DeLuise
- 49 Coach Parseghian
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- 51 Neither mate

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Horoscopes
For the week of Oct. 14, 2019

ARIES Mar 21/Apr 20
Sometimes you have to make others work to earn your affection, Aries. You can't make it easy for everyone, and that's fine. Set your own criteria for friendships.

TAURUS Apr 21/May 21
After several meaningful conversations with a confidante, your mind may be changed on an important topic. Embrace this newfound perspective.

GEMINI May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, even though you have been trying your hardest regarding a specific situation, you may have to take a new approach. You tried your best so don't let things get you down.

CANCER Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you often like to have all of your ducks in a row, but this week you may need to throw caution to the wind. People may be surprised at your spontaneity.

LEO Jul 23/Aug 23
Listen carefully to what others are saying, Leo. You have to find the meaning between the words; otherwise, you can't get the bigger picture others are seeing.

VIRGO Aug 24/Sept 22
Let a few laughs out this week if the pressure builds, Virgo. You have been pushing yourself, and it's easy for stress to build up. Laughter is the best medicine for this.

LIBRA Sept 23/Oct 23
A celebration could be in your near future, Libra. You do not know the reason for the excitement just yet, but the details will slowly emerge. Enjoy the ride!

SCORPIO Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you have some insider information that could get you into usually locked doors or special meetings. Use this to your advantage to get ahead this week.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, if you run into a spot of trouble, you can always use your charm to get out of it. You have a way with words, and it usually helps in a pinch.

CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20
You may choose to be understated in your approach to a relationship, Capricorn. However, those closest to you understand that bigger emotions are brewing beneath the surface.

AQUARIUS Jan 21/Feb 18
A few deep breaths and a mantra that "everything will be okay" can help you sail through some pressures at work this week, Aquarius. The dust will soon settle.

PISCES Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, if the right answers do not come to you promptly, then you may not be looking in the right places. Ponder the situation a bit longer.

Obituaries

Times

Parker Andrew Dagenais

1999-2019
Parker Andrew Dagenais - age 20, died Sunday, October 13, 2019 due to a fatal car crash at mile marker 317 in Topinabee, MI. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 AM on Friday, October 18, 2019 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Fenton. Fr. David Harvey celebrant, burial in St. John Catholic Cemetery, Fenton, next to his beloved sister Erin. Visitation will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2019, from 1-9 PM at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Visitation will also be held on Friday, October 18, 2019, from 10:30 AM until the time of the Mass at the church. Those desiring may make contributions to the Lake Superior State University Laker Club, which helps support young athletes like Parker. Parker was born on June 16, 1999 in Grand Blanc, the son of Paul and Susan (Jordan) Dagenais. He was a 2017 graduate of Fenton High School, where he was honored as the 2016-2017 Homecoming King. Parker was a junior at Lake Superior State University, where he studied Sports Management. He was also the student assistant coach for the LSSU women's basketball team. A huge shout out to Coach Brandon Lokken for giving Parker the opportunity to work alongside him and the women of Lake State basketball. #HammertheStone. If Parker didn't have a ball in his hands, he had a game on the TV, and sometimes both. He loved basketball, soccer, golf, and anything else that involves competition. He was an avid University of Michigan fan his entire life. His newfound love was Lake State. #BelieveInBlue. Surviving are: his parents, Paul and Susan Dagenais of Fenton; siblings, Jordan and Madison Dagenais of Iron Mountain and Ypsilanti, respectively; grandparents, Ray and Diane Dagenais of Fenton; many loving extended family members; and his faithful four-legged friend, Woody. He was preceded in death by his sister Erin Jordan Dagenais, brother Connor Mathew Dagenais, and grandparents Larry and Patricia Jordan. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com. GO BLUE!



Jack Albert Weir

1933-2019
Jack Albert Weir - age 85, of Largo, FL, formerly of Fenton, passed away October 11, 2019. Services will be held 6 PM Saturday, October 19, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Pastor Dawn Russell will officiate. The family will receive friends from 4 PM until the time of service. Those desiring may make contributions to Linden Presbyterian Church. Jack was born November 7, 1933 in Flint. At the age of 16, his life was changed when he and his brother, Larry, were adopted by Wallace "Bill" and Marie Weir. Jack was a 1953 graduate of Linden High School and a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He retired from Allied Automotive in 1999. Jack was passionate about many things and was fully committed to everything he did in his life. He was an avid U of M Football fan, enjoyed playing shuffleboard and cards. He was a devout Christian, had a great sense of humor and loved dearly his family and many friends. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Margie; children, Diane (Douglas) Artt, Randall Weir, Rodrick (Suzanne) Weir, Janeen (Mark) Nuttle; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Ardis. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; a sister; and a daughter-in-law. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Charles H. Ross

1945-2019
Charles H. Ross - age 74, of Holly, died Sunday, October 13, 2019. Funeral services will be held at 1 PM Friday, October 18, 2019 at Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. The family requests everyone wear casual attire. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be from 2-8 PM Thursday, October 17. Mr. Ross was born in Holly on March 27, 1945 to Howard and Edith (Hadden) Ross. He was retired from the Oakland County Road Commission. Charlie loved wood working, casinos, and riding his quad up north. He is survived by his daughter, Jamie (Brian) Smith; son, Tony Ross; four grandchildren, Isabelle, Leo, Ava, and Tristan; sister Janet (Jim) Ford; in-laws Shar Peter, John (Chris) Taylor, Mary Sue Arnold, Jim Taylor, Jenice Taylor, Tom Taylor, and Patty Ross. He was preceded in death by his wife Yvonne; son, Brent; parents, Howard and Edith Ross; niece, Holly Cruz, mother and father-in-law, Wilbur and Devota Taylor; in-laws Bill and Jackie Taylor, Ron Peter and Russell Ross. The family suggests memorial donations be made to Go Fund Me Support Lexi's Kidney Campaign. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

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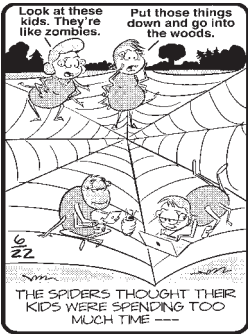
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