

# Rose Township Planning Commission hosts public hearing for rezoning request

■ 62.3 acres of land are available off Hickory Ridge Road

By Hannah Young

Thirty homes could be built in a new subdivision in Rose Township.

The Rose Township Planning Commission unanimously denied a rezoning request to rezone the land from AG/RP Agricultural and Rural Preserve District to R1-A Single-Family Residential District during its meeting on Thursday, June 5.

The commission also recommended that the town-

ship board of trustees deny the request.

On Tuesday, March 4, Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) Board of Education approved an agreement to sell a Rose Township property at 20043 Hickory Ridge Road, just south of W. Rose Center Road, held

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Mustangs edge Blue Devils in extra innings, 4-3  
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## Fenton firefighter of 42 years retires

■ Scott Smith joined department in 1982

By Hannah Ball

The Fenton Fire Department and Fenton City officials recently celebrated a firefighter who retired after more than 40 years of service.

Cpt. Scott Smith, 70, retired from the Fenton Fire Department on April 18 after 42 years of service. The department threw his retirement party on May 28 at the fire station. More than 50 people, consisting of current and former firefighters, city staff, and family and friends attended the party.

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## Art in the Alley returns

The annual event was held in downtown Holly on Saturday, June 7 from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. People attended the event to view local artwork. Artwork included paintings, jewelry, metal making, glass blowing and much more. Live musicians played different kinds of music from acoustic to rock. This year's theme for the event was Nature and Art in Bloom. Photos: Hannah Young

## Argentine Twp. residents headed to trial

■ Jury trial scheduled to take place Sept. 23

By Hannah Ball

Two court cases involving an Argentine Township couple are heading to trial this September in the Genesee County 7th Circuit Court.

Martin James Mahoney, 63, is charged with unarmed robbery, assault or assault and battery, tampering with evidence, and interfering with electronic communications. Annette Marie Faber, 65, is charged with unarmed robbery, tampering with evidence, and interfering with electronic communications.

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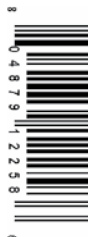
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# Genesee District Library hosts summer reading challenge for kids

■ Challenge lasts June 7 until August 2

By Hannah Young

School is out, the kids are back home for the summer season and the Genesee District Library wants tri-county families to read in the annual summer reading challenge.

This year's summer reading challenge is called Color Our World. The challenge is set to occur from Saturday, June 7 until Saturday, August 2.

Color Our World is meant to inspire kids to "go on a colorful reading adventure with the Genesee District Library," according to the GDL. Parents can log the books kids read to earn badges and prizes.

"Summer reading time is here," said Ivan Smith, Fenton-Winegarden librarian. "The Fenton-Winegarden and Linden Libraries online reading challenges have started. We have challenges for all age groups and special prize drawings for those who compete in them. There are books, gift cards and other great prizes to win. In addition to our summer programs, the GDL Road Trip is back. Visit each of our



Photo: Hannah Young

19 branches throughout the county to receive a check on your bingo sheet and collect a 3D printed token. Win a special golden token when you have collected them all. You may even get a chance to meet Scout the Squirrel, our new GDL mascot."

Collect any combination of 19 badges to complete the challenge and receive a free book. Once families are entered into the challenge, there is a chance to win a Barnes & Noble gift card.



"Sometimes during the summer months, kids experience what is called the 'Summer Slump,' which is a regression of their academic skills," said Kelly Flynn, community relations manager at GDL. "The summer reading challenge is a great way to keep reading skills sharp."

The Color Our World reading challenge is not just for kids. Anybody can participate. Ages from 0 until 109 are See **READING** on 18

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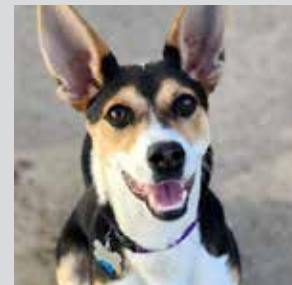
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## Basically Bridget

## A send-off for the seniors

Last week marked the end of my oldest son's junior year of high school lacrosse. We had a banquet for the kids, (mostly for us parents to continue our cheering), but also to celebrate a season well-played.

We had a large group of senior boys on the team with us this year (this sport continues to grow in popularity). A few of them I had as a teacher in their elementary days and many I just got to know in the past three years. What a true joy and blessing to spend time around kids as they grow up.

Because I felt very connected to the kids as a whole, I wanted to give them all an awesome parting gift, leave them with some grand gesture, a gift that would make them remember the great time spent that last season here in Linden.

I started with a grandiose plan to create a gift bag with the coolest and best items I could find. Think Yeti mugs, gift certificates, golf balls, baseball hats, pictures from their season, etc. Things I knew my own boys would love as a gift.

Fast forward to reality and the gift bags took a turn and ended up being a bit strange and silly. I'm not really

sure what planet I was on or why I thought I could swing it. In the immortal words of Will Ferrell's character Chazz on *Wedding Crashers*, "What an idiot!" I was not thinking of the cost to create the superfluous gift bags, and it changed quickly anyway when I realized that I needed 12 items for each bag.

There aren't many things that come in lots of 12 by the way. All my items started to become so random. The only way to make it semi-cool was to write a message about each one that relates to something in their future. It was like dipping my toes into the tepid waters of my first child's senior year (tears). I hope they get that I was really trying my best.

You can take a gift of any size or value and make it into something special because you attached emotion and feeling to it. If you get in a bind for your senior gifts this year, just take a moment and write down a connection. Your graduates may think you're just cool enough.

• **Bookmark:** Never be afraid to open a new chapter and always be ready to learn something new.

• **Chocolate chip cookies:** Eat the cookies and when you leave on your next adventure, don't forget that you can always come home for more – your family and friends love you and want to see you.

• **Play dough:** Be flexible, creative, and always ready to shape yourself into whatever the team or your situation needs. Whether it was a leader, a supporter,

or a spark of energy, you molded to the moment. You seniors have shown us that being great isn't about being rigid – it's about growing and adapting, just what you will do in your future.

• **Straw:** Don't be afraid to "suck it up" and drive on in the face of adversity. We've all been there, and looking back there are days I could've done more toughing it out.

• **Flashlight:** There are a few ways to look at a flashlight

- 1) Shine the light on your path moving forward
  - 2) Never let your light dim out.
- Sometimes it will get tough, but stay the course and keep shining.

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Bridget Koledo

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an article about deer pressure on farmers crops. In my experience farmers want the deer gone but will not let hunters on their property without holding out their hand for a payoff. Looks like hunters and farmers both lose in these situations.

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**WHAT IS HAPPENING** at East Street? It's like driving at obstacle course. Whoever hired this company should be fired and they should get their money back. This is ridiculous. My tax dollars at work.

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**REGARDING THE TROLLEY.** It's no surprise that those who never use public transportation are often the most vocal about eliminating it.

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**THE POST ON** thanks to MTA for the shuttle for the road race — what about the tax payers thanks? This is getting out of control. They spend our money and want the credit for it? Charge to ride and do not have us pay for your ride to run a race.

Compiled by Hannah Young, reporter — Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

## In your opinion, what are the best hot dog toppings? | streettalk



"A Koegel only needs mustard."

Jean Steve Keiser  
Holly



"Pork, beans, crushed potato chips and mustard. The backyard buddy, I discovered at Duvalls Dogs at the Flint Farmers Market."

Dawn Sulowski  
Fenton



"Most definitely ketchup with mayonnaise. Tried it on an impulse and it changed my hotdog world."

Brittney Brady  
Fenton



"Gotta have mustard, onions and a pickle on the side."

Leeann Moshier  
Linden

Everyday *educators*Meet  
**MAGGIE  
RIBICK** 

*Maggie Ribick recently finished her seventh year of teaching. She teaches third grade at Torrey Hill Intermediate School in the Lake Fenton Community School district.*

**What's your favorite thing about working in this area?**

What I love most about working in this area is the strong sense of community. Lake Fenton has that special small-town feel, where students, staff, and families support each other. I am so lucky to work in a district that feels like family.

**How do you motivate students?**

I love building a strong classroom community that embraces a growth mindset. I encourage my students to welcome challenges, learn from their mistakes, and always try their best. I also help students set their own goals and track their progress. The most rewarding part of teaching is watching students light up with pride when they reach those goals.

**What do teachers need right now?**

Right now, I'd say that teachers need a relaxing and restful summer break. As I reflect on this school year, I'm so proud of how much our students have grown. It's been an honor to work alongside such dedicated teachers and staff. I hope everyone is able to use summer break to recharge, do what brings them joy, and spend time with loved ones. I look forward to welcoming our students back in August, refreshed and ready for a new year.



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**Fun for everyone at Fenton Family Nights**

Family nights will bring art activities, petting zoo, games and more to Fenton

By Hannah Ball

Parents can make fun memories with their children this summer at Fenton Family Nights.

Fenton Family Nights will take place Thursdays in downtown Fenton on June 18, July 17 and Aug. 21. Families can expect art activities, a petting zoo, putt putt, a magician, cornhole, giant Connect Four and a kids concert from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

“Family Nights are all about creating magical memories—games, music, food, and fun for all ages. These

free events bring families downtown and help introduce new families to everything Fenton has to offer. They wouldn't be possible without the DDA's vision and investment in community connection,” said Ed Koledo, executive director of Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation.

These events are planned by Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation and paid for by the Fenton Downtown Development Authority. Local businesses and community organizations help make Fenton Family Nights possible.

**What is the Fenton Experience?**

The Fenton Experience encompasses the numerous events taking place on Thursday evenings in Fenton during the summer, which include the Fenton Farmers Market, the Summer Concert Series, and dates when special events will take place.

These special nights include Family Nights on May 22, June 18, July 17 and Aug. 21 as well as Fenton Art Walk on Saturday, July 26 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, go to <https://slpr.net/programs/special-events/fenton-experience>

**Fenton approves Bastille Day Races for July 12**

Proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity

By Hannah Ball

**Fenton** — The annual Bastille Day Races will take place in Fenton on Saturday, July 12.

On Tuesday, May 27, the Fenton City Council approved the event and the street closures for the races. This will be the 22nd Annual Bastille Day 15K run and 5K run/walk in the city. The proceeds from this event will benefit

Habitat for Humanity.

According to a memorandum from Fenton Police Chief Jeffrey Cross to Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland, the applicant is Charles Miller, representing Habitat for Humanity.

The races on Saturday, July 12 will begin at approximately 7:45 a.m. The route can be found by visiting [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com) and searching 2025 Bastille Day Race.

The primary route will be closed to traffic from 7:30 a.m. until the comple-

tion of the 5K. When the 5K has been completed, the roadways in the city will be open except the 15K finish line, LeRoy Street between Shiawassee and Ellen St.

Cross also requested authorization to temporarily remove the one-way restriction on Mill Street to allow two-way traffic to maintain access to the post office.

The police department will control the main intersections and civilian volunteers with barricades will cover all others.

**RMI, partners going 'tee to green' for men's health**

Approximately 60% of men do not regularly see a doctor

June is “Men's Health Month.”

Unfortunately, men statistically fall significantly behind women in taking steps toward ensuring good health.

A recent study by the Cleveland Clinic found 60 percent of men do not regularly see a doctor, going only when seriously ill. Only three in five men get annual physicals, and nearly 50 percent of men said their health is simply not something they discuss.

It's time to change this habit.

Throughout the month of June, Regional Medical Imaging (RMI) has

partnered with SOVITA Credit Union, the View Newspaper Group and WRSR 103.9 FM The Fox to promote “Tee To Green for Men's Health” with several area golf operations. Metamora Golf & Country Club, Flushing Valley Golf Course, The Grounds (driving ranges) Cops & Robbers Ice Cream (Mini-Golf) and Uncle Ray's Dairyland in Fenton (Mini-Golf) are all teaming up to make donations to the United Cancer Alliance (UCA) based on play at each of the facilities in June.

The UCA is a Genesee County-based charity which supports the needs of area cancer patients facing financial hardship. The 501c3 organization pays for items such as utility bills, rent, and transporta-

tion costs. UCA also works with other area support organizations like the Hurley Breast Cancer Patient Navigation Program and the Hurley Genesis Cancer Institute to address the needs of area cancer patients. Ultimately, it is our goal to create greater interest in Men's Health screenings throughout our region.

Health education materials touting various screenings including CT Heart, CT Lung and Prostate MRI are all available at each of the participating sites.

While completely changing men's attitudes toward health may be unrealistic, it will be worth our combined effort if this program takes hold and encourages area men to go “Tee To Green for Men's Health” and live a healthier life.

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**BRIEFS**

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**Career fair to take place Friday, June 13 at Flint Public Library**

In response to the recent closure of the Flint/Genesee Job Corps Center, the Flint & Genesee County Opportunity Youth Coalition is hosting a Resource Fair on Friday, June 13, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Gloria Coles Flint Public Library. This event will connect displaced students with critical support in education, job training and placement, and essential services. Over 25 local organizations have come together to coordinate this event and provide on-site, actionable support to help these young people stay connected to opportunity during this challenging time.

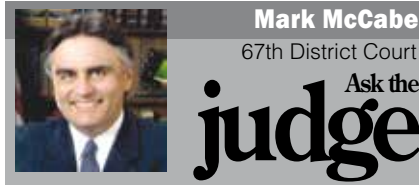
**HOT LINE** CONTINUED

**WHO IS THE** Einstein who thought it would be a good time to pave Fenton Road north from Baldwin Road while Baldwin Road is still closed by the bridge construction that is taking forever to complete?

**INSTEAD OF THE** city of Fenton paying \$72,000 for lawn care, why doesn't Chris Swanson get his felons out and free lawn care? Oh, sorry, they're getting free phones, tablets, concerts, gyms, etc.

**WHAT IS GOING** on in this country? A man misses his flight from Detroit Metro so he calls in a bomb threat? Are these people taking stupid pills? What is causing these extreme cases of idiot?

**WHY NOW SUDDENLY** (in the last couple of years), are we having issues with Canadian wildfires. I cannot recall ever having Canadian wildfires impact our country so badly. Why now, with conservatives in charge, are we suffering injury at the hands of liberal Canada?



**Mark McCabe**

67th District Court

Ask the

**judge**

**Mortgages, promissory notes, defaults, foreclosures and sheriff's sales**

There are literally tens of millions of homes in the United States that are subject to mortgages.

When the mortgage is paid off, everything is good. When the payments stop, there's a problem.

Today I'll talk about some basics when there's a problem.

The word "mortgage" comes to us from the French word "mortgage" meaning "dead" (mort), "pledge" (gaige).

This means when the debt is paid or isn't, everything ends. A mortgage is a conveyance of real property as security for a loan.

In Michigan, the mortgage document is signed by the mortgagor (borrower) along with a promissory note to repay the mortgagee (lender) for the loan.

The mortgage is then recorded with the register of deeds.

If the payments are all made, the mortgage is discharged and also recorded.

If there's a default in payments, the lender can foreclose on the mortgage and seek to have the house sold.

There are two ways to foreclose, (1) judicial foreclosure, (which is rarely used), and (2) foreclosure by advertisement.

To foreclose by advertisement, the mortgage document must contain a "power of sale" clause giving the mortgagee the right to sell the property. After a default is declared, the unpaid debt is accelerated, and a foreclosure notice is published for four successive weeks in a newspaper published in the county where the property is located.

A copy of the notice must also be posted in a conspicuous place on the property.

A sheriff's sale is then conducted at the county circuit court where the property is located.

Thereafter, a "sheriff's deed" is delivered to the highest bidder.

The mortgagor has either six months or 12 months to redeem the property by paying the bid price, plus interest, depending on whether 2/3 of the original indebtedness has been paid.

The mortgagor may occupy the premises during the redemption period.

If there is no redemption, the buyer becomes the full legal owner.

During the redemption period, the buyer has the right to inspect the premises after notice to the mortgagor.

If the request is unreasonably denied, the buyer can go to the district court, receive a judgment of possession, and the redemption period is forfeited.

Our mortgage system has been in place since 1930. It's unquestionably "tried and true."

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most important thing, it's okay to be a little spicy on occasion!

• **Mini Jesus:** There is always room in your life for a little Jesus!

• **Lottery ticket:** As you step into the next chapter of life, may this lottery ticket remind you that the future is full of chances — sometimes all it takes is one bold move to hit the jackpot. Here's to taking risks, chasing dreams and believing in your luck.

Good luck and thank you seniors. We will miss you!

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# Local author wants tri-county residents to repel nonsense in new book

■ Book signing on Saturday, June 14 at Fenton's Open Book

By Hannah Young

Boundaries, nonsense and stupidity have something in common in the newest book of local author and health psychologist, Jodie Eckleberry-Hunt.

In her new book, "Take That Sh\*t Over There: How to Recognize and Repel Nonsense," readers can learn from 99 lessons of setting boundaries and bettering yourself in the process.

The book discusses how to "cut through the fog of nonsense, protect yourself from the drain of stupid and reclaim your energy." Readers will find practical examples, short lessons and overall advice on how to handle the tough situations.

"Boundaries are an issue that everyone who has crossed my path has struggled with in one way or another," Eckleberry-Hunt said. "I thought I would write a book with very short lessons that maybe people could have as a reference."

Eckleberry-Hunt said that what people most get wrong is that boundaries are telling other people what to do or control their actions.

"Boundaries are about protecting our own interest, controlling our own behaviors and our comfort level," Eckleberry-Hunt said. "Boundaries aren't so much about other people. It's about ourselves and giving ourselves permission to determine our own comfort zones and permission to walk away when we need to walk away."

Lessons inside the new self-help book include "Put the Brakes on Self-Sabotage," "Worry is the Worshipping Problem," "The Rearview Mirror" and "People-Pleasing and the Road to



Jodie Eckleberry-Hunt

“I just hope my words are healing to people and that’s my goal.”

Jodie Eckleberry-Hunt  
Local author and psychologist

Nowhere.” There are 99 lessons overall within the book’s 361 pages.

“What drives me is seeing common issues amongst people,” Eckleberry-Hunt said. “I want to write in a down-to-earth every day language that makes complex concepts and psychology accessible.”

Eckleberry-Hunt will be at Fenton’s Open Book on Saturday, June 14 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. for a book signing. The event will feature her books available for purchase and buttons in correlation with the book’s smiley face and overall message.

“She’s our local psychologist. This is her fourth book and we handled most of her books doing signings,” said Karen Piacentini, owner

of the bookstore. “She’s a wonderful and helpful person in a humorous way. It’s a lot of fun to do this.”

Eckleberry-Hunt said that she could not emphasize how lucky and fortunate Fenton is to have an independent bookstore like Fenton’s Open Book.

“Karen has generously allowed me to come in and have a few hours there,” Eckleberry-Hunt said. “I’m just so grateful for the event. I’ll be selling my books. I also have some cute ‘Take That Sh\*t Over There’ buttons. I am super excited to say hello to people and share my message.”

Eckleberry-Hunt has practiced psychology since 2002. A chunk of her career has been teaching physicians communication skills and how to organize their visits. She also specializes in short-term therapy in her private practice. Currently, the psychologist works at Michigan Medicine alongside her practice.

Recently, Eckleberry-Hunt spoke at  
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Please be notified that the Argentine Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Meeting on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Rd, to consider the following Variances:

2025-2: Argentine Township and Andrew Zysk, of, 16237 Seymour Road, Linden is requesting a Variance to dock the Argentine Fire Department Service Boat, to be used for health/safety emergencies, on a vacant parcel across from the Fire Department, owned by same, Andrew Zysk.

Property Described as: 01-35-100-020; .424 Acres on Silver Lake Rd  
Ordinance Variances Requested:

- Ordinance 17.14 - Riparian Use; and
- Ordinance 46 – Construction of Dock on Vacant Parcel

A complete copy of these applications and tax descriptions may be viewed at the Township office during regular office hours.

Gwynne James, Clerk  
Argentine Township

### Linden Community Schools NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2025-2026 BUDGET

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on June 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Linden High School Media Center, 7201 W. Silver Lake Road, Linden, Michigan, the Board of Education of Linden Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2025-2026 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2025-2026 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2025-2026 budget including the proposed property tax millage rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Linden Community Schools Administration Building, 7205 W. Silver Lake Road, Linden, Michigan.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.**

Brook Hansen, Secretary

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL LAKE FENTON AQUATIC WEED ERADICATION AND CONTROL PROGRAM

#### CITY OF FENTON

**TAKE NOTICE** that on June 23, 2025, at 7:30 P.M., at City Hall Council Chambers, 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, the City Council will meet for the purpose of reviewing and hearing objections to the proposed special assessment roll for the Aquatic Weed Eradication and Control Program for the portion of Lake Fenton within the boundaries of the City of Fenton.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the proposed special assessment roll is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and is available for public examination.

The City Council has tentatively determined that the total cost of the above-described improvements shall be assessed against the following parcel identification numbers:

53-23-576-001	53-23-576-003	53-23-576-004	53-23-576-005
53-23-576-006	53-23-576-007	53-23-576-008	53-23-576-009
53-23-576-010	53-23-578-001	53-23-578-002	53-23-578-003
53-23-578-001	53-23-578-005	53-23-578-007	53-23-578-008
53-23-578-008	53-23-578-009	53-23-581-001	53-23-581-002
53-23-581-003	53-23-581-004	53-23-581-005	53-23-581-009
53-23-581-010	53-23-581-012	53-23-581-013	3-23-581-014
53-23-581-015	53-23-581-018	53-23-581-019	53-23-581-021
53-23-581-022	53-23-582-001	53-23-582-002	53-23-582-003
53-23-582-004	53-23-582-005	53-23-582-006	53-23-582-007
53-23-583-001	53-23-583-002	53-23-583-003	

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment. Any person objecting to the assessment roll shall appear at the above stated time and place and/or file his or her objection in writing with the City by no later than the close of the hearing noticed herein; or any such person may file an appearance and protest by letter addressed to the City Council, 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430, and received by the City Council no later than the date of hearing, in which case, his or her personal appearance at the hearing shall not be required. The City Council shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the hearing. If the hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person.

A property owner or any person having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the state tax tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the roll.

Proceedings conducted at this public hearing will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and you are further notified that information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the City of Fenton. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the City of Fenton at (810) 629-2261 or through the Michigan Relay Center at 1-800-649-3777 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance. Minutes of the meeting will be on file at City Hall.

This Notice is given by order of the City Council of the City of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan.

Jennifer Kienast, City Clerk

# AAA warns the '100 Deadliest Days' have begun

■ Eight people are killed each summer day in crashes involving a teen driver

The stretch between Memorial Day and Labor Day is known as the 100 Deadliest Days for Teen Drivers—a period when crashes involving teen drivers spike, leading to tragic consequences.

As teens hit the road with newfound freedom, many underestimate the dangers of distraction, speeding, and risky driving behaviors.

AAA's review of crash data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) shows a 30% increase in deadly crashes involving teen drivers during summer compared to the rest of the year. On average, eight people lose their lives every day in a teen-related crash between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

"During the summer, teen drivers are on the road more often, usually with friends, which increases the risk of distraction and dangerous driving habits," said Rachel Wilson, director of driver education for AAA – The Auto Club Group. "Many feel invincible behind the wheel, underestimating the dangers of speeding, distractions, and

not wearing a seatbelt. But crashes hit different when they happen to you — and by then, it's too late."

### Key Risk Factors for Teen Drivers

New teen drivers (ages 16-17) are nearly three times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash compared to adults. The biggest contributing factors include:

- **Distraction:** Nearly six out of ten teen crashes involve some form of distraction. Teen passengers are the leading distraction, followed by cell phones and infotainment systems.
- **Speeding:** Almost 30% of fatal teen crashes involve excessive speed.
- **Driving with teen passengers:** Studies show that the risk of a fatal crash increases with each additional teen passenger (NHTSA).
- **Failure to wear a seatbelt:** Seatbelt use significantly reduces the likelihood of serious injury or death.

"Teens are inexperienced behind the wheel, and that lack of experience combined with risky behaviors is a dangerous mix," said Adrienne Woodland, spokesperson for AAA – The Auto Club Group. "More teens die in car crashes during summer than any other season. Parents must take an active role in coaching their teens and reinforcing safe driving habits."

### AAA's Advice for Parents

AAA urges parents to take proactive steps to ensure their teens are driving safely:

*Lead by example.* Model good driving behavior by avoiding distractions, obeying speed limits, and always buckling up.

*Provide at least 50 hours of supervised driving practice.* Give teens experience driving in diverse conditions—night-time, inclement weather, highways, and busy streets.

*Teach defensive driving skills.* Encourage teens to anticipate hazards, stay alert, and maintain a safe following distance.

*Create a parent-teen driving agreement.* Establish clear rules about when, where, and with whom your teen can drive. Clearly outline the consequences for breaking the rules and rewards for driving safe.

### AAA's Driver Education Resources

AAA offers educational tools to help

teens develop safe driving habits:

- **How to Drive Online:** A self-paced 25-hour online course featuring interactive exercises, videos, and simulations.
- **AAA Approved Driving School Network:** Identifies high-quality driving schools that meet AAA's standards. For more information, visit [AAA.com/Drive](http://AAA.com/Drive), contact [DriverTraining2@acg.aaa.com](mailto:DriverTraining2@acg.aaa.com), or call (888) 222-7108.

The key risk factors for teen drivers also happen to be the four leading contributors to traffic injuries and fatalities for all drivers. On average, someone is killed in a car crash every 12 minutes on our nation's roads, primarily due to four factors: impaired driving, distractions, not buckling up and speed. This is the focus of AAA's new "Crashes Hit Different" campaign. The Auto Club Group is partnering with roadway safety organizations, community groups, and drivers themselves in an effort to end these senseless tragedies.

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**VILLAGE OF HOLLY  
PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026  
PROPOSED BUDGET**

The Village of Holly Council will hold a public hearing to receive written and verbal comments from citizens regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget on June 24, 2025 at 6:00 PM during the regular Council meeting located in the Council Chambers located at 504 ½ East Maple, Holly, MI.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for viewing at the Clerk/Treasurer's office during regular business hours. The proposed budget calls for a rate of taxation of 11.3254. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting. Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend are asked to contact the Village offices at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (248) 634-9571 during regular business hours.

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## RETIRES

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“I was proud to serve the city of Fenton and the residents of Fenton,” Smith said, adding that he would have liked to stay with the department longer but he felt that this job isn’t something that a 70-year-old man should be doing. “My mind is willing but my body isn’t anymore.”

Smith originally joined the Fenton Fire Department on Aug. 15, 1982.

“Scott was named the firefighter of the year twice in his career. Once in 2007 and again in 2023. ‘Scotty,’ as he was known around the department, was an activist for firefighter safety and recently became an advocate for our personnel to be smart about the dangers associated with cancer and the job,” said Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff. “Scotty was the driving

force behind our charity golf outing and organized it the first few years. We are now in our 19th year hosting the charity outing. He was also instrumental in organizing the free food giveaways here at the station.”

**“We are a family and we’re very tight. We go to war together and we come home and we rub elbows in the kitchen and we have food and dinner. We truly care about one another.”**

**Scott Smith**  
Fenton Fire Department retired captain

Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn presented Smith with a proclamation from the city. He was also given a retirement shield that will be displayed at the station. Cairnduff said these shields are only presented to those who have been with the department for 35 years or more. Smith’s shield is the 14th presented in the 150 year history of the department.

Before joining the department, Smith had finished an apprenticeship for a skilled trade and worked in construction.

He was then hired at General Motors but wanted to learn another trade, so he took up firefighting. Smith said if he couldn’t do it full time, he could be a paid-on-call



Submitted photos



firefighter in Fenton.

Smith worked for GM for 30 years and worked nine years for another automotive supplier.

Smith said his family was supportive of his career as a firefighter.

“My wife had quite a few sleepless nights sometimes when we were out. The good thing is that we all came home,” he said. “It’s very rewarding when you’re able to help people out but it was also pretty heartbreaking too at times. It’s kind of a double edged sword. It’s nice when you can help people at the worst times of their life but you’re also there for when they are taking their last breath sometimes too.”

Smith said there are many calls that stick out in his mind after 42 years. “Sometimes you just got to lock them

away in the back of your mind. They’ll make you sick and give you PTSD. You got to learn to deal with it. I put it in a box in mind and I don’t open that box,” he said.

When asked what he’ll miss after serving the Fenton Fire Department for 42 years, Smith said he won’t miss getting up at 3 in the morning to respond to calls.

“I will miss working with my brothers. We are a family and we’re very tight. We go to war together and we come home and we rub elbows in the kitchen and we have food and dinner. We truly care about one another. It is truly a family,” Smith said.

Smith sold his house in Fenton and moved into an apartment complex in Hartland. He hopes to travel somewhere warm this winter with their travel trailer.



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**TO THE GUY** in the black full size SUV. Oak Street is not your private race track. Slow down before some one gets hurt.

**70% OF THE** men and women in blue cast a no confidence vote and request the resignation of the leadership of the Michigan State Police, who are appointed by the Governor. The men and women in the trenches did that. A huge deal.

**A DRIVE TO** help senior citizens? They already get Social Security, Medicare, Meals on Wheels, and taxpayer-funded senior centers around the county. How about investing a little more in the future, not in the past? Michigan might actually move into the 21st Century that way.

**THE MASSIVE PROTESTS** of 1970 were against conscription of brothers, uncles and dads to die in a useless foreign war they called a "police action," a horrific act at Kent State, where no prosecution occurred. They were protesting the government killing its own young men. Its own citizens. This is not even close to the same. Geeze.

**I AM ASHAMED** that Trump is our president. I am ashamed that the Republican led Congress is failing to do their duty of overseeing the executive branch. Trump with his hand on the Bible said he would uphold the Constitution. Now Trump refuses to withhold the emollient clause in the constitution.

**TRUMP HAS TO** cut benefits to poor people but can spend \$50 million on a parade.

**MUSK AND TRUMP** insulting each other. Now, we're seeing their true selves. Threatening, belittling one another, showing their anger and self centeredness. What a disgrace.

**CAN'T WAIT TO** see the \$100 million dollar birthday parade. Hope they bring in the clowns.

**WHY DOES ICE** get to wear a mask to arrest people but it's against the law to wear a mask at the no kings protest in Lansing and DC? Not fair, Trump sucks.

**PSST, YOUR IVORY** Tower elitism is showing. Calling to ban EBT use at Taco Bell, gas stations, and liquor stores in favor of health food shows your ignorance. Food deserts are impoverished urban areas with no grocery stores or fresh food vendors. You're basically telling EBT holders "don't eat."

**IT'S MY AMERICA,** my honor, my flag and my butt that went over the side for an honorable President not a convicted felon rapist porn lover lair who's only accomplishment thus far is cheap eggs. My American flag goes up when shameless Trump who never served leaves.

**YOU SIT UNDER** the shade tree of a small, quiet town holding a sign wanting to disband ICE. We haven't a clue what it is like to live in a hot bed city of illegals and drug lords coming for our children.

**I WANT TO** pay \$750 in taxes like Trump.

**THINK FOR YOURSELF.** Moderna is a \$10-billion-dollar company and Brown University has a \$6.5 billion endowment. If Trump canceling Moderna's bird flu vaccine contract is such a strategic threat to public health, either one can fund the research. We both know neither will. You have been conned by democrat hysteria.

**MAKE SURE YOUR** living will specifies directed donations of blood transfusions only. This will free up the safe and regulated general supply for others. FYI: mRNA vaccines do not interact with DNA and are not transmitted via blood. Read the research.

**NATIONWIDE PROTESTS ON** June 14 are set to challenge Trump's authoritarian tactics. We see his military parade for what it is—a dictator's birthday celebration, not an Army birthday. We're not stupid. We're furious and determined, refusing to accept his power grab. We demand accountability and democracy. Enough is enough.

**THANK YOU PRESIDENT** Trump for your big beautiful bill and the tariffs. Because of those, everything is up. Inflation and cost of living is up, unemployment is up, disease is up, federal debt is up and many other things.



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# The Fenton Trolley service is back

■ Rides are free

By Hannah Ball

The Fenton Trolleys once again began service in Fenton this year on May 15.

Brought to the city by the Mass Transportation Authority (MTA), the two trolleys travel around Fenton from 11 a.m. to 10:45 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Rides are free.

“Hop on the MTA Fenton Trolley and experience the charm of Fenton in Style. The Fenton Trolley service is a free, convenient, and

eco-friendly transportation option for the City of Fenton. Look for service enhancements including additional stops and improved route travel. Whether you’re traveling to local shops and restaurants on the North or South side of the city, we have a ride for you on the Fenton Trolley,” according to the MTA.

The Fenton Trolley service will be fare free and will run through Jan. 3, 2026.

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**SENIOR CITIZENS QUALIFY** for programs like SNAP and Bridge Cards, just like families with children. MDHHS can assist you with the application process. There are also additional resources specifically for older adults - visit valleyareaaging.org to explore the support available.

**THE MARINES AND** the Navy are celebrating their birthday in October this year. No parade. Odd that Trump is giving himself a military parade cloaked in the Army's 250th birthday. Costing you and me at least \$60 million dollars. Musk is right. He's a dictator.

**TO THE PERSON** saying applicants to federal government better be Trump supporters: funny how "skills and merit" suddenly matter—Biden's hires were praised for DEI, not qualifications. Now when the other side talks loyalty, it's a crisis? Hypocrisy doesn't wear well on anyone.

**LOVE HIM OR** not, but Trump made promises and is keeping them. This is such a great time to be alive. Everything is better under Trump and will continue to get better.

**YOU THINK YOU** have freedom of speech you better think again. Ask the newspaper and the TV people and tell me if they have freedom of speech.

**FREEDOM IS MORE** important than safety.

**AN AGITATED RATTLESNAKE,** an angry pit bull, and a blue-haired liberal: move away and avoid at all costs. There is no rational, reasonable benefit to engaging any of the three.

**IF YOU THINK** you have freedom of speech, think again. There are several reporters that will disagree with you.

## REZONING

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a sale price of \$546,000.

The purchase agreement is between FAPS and Vincent Pipitone, of Perry, who is the owner of VPM Development. The development company would be the developer of the residential homes.

In a letter to Rose Township Supervisor Brad Stillwell, FAPS Superintendent Heidie Ciesielski said that Fenton schools would benefit directly from the development if approved by Rose Township officials.

"Fenton Schools will benefit directly from the revenue from selling the property and indirectly from eventual construction of new single-family homes on the property as more families move into Rose Township and their children attend Fenton Schools," Ciesielski wrote. "We also believe that Rose Township would benefit from increased assessments from development of this property."

### Discussion

Pipitone and his attorney, Hunter Avis, spoke to audience members and the planning commission regarding their request to rezone the parcel of land.

"More heads, more homes and more families are always a positive thing for the area," Avis said.

Avis said that within the site preliminary plan, the homes would be 1.5 acre lots. The homes would have their own septic system and will use well water. The developer would not bring in city water or city services to the site.

"We are confident that there is a need for this small level and amount of housing within the township," Avis said. "It is our opinion that 30 homes will have a minimal impact on traffic. With site plan approval, will we do a traffic study? Absolutely."

Pipitone, the interested party for the residential home development, said that he created VPM Development to develop the parcel of land in Rose Township.

"The reason I developed this company and want to develop this property is because I came upon the property where the school would support our rezoning," Piptone said. "They really wanted to sell to a developer that would build residential homes to bring students to their school. I found that intriguing, interesting and something to be a part of."

Planning commission members discussed the rezoning request after VMP and residents spoke. All six planning commission members expressed their disinterest in the request from Pipitone.

"I want to keep it like it is," said Darlyne Stanczyk, planning commissioner for Rose Township. "I grew up on a farm in North Dakota. You never saw what you see in Michigan. We've lived out here for quite a few years now and we have no intention in making our place any smaller than what it is. I've seen too much of what it is, I call it encroaching...I want to keep it rural like it is."

William Jobs, Rose Township planning commission liaison and trustee asked several questions before making his decision. Jobs asked Borden if the request was consistent with the master plan. Borden said it was not consistent with the master plan and additional demonstration of demand is needed for more information.

"Based on what is in front of me is to say that now is not the appropriate time to make the change from agricultural to residential," Jobs said.

### Public comments

Several residents spoke during the public hearing regarding the rezoning request. Many spoke out against the rezoning while some supported the possibility of it.

"One of our main concerns is the increase in traffic this zoning could result in," according to a letter from Todd and Becky Mosley. "On (Thursday) May 29, I sat on my front porch on Hickory Ridge and counted the number of ve-

hicles passing by. I did four samples of two minutes each time. The average was 23.5 cars every two minutes. That's 705 vehicles per hour with many hitting the rumble strips in the middle of the road. The noise is pretty obnoxious."

Citizens were concerned about utilities, water, traffic and road conditions that could be potentially affected by a rezoning and addition of new homes.

"The traffic on Hickory Ridge is just going to be insane," said Dan Johnson, a resident of Rose Township. "It's tough now. The average speed going down is 70 miles per hour. I would urge the township to deny this request."

"I like to walk outside my house and see trees. I don't want to walk out and see homes next to me," said Will Love. "I don't need all of the traffic. This community has been rural since the time I have been here. If this community changed, I guess I would have to move but that would be a real challenge...let's keep it rural, please."

Public comments lasted for approximately one hour.

### Next steps

The next steps regarding the rezoning request for the 60 acres of land is for the board to approve or deny the request. Since the planning commission denied the request, it will be handed over for review by the Rose Township Board of Trustees with a recommendation to deny the request by the planning commission.

The next meeting for the board will be conducted on Wednesday, June 11. However, according to the board's agenda, the rezoning request will not be discussed during the June board meeting.

For more information on the rezoning request off of Hickory Ridge Road and more, those interested can review the planning commission's agenda at [www.rosetownship.com/index.php](http://www.rosetownship.com/index.php). Or by watching the meeting on the township's Youtube channel at [www.youtube.com/@rosetownship3219](http://www.youtube.com/@rosetownship3219).

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The Fenton Firecracker 5K & 2K Run/Walk is a famous July 4 event run down the parade route. Photo: David Troppens

# Running events highlight tri-county sporting activities

By David Troppens

Now that the prep sports season is over, the tri-county sports scene starts to change to another athletic theme.

Summertime becomes running time in the tri-county area. The variety of races one can select is pretty incredible. Here

are some of the races slated for the summer.

These are just quick summaries of each event. One can find more information on the internet by searching the event's name.

**FirstTry/FastTry Triathlon (Saturday):**

Hosted at Byram Lake's Clover Beach and Linden County Park, this event is shorter-distance triathlon which allows people to try such an event with less intimidating distances. The swim is about 300 yards followed by a bike loop of 11.3

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## Sports Times

### Mustangs edge Blue Devils in extra innings, 4-3

■ Lake Fenton overcomes early 3-0 deficit with homers, falls on Clio's eighth-inning shot

By David Troppens

**Lake Fenton** — It was a regional with three Division 2 state-ranked teams and another that was an honorable mention squad.

The four teams — tourney hosts Lake Fenton, Clio, Godrich and Frankenmuth — had a whopping combined record of 112-25 after the regional meet was concluded on Saturday.

For any of the teams to win, it was going to take a break or two. The Lake Fenton varsity girls softball squad didn't get enough of those breaks.

Lake Fenton battled back from an early 3-0 deficit against the Clio Mustangs in the Blue Devils' regional semifinal contest, tying the game at 3-all. They went into extra-innings, but a Clio home run in the top of the eighth inning decided the contest. The Mustangs won the eight-inning battle 4-3.

The final run in the game came when Clio's Summers Stevens hit a 0-1 pitch over the left-field fence, giving the Mustangs a 4-3 lead one batter into the eighth inning. Lake Fenton hurler Maddie Stanton finished the eighth without any other damage, and the Blue Devils

trailed 4-3.

In Lake Fenton's eighth, the Blue Devils had two well-hit balls. Laureena Baehl and Avery Heil, two batters who hit home runs earlier in the contest, hit two strong balls to the outfield. However, both were caught. A strike out ended the game a batter later.

With the loss, the Blue Devils' Flint Metro League Stars Division championship season ended in the regional semifinal with the most wins (31) of any one at Lake Fenton on Saturday and a 31-8 record overall. The Blue Devils began the post-season a week earlier, defeating Kearsley 18-0 and Linden 6-0 in a district tourney hosted at Linden High School.

"This was the best team I've ever been a part of," Lake Fenton senior Parker Beardsley said. "It shocked me this game (when it ended). The connections with everyone on this team — it's super inspiring. This will probably be the only team I have this strong connection with. They are great people. They cheer everyone on. There's no negativity in the dug out."

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Lake Fenton's Laureena Baehl (above) scores after hitting a home run. (Left) Lake Fenton's Leah Meyers makes a catch of short pop up. The Blue Devils lost their regional semifinal game to Clio 4-3 in eight innings.

Photos: Mark Bolen



Lake Fenton's Jocelyn DeMonaco makes a catch while colliding with the outfield fence in the Blue Devils 4-3 loss to Clio. Photo: Mark Bolen

### Seniors praise LF's youth talent, leadership

By David Troppens

**Lake Fenton** — When Lake Fenton's varsity softball season ended during a 4-3 eight-inning loss to Clio in the regional semifinal on Saturday, there were plenty of tears flowing.

Why not? The squad finished with a 31-8 record, won the Flint Metro League Stars Division, won a few weekend tour-

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## BLUE DEVILS

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"This was the best team I've ever played on," fellow senior Jocelyn DeMonaco said. "I would play on this team every year with these girls. They are going to be fantastic next year. I wouldn't want to end the season any other way other than with this group. I was so lucky to be with this group of girls. They are fantastic."

"Somebody out of this region (Goodrich won the regional title) may win the state championship," Lake Fenton varsity softball coach Todd Wilkinson said. "They battled, man. I thought we were going to get it, but we came up a little short. We had a chance."

The game didn't start out well for Lake Fenton. Clio scored three runs in the first inning. With one out, Layla Hutchinson and Stevens hit consecutive singles, setting up a threat. Keley Sperling then followed with a hit that was misplayed, allowing two runs to score. Clio led 2-0.

The Mustangs weren't done. Addie Taylor singled, putting runners on first and third. Ashlyn LaFeniére followed with a sacrifice bunt, scoring Sperling from third. Clio led 3-0.

It was now a matter of the Blue Devils playing a game of catch-up. That game started in the bottom of the first inning when Baehl hit her 13th home run of the season on a shot beyond the left-center field fence. Avery Heil and Lydia Slater followed with two-out singles, but a fly out ended the threat.

From there the two starting pitchers — Stanton for Lake Fenton and Taylor for Clio — pitched well. After the Clio first, Stanton didn't allow another hit until the sixth inning. The only real threat Clio had after the first inning in regulation was in the fourth when walks to Veronica Tate and Samantha Rinks put runners on first and second with two out. However, a fly out ended that threat.



Lake Fenton's Avery Heil celebrates her home run shot.

Photo: Mark Bolen

The Blue Devils were struggling trying to get much going against Taylor as well. However, Lake Fenton got to her in the sixth. Baehl had a single to left to open the inning and Heil followed up with a two-run home run to left, tying the game.

"Addie Taylor was pitching me inside, so I kind of just kept looking to get out in front and pound the ball," Heil said. "To be honest, I didn't think it was going, but when I was rounding first base, my heart sunk and I felt so happy."

Now tied, both teams had a chance in the seventh to break the deadlock. Stanton got the Mustangs out in order with a strike out, a catcher's pop out and a flyout to DeMonaco. Lake Fenton did get Mia Merrell on second base with two out. She was hit by a pitch and stole second. However, a strike out ended that threat.

Then came extra innings and Stevens' eventual game-winning home run for Clio.

Stanton pitched a six-hit eight-inning complete game. She walked three batters, hit a batter and struck out five. She threw 89 of her 130 pitches for strikes. Taylor tossed eight innings of seven-hit ball and hit one batter. She walked none and struck out 10, throwing 83 of her 127 pitches for strikes.

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naments and eventually earned a district crown, beating area rival Linden in the title game 6-0.

It's easy to forget that just a year ago, the Blue Devils had just an 18-18 mark and were unable to break into the death-grip that it appeared Goodrich and Clio had on the Stars Division. The season also ended with another clear measuring stick moment the Blue Devils had to overcome. They lost to the Linden Eagles 17-7 in the opening round of districts.

But what happened this season? The Blue Devils split four games with Clio and then locked up the division by winning three of four games against Goodrich. And, of course, that Linden mental block was broken as well. After losing a tough 2-1 verdict in the Metro title game against Linden, the Blue Devils got their win against the Eagles in the district title game. Through it all, the Blue Devils learned a lot about their team — a young team at that.

"I think I learned that we are capable of so much more than we think," sophomore Avery Heil said. "I think a lot of people doubted us, and we went so far. I know we are going to continue to grow and keep growing."

Why wouldn't the team keep growing? Yes, seniors like first-team All-Stars Division player Parker Beardsley and second-team selection Lydia Slater are graduating along with a few other seniors, but a great nucleus of girls remain. Sophomores Heil and Laureena Baehl were first-team Stars Division selections while fellow sophomores Mia Merrell and Maddie Stanton were second-team picks. Freshman Avery Cochrane was an honorable mention selection as well. The graduating seniors understand how good the younger players are.

"I feel like all of these girls on this team are young leaders," senior Jocelyn DeMonaco said.

"I feel like very girl on this team could lead this team the same that we did this year. They have such a great group, and I think they are all going to be leaders in softball, or just in the future in general."

"I love all of the young players," senior Parker Beardsley said. "We have such a young team and that's where all of the talent came from. ...They are already leaders."

This season was an important step in the younger players' futures.

"I think just being part of this and seeing what the next level is like after districts was important," Lake Fenton varsity softball coach Todd Wilkinson said. "They learned what it takes when you get to this level. It's one-run games. It's one play here or there deciding the game because every team that gets to the regional is a good team. There is no more playing weak teams. Everybody is good at this point, so I think years to come they are going to realize that it's going to be a dogfight every game (from the regional on)."

### Softball as a family affair

While all the players look at the squad as a second family, one senior member really had family on the squad.

Parker Beardsley's career ended with Saturday's regional semifinal game, leaving her in slight tears during the end-of-the-game discussions. However, a lot of it was for good reason. It not only was the end of her Blue Devils' career but also maybe the last time she'll be coached by her dad Tony Beardsley. Beardsley is one of the Lake Fenton assistant coaches, but if you ask head coach Todd Wilkinson he'll say he's basically a co-head coach.

"I got to play all four seasons with my dad and coach Todd," Parker Beardsley said. "I've



A Clio runner slides into home plate just before Lake Fenton catcher Laureena Baehl can tag her. Photo: Mark Bolen

played softball with my dad my whole life. He's been coaching through everything — middle school, tee ball and everything. So this is a really rough game being done. He's not coaching me next year because I'm going to Mott (Community College). Probably the toughest pill to swallow is not being coached by my dad."

### Busy in left field

Maybe the busiest Lake Fenton defensive player was left-fielder Jocelyn DeMonaco. She had 13 balls hit her way, including each of the first five in the contest.

Five ended up being singles, but in the fifth innings all three Clio batters flew out to DeMonaco. Two were solid running catches as well. But her best play came in the top of the eighth when Addison Taylor hit a ball that looked like it may be a home run. However, DeMonaco got to the fence, ran her back into it while jumping and made a catch off the jump. DeMonaco credited her teammate for the catch.

"It was a hard hit ball and I felt it on the track and I was like, 'Man, if have to get there,'" DeMonaco said. "And my girl (centerfielder) Parker Beardsley was talking to me and everything. She guides me everywhere. I couldn't do it without her."

# RUNNING

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miles. A two-mile run caps the event. There is a rookie race called the First/Try event. For those who have done the event before there is the Fast/Try event. Registration ends Thursday. The event begins at 8 a.m.

**Wednesday Night Races at the Park (first race date June 18):** This is a cross country type race at Linden County Park for four Wednesdays (June 18, June 25, July 9 and July 16) which is geared toward family fun while running. Hosted by Linden Community Education, the event has races as short as 1/2 mile to races as long as three miles, creating a distance for any type of runner at any age. Registration starts at 6 p.m. with the first 1/2-mile race starting at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 an individual or \$10 for a family.

**Wings of Mercy Runway 5K (June 21):** This 5K event is hosted at Linden's Price Airport on one of the flattest road

courses in the region. The 5K run and walk begins at 9 p.m., which means the race ends on the lit runways at Price Airport. There is a free one-mile fun run/walk at 8 p.m. as well. The event benefits Wings of Mercy East Michigan Inc, providing free air transportation for patients with limited incomes needing treatment at medical centers within 600 miles of Eastern Michigan.

**Fenton Firecracker 5K & 2K Run/Walk:** The race starts prior to the annual Fenton parade. That means with a crowd watching, athletes run on the parade path for most of the event. The race start time is 9:45 a.m.

**Bastille Day Race 15K Run and 5K Run/Walk (July 22):** This is the tri-county's longest running summer race. And while it hosts a traditional 5K run and walk, it also hosts a



The FirstTry/FastTry Triathlon is three events in one. There is a swimming, cycling and running portion to the race. Photo: David Troppens

much-less traditional 15K run. The races begin at 7:45 a.m. and end around downtown Fenton. The proceeds are used to support Genesee County Habitat for Humanity's mission of providing decent, affordable housing in Genesee County.

**Ode to Laz Backyard Ultra series of races (July 19 and 20):** The Ode to Laz series of races at Holly Recreation State Park from July 19 to July 21 are some of the most creative events

out there. The crown jewel event is the Backyard Ultra on July 19. The athletes begin a run around a 4.167-mile cross country loop at the top of the hour and continue to do so until they can not start or complete another lap during one of the hour intervals. The winner is the person who finishes one more lap than the second-place performer. Race time doesn't matter, as long as you complete the previous lap within the hour time line. The race starts at 9 a.m.

There are two other events on July 20 — the Stairway to Heaven 5K and the Stairway to Hell 5K runs. These 5K races begin at 9:30 a.m. (Heaven) and 11:30 a.m. (Hell).

**Seven Lakes Trail Run 3.5 and 7 Mile (Aug. 16):** The event held at Seven Lakes State Park is a cross country trail race involving a 3.5 mile loop. The race and ends at Seven Lakes Beach. The races begin at 9 a.m.

# Fenton's Muntin places 62nd at state meet

By David Troppens

Fenton's Parker Muntin was the only tri-county golfer to qualify for the D2 state tourney.

Muntin completed his season at Battle Creek's Bedford Valley Golf Course by placing 62nd in the 108-player field.

Muntin shot an 85 the first day, a 78 the second day and finished with a 164, tied for 62nd with many other golfers.

Muntin earned his spot at the state meet by scoring an 18-hole 72 at Flint Golf Course in regional action. He finished second-place overall in the regional tournament. The top three individual golfers not on a state-qualifying team earned a state invitation.

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encouraged to participate in the challenge, according to the GDL. Other ways besides reading to participate include writing reviews on books and participating in activities to help earn badges.

Other activities and events to look out for at the Fenton Winegarden Library include:

- **Storytime with Miss Jessica:** Join Miss Jessica as she tells storytime every

Monday and Wednesday. Storytime includes stories, songs and play during this interactive time. No registration is required for this event on Monday and Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

- **Electric Art:** Using various materials, engineer a project combining motion and colors into a beautiful work of art. Learn the basics behind simple circuits while designing a light-up masterpiece on Tuesday, June 17 at 2 p.m.

- **Art with a Twist:** Discover the geometric shapes and lines behind the artwork of Mondrian. Twist, blend and

twirl different paint media to create marbling and color-mixing masterpieces. This event is for teens on Friday, June 27 at 11 a.m.

- **Repro—Color Our World:** An interactive program featuring reptile species and an array of natural colors they use in the wild. All ages are welcome on Saturday, June 28 at 11 a.m.

- **Animal Magic:** Mark Rosenthal introduces some colorful animals on the planet on Thursday, July 17 at 5 p.m.

- **Rainbow Circus:** This musical program offers colorful art performances

combined with classic circus acts like balloon twisting and magic bubbles on Saturday, July 26 at 11 a.m.

- **Cooking with Ming: Cold Grilled Noodles:** Chef Ming Louie will teach how to make cold grilled noodles, a spicy street food in Beijing and Saigon. This class is for teens and adults on Tuesday, August 12 at 5:30 p.m.

To participate in the summer reading challenges and other activities that the GDL puts on, visit [thegd.beanstack.org/reader365](http://thegd.beanstack.org/reader365) or <https://www.thegd.org/>.

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## TRIAL

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They were arrested on Thursday, Feb. 6 by the Argentine Township Police Department. The couple was arrested due to an incident with their neighbors that took place on Oct. 22, 2024 around 5:30 p.m. Bond was set at \$21,000 for both Mahoney and Faber. They were released on bond.

Mahoney and Faber both had preliminary examinations in Genesee County District Court in April and their cases were bound to circuit court, where they are preparing for a jury trial.

According to court records, Mahoney and Faber will both have a pretrial hearing on June 24, Aug. 7 and Sept. 16 in preparation for a jury trial on Sept. 23 in Judge Elizabeth A. Kelly's courtroom.

Scott Russell Bigger is the attorney for both Mahoney and Faber.

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the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecology on the topic of resilience in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She also does national speaking engagements particularly among physicians on how to be well and resilient in a field that involves many traumatic events.

“Take That Sh\*t Over There: How to Recognize and Repel Nonsense” book signing will be held at Fenton's Open Book at 105 W Shiawassee Ave in downtown Fenton on Saturday, June 14 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

“I just hope my words are healing to people and that's my goal,” Eckleberry-Hunt said.

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