Kildee hangs on to seat by slim margin

Congressman Dale Kildee (D), will retain his seat with the U.S. House of Representatives, District 5 by a 10 percent margin. Kildee has held this seat since 1977.

Running against a newcomer to the political arena, John Kupiec, (R), Grand Blanc, Kildee received 68,752 votes (53.7 percent) while Kupiec received 55,950 (43.7 percent).

Kildee, 81, has been a longtime politician from Flint. Kildee served as a member of the Michigan State House of Representatives from the 81st District from 1965 to 1974. He later served as a member of the Michigan State Senate from the 29th District from 1975 to 1977. Prior to entering politics, Kildee was a teacher at University of Detroit Jesuit High School from 1954 to 1956 and at Flint Central High School from 1956 to 1964.

See KILDEE on 10

Graves beats out Harrell in race for county commissioner

By Sharon Stone

The voters in the sixth district have elected Joe Graves as their new Genesee County Commissioner. With all 32 precincts counted Republican Joseph Graves, 56, defeated Democrat Dan Harrell, 61, by an unofficial vote of 10,426 (58 percent) to 7,482 (41.7 percent). Both men are residents of Argentine Township. Patricia Lockwood (D) was serving in that seat; however, she did not seek reelection.

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Graves (R) hugs his wife, Denise, after declaring victory for the Genesee County Commissioner, District 6 race.

Miller in, Clemens out as Holly Village Council president

Three of four incumbent council members ousted

By Anna Troppens

There was a heavy voter turnout in Holly, as village residents ousted three of the four incumbents and voted in Jeff Miller as president over incumbent Pete Clemens. Miller received around 55 percent of the vote for president; Clemens, 27 percent and Larry Lilly, 18 percent, according to unofficial results.

Miller served on council from 2010 to 2014.
FHS to host IB celebration

School families, community invited

By Anna Troppens
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Fenton—Fenton High School is hosting an International Baccalaureate Celebration, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday. Fenton Area Public Schools is the first school district in Michigan to receive the International Baccalaureate World School Authorization district wide. Its three elementary schools have received the Primary Year Programme authorization, the middle school has received the Middle Year Programme authorization and the high school has the Middle Year Programme authorization and Diploma Programme authorization.

The IB program encourages international-mindedness in students. To do this, students must first develop an understanding of their own cultural and national identity (ibo.org). In addition, the program "encourages a positive attitude to learning by encouraging students to ask challenging questions, to critically reflect, to develop research skills, to learn how to learn and to participate in community service."

Superintendent Dr. Timothy Jalkanen, said families, members of the community and school staff who helping the IB program to the district have been invited. There will be some speakers, including students from the elementary, middle school and high school levels who will share their thoughts about the program. Student work will be on display to show what they have been working on in class. The district will be moving forward, continuing to build the IB program and improving it, but the event on Thursday is a chance to stop and celebrate its accomplishments, Jalkanen said. The program has been four years in the making.

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Fenton High School celebrates International Baccalaureate authorization with a reception on Thursday.
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**Button saver**

Kelli Ernst of Fenton shows off her Vibram Five-Finger shoes that feature individual toes and some protection from sharp objects. They do not offer arch support or heel cushioning, and cost about $100.

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**Barefoot Running**

Five-finger shoes help keep runners in stride

By Tim Jagielo

Humans were not born with shoes on. And, a new trend in fitness is running barefoot. The point of running barefoot is to force the runner to run and land their feet properly. The theory is shoes with heavily padded heels encourage the runner to land with all force on the heel, which can transfer the shock of the stride into the ankles, knees and hips.

**Summary**

- The trend of running barefoot is encouraged by Vibram Five-Finger shoes. There is disagreement as to whether running barefoot is safe.

**Benefits of roller skating**

- Increased self-confidence/self-esteem
- Turns negative energy into positive energy
- Increases body awareness, poise, balance and posture
- Increases strength, endurance and flexibility
- Emphasizes the importance of nutrition

See **BAREFOOT** on 11

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**Holly woman helps students stay ‘one skate ahead’**

By Sally Rummel

Jamie Noll of Holly knows first-hand what it’s like to grow up without much family support. Raised by a single mother with health issues, Noll found refuge in roller skating. However, she credits her mom for taking her at age 10 and her little sister skating on Saturday afternoons, where they could skate their troubles away.

For Noll, skating brought consistency into her life when everything else was falling apart. Always a straight-A student, her

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**Vein Disease**
I MISS THE Fenton Cinema. It was so cozy and nice there and the people were so friendly.

AS EXPECTED, THERE’s only room for a one-lane round-about at Adelaide and Shiawassee. There is a stop sign at Lefoy and Shiawassee, not to mention parallel parking east of the intersection. With the increased flow of traffic allowed by the roundabout, traffic will back up on Shiawassee, between Adelaide and Lefoy, bringing the roundabout to a halt. There’s your study, folks. A little common sense can go a long way.

I AM PERPLEXED why some people have such a hard time with high school kids trick or treating. What’s the magic age when you can’t have innocent fun anymore? It’s just candy, people.

KUDOS TO LINDEN schools for helping prevent bullying. I have seen firsthand the dramatic effects bullying can have.

THE REPUBLICANS HAVE lied to America again. Sarah Palin, with her little anti-left spending, is running on the premise that George Bush never existed. Bush spent more than $4 trillion on two wars, and rewarded failure by bailing out Fannie and Freddie. Funny, the sounds a lot like what Sarah Palin and her clueless friends are saying about Obama.

THE KING HAS got it all right, the hate and fear mongering of his fellow Tea baggers.

SMOKING IN BARS, anywhere in the state of Michigan, is against the law. However, it is not criminal and therefore not a police matter. You need to call your local health department and file a complaint with them. Further, smoking in a vehicle is not illegal, so please stop complaining about it. City-owned or not.

TO THE PERSON saying the police should monitor the traffic around Holly Academy, that is outside the village, therefore will not be policed by Holly Village. You have to contact the MSP and voice your concerns to them.

LEROY WAS a street that resembled what we have now. Then, someone had the bright idea to close it off and built the shopping plaza with Dancers. Then, somebody had the bright idea to tear down Dancers and open it up to what we have now. Now, somebody has the bright idea to buy the bank building and put in a roundabout hooked to the snake road. DDA, council, stop spending.

IN REPLY TO outraged residents and business owners, I agree. The city council can’t do it right, but no one is paying attention. The citizenry is apathetic. Go to the meetings and say what you think or you have no right to complain.

SILVER PARKWAY IS about as pedestrian-friendly as it gets, and I haven’t seen one person, ever, using all those beautiful but expensive walkways. What exactly thinks we’re going to walk around shopping, or ride our bikes, and carry our purchases with us everywhere? Get real. What a horrendous waste of money.

WAY TO GO, Fenton Ambassadors. The FHS swing choir has made it into the top 10 swing choirs in Southeast Michigan. Please visit Magic 105.1 at www.detroitmagic.com/gleetopten.aspx to vote for them to win this contest. They could win $10,000 toward their program.

THE QUESTION is how will the roundabouts handle the pedestrians walking downtown? We like to walk around downtown Fenton. Shouldn’t pedestrians have equal movement?

KUDOS TO THE DDA for having foresight and doing what is necessary to keep Fenton’s downtown a destination that folks will want to visit. Keep doing what is needed to bring in the new business, jobs and tax revenue. Because of your actions, this city will thrive while other places die and remain stuck in the past. Please keep it up. Some day, everyone will thank you.

ARE YOU SERIOUS? The DDA has allocated $300,000 for 56 signs. $4,357 per sign. That is off the charts. And, why do we have an assistant manager in the city the size of Fenton. It appears that ignorance is alive and well. I trust that this process will be open to all if this extravagance is endorsed by the council.

IN MY OPINION, a roundabout will take away from the hometown feeling of our community. The quick pace they provide is just not safe for pedestrians or drivers. It saddens me that the businesses on that side of town will be affected by this, because I, for one, will no longer go downtown. Sorry, Fenton, if a roundabout goes in, I’m staying out.

TO THE person who was disappointed in the cheerleading section, please remember that you are targeting hard-working high school athletes. I was also at that game and I can say that we must have been watching two different cheer squads, because the one I saw looked great and did a wonderful job cheering on their team.

THERE MUST BE someone in the DDA that knows someone who is in the sign-making business that needs money. Those are the ugliest signs I’ve ever seen. I would rather look at the green signs on the expressways. Also, paying $4,357 per sign is, definitely, does not need roundabouts.

BAN ON TRICK or treaters age 12 and up. Let’s make it age 2-12. We all know who is eating the candy of the little candy wayay — the parents — and they are older than 12. Maybe, we could just let kids be kids and enjoy the night. Be polite and give them a sucker. They may be big for their age; mine was 5 feet 6 inches tall at age 10.

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What do you watch on TV when you want to laugh?

“I watch movies with my favorite comics from the past. I like westerns and World War II movies.”
— Clifford Lanning, Fenton

“I like the re-runs, ‘The Golden Girls,’ I like that.”
— Violet Lanning

“I don’t go for comedies, they always seem so corny to me.”
— Carol Jaggi

“I’d have to say, ‘Grandma’s Boy’ and ‘Superbad.’ They’re both good movies.”
— Mike Lindgren

“Desperate Housewives, it’s really funny.”
— Judy Frederick

“Two and a Half Men,’ I got a kick out of that, and the reruns.”
— Mike Szcodronski

Tyrene Township
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Why do gas prices fluctuate?

> Consumption, competition, holidays, disasters all affect price

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It’s a mystery to many area residents why gas prices can be such a roller coaster. Which gas station is selling it for less is a hot topic of conversation, as people “fuel up” for work, school and play.

Doug Smith, owner of Smitty’s Exit 80, said gas prices are determined by the evening, Monday through Friday, when the stock market is open. Distributors in Detroit, River Rouge and Owosso determine their per-gallon “rack prices” and fax the information to Smith by 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Unlike some, he doesn’t raise the per-gallon price until he sells out of the gas he bought at a lower price. “I don’t jump it up 5 cents like I paid an extra 5 cents for that gas,” he said.

Because of competition from other stations, Smith actually sells gasoline at a loss. Other products he sells, such as cigarettes and lottery tickets, include the Michigan sales tax of 6 percent, are an average cost of 55 cents per gallon.

“Everyone in the business is competing against others,” said Bill Bush, a spokesperson for the American Petroleum Institute. “The market dictates what the price would be. You look at what your competitors are doing, and you have to price your product at a price that is competitive.”

Gas stations with a good location, or ones that are new and very clean, for example, might set their prices higher, Bush said. But, if one gas station has gasoline at $3.50 per gallon and another has it for $3.50, chances are the ones selling for $3.50 per gallon will go out of business. “You can’t price it a lot above that outer limit, because people just aren’t going to buy it,” he said. They have other choices.”

John Felmy, chief economist for the American Petroleum Institute, said the most important factor in gasoline prices is the cost of crude oil. The U.S. Energy Information Association, which is part of the Department of Energy, says about 67 percent of the cost of manufacturing gas is crude oil. After that, taxes — which vary by state — make up a little less than 15 percent. The cost of

shipping the gas and getting it to consumers is about 10 percent, on average, this year.

Crude oil is needed to make regular gas, diesel, heating oil, jet fuel, etc. Each refinery needs to buy crude oil to produce fuels, like gasoline. Therefore, the cost of crude oil is a very large part of the cost of gas at the pump. Gas prices tend to track the price of crude oil, but not always perfectly.

Ultimately, the price of gasoline depends upon supply and demand, Bush said.

Crude oil is sold in international auctions, and buyers actually try to buy it to make fuels like gasoline. Felmy said the U.S. supplies most of its own crude oil, around 40 percent. Which buyer is the supplier to America is Canada. And depending on the month, that is followed by Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Nigeria and Russia.

Many remember the lines at the pumps and skyrocketing prices after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. Others recall high gas prices after the Arab Oil Embargo in 1974, while these before and after crude oil prices like the price of crude oil, supply and demand, and competition among local gas stations.

Summary

> Many motorists wonder why gas prices change so much from day to day. Experts say the answer includes factors like the price of crude oil, supply and demand, competition among local gas stations.

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This news comes in the wake of the alleged attempt by the “Christmas Day Bomber” to blow up a plane on a Detroit-bound airliner on Christmas Day 2009.

Unquestionably, these events and others have heightened security concerns. The Federal Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has responded in a number of ways, including expanding the use of full-body scanning for airline passengers over the past year.

Currently, there are 341 of these imaging technology machines being used at 67 airports, with an additional 110 to be installed by the end of the year and 500 more next year.

These advanced imaging machines have received some recent negative publicity as some passengers have expressed concerns over privacy.

These machines do exactly what one would think they do by taking an image of a person’s full body to detect possible contraband. There are two types — “millimeter wave,” which uses ultra high frequency radio waves and “backscatter,” which uses a form of X-ray.

The Washington Post reports the process as a passenger walking through security and standing inside a partially enclosed boxlike tube with their hands in the air for about 15 seconds while a low dose of radiation washes over them. The images are transmitted to a nearby control room. The security agents at the checkpoint do not have access to the images and the TSA says it deletes all reviews after they are reviewed.

The privacy concerns stem from the thoroughness of the scan. In response, the TSA says passenger privacy is ensured through the anonymity of the image, the blurring of facial features and the body imaging resembling a fuzzy photo or chalk etching.

A poll for USA Today indicated that 78 percent of respondents approve of use of the scanners.

Some lawsuits have been filed over these privacy concerns. In the meantime, the TSA plans continue for the installation of the devices nationwide. Whatever the end result of the lawsuits, it cannot be disputed that it is everyone’s fervent hope that our airports and airline passengers remain safe.

ATV RIDER THREATENED

At 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22, a Rose Township woman reported being threatened by a neighbor, after riding her ATV across his property on the 7000 block of Eagle Road. The woman had crossed the property for some time, to reach another location. The neighbor, 69, followed her home on the SLV and pointed a long-barreled, handgunk at her. He said he almost shot her, and next time, she “would feel a shell.” A 37-year-old State Police trooper from the Groveland Post seized the gun, and the case was submitted to a prosecutor for possible felonious assault.

WOMAN ALLEGES SEXUAL ASSAULT

At 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22, Michigan State Police Groveland Post received a report of an alleged sexual assault, from the manager of a treatment center in Rose Township, concerning two patients. The female patient said that the man had sexual relations with her that were not consensual. It is under investigation.

LOUD MUSIC

Michigan State Police (MSP) Groveland Post received a report of loud music, after 10 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 25, in the 6000 block of Bone Road, Rose Township. The complainant said her neighbor had been playing drums in his pole barn since 8 p.m. The trooper spoke with him, and the man said he was practicing with his new band and didn’t realize it was after 10 p.m. He stopped playing and apologized.

STRANGE PHONE CALL

At 10:40 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 25, a trooper from the MSP Groveland Post responded to the 1200 block of Demodex Road, Rose Township. A woman reported seeing a shadowy figure standing outside her home, speaking to her by phone and threatening her life. The person calling her said they could see her in her bedroom. The trooper checked around the house and found nothing out of the ordinary. A heavy dew would have shown footprints, police reports stated. The investigation was closed.

WORK-FROM-HOME SCAMS

Consumers continue to lose money from work-from-home scams that assist cyber criminals to move stolen funds. Unsuspecting individuals may face criminal charges. According to the U.S. Secret Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) and the Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center, work-from-home scam victims are often recruited by organized cyber criminals through newspaper ads, online employment services, unsolicited e-mails and social networking sites. Once recruited, the consumer becomes a "mule" for cyber criminals who use the consumer’s information or other victim’s accounts to steal and launder money. The consumer’s own identity or account may be compromised by the cyber criminals. For one’s protection, be wary of work-from-home opportunities. Anyone believing they have fallen victim to this scam is urged to contact their financial institution immediately and report it to the IC3 at www.ic3.gov.

UNDERAGED DRINKERS

Several individuals under the age of 21 were ticketed for consuming alcohol in Fenton. Lt. Jason Slater said at 2:11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 1, a Fenton police officer was sent to the 1400 block of Torrey Road to investigate a suspicious vehicle, parked in the lot by the building, with several occupants. The officer made contact with the driver of the vehicle, a 19-year-old Fenton Township teenager and male, who admitted to attending a party at one of the suites in the building. The driver admitted to drinking beer and registered a .07 on the preliminary breath test. He was released with a court appearance ticket for Under 21 Consumption. His friends, a 19-year-old Fenton Township female, blew .157; a 20-year-old Grand Blanc Township male blew .08; an 18-year-old Fenton female blew .058 and an 18-year-old Flint female blew .045. All of the underage drinkers were issued tickets and will appear in Fenton court on Dec. 6.

PURSE TAKEN

At 8:55 p.m. on Oct. 31, a Fenton police officer was sent to a restaurant in the 3000 block of Owen Road to investigate a larceny of a purse complaint. A 44-year-old Swartz Creek woman said she was having dinner at the restaurant. She left and forgot to take her purse. When she returned, her purse was gone. She spoke with other diners, who reported seeing two men at a table where she was seated. Management has been asked to view the surveillance video of the dining area to see if any suspects can be identified.

CAR/DEER CRASH

At 8:45 p.m. on Oct. 29, Linden police responded to a car-deer crash on West Broad Street. Lt. Kevin Duberg said a 25-year-old Davison man’s vehicle struck a deer, causing damage to the passenger door.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

THAT IS THE funniest thing I have ever heard. The city of Fenton will spend $300,000 on installing security devices that cost $300,000 and put that toward the poor people who are working hard to keep their homes from foreclosure.

EVERYBODY SHOULD show up for the next DDA meeting and let them know that this $300,000 for signs is ridiculous. Come out and show your support.

IF A ROUNDABOUT should go through for Adaile and Shihwanee, the Rockwell Assisted Living and the dentist office would lose property. Hmm, The French Laundry wouldn’t lose any property. Whatever planning.

MY KIDS DID have jobs, until the Obama Administration, as did many other folks. When are you going to stop blaming the Bush Administration for Obama’s foolish socialist failures? I would say this if a Republican or Independent were making these types of decisions. This party stuff has to end if the country ever is to heal.

THE DDA IS just another organization that gets taxpayers’ dollars without any accountability that is just like Southeastern Lakes. Taxes were never intended to be dispensed by anyone other than our elected governments and then only with limits. Our elected officials have given away their responsibilities so they can say they didn’t do it. Kick them all out, including locals.

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Township considers changes to dog control ordinance

By Sharon Stone
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Fenton Twp. — Township officials are considering proposed changes to the Dog Control Ordinance. The Fenton Township Board of Trustees held a first reading on Monday. The board will hold a second reading and vote on the changes during its next meeting on Monday, Nov. 22.

The proposed amendments would add provisions regarding dog shelters.

Supervisor Bonnie Mathis told the audience that the township has been getting called out more often to situations involving dogs kept in pens that had no shelter or bedding. She said, with winter weather coming, it is important to have an ordinance in place to protect the animals.

“We’re seeing it more and more,” said Mathis.

Mathis said the ordinance officer, Robert Atkinson, does not go out in search of non-compliant dog shelters, but would respond if there was a complaint filed.

The ordinance has had language stating that the structures are to be at least 15 feet from a property line. Mathis said there might be existing structures in violation of that requirement.

The board will hold a second reading and take action on the proposed amendment to the Dog Control Ordinance on Monday, Nov. 22.

“He called and we talked for 15 minutes on the protocol independent connection. Can you believe it?”

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grades began to slip as a teenager when things got to be too much for her at home. She dropped out of school at 16, only to re-enroll “the next Monday” when her skating coach encouraged her to get back on track. “She was my ‘second mom,’” said Noll, now 30, married and a mother herself.

These days, Noll has taken her passion for skating to the next level, forming her own coaching business called “One Skate Ahead,” named because she believes so strongly in the power of skating to change lives — especially the lives of young people. “The rink operator at Rolhlaven (in Grand Blanc) tells me I have a ‘bleeding heart’ for the sport,” said Noll. “I guess that means for the people in it, too.”

She has seen first-hand how skating changed her life and provided her with a family when she didn’t feel she had a family of her own to turn to. “When I was living in my car at 16, roller skating was my family,” said Noll. “I have experienced first-hand how a coach/mentor can change a life. I knew I wanted to be ‘just like her’ when I grew up.”

Noll currently teaches classes four days a week at Rolhlaven in Grand Blanc and Rollerama in Brighton. Her own children, ages 6 months to 5 years, are in early training for the sport and spend many hours with her at the rinks. Her husband, Ryan, who enjoys skating but not as passionately as she does, supports the family at home and on the sidelines. “I’m passionate about all roller sports — from figure skating to speed skating, roller derby and hockey. She also coaches the Flint Junior Teen Roller Derby Club and the Brighton Junior Roller Derby Club. While Noll teaches skating students from preschool through adults, she has a special place in her heart for kids with special needs. Four of her students have received the “Spirit of the Heart” award from the Michigan USA Roller Sports Association, which she has had the privilege of presenting as their coach.

One student had a neuro-muscular disorder, and her doctor actually prescribed roller skating as a treatment for this patient. Noll was her coach until she was 13. Another one of her award-winning students had open-heart surgery as an infant, and had just lost her baby sister, who was only 8 hours old. The skater/award winner was a young girl who was adopted from Russia and has Tourette Syndrome, a neurological disorder characterized by repetitive, stereotyped, involuntary movements and vocalizations called tics. “She also just lost her adoptive mother and was being raised by her disabled father,” added Noll. “This young girl has been through so much, yet she is outgoing, ambitious and creative.”

“We keep our class sizes small so that we can provide individual attention. Now this young girl is in private classes, where we can accomplish so much more.”

Another student who earned the award and won Noll’s heart is a young girl with cerebral palsy. “I was trying to get her to do a choo-choo,” a figure-skating move that involves squatting and sitting on one’s feet,” explained Noll. “Her grandmother was watching and was sure that this would be too difficult of a move for her, but I encouraged her to try. Today, she is a competitive figure skater in Flint.”

Many of Noll’s students don’t fit the “special needs” category the way society defines it, but their circumstances cause them to have challenges that other youngsters don’t have. One young student had a similar home situation as Noll did growing up and she has been able to overcome so much through her skating. “Since joining our team, she gets better grades, helps teach classes and has made many lifelong friendships,” said Noll.

Noll’s dream is to make roller skating accessible to local people, rather than having interested families have to drive to rinks in Brighton, Grand Blanc and Flint. “I’d love to use a local empty building for a rink and coach local students,” said Noll. “I want to bring the sport to the people, to reach out even more.”

BENEFITS
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Veterans’ Day salute planned at Karl Richter

Holly — American Legion Post 149 of Holly will host a Veteran’s Day Salute at the Karl Richter Campus Auditorium on Nov. 11, starting at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. “Veterans’ Day honors all who have served and those who are serving,” said area resident Joe Mishler, a veteran. “It is well to remember that American service people are serving in harm’s way, especially in Afghanistan and Iraq.”

Veterans’ Day began on Nov. 11, 1918 when World War I officially ended. Initially it was called Armistice Day. In 1954, it was officially changed to Veterans’ Day.

Mishler asks the community to advise them of the names of someone who is serving and their name will be mentioned during the program.

“Give us their name, branch of service and where they are serving. If you are a veteran and you would like to bring something to share with us, please do.”

The community is invited to attend.

The program will include patriotic songs, poetry, monologues, flag-folding ceremony, and more. Students from the Holly High School choir and dancers from the On Stage dance studio will perform. Members from Post 149 will participate as well as several actors from surrounding theatre groups. Veteran Dan Stashko will give the invocation, and Mishler will emcee the program.

American Legion Post 149 will provide snacks and refreshments afterward.

Post 149 is also hosting the service at Lakeside Cemetery on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. For more information, call (810) 348-9960.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF the city of Fenton not doing the jobs that they are paid to do. The unneeded signal light at Torrey and South Long Lake roads has been up almost two years and it still is not a blinking light on off hours. This should be a simple fix.

ROBERT COLE, DON’T think that you get my vote ever again. The township is going to spend all that money for a bike path. Have you ever tried to ride a bike down McCalin Lake Road? It’s not easy. Since you don’t live out here, we no longer exist, right?

RICK AS I drive down LeRoy Street, only one thing comes to mind, the idiots running this city and the roundabouts in their head.

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MILLER  
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1992-96, and as village president from 1996-2004. He decided to run again be-  
cause he saw many things that disturbed him, he said.  
This includes errors in water and sewer  
bills, which date back years. On this is-  
sue, council will ask questions and work  
on it until they get answers and figure it  
out, Miller said.  
In addition, treatment of people at  
council meetings, during public com-  
munication, is an issue he is concerned about.  
He would like to revamp how council handles  
public comment and work on the  
meeting agenda.  
He favors continuing discussions with  
townships near Holly Village, about co-  
operating on a big police department and  
a fire department to serve them all. If the  
question of a mega police and fire depart-  
ment comes to that point, he will insist that  
voters make the decision, Miller said.  
“We are going to restore trust in govern-  
ment, respect for the citizens that come in.  
We’re going to be a government that lists  
as well as we talk.”  
In addition, Holly needs a full-time  
manager, and a police chief to replace  
Rollie Gackstetter, who is retiring in  
December, Miller said.  
Although polls at Holly High School  
closed at 8 p.m., results did not come in  
until well after 11 p.m. Holly Township  
Clerk Karin Winchester said staff had to  
re-run Precinct 2, after someone pulled a  
ballet out of the optical scanning machine,  
making counts inaccurate.  
Jackie Campbell, who won a seat on  
council, said she will ask lots of ques-  
tions about where the village is at and  
what problems it is facing, and get inside  
information on it. “You’ve got to take it  
forward from there,” she said. “I would  
still like to see very constructive growth.”  
But now is a time to “tighten Holly’s  
belt” and ride out the economy, Campbell  
said. Then, she wants to make very wise  
decisions.  
It’s important to her to bring the vote  
to the people. “The residents, they are  
the ultimate boss. I want them to be  
able to be heard, to be seen. Certain issues  
should go to the vote of the people and  
not to the council.”  
She would like more openness, so  
residents can come into the village office  
and see where their tax money is going.  
And, Campbell wants residents to be able  
to make suggestions, “Council doesn’t  
have all the answers.”  
Like Miller, Clark said he was unhappy with  
the way things were going in the village, water  
and sewer billing mistakes among them. “I felt  
there needed to be a change.”  
Regarding the water and sewer bills,  
“the whole thing has been mishandled,”  
Clark said.  
It was a contested race in Holly Village,  
with three candidates for president, two  
for a partial term on the council and nine  
for three full council terms.

KILDEE  
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Kupiec, 53, has spent his entire profes- 
sional life in the private sector, owning a  
farm in Mundy Township, an advertising  
agency, a production company, six Subway  
restaurants and other properties. He and his  
wife, Kelly, have three college-educated  
children, John, Adam and Jennifer. He  
said he’d be in a tree stand tomorrow  
and then go back to his office to clean up  
the big mess he has on the floor. Beyond  
that, he said, “I’ll be in a tree stand tomorrow  
afternoon to shoot the wily whitetails.”  
Kildee could not be reached for com- 
ment at press time.

GRAVES  
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for the two-year term. District 6 serves the  
residents in Argentine Township, Fenton  
Township, the city of Linden and city of  
Fenton.  
For nearly 20 years, Harrell, who is  
now retired, was on staff as the  
coordinator for the Genesee  
County Board of Commis- 
sioners. Graves is retired from a  
lifetime career with General  
Motors and is the owner of J&D Select Properties with  
his wife, Denise. Graves also  
served as an Argentine Township Plan- 
ning commissioner, trustee and clerk.  
Graves attended a post-election cel- 
bration party at the Holiday Inn Gateway  
Centre in Flint with fellow Republicans.  
“I’m very excited,” said  
Graves. “It’s been a long time  
coming.”  
Graves said it became appar-  
tent to him that he won after the  
numbers came in from Argentine  
Township. “That was a good in- 
dicator,” he said. When Fenton Township  
numbers came in, he knew for sure.  

Good representation for this area is one  
of Graves’ main goals. He said he intends to  
meet with officers with the township  
boards and discuss the issues. “We’re  
going to move the county forward, not  
just subsidize Flint.”  
When the polls closed, Harrell headed  
over to Luigi’s restaurant in Fenton for a  
polling place, and thanked everyone  
for all their support.  
As the numbers came in, it became evident that Graves  
was leading the race. “With seven (precincts) to go, it’s  
not likely that we can overcome the  
2,500 votes,” said Harrell. “We gave it  
our best shot.”  
“We couldn’t overcome the year. It’s  
been a bad year for Democrats,”  
Joe Graves  

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BAREFOOT
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Propelling the trend of running barefoot are the decidedly strange-looking Vibram Five-Finger shoes. The five-finger shoes look a little like ergonomically designed water shoes, with toes. “It was a little weird on my toes (at first),” said Kelli Ernst of Fenton, while working out in her shoes at Major League Fitness in Fenton.

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Ernst said, without her barefoot shoes, she gets shin splints while running. Lawhorne has owned a pair of Vibram shoes for about two years. He used them extensively last summer, until his arch was bruised by a rock, and he had to stop using the shoes for a while. Now, he only wears them occasionally to remind him to run in proper form.

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(Above) Linden High School varsity and junior varsity cross-country runners practice proper running form by running barefoot at Byram Park in Linden Monday afternoon. (Right) Kelli Ernst box jumps with her barefoot, wearing Vibram Five-Finger shoes at Major League Fitness in Fenton Monday afternoon. Ernst runs road races with her five-finger shoes, as opposed to traditional shoes with heel support.

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Triglycerides can clog arteries

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What are triglycerides? What do they do to you? I am a 55-year-old male in good health, or so I thought. My lab tests have shown I have elevated triglycerides. My doctor believes I need to have funeral arrangements. He told me to cut down on fats. I have never eaten much fat. I don’t use butter. How do I get my level down? — R.F.

ANSWER: Triglycerides are fats. The stuffing in meat and the stuff that surrounds a cut of meat are triglycerides. In the blood, they are not solids. They’re a source of energy for all cells. Excess amounts are stored as fat. Cholesterol gets all the blame for clogging heart arteries and causing heart attacks. But triglycerides bear part of the blame. A very high blood triglyceride level inflames the pancreas – pancreatitis. That happens, but is a somewhat rare event compared with other causes of pancreatitis. The normal triglyceride reading should be less than 150 mg/dL (1.7 mmol/L). Values between 150 and 199 (1.7 to 2.2) are considered borderline high. Anything above 500 (5.6 mmol/L) is high. Weight reduction almost always brings down triglycerides. Fatty foods, fatty meats and fried foods should be eaten sparingly. Surprisingly, sugar raises triglycerides, as does in moderate alcohol drinking. Omega 3 fatty acids lower them. Fish – a good source of omega-3 fatty acids – therefore, ought to be a major part of two weekly meals. If you don’t like the taste of fish, you can take omega-3 in pills. I know people must cringe when they hear exercise mentioned, as it appears to be a panacea for every ill. A half-hour of brisk walking on most days of the week reliably lowers triglycerides. You can start modestly, and work your way to the 30-minute goal. If none of these low your triglycerides, medicines can. Lopid, Tricor and niacin are three reliable drugs.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I just received a lab slip from my doctor’s office for tests that should be done before my visit. Electrolytes are circled. Why are they? They sound like something to do with electricity. — M.Z.

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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1 Long story
5 Wander about
8 Unembellished
12 Winged
13 Bears legend
15 Skater’s leap
18 “Melancholy Baby” start
22 Sailor’s sepulchre
23 Pussycat’s partner
26 Bill for Tabby
31 Coral structure
32 Pigeonasse
33 BBs and such
36 Part of a stage costume
38 PC program, for short
40 Hubby
41 Tide
43 Jewel
45 “Friends”
47 Shirvelled grape
51 Settle down

KING FEATURES
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Answer in this Sunday’s edition of the Tri-County Times.
Hayden Mahakian, McKenna Mahakian and Morgan Losey are dressed in authentic period costumes for their roles in the play production of the “Nifty Fifties.”

Kidz Theater Kompany members visit old-fashioned malt shoppe

Members of Kidz Theater Kompany did some research for their roles in the “Nifty Fifties.”

The young actors visited the A & W restaurant in Fenton Township wearing their authentic period costumes from the ’50s. The restaurant has a classic rock-and-roll theme. A neon-lighted jukebox offers a wide selection of old rock tunes and dozens of photograph records are displayed on the walls.

The costumes worn by the kids included poodle skirts for the girls, and motorcycle boots and leather jackets for the boys. The youngsters carefully studied the old-time decorations that enhance the historic ambiance of the restaurant. They played classic tunes on the jukebox while enjoying hot dogs, root beer and milk shakes.

Kidz Theatre Kompany, a subsidiary of Fenton Village Players, is a local non-profit youth theatre group that accepts all children, who audition. “Nifty Fifties” features eight children from 70

Saylor Spees, 10 and Madaline Hall, 11, get a taste of the past with root beer floats.

families in the area. The show will open on Friday, Nov. 12 at the Fenton Village Theatre or Torrey Road, Fenton.

Information is available at kidztheatre kompany, at (810) 735-5313 or by contacting Rodney Green at (810) 964-4965.

Holly Holiday Art & Craft Show set for Saturday

For 33 years, the Holly Holiday Art & Craft Show draws in 1,200 people to see the local offerings for handmade Christmas goodies, both as presents and gifts to themselves.

The event, Saturday, Nov. 6, is at Holly High School, 6161 East Holly Rd.; from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Always the first Saturday in November, Holly Holiday features more than 110 artists and crafters from all over the state and signifies the beginning of the shopping season. In this tight economy, there will be unique offerings at conservative prices and an opportunity to buy made-in-Michigan products. There is plenty of free parking, handicapped accessibility, and delicious homemade lunches made by the parents of students.

For more information, call Susanne Les at (248) 634-5338. This show is the major fundraiser for the Holly Historical Society’s Hadley House Museum and Holly High School Project Graduation.

The event is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at Holly High School.

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Rita Wood, of Corunna, displays hand-crafted dolls at the 2009 Holly Holiday Art & Craft Show.
Linden cross country teams headed to state meet

By David Troppens
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Wasn’t this supposed to be a rebuilding year? The Linden varsity boys cross country team was a rebuilding project. There was no question about that. Hardly any varsity runners returned to the program, and all but Mark Wright was back from the team that won a state title in 2008.

Yet, when it’s mattered most, the Eagles have risen right back to the top.

Recently, the Eagles won a share of the Metro League title. Now, on Saturday, the Eagles won their fourth straight regional title at their own Linden Middle School Divi- sion 2 regional course.

The Linden girls also had an outstanding day, earning a third-place team finish and their second straight trip to the MHSAA Cross Country Championships, to be hosted at Michigan International Speedway on Saturday. The Linden girls came just 10 points away from winning a regional title themselves.

“It was a great day for both teams,” Linden coach Clint Lawhorne said. “I was disappoint- ed for the girls team because they have worked really hard this year and came very close to the regional championship. It would have been the first in school history. However, they still qualified and it’s great to take everyone down to compete again at the state finals.

“The boys’ competition in our region was not quite as tough as it has been in the past, although our kids ran extremely well.”

The Linden boys finished with 64 points, easily defeating the field. They were paced by Adrian Tay- lor’s ninth-place time of 17:23.20. The Eagles’ other scorers were Mark Wright in 12th (17:29.7), Roger Phillips in 13th (17:32.6), Graham Elliott in 14th (17:33.3) and Jacob Hoyes in 16th (17:52.3).

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SPORTS TRIVIA

Q How many football playoff wins does each tri-county football team have in their history?

A Lake Fenton leads the field with three, while Linden has won two. Fenton has one postseason win, while Holly has never won a playoff game.

Fenton football wins first ever playoff game

Tigers score late, upset Midland 42-35

By David Troppens
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Midland — Nine times before, the Fenton varsity football team had gone to the playoffs.

Nine times, the Tigers lost their first-round playoff game.

It didn’t happen the 10th.

Instead, the Tigers put together a dramatic fourth-quarter comeback and then held on down the stretch, earning a thrilling 42-35 upset victory in Division 2 playoff action at Midland Community Stadium Sat- urday night.

“I can’t explain my emotions right now,” said Fenton’s Brandon Marion, who iced the game with an interception with just 1:16 left in the contest. “This made history. It’s a really great win, and we made history. That’s all we really need to say.”

“It’s an unreal feeling,” said Fen- ton’s Dan Tousley, who had TD catches of 8 and 10 yards. “We’re the first team to win in the playoffs in Fenton High School. It’s something I’ll never forget.”

And the hundreds of Fenton fans that made the trek to Midland won’t soon forget it, either.

The Tigers trailed 35-28 with 7:14 left in the fourth quarter after Midland’s Avery Chatman scored his second TD of the game on a 21-yard TD run. Things were only compounded when the Tigers fumbled the ensuing kickoff, giving Midland possession at the Fen- ton 32. However, the Tigers (7-3) held, forcing an incomplete pass on fourth down with 4:41 remaining.

On the next play, Fenton QB Houston Shaw found Marion for a 42-yard reception, setting up Jake Georgakopoulos’ 29-yard TD run a play later. Fenton’s Kenny Al- len made the fifth of his six extra- points, tying the contest at 35-35.

“I wanted to go outside, and I saw everyone flowing to the outside,” said Georgakopoulos about the touchdown. “I took a slow cut, watched where everyone was going and took it to the outside.”

Midland had 4:13 left to re- take the lead, but failed miserably against Fenton’s defense. Georga- kopoulos dropped Toby Wilson for a two-yard loss, eventually setting up a fourth-down punt. The punt was poor, giving the Tigers the ball at the Midland 34. Just a play later, Shaw was running for his second large TD run of the contest for a 34- yard score.

“I ran it, cut back again and had open field,” Shaw said. “I had a good block by Marion. That’s what sets those (long TD runs) up are good blocks by the receivers.”

With 2:22 remaining, Midland had one more chance. The Chem- ics drove to the Fenton 49, but that’s when Marion had his interception with 1:16 left. Midland had no time outs, so the Tigers downed the ball to victory.

“I knew the wind was at our back. I kind of undercut it, and it

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Dow preview in a box

Up next: Fenton (7-3) at seventh-ranked Midland Dow (9-1)

Date/Time: Saturday at 7 p.m.

Where: Midland Community Center (on Midland High’s campus)

First round: Fenton defeated Midland 42-35, while Midland Dow edged Bay City Western 34-28 in double overtime.

Playoffs: Fenton won its first playoff game ever, improving to 1-0 in playoff contests last week. Midland Dow is 6-6 in 12 playoff games, making the playoffs this year for the first time since 2006.

Quick look at Midland Dow: The Tigers enter the contest as an underdog, but were the under- dogs entering last week’s game against Dow’s city rival Midland, and that was a Tigers’ victory at Midland Community Cen- ter as well. The Chargers are a run-first team, led by quarterback Brandon Sklenar and running back Eric Schwenk. Expect those two to get most of the carries. Sklenar only completed one pass against Bay City Western last week, but has had effective weeks throwing the ball as well, averag- ing around 10 throws a game and just over one TD pass a contest. Until last week, the Chargers hadn’t allowed more than 14 points in any game. They shut out Midland 24-0 during Week #3.

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(Above) Fenton’s Quinton
Mandie (left) and Brandon
Marion celebrate Marion’s TD in
the first quarter of Fenton’s 42-
35 playoff victory against Midland
on Saturday.
(Left) Jake
Georgakopoulost (left) tries to get past a Midland
defender during a running
attempt. Fenton plays Midland
Dow in Midland at 7 p.m. on
Saturday.

did you know? The last time the Fenton varsity football team won nine games in a season was in 1985.
Holly volleyball advances to district semis

By David Troppens
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Clarksdon — The Holly varsity volleyball team had some unfinished business against Brandon.

The two teams had faced twice this year, winning the two matches. The Bronchos wanted to finish the season with the edge.

They did. The Bronchos defeated Brandon 25-14, 25-19, in their Class A district opener at Clarkston High School Monday.

The win earned Holly a spot in the semifinals against Grand Blanc, being played today at 7 p.m. at Clarkston. The winner of that match returns to Clarkston on Thursday for the title match.

“The two matches, it was all about beating Brandon.”

This meant the world to us,” Holly senior Dori Cheff said. “We’ve had a back-and-forth thing with Brandon, but we worked really hard for this game. We practiced extra hard, and we really pulled it out because we played like we know we can.”

“The team was really pumped,” Holly coach Jamie Jones said. “They wanted it. I’ve been telling them all along, if they want a game, they have to go for it and own the game. We beat Waterford Kettering this weekend, and it was because they wanted to win. When they put their minds to it, they can do it.”

Holly’s (25-2-3) put together a balanced effort and controlled the match throughout. Cheff was strong at the net, pounding down a team-high 15 kills, while Alex St. Souver and Hannah Timm had five each. Setter Jenna Mitchell had a strong showing, providing 20 assists.

Defensively, Mitchell also sparked a strong team performance, with 29 digs.

“Brandon was strong at the net and it was only 17” when Cheff provided two kills during Briana Rodriguez’s service run of five straight points.

If that run didn’t end the game, then Shelby Wohlfeil’s run of five straight points later did. Holly won the second game on a service error.

Brandon had an early lead in the first game, and still led 8-7 after a Holly hitting error. However, Merissa Moorhead got a kill, tying it up at 8-8. Then, Rodriguez went on a five-point scoring run once again. She had an ace and Moorhead and Cheff had kills during that run, giving Holly a 14-9 lead.

Brandon was within 22-17 late, but a kill by Moorhead was followed by a Brandon hitting error, giving Holly a 24-17 lead. Match point came, fittingly, on a Cheff kill.

Holly realizes Grand Blanc will be a tough battle, but is happy to have the chance.

“Grand Blanc is a really good team,” Cheff said. “They have some good hitters. We’re going to have to get our blocks up, and we have to be able to stay scrappy and get our defense on them.”

Clarksdon def. Fenton

The Tigers lost to Clarkston 25-23, 19-25, 25-10, 25-18 in their district opener on Monday. For more details on the match read Sunday’s sports section.

Bronchos drop playoff game to Walled Lake Central, 46-6

By Al Zips

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Midland — The Walled Lake Central varsity football team’s option play delivered the knockout.

The Vikings’ (9-1) option could not be stopped as they rolled up 36 rushing yards, but they beat the Bronchos 46-6 Friday.

Holly’s storybook football season ended with a 6-4-1 record, Holly, who lost three of the last seven games of the season, bounced back strong with wins in six of the last seven games to make the playoffs for only the second time in school history, the first under coach Ryan Culloty. The first ever was in 2006 when they lost to Oxford 6-0 in the opening round. Holly is still looking for its first victory in the playoffs.

“We came up against a great team, but it doesn’t take anything away from what we accomplished this season,” said Holly varsity football coach Ryan Culloty. “It was not the way we wanted to finish, but from the blow out from where we started the season, we take away the positives of beating our rivals. Making the playoffs will be something they can always remember.

“The program, at one time, went through a stretch of winning just 9 of 81 games. Making the playoffs for the first time since 2006 is not an obstacle anymore. This group worked hard all summer and came together as a group.”

“Walled Lake Central” wanted it more then we did,” said an emotional Anderius Gray, who came up with the touchdowns.

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The Eagles’ other two runners weren’t that far behind. Kirk Bennett took 17th (18:01) and Sam Mouglier in 21st (18:12.1). “I thought the jambox meet (in the Metro League) prepared us mentally and physically for the regional meet,” Lawhorne said. “I am proud of all that the boys have accomplished this season. If we can finish within the top 13 at the state finals, it will be a great day for the kids.”

The Eagles ran without Adam Dietz, who was injured on Friday. “It was a hummer, because he is a senior and an excellent leader,” Lawhorne said. “I am fortunate to coach kids that are willing to put the team above themselves.”

The girls took third with 75 points. Andover took first (65) and LaSalle was second (66).

“We were so close to winning, and it was a tough loss,” Linden girls coach Becky Stockford said. “We really wanted to win that day, as Linden girls have never been regional champions before, but it was just not meant to be. The girls did such a nice job. It just wasn’t good enough on Saturday. We had some tough competition.”

Sydney Eldner led the Eagles, taking eighth in 20:21.1. She was followed by Heidi Sack in 12th (20:45.2), Mayce Varacalli in 14th (20:53.1), Danielle Starks in 17th (21:24.1) and Alexisha Enghs in 24th (21:53.2).

The Eagles are making their second straight state trip as a team. They finished 24th last year.

“We are very excited to be going back to the state finals for the second year in a row as a team,” Stockford said. “We are really hoping to do well and place higher than last year. Also, I would like to see the girls run either season or lifetime personal bests.”

Lake Fenton
at Division 3 regional
Lake Fenton’s girls team placed eighth. Andrea Roe led the Blue Devils, taking 25th in 21:48.2. The other scorers were Laura Carlson in 41st (22:40.6), Marie Aymaz in 48th (22:56), Becky Fernelius in 50th (22:58.7) and Marta Watters in 68th (25:20.8).

Trevor Sheridan was Lake Fenton’s top boy runner, finishing in 73rd with a time of 21:39.7.

Fenton, Holly at Bay City Western regional
The Holly girls cross-country team placed seventh at regionals, while the Fenton girls placed ninth.

Alex Matchuck led the Bronchos with a 19th-place finish in 20:03.47. Others finishing in the top 50 were Marijah Ruland in 31st (20:53.1), Jennifer Beckner in 36th (21:13.65) and Abby Brown in 40th (21:20.91).

The Fenton girls were led by Autumn Moulton in 41st (21:23.62), Brittany Robinson finished in 43rd (21:30.94).

The Fenton boys placed ninth, while the Holly boys were 11th. Fenton’s Max Kryztopak (16:43) Nick Jones took 35th (17:11.30), while Brady Morten finished 44th (17:21.90).

Holly’s top runner was Michael McCarty, taking 38th (17:17.4).

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what I had to do,” said Williams on his 75-yard touchdown reception. He took a hard hit in the second half but came back to break the big run for (50 of his 58 yards rushing).

The Vikings had a 71-yard nine-play drive on their first possession to take the lead for good. K.J. Schultz capped off the drive with a one-yard run with 4:59 left in the opening quarter. Running back Chris Kozlara, who had 138 yards rushing on just 12 carries, had a 36-yard TD run late in the first quarter. Central quarterback Zac Leimbach, who had 117 rushing yards, had a 40-yard touchdown off the option. Kozlara had his second of three touchdowns on a two-yard run with 48 seconds left in the first half. The Vikings led 26-0 at the half. Central tackled on three more touchdowns in the second half.
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The following information is provided pursuant to the Local Development Financing Act, MCL 212.7116.

A description of the property to which the plan applies is as follows:

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