Gas pipeline alarming to officials, residents

Meeting at Spring Meadows leaves many confused

By Yvonne Stegall
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Linden — Many attendees to the ET Rover Pipeline open house Tuesday evening at Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden were confused over what they found. Instead of a podium with a few speakers, they walked into a packed hub of information boards and scattered Energy Transfer representatives. While there was a “Welcome” board, there was no rhyme or reason to the open house that Linden Mayor David Lossing referred to as a “debacle.”

Hundreds of residents from Genesee, Shiawassee, and Lapeer counties flocked through the crowded doors in order to ease their worries about the dangers of the gas pipeline, and what it would do to their land. However, listening to residents talk, it seemed they became more upset after hearing different stories from different representatives. See PIPELINE on 16A

Domestic abuse

‘Unacceptable at any level’

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Last October, a Fenton man was charged with battery, for pulling the mother of his child around their apartment by her hair. In April, a drunken Linden man pushed his grandmother, who tried to keep him out of the house. Over the Memorial Day weekend, Fenton police responded to nine domestic assault complaints, and on Saturday, a couple in Holly had an altercation in their vehicle. No charges were filed, but both had allegedly struck each other and argued through-out the day — alcohol was involved.

Out of Fenton’s 76 assaults committed this year, Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro guesses 80 percent were domestic. See ABUSE on 17A

St. John Applefest 2014

Lucas Claborn, 12, of St. John School takes a shot at Bank a Ball, surrounded by his friends from school Thursday night at St. John Applefest. Catch the popular annual event this weekend, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 6 p.m.

Deplorable conditions continue at Genesee County Animal Control

Locked ward still locked, volunteers still needed

By Yvonne Stegall
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Genesee County Animal Control (GCAC) has been under attack recently for poor conditions and even worse treatment of animals. Pegge Adams, Genesee County commissioner for District 9, stepped down as Animal Control committee vice chair in August. District 8 Commissioner Ted Henry replaced her, but the replacement hasn’t come to the treatment of animals at Genesee County Animal Control. According to the Genesee County commissioner for District 6 and a GCAC volunteer.

Summary

No changes have come to the treatment of animals at Genesee County Animal Control. See ANIMAL on 17A

Teen crashes Jeep, alcohol suspected

By Sharon Stone
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Fenton police and fire departments responded to a one-vehicle crash on Torrey Road at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 12.

See TEEN on 17A
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Picking the right phone for your needs

- Consider budget and how you intend to use your new phone

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When it comes to purchasing a cell phone, there are many options. According to Andrew Cruga at Wireless Zone in Fenton, 99 percent of the people who come into their store are current smartphone users just looking to upgrade. Whether you are upgrading or getting your first cell phone, ask yourself a few questions to help determine your needs.

What do you plan to do with your phone? Cruga said, “Most people these days rely on their smartphones for surfing the web, the almighty Facebook, using GPS, and looking things up on Google.”

Basically, cell phones have become our alternative to the laptop. Most people want faster processors, bigger displays, or better cameras. In addition, of course, don’t forget all the apps and games that are available with smartphones.

Do you have a brand or OS preference? If you find yourself comfortable with a particular brand, you might want to stick with that. The same goes for what operating system you chose. Some people prefer iPhones over Androids, and vice versa.

See PHONE on 6A

The new iPhone 6 phones outsize the previous generations.

Be a part of your child’s education

- Parent-teacher conferences open lines of communication between teacher, families

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Parent-teacher conferences have been going on for decades, and they are among the most important events for parents to be involved in their children’s education. This is the time when parents can really find out how their student is doing in school and have one-on-one time with teachers.

The basis of the parent-teacher conference is the opportunity for parents and teachers to come together to support education.

It doesn’t matter whether your child is in elementary, middle, or secondary school, parent-teacher conferences are equally important at every grade. While not all schools host parent-teacher conferences where all parents can show up between specified times, parents can still schedule meetings with their children’s teachers and ask about their child’s education and progress.

Jennifer Williams, fourth-grade teacher at Torrey Hill Intermediate School in the Lake Fenton Community Schools district, said, “The value of parent conferences can’t be overstated.”

See TEACHER on 6A

Preparing for a parent-teacher conference

- Schedule an appointment — a parent-teacher conference is not the only time when parents and teachers should make contact. Parents may want to schedule a special meeting with their child’s teacher for a variety of reasons. If you need to set up an appointment with the teacher, make a phone call or write a quick note to the teacher, and let him or her know if you have particular issues you would like to discuss.
- Talk to your child — Find out which subjects your child likes the best and the least. Ask why. Ask if there is anything your child would like you to talk about with the teacher. Help the child understand that you and the teacher are meeting to help him or her. If your child is in middle or high school, you may want to include him or her in the conference.
- Gather input from others — if you have a spouse, another care-giving adult, or someone with pertinent information or insight (doctor, counselor, other guardian) can attend the conference.

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‘Just say no’ to phone scam

On Sept. 18, a restaurant in the village of Holly received a call from an unknown person ‘with a thick foreign accent,’ claiming to be from a collection agency, working for the restaurant’s electric company. The caller demanded payment or the power would be shut off in 30 minutes. No funds were sent, and the restaurant owners advised the employee to hang up. A call to Consumer’s Energy confirmed the restaurant was caught up on payment, and that the call was a scam, and to call the police if anyone shows up claiming to be from the electric company. Holly Police Chief Michael Story advised anyone receiving a similar call to “just say no,” and hang up.

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Susan Ohlert, a teacher at Holly High School, conducts parent/teacher conferences in this 2011 file photo. Meetings ran for three hours in the afternoon, and three hours during the evening.

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Morality matters!

American culture, led by the corrupt and conscienceless liberal media, is killing us. Of course, that’s not something that we like to talk about for the same reason a person with lung cancer doesn’t like to talk about the Marlboro he’s sucking on. He knows what he’s doing is killing him, but he doesn’t know how to stop.

We, the citizens living this culture nightmare, are in the same boat.

■ We denigrate success while defending people who make stupid decisions, who won’t educate themselves and who simply refuse to work.

■ We have allowed pornography to become a commodity so available that even pre-teens are being sexually and socially warped by addiction to it.

■ We love ‘victims’ so much that we ignore the truth and allow the media to make celebrities out of them.

■ We celebrate shallow fools like the Kardashians, sports stars and entertainers while allowing Hollywood to villainize successful businesses, Christians and soldiers.

■ We have allowed more children to be murdered by Roe v. Wade than were murdered by Hitler during the Holocaust.

■ The institution of marriage, the foundation of any moral society, is falling apart and our solution is to...promote homosexual marriage?

■ We encourage the entire country to eulogize and mourn comedians who commit suicide while ignoring the deaths of soldiers overseas.

■ We elected a president who makes a phone call to a black NBA player to congratulate him on going public about his sexual preferences, but is too busy to call the families of soldiers who died defending their country.

■ We’ve weakened our universities to be taken over, and our children to be indoctrinated, by ultra-liberals who preach hatred of God and country.

■ We give ink and credibility to opportunistic idiots like Jackson and Sharp-ton — shysters who actually weaken America by promoting racism and hate.

■ What is ‘right’ and ‘wrong’ has become irrelevant, superceded by what’s ‘legal’ and ‘illegal’.

■ We allow the media to paint the greatest, most powerful, most prosperous and most virtuous nation on the planet as war-mongering, greedy and racist.

■ Absurdly, we hold professional football players to a higher moral standard than we do our leaders in Washington.

■ More Americans than not endorsed a political party that is dedicated to the idea that seizing money from people who have legally earned it, and giving it to people who haven’t, is a good social model for the future.

■ We allow illegal immigrants into our society and, astonishingly, allow them to publicly celebrate and promote the very culture they fled from.

■ Our government buys billboards across the country encouraging mortgage defaulters to ‘fight back,’ not ‘pack up.’

■ We actually believe that our children can be raised in this moral sewage and still turn out to be ethical, upstanding citizens who will lead us into the future.

There’s only one solution to America’s problems — we need to elect leaders who will address the disgusting the sickness eating at the heart of our culture. We will never be able to survive as a divided, degenerate society full of people who reward failure, resent success and live for the moment.

Morality matters. Always has, always will.

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What is your most memorable flying experience?

“I was flying with my father over the Grand Canyon while he was ill.”
— Matthew Locke
Fenton

“I went to Hawaii to get married.”
— Matthew Locke
Fenton

“I flew in a C-130 squad in Vietnam out of Da Nang, and took fire as we came in to land.”
— Dave Casalman
Fenton

“I went to Vegas in ’88. That was the worst flight. Turbulence was bad, and people weren’t nice at all.”
— Mita Zahn, Howell

“My dad was a pilot, and I remember him taking us flying over my grandparents’ house.”
— Stacey Stoddard
Fenton

“I’ve never flown so I don’t have one — (but I would) for business or travel.”
— Natasha Stoddard
Fenton
Vacant farmhouse ‘intentionally set’ on fire

Fenton Township Fire Department investigates, seeks witnesses

By Sharon Stone
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A structure fire that occurred Wednesday evening in Fenton Township is under investigation.

Fenton Township-Fire Chief Ryan Volz said his department responded to a report of a house fully engulfed in flames at 13205 Hogan Road at 9:30 p.m. The old, two-story farmhouse is vacant with no utilities or power.

With no gas or electricity connected to the home to spark a fire, Volz said he believes the old farmhouse was intentionally set, however, a thorough investigation needs to be complete before he calls it arson. He believes one or more people were out there messing around as firefighters observed fresh tire tracks of someone doing “doughnuts” in the yard with their vehicle.

Fire departments from Fenton and Linden cities and Mundy and Argentine townships responded through mutual aid. Volz said his department cleared the scene at 12:25 a.m. Thursday.

The company managing the property is expected to arrive in order to board up what remains of the structure before it is taken down.
Focus on Vision
By Dr. Juan Alvarado, D.O., Diplomate, American Board of Optometry

EYES ON LEARNING
School, computer use and cell phones ramp up the visual demands on your child drastically. There are many visual tools kids need in order to learn effectively.

Multiple visual systems/tools are used in school that can break down and many are not obvious to the parent or teachers. The easy one to spot is poor visual acuity (if the kid can’t see the chalkboard, ding ding ding... there’s a problem).

Other equally or more devastating visual problems that decrease a child’s learning potential are visual fatigue and poor eye tracking/visual coordination to name a couple. Both drastically decrease reading (books, computer, chalkboard) and comprehension at all ages.

Insidious medical problems often are present as well that are hard to detect such as mild lazy eye or a small eye turn that only occurs during reading. The latter by the way is extremely hard to detect without an eye doctor specifically looking for it.

With most of these conditions the child is 100% unaware these problems are occurring. Often I have seen kids that appear to have ADD or Dyslexia who simply need eye exercises or therapeutic lenses which improve concentration and visual organization.

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It gives the parent an opportunity to learn of academic and social or emotional challenges their child might be facing at school. This is the time when, if necessary, a plan of action can be established between the home and school.

Williams said, “As a teacher, these meetings also provide me a window into the child’s life away from school.” This insight gives the educational team the opportunity to better meet educational needs of the children during the school day. She added, “I would, however, encourage parents not to wait for conference time if there are concerns they might have. A quick email or phone call to the teacher can often help answer questions or nip a problem before it becomes a major issue.”

The National PTA website (pta.org) suggested that during a conference parents remember to ask questions and address problems. Questions show the teacher that the parent is concerned about their child’s success in the classroom, and allows the teacher to work with the parent to the student’s best advantage.

For parents who discover school issues with their children, it is important to come up with an action plan with their teachers, as well as inquire about what the teacher is already doing to help. It may also be a good idea to schedule a follow-up conference.

The importance of the parent-teacher conference doesn’t end at the school. Discuss the conference with your child afterwards, which is suggested by the National PTA website. This offers parents a chance to be direct with their kids about any problems, and explain the action plan with them.

If the child has been doing well, it allows parents a chance to let their children know that they are proud of their efforts in school.

“The value of the face-to-face meeting between the parent and teacher can’t be overstated.”

Jennifer Williams Fourth-grade teacher at Torrey Hill Intermediate School

PHOTO

The iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus launched Friday

• If you planned to get one, you better have preordered it or you’ll be looking at an arrival time of late October to early November, according to Wireless Zone.

• iPhone 6 is described as “Larger, yet dramatically thinner. More powerful, but remarkably power efficient. With a smooth metal surface that seamlessly meets the new Retina HD display,” according to apple.com.

• iPhone 6 – 4.7 inches and 6.9 mm

• iPhone 6 Plus – 5.5 inches and 7.1 mm

• iPhone 6 offers a bigger multitouch display with brighter colors and higher contrast.

• iPhone 6 – 1,334 x 750 Resolution

• iPhone 6 Plus – 1,920 x 1080 Resolution

• 64-bit desktop-class architecture with the new A8 chip means more power.

• Comes with a new camera sensor and new video features.

• Offers WiFi at 3x faster speeds than any other phone.

• Offers more security with Touch ID technology, using your fingerprint as your password.

Size does matter when phone shopping. Do you want something big enough to fit in your pocket?

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The iPhone Plus are looking at an arrival time of late October to early November, according to Wireless Zone.

Cruga also pointed out that size matters to some people, too. The iPhone 6 Plus is much larger than most phones, at 5.5 inches. When preorders opened up on Sept. 12, Cruga said many people saw the display showing the actual size of the iPhone 6 plus and opted for the regular iPhone 6, describing it as “humongous.”

If you plan to do a lot of texting, rather than just talking, you’ll also want to make sure that your phone has something like Swype, which allows you to simply move your finger across the letters of the word you are looking for. Swype requires a touch screen phone.

Budget is also an important consideration. There are no-contract phones, on-the-go phones, and contract phones. If you prefer a phone with no strings attached, go for a company like Net10 or Straight Talk, where you can simply buy an airtime card each month. Contract phones can be more difficult to obtain for those with bad credit who will need to put down a deposit.

Not all smartphones are the same, and it’s important to look at how much memory a phone has if you plan to download many apps. Apps take up space. Also, find out if your choice of phone allows an additional SD card for more space, or that you are purchasing an SD card that is compatible with your phone.

Cruga pointed out, “Only 1 in 1,000 want a phone for basic needs,” like just to use as a phone. That is why smartphones are so popular, and with a wide range of options and prices, there is a smartphone to fit in any budget.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

YOUR HOT LINE of the week was painful-ly ignorant. The link between poverty and obesity is well established. Try doing even a little bit of reading and critical thinking, people! Liberal agendas? Please.

I AM DEVASTATED that our community has lost Ron. Surely you know how much you are loved? I’ll never know how much you will be missed.

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List of downtown parking spaces updated

Visitors, residents, shoppers have 1,273 to choose from

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In an effort to list where all of the parking spaces are in downtown Fenton, Fenton police officers went out last week and surveyed the area within the border of Silver Lake Road to Shiawassee Avenue and from Adelaide Street to East Street. Officers put together a comprehensive list of areas and how many public and private parking spaces are available.

The bulk of public parking spaces can be found in the lot behind the Fenton Police Department and city hall as well as the lot by the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. These two lots alone contain 348 parking spaces, however, some of the spaces behind the police station are marked specifically for residents of Millpond Manor.

Parking is allowed on city streets and in lots that are not posted as private. Those parking in private lots, where signs are posted risk having their vehicle towed, at their expense.

1,273 PARKING SPACES
IN DOWNTOWN FENTON AREA

surveyed on Sept. 15, 2014

From Silver Lake Road to Shiawassee Avenue and from Adelaide Street to East Street

The State Bank lot .................................. 90 Private, not posted
West Caroline Street ................................. 22 Public
River Park Center .................................. 49 Private, not posted
River Street/Community Center lot .......................... 149 Public, not posted
River Street ........................................ 13 Public
South LeRoy Street .................................. 77 Public
Mill Street ........................................... 8 Public
Post Office ........................................... 17 Public, not posted
FARR area businesses ................................. 25 Private, posted “FARR Parking Only”
Fenton Museum ..................................... 15 Public, not posted
Vek’s lot ....................................... 10 Private, posted “Customer Parking Only – Will Be Towed”
West Shiawassee Avenue .................................. 9 Public
Dr. Schumaker ........................................ 9 Private “Patient Parking Only”
Police/Millpond Manor ................................. 199 Public & Private, Millpond posted
“Residents Only — Will Be Towed”
Ellen Street ........................................... 11 Public
Fire Hall Restaurant .................................. 43 Public, not posted
United Methodist Church .................................. 48 Private, not posted
J & J Trophy lot ....................................... 73 Public, not posted
Cornerstone building .................................. 68 Parking spaces not yet available
Walnut Street .......................................... 10 Public
East Caroline Street .................................. 16 Public
Fire Department area .................................. 62 Public, some areas posted
“Firefighters Only”
FirstMerit Bank ....................................... 64 Private, not posted
Guest Diagnostics ..................................... 41 Private, not posted
Roberts Street ......................................... 19 Public
Café Aroma lot ....................................... 17 Private, not posted
Fenton Medical Center lot ................................. 108 Private, not posted

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$162,000 AHP Loan
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$7,500 General Partner Equity
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$94,506 Deferred Developer Fee
$6,450,700 Total Approximate Development Cost

MSHDA intends to award to Venture Willow Haven Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership up to 5 units of Project Based Voucher (PBV) rental. Willow Haven II is a proposed new construction of 20 family units, located at 855 S Bridge Street in Linden, Genesse County. Five units will receive rental assistance with HUD project based vouchers.

Notice of FONSI

MSHDA also gives notice that it has been determined that the release of funds (vouchers) for the above development will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly MSHDA has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 USC 4321). The reasons for the decision not to prepare such a Statement are as follows:

No significant environmental adverse impacts or hazards were identified in the course of the environmental review.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the proposed development has been made by MSHDA, which documents the environmental review of the proposed development and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record on file at MSHDA, 735 E. Michigan, Lansing, Michigan 48912. The records are available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please contact Daniel Lince of MSHDA at (517) 335-0183 or TTY no. (800) 382-4568 for further information.

No further environmental review of such development is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of Federal funds.

Public Comments on Finding

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration. Such written comments should be received at MSHDA’s address listed above on or before October 6, 2014. All such comments so received will be considered and MSHDA will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the proposed project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds (Vouchers)

Venture Willow Haven LDHA Limited Partnership will undertake the development described above with PBV rental assistance. The PBV program is authorized by Section 8 (o)(13) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)). MSHDA is certifying to HUD that MSHDA and Wayne Workman MSHDA’s Acting Executive Director and Christopher L. LaGrand MSHDA’s Chief Housing Investment Officer, are consenting to accept the jurisdiction of Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval Venture Willow Haven LDHA Limited Partnership may use the PBV assistance, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Objections To Release of Funds

HUD will consider objections to its release of vouchers and MSHDA certification received by October 22, 2014 or a period of fifteen days following its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of MSHDA; (b) MSHDA had omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) a grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to: Willie C. Garrett, HUD Detroit Area Office, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226. Potential objectors should contact MSHDA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Wayne Workman, Acting Executive Director
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Senior center to host Benefit Concert

► Cal Roberts, formerly of The New Platters, to perform

The Loose Senior Center in Linden continues to have a “Wish List” for their newly-opened building. A Benefit Concert on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in their auditorium will hopefully raise enough funds for these “wishes” to come true.

“We still need things like window shades, especially for the auditorium, carpet runners, another AED (Automated External Defibrillator) unit,” said Carl Gabrielson, executive director. “We also need to make up the difference in funding for our programs, especially for our seniors who come from out of Genesee County.”

This is Loose Senior Center’s second annual Benefit Concert. “It’s a fun night. People have a great time,” said Gabrielson, who credits Fenton City Councilwoman Cheryl King for all the planning and organization of this event.

Tickets are $50 per couple or $30 single, which includes a pizza dinner, door prizes, 50/50 drawing and music by Cal Roberts. Tickets are available at Loose Senior Center at 707 North Bridge St., Linden, (810) 735-9406 or from any board member.

EQUINOX
From Latin for "Equal Nights"

At equinox, the sun is overhead at the equator and days and nights are equal in duration.

The autumnal equinox signals the end of the summer months and the beginning of winter. At this time of year, days have been shortening since the summer solstice, and the equinox is the point where nights reach the same length as days. After this point, the sun will shine lower and lower on the horizon until the winter solstice in about three months’ time. Source: eSky, the electronic sky.

What is the autumn equinox?

► Day and night will be balanced to nearly 12 hours each all over the world

By Yvonne Stegall
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The autumn equinox is nearly upon us, happening Tuesday, Sept. 23. Many people only know this “change” by name, but have no idea why it is significant. Most people celebrate the end of summer at the beginning of September, when Labor Day embarks, and meteorologically speaking that is the case, according to weather.com. However, the autumnal equinox marks the astronomical start to the fall season.

The beginning of fall is signaled with the beautiful fall colors that just get brighter and more beautiful when the equinox arrives. “Twice a year, around March 20 or 21 and Sept. 22 or 23, the sun’s rays shine directly over the Earth’s equator. These two days are known as the March (vernal or spring in the Northern Hemisphere) equinox and the September (autumnal) equinox,” according to weather.com.

This happens at the specific time of 4:44 p.m. EDT, when the passage of direct sunlight shines over the equator from the Northern Hemisphere to the Southern Hemisphere. During both the vernal and autumnal equinox, day and night are balanced to nearly 12 hours each all over the world.

Rather than tilting away from or toward the sun, the Earth’s axis of rotation is perpendicular to the line connecting the centers of the Earth and the sun during an equinox. As far as the autumn equinox goes, this is the point in which daylight in the Northern Hemisphere will gradually grow shorter until the winter solstice, which occurs on Dec. 21. The opposite occurs in the Southern Hemisphere, where daylight will now grow longer.

Autumn folklore

• Trees snapping and cracking in the autumn indicate dry weather.

• If, in the fall of the leaves in October, many of them wither on the boughs and hang there, it betokens a frosty winter and much snow.

• Spring rain damps; autumn rain soaks.

Source: www.almanac.com

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Cameron Bentz
Air Force Airman Cameron J. Bentz graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies. Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Bentz earned distinction as an honor graduate. He is the son of Rodney Bentz of Fenton, and Keri Bentz-Chestnut of Fenton. The airman is a 2013 graduate of Lake Fenton High School.

EVENTS

Life chain on Oct. 5
The North West Oakland County Right to Life (NWOCTRL) is an official affiliate member of Michigan Right to Life. The group is sponsoring a Life chain, on Sunday, Oct. 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. in Holly. The gathering area is at the southeast corner of Grange Hall and North Holly roads in Holly.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

SAW THE ARTICLE about putting a beacon flasher at Jennings and Thompson roads. How about the Fenton Township board and GCRC put one at Ripley and Lahring roads too, based on how many cars went onto the property across the street.

THANK YOU TO the honest citizen who turned in my purse on Thursday evening at Target. It has been wonderful living in Fenton with decent people who have high values for the past 36 years. Yeal Praise God.

HISTORY LESSON: DEMOCRATIC presidents didn’t spearhead most U.S. wars. Republicans include Lincoln (Civil War), McKinley (Spanish-American War), George H.W. Bush (Iraq) and George W. Bush (Afghanistan and Iraq). Also, Eisenhower started Vietnam by sending ‘advisers’ there.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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12860 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton. The purpose of the hearing is to offer an opportunity for citizens to express their ideas on community needs and project proposals concerning use of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the current program period. Fenton Township has approximately $70,000 in CDBG funds remaining for the 2013-15 program period. The funds are provided by the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission Community Development Program from an annual entitlement grant received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds are intended primarily for public service projects, barrier-free improvements and physical development projects in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

Loose Health and Housing Fair
The Loose Health and Housing Fair is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Loose Center, 707 North Bridge St., in Linden. There will be flu shots, several health care and housing vendors with important information, prizes and more. Local vendors include Caretel Inns of Linden, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Right at Home, Woodhaven Senior Community, Sharp Funeral Homes, Comfort Keepers, Argentine Care Center, Holly Foot and Ankle, Walgreens, Patriot Ambulance Service, McLaren Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine, Patricia A McCarty, DDS. In Home Total Fitness, Heartland Home Care & Hospice, vicinia Gardens, Oaks at Woodfield, Gentiva, Lockwood of Fenton, Village Manor Retirement, Michigan Estate Planning Law Center, Home & Hospice Advantage, Health Care Solutions, MMAP (Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) and more. For more information about the Loose Health and Housing Fair, call Loose at (810) 735-9406 or go to www.loose-center.org.
Yearbooks preserve memories

►Fenton High School observes National Yearbook Week

By Sally Rummel
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Spirit Week during Homecoming isn’t only about football. It’s also about high school memories, as Fenton High School celebrates National Yearbook Week Sept. 22-26.

Fenton High School Yearbook Adviser Pam Bunka is hoping that students will order their 2014-2015 yearbooks at their cheapest price of the year, now until Sept. 26, which is Homecoming Day.

As part of National Yearbook Week and Spirit Week, the yearbook staff has organized games with the Homecoming carnival theme for Monday, Sept. 22 during all three lunch periods.

There will be a Cupcake Walk, with mini-cupcakes donated by Round Town Cupcakes, Pin the Tail on the Tiger, a Balloon Break with two free yearbook coupons for lucky winners.

“Our goal through these games is to promote the sale of the yearbook,” said Bunka. “The yearbook is priced now at $75, but if you wait ‘til next August when the book comes in, it will cost you $100.”

Each copy of the yearbook actually costs $105 to print, but the cost is subsidized by advertisements from local businesses, as well as fundraisers, according to Bunka.

She is especially proud of the yearbook, as it has earned national awards every year.

“We’re especially proud of winning the Gold Crown Award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association seven times,” said Bunka. It’s awarded to only the top 1 percent of yearbooks in the U.S.

Bunka said that the goal of yearbook sales isn’t to make money, it’s just to break even. This year, they hope to print 575 copies, up from last year’s 530 copies.

Book sales will continue through April, but only pre-ordered books by Sept. 26 will be sold at the discounted $75 price.

“Our community has been so generous with their ad support to make our yearbook possible,” said Bunka. “We wouldn’t be able to do this without them.”

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Fenton Yearbook Yearbook Adviser Pam Bunka addresses her class on Thursday. She covered topics such as compelling questions and interesting story angles on regular events.

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FHS Yearbook Teacher Pam Bunka addresses her class on Thursday. She covered topics such as compelling questions and interesting story angles on regular events.

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FHS Yearbook Teacher Pam Bunka addresses her class on Thursday. She covered topics such as compelling questions and interesting story angles on regular events.
This map illustrates the pipeline from start to end. It shows the various counties the pipeline is slated to run through.

Comments and formal complaints regarding the ET Rover gas pipeline can be found at elibrary.ferc.gov. Type in docket number PF14-14 to conduct a search. People can leave comments themselves, or view ones already submitted.
ABUSE
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NFL player Ray Rice’s elevator video of battery against his fiancée has brought the topic of domestic abuse into the national conversation. “My feeling is, it’s unacceptable at any level,” said Aro.

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence reports that 42 million women in the U.S. have experienced domestic abuse of some kind in their lifetimes. Domestic assaults can be between two men, two women, family members or a child against an adult. When discussing domestic abuse, the term domestic “assault” is often used.

“Assault” is the feeling of the imminent threat of harm to an individual, by another, which is illegal. “Aggravated” assault is more severe, maybe with a deadly weapon, or the threat of sexual assault. “Battery” is when actual physical harm takes place. In cases reported here, the “battery” is assumed.

Either way, it’s destructive to individuals and families. Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said, “It tears up families, oftentimes children are witnesses to it.”

Aro said the use of alcohol is often a factor, which is easy to see when scanning Times police files, “That always seems to inflame things,” he said. He sees young couples, less equipped to handle conflict, also buckle under stress, leading to assault.

Police officers in Michigan will arrest whether they have a warrant, if they have probable cause. See sidebar for a specific number of arrests for assault.

“Officers have very little discretion in domestic violence cases,” said Aro. “If there is probable cause an assault has taken place an arrest must be made.”

Often, when a victim of domestic assault calls the police, it wasn’t the first time they were abused. It’s also often a neighbor who hears something happening. “They need to call 911 instead,” said Sutter, who believes that these issues are under-reported.

To diffuse a situation, Aro first mentioned the alcohol — again it’s often a factor in domestic complaints. “If it gets to the point of losing control, put space between you and the other person,” he said, as to have a cooling off period.


domestic violence is just a total unfortunate circumstance for everybody involved.

Michael Story
Holly police chief

Local reported assaults

CITY OF FENTON
Non-aggravated assaults reported to Fenton police (domestic and standard):

2012.............................................. 70
2013.............................................. 82
2014 YTD.............................................. 70

Aggravated assaults reported

2012.............................................. 6
2013.............................................. 9
2014 YTD.............................................. 6

Fenton police estimate 80 percent of these are domestic violence

CITY OF LINDEN
Domestic assaults

2012.............................................. 12
2013.............................................. 9
2014 YTD.............................................. 8

VILLAGE OF HOLLY
Domestic assaults

2012.............................................. 34
2013.............................................. 32
2014 YTD.............................................. 20

A retired state trooper, Aro has seen domestic abuse affect lives, and even couples reunite in cycles of domestic abuse.

Sutter was a detective for the Flint Police Department, and saw his share of cases as well. He said it’s cyclical. Children who have seen the abuse grow up and sometimes become suspects, or victims again. For victims or suspects, he said counseling is very important.

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TEEN
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Lt. Jason Slater said a 17-year-old female from Linden was traveling southbound on Torrey Road, north of South Long Lake Road, when she lost control of the Jeep she was driving and crashed into a tree.

Responding officers arrested her for operating a vehicle while intoxicated (OWI).

With her were four male occupants, three 16-year-olds and one 15-year-old, all of the Linden area.

One of the 16-year-old passengers was unconscious when police arrived. Slater said he was transported to Gene-

sys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc Township for a medical evaluation. Another passenger reportedly sustained a minor injury.

The passengers, excluding the one hospitalized, were issued court appearance tickets for under 21 consumption of alcohol.

Pending results, the teen who was hospitalized could also be cited for Under 21 consumption.

Slater said speed was also listed as a factor in the crash, which remains under investigation. Fenton firefighters, along with STAT EMS and Genesee County paramedics, assisted.

CONFERENCE
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the conference, asking for that person’s concerns and questions before the conference.

• Make a list — before you go to the meeting, make a list of topics to discuss with the teacher. Along with questions about academics and behavior, you may want to talk to the teacher about the child’s home life, personality, concerns, habits and hobbies, and other topics that may help the teacher in working with the child.

Source: pta.org

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A good Metro League start for the Tigers

Fenton wins shoot-out thriller vs. Blackhawkl

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity boys soccer team began the season facing a lot of challenging opponents.

The result was a 2-5 record against those foes.

However, another result came out of those games. The Tigers figured out where they needed to improve before the Metro season began. It seems the Tigers have found a way to improve those weaknesses against area foes.

It took a shootout, but the Tigers (4-5) earned their second Metro victory of the season in as many attempts, earning a 1-0 shootout win against Ortonville-Brandon on Wednesday night.

The victory came after Fenton opened the Metro season on Monday by defeating Swartz Creek 2-0. However, because Wednesday’s victory was a shootout, it earned the Tigers just two points instead of the three given for a regulation win.

“The boys are competing well right from the bowl of the whistle and I think that is because of the tough competition we have had so far,” Fenton coach Matt Sullivan said. “We are starting to share the ball more and are really being unselfish. That should help us in league competition.”

Fenton and Brandon battled to a scoreless draw in regulation, setting up the Tigers’ first-ever shootout game in Metro action. The Tigers converted four of them (Matt Flowers, Liam Adams, Logan Palmer and Adam Gornick), earning Fenton the victory based on a 4-3 edge on penalty kicks. In net, Tim Geib made all six saves he had to make to preserve the clean sheet during regulation.

“The new system was really exciting and the boys had a lot of fun participating in it,” Sullivan said. “I think it will be a great addition to our league.”

Against Swartz Creek, the Tigers dominated, eventually getting second-half goals from Scott Cubr and Palmer.

Eagles open conference season with victory against Bronchos

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Holly — When the 2014 season began, the Linden and Holly volleyball programs had a lot of new faces to their lineups.

And both teams had their moments to shine in their Metro League openers against each other.

However, the Linden Eagles were able to put their slow start aside and began to look like a veteran squad during the second half of the match, earning Linden a 14-25, 25-11, 25-12, 25-13 victory at Holly High School on Tuesday.

Sparked by Megan Kenney, the Eagles showed some mental strength, forgetting about that first-set loss, while moving forward to the victory. Kenney provided a match-best 12 kills, while three other Eagles chipped in at least seven kills, leading the squad to the win.

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Holly’s swimmers keep improving

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Holly — Danielle Gray is pretty excited to say the least.

The girls swim season is only about a month old and she’s seeing times the squad didn’t post until the end of last year.

Those improved times did something else on Tuesday night. They earned the Bronchos their first win of the season, as Holly defeated Avondale 100-78.

“I think we swam well. When I compare the times to the top times last year, we are already coming within a second (of last year’s times) and some girls are just crushing their old times,” Gray said.

“For being at this early point in the season, we are doing great.”

The Bronchos were able to capture seven firsts during the meet, and another six individual seconds. But, as Gray already mentioned, just as important were the times the swimmers posted in earning those placings. The Spiteri sisters were two Gray noticed having outstanding events. Stephanie Spiteri won two individual events — the 200 individual medley (2:49.93) and the 100 breaststroke (1:26.23). Meanwhile Allie Spiteri earned individual seconds in the 50 freestyle (30.18) and the 100 freestyle (1:08.95).

“Stephanie swam really well. She won the 100 breaststroke and also took a second off her all-time best in the 1M. Her sister swam the 50 free and it’s not her event, but she went a 30.1, so she

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Bronchos remain perfect in Metro

Defeats Tigers in key Metro League clash

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Fenton — So far it is a team that has surprised coach Will Sophiea.

The Holly varsity boys tennis team came into the season with a lot of new faces on the team. It was a squad with a lot of seniors, but a lot of seniors with limited or no varsity experience.

It looked like the 2014 season could be kind of a rebuilding year for the Bronchos. However, it hasn’t turned out to be a rebuilding season at all, just a reloading one.

A week after beating Flushing, the Bronchos earned another Metro League victory, defeating the Fenton Tigers 7-1.

“It’s interesting. We do have experience in the sense we do have some seniors, but they are guys who have stepped into roles they are not quite used to the last few years,” Sophiea said.

“These are guys that played in JV and not necessarily in the top 12 last year. I don’t know if they learned from the kids we lost in graduation last year, but our coaching staff is very impressed with this team so far.

“Some guys have really stepped up.”

A good example of what Sophiea is talking about involves the Bronchos’ No. 1 doubles team. Seniors Frankie Richmond and Drew Fischer have had a strong season and continued that trend on Tuesday, defeating Fenton’s Nathan Brown and Joey Perrera by a 6-3, 6-4 score. Another good example is the all-senior No. 2 doubles team of Aaron Vergith and Scott Maki, who defeated Carr Cislo and Mitch Kotch by a 6-4, 6-2 score.

The Bronchos won all four doubles matches. The other winners were the No. 3 doubles team of Dillon Sink and Andrew Spak, defeating Jacob Good and Matt Shampine 6-4, 6-2 and Morgan Baylis and Ian Cink defeating Don Doyle and Seth McMaster 6-0, 6-1.

Holly won three of the singles flights, but the other competitive flight was at No. 1 singles. Evan Vergith overcame an injury and sickness to win a 5-7, 6-4, 6-2 verdict against Fenton’s Nick Campbell. Mitchell Hughes (No. 4) had a tough first set against Fenton’s Jack Schneider, but ended up winning 7-5, 6-0. Finally, Connor Caldwell won at No. 3 singles 6-4, 6-3 against Fenton’s Griffin Carr.

Fenton’s sole flight victor was Neellesh Pedreddy at No. 2 singles. He defeated Noah Apfel 6-4, 6-2.

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(Above) Holly’s No. 1 singles player Evan Vergith won a tough 5-7, 6-4, 6-2 match against Fenton’s Nick Campbell on Tuesday. The Bronchos won the match 7-1 at Fenton High School. (Left) Fenton’s Jack Schneider faced Holly’s Mitchell Hughes at No. 4 singles and lost a tough first set 7-5 before losing the second set 6-0. Holly’s victory keeps the Bronchos in first place in the Metro League.

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“Somewhere after the first game ended in our huddle, we decided we had to put that first game aside,” Kenney said. “We didn’t come ready to play. We underestimated them and had our minds somewhere else. The second game we were able to get going. That brought the intensity and we were able to finish it off.”

“Af er that first game it could’ve gone either way,” Linden coach Cori Ma-
son said. “We could’ve crumbled or we could’ve picked up the pieces, it put it back together and moved forward, and that’s what we did. I was pretty proud of how we finished that match for sure.”

As the Eagles hinted, the match didn’t start out looking too good for Linden. Holly began the match on fire, taking an early 4-1 lead. Linden never really threatened that lead either. Holly’s lead grew to as many as 22-9 before the Bronchos settled on a pretty dominating 25-14 first-set win.

“I think we got a couple of quick points and that got the girls excited,” Holly coach Jamie Jones said. “Mone-
num gets on your side. We were able to roll with it and keep it going. I think we played well.”

However, after that first set it was all Linden. After having many more hitting errors than kills in the first set, the Eagles rebounded by pounding down 10 kills in the second set, eventually earning the 25-11 lead. The game was tied at 2-all until Linden’s Brooke Ovington earned a kill. That was followed by a block kill by Kenney, giving Linden a 4-2 lead. The Eagles never trailed again, eventually winning the set on a Bridget Adams kill.

In the third set, Holly took the early lead. An ace by Sam Jones and kills by Brooke Jackman and Emily Alvarado helped earn the Bronchos an early 6-3 lead. However, a Kenney kill gave Linden the service and Jordan McDonald ripped off five straight points, earning the Eagles a comfortable lead. During that run, Kenney had three kills and Ovington had two others.

Linden eventually won the set with the help of three Holly service errors and two hitting miscues down the stretch.

Linden scored the first five points in the fourth set, and Holly never got any close than three points. The last time that happened, Holly’s Jackman had a kill, cutting the gap to 10-7. However, a Holly service error and then a run of of four service points by Ovington (two aces), upped the gap to 14-7. Linden (1-0, 15-5-1) got kills from Breyanna Turnipseed and Ovington (two aces), upping the lead to 22-11.

After Kenney’s 12 kills, Turnipseed had nine, Adams had eight and Ovington had seven. Morgan Fitch had 20 assists, while Miranda Fowler had 18 assists. Defensively, Megan Klawitter had 31 digs, while Kenney added nine. Kenney likes how the team is coming together.

“I think we are coming along,” Kenney said. “We are a really young team but I think our defense has really improved a lot, along with our hitting. Even when we got ourselves in a deep hole, we were able to come out of it, bring each other up.”

Lipschak led Holly with six kills, while Jackman had four. Sam Jones had 15 assists. Katie LaClair had 20 digs.

“We have a really young team and we have to get them to figure out all the fast-paced stuff,” Jones said. “We have three freshmen on the court most of the time, but they are getting it and are working hard.”

BOYS TENNIS
An Eagles girls team has been in existence for a number of years but this is the first time a boys team has competed. The Eagles finished 8-2 in duals and 15-5 in singles.

“People have been coming to our matches, and it feels good,” said Ben Thornton. Marcos Toledano and Tyler Enker also scored for the Eagles.

The Eagles will play the next two weeks in the district tournament.”

GIRLS GOLF
Fenton 191, Holly 193: All four Fenton scorers shot under 50, leading the Tigers to the victory at Heather Highlands.
Sarah Cummings shot a 45, while Holly Gundy shot a 48. Keegan Miller and Sydney Shegos each shot 49s for the Tigers. Holly’s Amanda Pucher was the medalist with a 44. The other Holly scorers were Madison Brack with a 48, Jenna Pepper with a 49 and Madison McEachern with a 52.

Fenton 179, Kearse 188: The Tigers’ Sarah Cummings shot a match medalist 41 to lead Fenton. Madison Shegos carded a 44, while Keegan Mill-
er shot a 48. Sydney Shegos capped the scoring with a 48.

Kearsley 180, Linden 198: Ashley Robinson shot her lowest varsity round ever, posting a 48. Makena Baldwin also shot a 48, while Sydney Bond carded a 49. Hannah Joslin shot a 51.

BRIDGET SMITH-Tripp

Holly’s Julie Clark attempts a kill in the Bronchos’ loss to Linden on Tuesday.

Fenton def. Swartz Creek 25-18, 25-21, 25-16
The Tigers (1-0, 13-7-2) were paced by Carly Granger’s 12 kills and Jessica Warford’s 10 kills. Kelsey Fisher had 44 assists, while Taylor Mowrey had 24 digs.

“We started a little slow,” Fenton coach Jerry Eisinger said. “I think it was a little nerves because it was our first Metro game. Our individual defense is getting better and we are working hard on individ-
ual defense. … Overall, I was happy with the results and happy to get our first Metro League win under our belts.”

Holly swimmer Emma Ford won the 200 medley in the Bronchos’ team victory against Averdaile on Tuesday.

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was a tenth of a second from breaking 30. It would’ve been the first time we would’ve had someone breaking 30 all season. That was a good swim.”

Stephanie Spiteri actually was involved in four firsts. Along with her two individ-
ual firsts, she was on two winning relays. She teamed with Cynthia Ferguson, Alex Karakac and Emma Ford to win the 200 medley relay (2:25.66), and also teamed with Karakuc, Ford and Allie Spiteri to win the 200 freestyle relay (2:04.69).

Karakuc also took part in four firsts. In individual, she earned her top spot in the 100 freestyle (1:08.61) and the 100 backstroke (1:21.07). Holly’s final first was earned by Toni Morse in the 200 freestyle (2:37.95).

Other second-place performers for the Bronchos were Jennie Degan in diving (171.35), Ferguson in the 200 individual medley (3:05.63), Lexi Kivari in the 500 freestyle (7:14.04) and Lauren Pomerleau in the 100 breaststroke (1:47.31).

“They’re a great team to me. They are great sportsmen and they really have a good team connection. It’s not about just one person. It’s about what they can do for the team.”

Howell 103, Fenton 82
The Tigers had two individuals and one relay earn first-place finishes.

The 400 relay team of Elise Cassidy, Grace Siefker, Emma Cagle and Camer-
on Mathews captured the final first with a time of 4:13.19.

The individuals earning top-spot ef-
forts were Lauren Gruber in the 100 breaststroke (1:19.86) and Brianna Costigan in the 50 freestyle (26.66). Those earning second individuals were Costigan in the 200 freestyle (2:04.13), Mathews in the 200 individual medley (2:35.28), Cagle in the 500 freestyle (6:02.89), Cassidy in the 100 backstroke (1:06.83), Zoe Weinberg in diving (239.30) and McKenzie Mead in the 100 butterfly (1.08.97).
Mileage from Fenton: 236 miles
If Mackinac Island is still on your to-do list, you’ll find lots to love about a fall visit to one of Michigan’s most scenic, romantic destinations.

The island is always “open,” but once you get to October, you’ll find fewer visitors, a slower pace, and even fewer horses. But there’s still plenty of sunshine and warmth for biking, hiking, shopping and enjoying all the beauty of Mackinac. The Grand Hotel offers a number of weekend events through the fall, including a Girls’ Getaway Weekend Sept. 26-28, Ballroom Dancing Weekend Oct. 10-12, Murder Mystery Weekend Oct. 17-19, Somewhere in Time Oct. 24-26 and its closing dates on Oct. 26-27, with special events and discounted rates on accommodations.

At the start of October, the horses begin to leave for their winter pasture and seasonal businesses start to close, with the last hurrah on Halloween weekend. Several restaurants, hotels, shops and city buildings that serve the community and winter visitors during the “off” season remain open, but fudge shops and clothing boutiques will close their doors until next May.

Shepler Ferry and Star Line will continue their daily trips from Mackinaw City and St. Ignace to Mackinac Island, although there will be fewer departures. They’ll close their season by Oct. 31 and 27, respectively.

Visit local farm markets in Harbor Springs, Petoskey and Boyne City, plus a number of special fall events. Harbor Springs hosts its Taste of Harbor Springs on the fourth weekend of September, with tents set up along the waterfront, providing visitors with samples of local restaurant fare. Charlevoix invites visitors to its Applefest on Oct. 11-12, offering “everything apple” in a fun festival setting. Pond Hill Farm Festival, five miles north of Harbor Springs on M119, holds a fall festival every weekend, with hayrides, pig races, pumpkin bowling, and more. See SNOW TIRES on 22A

**Mackinac Island**

**Mileage from Fenton: 236 miles**

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Summer may be over, but there’s still plenty of time to make a fall driving trip to your favorite Michigan destination. The air is crisp, the leaves are transitioning from green to reds and golds, and the days are getting shorter. It’s time to take a road trip!

**Petoskey/Charlevoix/ Harbor Springs**

**Mileage from Fenton: 215 miles**

Fall golfing, biking, hiking and even sailing await you on the beautiful corner of the world known as Little Traverse Bay.
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Snow tires are made from a softer rubber compound than that which is used for all-season tires, according to Lamrouex. They grip slushy, snowy roads better than all-season tires. They also have multiple “sipes” or areas on the tire that grip the road. However, they are for winter driving only and wear out quickly on warm, dry pavement.

All-terrain tires are designed to work best on off-road applications with deep grips and treads.

All season tires have a tread designed to give better traction in the wet and in the snow, but in no way are they comparable to the heavy-duty impact of snow tires.

“Think of all-season tires as sneakers and snow tires as heavy-duty snow boots,” said Lamrouex. “It is possible to walk down a snowy, ice sidewalk wearing sneakers, but it’s a lot easier and safer to do it with proper snow boots.”

The busy season for snow tires is November to February. Drivers who may want to consider snow tires are those whose jobs require a lot of on-the-road travel, especially up north.

The biggest drawback in using snow tires for most customers is the storage during the off-seasons and the cost to have them put on the winter and removed in the spring. “Most people just store wrap their tires and store them in their garage,” said Lamrouex.

His best advice for this winter’s driving — “Get your snow tires early, before Halloween,” he said.

Tire tips for this winter:
• Having newer tires for winter driving is important.
• When only buying one or two tires, put new ones on the back wheels.
• For all-wheel drive vehicles, replace all four tires at the same time.
• Only use snow tires during the winter to prevent rapid wear.

Tawas area

Mileage from Fenton: 128 miles
A small-town lifestyle with a shoreline on Lake Huron near the popular Au Sable River, the Tawas area is a beautiful place to visit in the fall. Campgrounds, forests, bed and breakfasts and plenty of local shopping and dining add more reasons to make Tawas a driving destination.

Visit local farm markets and view the Tawas Point Lighthouse, which has been in operation since 1876. It’s located at Tawas Point State Park, which is also known as an Important Bird Area.

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Basic fall upkeep for your vehicle

▶ Do-it-yourself on these five easy, no-tool fall tasks

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Fall’s shorter days and cooler temperatures are our first hint that inclement weather is closer than we think. Now’s the time to get your vehicle ready for the demands of fall/winter driving.

While some seasonal car maintenance will require the skills of a qualified mechanic, some do-it-yourself projects will prepare your auto for the coming driving season. Doing it yourself will save you the labor costs of these services done by a mechanic. But if you choose not to go the DIY route, make sure you do have a mechanic take care of these issues for you.

#1 Change your wiper blades

Since you typically use your wipers more frequently in the fall and winter, it makes sense to replace them annually every fall. This job is easy and requires no tools. Be sure to consult your car manual or the in-store sizing guide to make sure you’re buying the correct-sized wiper blades. Don’t forget to buy a third blade, if you own a hatchback, station wagon or SUV, with a wiper for the rear window.

Cost: $10 to $20

#2 Check the spare tire

Make sure your spare tire is properly inflated to the inflation pressure listed on the side of the tire. Where is it? Spare tires on pickup trucks and SUVs are suspended underneath the vehicle on a cable. Lower and raise that undercar spare to make sure the cable mechanism works well. Spray it with WD-40, and then lubricate with white lithium grease.

Check your tires on a weekly basis, because tire pressure drops on PSI (pound per square inch) for every 10-degree drop in temperature, according to AAA. Look for the proper inflation pressure on the vehicle owner’s manual or noted on a sticker located on the driver’s doorjamb.

Cost: $7 to $20 for tire pressure gauge

#3 Replace the fluids

In the fall, windshield washer fluid should be replaced with a solvent that is suited for use in cold weather. Also, check your anti-freeze level in the coolant recovery reservoir.

If levels are below the required minimum stamped onto the side of the opaque container, add the appropriate quantity of properly diluted fluid to that reservoir and not to the radiator. Make sure to use the correct fluid, because green and orange antifreeze/coolant can’t be mixed.

Also, check your level of antifreeze and your brake fluid reservoir. If the level is low, top it off with the appropriate type. It’s normal for the brake fluid to go down a bit, but if there’s a bigger decrease than normal, that may indicate a leak or other issue in the braking system.

Cost: Washer fluid $2 to $4 per gallon
      Antifreeze $10 to $16 per gallon
      Brake fluid $3.50 to $17

#4 Replace the air filter

Engine air filters should be replaced twice a year, at a minimum. When airflow is restricted, the car’s fuel economy, performance and emissions begin to deteriorate. No tools are required for the job.

Cost: $11.50 to $53 per filter, depending on brand

#5 Check battery terminals and lights

Many electrical issues and ignition problems stem from loose or corroded battery connections. You can use an appropriate brush, available at any auto parts store. Clean both posts completely, and then reconnect everything securely.

Make sure all car lights are working properly, especially for fall’s longer and darker nights. Replacement bulbs are just a dollar or two, with the exception of headlight bulbs. They’re all easy to change without tools.

Cost: $4 for brush

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