

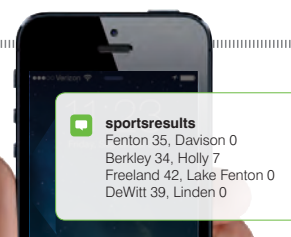


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“To the gate crasher at the White House, if you are looking to meet up with the president this is the last place to look. Three suggestions would be the nearest golf course, a Democratic fundraiser, or any TV camera.”

“I’m just wondering why a high school can even charge for parking passes when we pay taxes and we built the school and the parking lots these kids park in.”

“Remember the lamenting about the loss of our trees from the tornado? Now we’re cutting them down in the name of federal funding for streetscape. Do I detect urban renewal 2.0?”

“Why didn’t the Times let us know those trees in Dibbleville were being removed? The citizens should have been made aware this was going to happen.” (Editors note: The story was published on the front page of the Wednesday, September 24 issue of the Times. Go to www.tctimes.com to view it.)

“Hope everyone saw the comment that NFL players are held to a much higher character standard than our elected leaders. Sadly, it is correct.”

“Don’t the growers at all the Farmers Markets use the same GMO seeds as the corporate farms? Why is local produce any safer or healthier? I would like to know.”

“ ” **HOT LINE OF**
THE WEEK

“So now the 19 year-old could spend the next 15 years in prison. His life is basically over because of one night of drinking. Parents, read and discuss this story with your teens. It just might save their lives.”



More stores opening soon in Fenton

► Boom in new businesses means fewer empty buildings and unoccupied storefronts

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Take a look around Fenton and you’ll see that some buildings that have sat empty for a while are in the process of housing new businesses.

“There are a lot of exciting things happening in Fenton now and in the very near future,” said

Brad Hissong, zoning and building administrator for the city of Fenton.

Family Farm & Home, a Michigan-based company headquartered in Muskegon, has been granted temporary occupancy this week in the former Farmer Jack Building on Silver Parkway in Fenton.

“They’ll be open in a couple of weeks,” said Hissong. “They’ll be occupying a space of 53,700 square feet, with all of their displays inside the store, no trailers or outdoor displays permitted.”

See BUSINESSES on 8A



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An Asian barbeque and sushi bar will fill the 196-seat former Italian restaurant on North LeRoy Street.

Girls gridiron game a nail-biter



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUPBACH

Senior Emma Brant battles her way through a group of juniors at the Powder Puff game Monday night at Fenton High School. The seniors won 25-24, in the annual game that is part of homecoming week festivities.

Not enough candidates to fill area school board seats

► No interest shown in vacant Lake Fenton, Linden and Holly openings

By Yvonne Stegall
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According to the clerk’s offices in Genesee and Oakland counties, three area school districts are short on candidates for the ir Boards of Education in November’s General Election. Lake Fenton, Linden and Holly are among the schools on that list.

See SCHOOL BOARD on 17A

What does a school board do?

- Set the vision and goals for the district.
- Adopt policies that give the district direction to set priorities and achieve its goals.
- Hire and evaluate the superintendent.
- Adopt and oversee the annual budget.
- Manage the collective bargaining process for employees of the district.

Source: greatschools.org

“Attending current meetings and school district functions before joining the board is highly recommended.”

Sue Julian, HAS School Board president

Singles: There’s less than one man for every woman in Fenton

► More than half of all U.S. adults not married

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According to a recent article in Bloomberg, single Americans make up more than half of the adult population. This is the first time this has happened since the government began compiling such statistics in 1976.

According to the article, some 124.6 million Americans were single in August, 50.2 percent of those who were 16 years or older, according to data used by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in its monthly job-market report. It had stayed just below 50 percent since about the beginning of 2013.

The first report in 1976 showed singledom at 37.4 percent, and it has been slowly

See SINGLES on 18A

CAUTION

Fenton sidewalks can be ‘a trip’

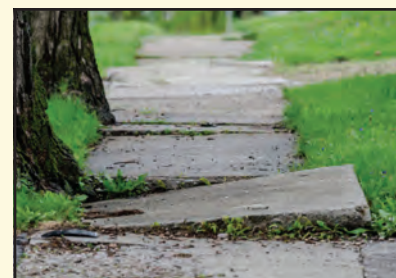
► Majority of Fenton’s 40 miles of sidewalks are deteriorating

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You’re out taking a brisk walk in town enjoying this beautiful fall weather, when you stumble on an obstacle that’s right under your feet.

Yes, sometimes it’s a buckling sidewalk that stops you right in your tracks. There are a number of

See SIDEWALKS on 7A



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The sidewalks around the Jack P. Winegarden Library are especially rough, heaving up most likely from tree roots.

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Police & Fire report

SCAM ARTIST TARGETS BUSINESSES IN HOLLY

Holly Police Chief Michael Story said his department has received multiple complaints from businesses that have been targeted by a scam artist. Story said an unknown person claiming to work for Consumers Energy is calling businesses threatening to disconnect their service if they do not send him money. The chief said the caller seems to have enough information on the business to make the situation seem valid. Rather than giving out any information, businesses are urged to hang up and to immediately call the utility company to file a report.

MORE PHONE SCAMS IN HOLLY

Holly Police Chief Michael Story said residents within Holly Village have filed complaints about a new phone scam. The police chief said an unknown person calls someone claiming to be a family member in need of money. Caller ID

See **POLICE** on 19A

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Sharon Dorland, 76, made a deal with her husband when he wanted a new van — she gets her gal garage, if he gets his van. Little by little, the 24'x30' garage was fully encircled in scenic mural paintings, crafts and personal touches, and was made into a spot to entertain guests. The table and chair set is the most recent addition.

Girly Garage, Gal Cave or Chic Center...

► Whatever you call it, it's a feminine garage space for a myriad of purposes

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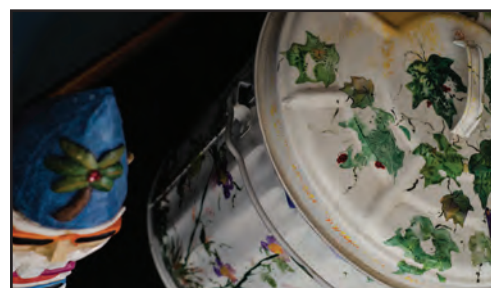
What's hidden behind the garage door of Paul and Sharon Dorland's Fenton Township home?

Dorland, 76, a local artist, has created her own feminine space out of a regular, bare bones "man's" garage. "Paul and I made a deal," said Dorland. "I told him he could buy a van that he wanted if he'd let me paint the garage the way I wanted to."

Whether you call it a Girly Garage, a Gal Cave or Chic Center, the message is clear — it's a woman-centered domain out in the garage and men had better beware.

The walls are all drywalled, and then boxcar siding re-purposed from their home makes a cozy wainscoting effect. Dorland spent weeks painting the walls a dreamy, cloudy light blue, and then added garden scenes for more color.

"Everything I've painted out here is about things that I love," said Dorland, who uses



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Even the decorative trash can is used by guests when they entertain.

her gal space mostly for entertaining. "That includes art, the outdoors, re-purposing and golf." She actually painted a golf course scene in the indoor space between the garage doors.

Carpeting surrounds the perimeter of the garage, adding a more home-like feel to this outdoor space. "The carpet really warms up the place," said Dorland.

She's especially pleased with the number of electrical outlets that she had her electrician place in the walls, even painting one as a birdhouse as part of a garden scene.

See **GAL CAVE** on 8A

Health benefits of yogurt

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When you walk into the grocery store looking to buy yogurt, it might not seem like an easy task once you get to the yogurt section. With so many types and options available, it's difficult to know what to buy. Should you get regular yogurt, or Greek? Does it need to be low fat, or are they all healthy?

“Plain yogurt is the healthy choice.”

Amy Locke
Assistant professor
of Family Medicine
at the University of
Michigan

First, let's talk about Greek yogurt. According to a report by UBS, a global financial service company, sales

of Greek yogurt are doubling every year. This yogurt style is popular in many other cuisines, including Mediterranean and Middle East.

Both Greek and regular yogurts start out with the same ingredients. Milk and bacterial cultures are the key ingredients. They both use the same bacterial cultures — Streptococcus thermophilus and Lactobacillus bulgaricus.

See **YOGURT** on 18A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | YVONNE STEGALL

Not all yogurt is created equal, like this dessert flavored option from Oikos. Not only does it contain 31 grams of sugar, it is also a source of high sodium.

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Political ads and lemon meringue pie

An important message for all fathers: Most people have experienced the phenomenon of consuming a particular food just prior to becoming ill. Whether the particular food you consumed is responsible for your gastric distress is irrelevant. It's highly likely you will never eat that food again. Moreover, just the sight or smell of that food will trigger nausea and disgust in you for the remainder of your life.

As a 6-year-old, I consumed a piece of lemon meringue pie immediately prior to the onset of a nasty case of the flu. To this day, the sight or smell of lemon meringue pie triggers the instant onset of nausea and disgust in me. This phenom-

enon is called taste aversion. It's built into our DNA and is one of the strongest conditioned reactions ingrained in humans. It's our body's way of telling us that we have been poisoned. It is an automatic survival mechanism that involves the release of memory-enhancing hormones that encourage us to remember the source of contamination so that we can avoid it in the future.

It's also the fundamental basis for most of the negative political ads you see on TV.

In a nutshell, if we can associate a politician or a proposal with something negative, then voters' 'taste aversion' mechanism will kick in.

Example: Candidate Bob Jones, the



incumbent, once voted 'no' on a bill to increase women's health care because he felt it wasn't sufficient, and wanted a more substantial bill. In the next election cycle, a grainy, unflattering photo of Candidate Bob Jones fills your TV screen along with a female voice-over stating in a disgusted tone, 'Bob Jones even voted NO on a bill to increase health care for women. Now it's our turn to tell Bob NO. Let's send Bob back home where he belongs.' It's called 'candidate aversion.' It's incredibly dishonest, totally misleading...and extremely effective.

The opposite is true also. If you can associate your candidate, or agenda, with images of policemen, firemen or other iconic representations of public safety, no matter how remote the

stretch, a predictable percentage of the voting public will unconsciously recall that image when their pen is hovering over the ballot, and will instinctively vote in a manner they perceive as in their own best interest.

Truth be told, political TV ads are like weather forecasters — they can say anything they like without worrying if it's a stretching of the truth, right, wrong or an outright lie. They are simply never held accountable.

And why would that surprise anyone? Professional politicians, especially on the national scale, are also professional liars.

Political advertising? Same as lemon meringue pie to me.

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THE HILL ON the north side of the stands at the Fenton football field is not a good thing. The hill is too steep, and one girl fell and scraped her face at the bottom. There are few parents actually watching their kids. Parents need to parent, not let young ones go wild.

THANK YOU TO the staff of Fenton High School for getting the sidelines under control during the varsity football games. It was a joy to watch the Tigers' victory over Brandon with no distractions. Keep it up. Go Tigers!

THIS SMOKING IN restaurants debate is stupid. I used to smoke and had no problem sitting through a meal without lighting up. I could easily go seven to eight hours without smoking. That's what made me decide to quit. There is no justification for smoking inside, around other people, especially children.

LINDEN FRESHMEN PARENTS, stop whining about playing time. This is not Little League, middle school or AYSO anymore. You earn playing time at practice. You're not entitled to it. The coach's job is to prepare players for the next level, not make mommy and daddy happy. You don't like it, try soccer or run cross country. Go, Eagles.

THANKS TO FENTON'S anniversary committee, the Fenton Village Players,

Joyful Noise Music Studio and the board of Oakwood Cemetery for organizing a great tour of beautiful Pioneer Cemetery. Despite the weather, all the participants did a wonderful job portraying our town founders, war veterans, ordinary people, and sharing the stories of their lives and Fenton's early years. It was a very enjoyable and educational event.

WE WANT TO thank all of our customers for supporting our veggie stand in Fenton on North Road. My fiancé has put out a vegetable stand almost daily for the last two years, something he does as a hobby. And, thanks to everyone's purchases and honesty, it inspires him to keep on doing it. We'll see everyone again next season.

INTERRUPTING YOUR face-to-face conversation to text is every bit as rude as talking on your cell, if not more so.

JIMMY ALLEN KICKED a 72-yard punt Friday against Brandon. I am quite sure this is a Metro record, but I wonder how it ranks in the state records.

THE DISCUSSION WAS who led the most U.S. wars: Republican or Democratic presidents. But, how easily dismissed were 600,000 Civil War dead. Who was president again? Republican Lincoln. And how many Vietnam troops died under Republican Nixon compared to Democrat Kennedy?

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Readers write

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Wolf hunts

Dear Editor,

The issue of wolf hunting in the Upper Peninsula has caught some attention this election season. I believe we must refer the decision to have a wolf hunt to those who are experts in animal population and habitat management, and we must not refer this decision to pop culture figures and emotion. National special interest groups have poured volunteers and money into Michigan to overturn a decision made by Michigan citizens and their state government. On this issue, I trust the professionals on whether a wolf hunt is appropriate, not Iggy Pop. The residents of the Upper Peninsula with the DNR have decided to conduct a hunt due to the rising population of wolves and concerns about wolves attacking livestock. Over 1,200 hunting licenses were sold during the 2013 wolf hunt and only 22 wolves were harvested. In November, vote for science and those who defend hunters' rights.

— Michael Moon, Fenton



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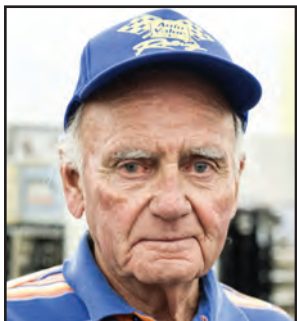
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What business would you like to see come to Fenton?

streettalk



"I think everything's here. The only thing I'd like to see in Fenton is a paved Poplar Street."

— William Lennox
Fenton Township



"I'd like to see a Kohl's or a Penney's come in."

— Carol Peterson
Fenton Township



"We don't have a Red Lobster. We have to go all the way up to Pierson and that's quite a ways."

— Norma Smith
Fenton Township



"We have a Michael's Arts and Crafts. Maybe a Jo Ann's to go with it."

— Kathy Miller
Davison



"An Apple store. I'd like that new watch when it comes out."

— Barbara Brown
Tyrone Township



"Someplace to watch sports games."

— Georgette Amory
Holly

Newer laws make it easier to fire 'problem' teachers, keep good ones

►Is tenure good or bad for teachers and students?

By Yvonne Stegall

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Tenure is often a touchy and controversial subject. Some may believe that tenure protects bad teachers, while the point of tenure is to protect teachers in general.

Teacher tenure is described in Act 4 of 1937 (Ex. Sess.) as "An act relative to continuing tenure of office of certificated teachers in public educational institutions; to provide for probationary periods; to regulate discharges or demotions; to provide for resignations and leaves of absence; to create a state tenure commission and to prescribe the powers and duties thereof; and to prescribe penalties for violation of the provisions of this act."

In non-technical language, teacher tenure is a policy that restricts the ability to fire teachers, requiring a "just cause" rationale for firing. Each individual state has established its own tenure system. Tenure provides teachers with protections by making it difficult to fire teachers who earn tenure. Some believe this also makes it difficult to fire tenured teachers who are doing a poor job.

According to teachertenure.procon.org, "Proponents of tenure argue that it protects teachers from being fired for personal or political reasons, and prevents the firing of experienced teachers to hire less expensive new teachers.

"Opponents of tenure argue that this job protection makes the removal of poorly performing teachers so difficult and costly that most schools end up retaining their bad teachers."

Lynn Hopper, Fenton Board of Education president, said, "It did not mean a teacher could not be fired, but administration would have to provide substantial proof to the employee and its union that there is something lacking with the teacher's performance, inside or outside the classroom."

Prior to teacher tenure, teachers were often fired for non-work related reasons and they had no protection against this. They could be dismissed and replaced by the friend of a principal, or simply because of their belief system.

According to a recent New York Times article, "There is no evidence that tenure causes low test scores. There is no evidence that children get higher achievement if their teachers have no tenure."

See **TEACHERS** on 19A

Michigan tenure laws introduced in 2011

• **A tenured teacher** can be dismissed after three consecutive years of poor evaluations and if the teacher fails to improve under an individualized professional development plan.

• **A lower standard** has been set for dismissing teachers for misconduct. The previous law said tenured teachers could be fired only for "just cause." The new standard is for reasons that are not "arbitrary and capricious."

• **Seniority will no longer** be the main factor in determining layoffs. The new laws allow administrators to consider performance, teachers' special training and accomplishments and, in some cases, years of experience.

• **Establishes a state** mandate for teacher and administrator evaluations. Teachers and administrators have to be evaluated annually, and eventually a measure of students' academic growth using test scores would make up half of that evaluation.

• **School districts have** to notify parents in writing if their child is taught by a teacher who is rated ineffective.

Source: gomasa.org

“To discharge a ‘problem’ individual under the due process laws was sometimes very difficult and a nightmare for the administration and unions; but it could be done and was done to elevate the learning ability of the students.”

Lynn Hopper

Fenton School Board president

HOT LINE CONTINUED

AT ONE TIME, the working class had control over what went on in our state. Now it's the entitlement class. I can't believe that anyone would want to go back to the mess that Jennifer Granholm left us in. If you are a working American, it's obvious what to do.

UNTIL THE SHARK Tank, I wasn't sure of my ranking in the community. Now I have found there are many successful entrepreneurs and the rest of us are cockroaches.

LET ME GET this straight, Fenton Township Supervisor Mathis did not know anything about the widening of Fenton Road a few years ago and now knows nothing about the gas pipeline. Good job, way to keep up, Bonnie!

THERE IS RELIABLE evidence that methane released by the transport and processing of natural gas negates any benefit of using it as a source of energy. We need to stop the fracking and pipeline transfer of this resource and focus on less harmful energy production.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

PLEASE BE KIND and respectful to Linden City Manager Paul Zelenak. He is trying to manage the city with what is in his control and with what resources are available. I feel he truly cares about the residents and business owners and I appreciate his efforts.

■■■■
TO ALL YOU 'righties' complaining about the Keystone Pipeline, ask yourself this: How many refineries does that pipeline pass as it goes to Louisiana? What does that refinery down there have that the rest don't? It's the fact that it only helps Canada. Think about it.

■■■■
WOULDN'T YOU THINK that character would come into factor when voting for the Heisman trophy? I think they ought to do away with it if this keeps up.

■■■■
FOX NEWS OFFERS balanced news and draws over twice the audience as CNN

and MSNBC combined. I started watching it about a year ago and it is a refreshing change of news presentation for really concerned Americans who dare challenge Democrats and the president.

■■■■
PRESIDENT OBAMA AND the 'spendicrats' in the senate have failed the American people — \$3.5 million for a failed Obamacare launch and President Obama ignored the VA facilities for five years. New EPA regulations will hurt drilling for years to come.

■■■■
FOR ALL THE things you cited as accomplishments this president has done, I would say that you should pull your head out of MSNBC and stop assuming that everyone that does not agree with you and the president are haters.

■■■■
A REAL LEADER will listen to his advisers and then make a decision. I don't see this practice in our leader today. Look what happened to Germany when they followed their leadership. They caused WWII.

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Fenton Kiwanis art fair has great showing

By Yvonne Stegall

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All the proceeds from the Fenton Kiwanis art show will fund the club's service projects, which benefit local children. They held a \$1,000 Art Prize Contest, which was determined by a public vote. This year's winner was Robert Katrinic.

"We had 30 artist booths with about 50 artists showing and selling their work," said Donna Peters of the Kiwanis Club of Fenton.

They also had three booth winners determined by a panel of judges. The first-place booth winner was Dan Davenport and second and third-place winners were Robert Katrinic and Joseph Yarbrough. "Dan has very creative work with stamped designs in aluminum," said Peters. "Joseph is a photographer who is highly talented in taking very creative photos."

The Lake Fenton High School band performed during the show.

"We couldn't do the show without all of the support we receive from our sponsors," said Peters.

"The show was a great success and we have already set our 2015 dates for the third weekend in September," said Peters.

Calendar of events

CROP Hunger Walk on Oct. 5

The community is invited to take part in the 34th annual Fenton/Lake Fenton/Linden and Holly CROP Hunger Walk. It will take place on **Sunday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m.** at Bush Park in Fenton. Registration starts at 1:30 p.m. Twenty-five percent of proceeds collected stays in the tri-county area to help feed the hungry, 8-1/3 percent goes to FISH food pantry in Linden, 8-1/3 percent goes to St. Jude's School Lunch Program; 8-1/3 percent goes to Fenton United Methodist Food Bank. All are encouraged to walk. If you want to walk or want more information, contact Susan Malinowski at (810) 629-2506 or Don Isenburg at (810) 629-0288. There will be games for kids and water along the route.

News briefs

Matt Chapman returns to Linden city council seat

In August, Linden City Councilor Amanda Adams resigned from her position. It was announced at the Sept. 22 meeting that Matt Chapman would be returning to fill her seat. As you may recall, Matt Chapman served on the City Council up until 2011, when he moved overseas for his career and was replaced by Adams. He and his family just relocated back to Linden this summer.

Lake Fenton Homecoming parade route road closures

The Lake Fenton homecoming parade will be Friday, Oct. 10, at 5 p.m. The parade route will exit Lake Fenton Middle School onto North Long Lake Road. Parade participants will turn left onto Torrey Road, and follow to Lahring. The parade will turn right onto Lahring Road and end at West Shore Elementary School. The following roads will be closed from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the parade: North Long Lake Road at Torrey Road, Ruth Drive, Golf View, Torrey Grove, Margaret Drive, and Lahring Road at Torrey. These are all within the right-of-way of Torrey Road, between North Long Lake and Lahring roads.

Saddlebrook Farms subdivision roads to get new look

Linden City Council met Thursday morning to discuss the reconstruction of the roads in the Saddlebrook Farms subdivision. According to the Council Action Summary, the proposed work will include the reconstruction of asphalt pavement; some concrete curb and gutter, concrete sidewalks, concrete drive approaches, and storm sewer (and related appurtenances) from right-of-way to right-of-way along the entire lengths of Haystack Drive, Rockway Drive, Saddlebrook Drive, Saddlevalley Court, Sunflower Drive, and Ridge-wood Drive. The project will be funded with special assessment bonds. Cadillac Asphalt LLC will be doing the work, for an amount not to exceed \$592,962.

Linden City's website to get a makeover

Linden City Council voted Monday to have Cruthers Enterprises Web Site Solutions (CEWSS) do work on the city's website. City Manager Paul Zelenak said, "We realize that every day social media is making changes by leaps and bounds. We have to also." The website will be completely redesigned. He said they are looking at creating a more user-friendly site that is easier for visitors to navigate. The new site will include more information on community activities and events, plans and projects, and services that the community provides. "We want the website to show what the community of Linden has to offer," he said. The website, www.lindenmi.us, will still include the standard meeting and minute information, news, government data, resources, etc.

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Fenton woman pleads guilty to felonious assault and reckless driving

►Gets six months in jail for 'unusual' driving incident

By Sharon Stone

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The driver arrested in February for using her vehicle to push another one in Fenton was sentenced Tuesday to six months in the county jail.

Charlene Longworth, 48, was initially charged with three counts of felonious assault, malicious destruction of property, resisting and obstructing police and operating while impaired from drugs. In July, she pleaded guilty to an amended charge of one count of felonious assault and one count of reckless driving.

Following the incident, Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said of-

ficers responded to an "unusual" call on Feb. 22. A passenger of a Chevy Traverse called 911 to report that a Chevy Lumina was pushing their SUV down North Le-Roy Street. The driver of the Lumina was identified as Longworth.

Slater said the three occupants of the SUV reported that Longworth rear-ended their SUV in a business parking lot and then kept bumping and pushing it after they were both on the road. Longworth's Lumina eventually struck a pickup truck.

Slater said Longworth's actions appeared to be intentional, although, there was no connection between her and those in the Chevy Traverse. The driver of the Traverse sustained minor injuries. Her passengers were not injured.

SIDEWALKS

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these obstacles in the 40 miles of sidewalks that make up the pedestrian walking system in the city of Fenton. With concrete lifted by tree roots or shifting ground underfoot, some of these obstacles can be a tripping hazard or worse.

"It can be a problem," said Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Czarnecki. "But like everything, it comes down to the money. Do we do roads or sidewalks? Look at our streets; there are some horrible streets in Fenton that really need repair. If we had the money, we'd do it all. We'd put more money into our parks and cemeteries, too. But we have to make do with what we have."

The Fenton postal carriers who pound the streets daily in 12 walking routes know better than anyone, the hazards of sidewalks. The good news from Fenton Postmaster Brenda Hendrix is that most of the sidewalks are in good shape. "We really don't have any issues with the sidewalks," she said. "Dogs are more of a problem for us. Sidewalks can't run up to us and they can't bite."

If residents do notice a breaking, crumbling sidewalk, they can contact the city, which can then follow through with helping the homeowner address the problem. Although sidewalks are within

the city right-of-way, the maintenance responsibility of those sidewalks actually falls to the adjacent property owner.

That's how it usually works in cities, according to Czarnecki. "It's the homeowner's responsibility to maintain their sidewalks, whether that's snow removal or the concrete itself."

In Fenton, the city will pay half for repairs out of the general fund, and the property owner will assume financial responsibility for the other half. The city will pay for upfront costs, and the property owner can either pay their half up upfront, pay over time with interest or have it added to their taxes like a special assessment.

How does a homeowner go about doing

this on their own property? First, they get a free permit from the city, and then follow guidelines, which include having the correct packed-sand base and slope. According to Czarnecki, it will cost the homeowner about \$5 per square foot, on average, to make this repair.

If the city has to repair the walk, it will be more expensive for the homeowner, because the city will have to study and bid out the project, just like they do with roads.

"We'll work with property owners to help them as much as we can," said Czarnecki.

"If we had more money, we'd do it all. But we have to make do with what we have."

Dan Czarnecki
Fenton City DPW director



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GAL CAVE

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"At first he thought I was crazy to have so many, but we entertain so much that it works out well for plugging in crock pots, coffee pots, etc." She has a refrigerator and freezer in the garage, too, to help with entertainment.

Dorland's self-described "girly garage" still serves a utilitarian purpose as a parking spot for the couple's two large vehicles and as a catch-all place for tools, etc., but when it's time to entertain, the cars are out on the street, rugs are laid in the center of the garage floor that's not carpeted and tables and chairs create comfortable seating.

"We've had as many as 40 people out here at a time," said Dorland. "We'll use it from late May until November, and if it's a little chilly, we'll bring heaters out. I've even entertained for Thanksgiving out here, using it as a serving area for all the food."

Gal caves likes this one can have many different themes and purposes. Some women might want to use the



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Behind each detail of the paintings, craft or artifact is a story. Sharon Dorland used garden, beach and dune themes for different walls.

space for a gardening hobby or for crafting. Others might prefer just to decorate the garage in a feminine style as a welcoming entrance into their home.

So what does Paul think of her garage space? "He doesn't mind at all, because he has his 'man cave' out back with all his tools and stuff in it," Dorland said, with a smile.

“We actually call the garage our ‘gar-room,’ because it’s kind of in-between being a garage and being a room.”

Sharon Dorland

Artist and owner of a “girly garage”



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BUSINESSES

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Family Farm & Home currently operates about 30 stores in Michigan. Their typical customer is a homeowner with a large garden and pets or hobby farmers. Most stores operate with about 20 employees.

Luigi's on North LeRoy Street in Fenton has been purchased in a foreclosure sale for \$324,000 by Insook, Inc. of Utica. According to Hissong, an Asian barbecue restaurant with sushi bar is planned for the 196-seat former Italian restaurant. The project is currently in the architectural drawing stage.

Client Financial Services of Michigan has now opened in the former VG's office at 209 South Alloy Dr. in Fenton.

More than 150 employees work from this office in the area of accounts receivable management services, which includes payment processing, customer service, outreach functions and collections.

"They've recently had a parking lot approved by the city and plan to put in crushed limestone for settling, to be finished in the spring," said Hissong.

Blessing Plumbing & Heating, headquartered in Grand Blanc, is building its Fenton satellite location on North LeRoy Street, just north of the railroad tracks. "We're planning to re-open in Fenton in the spring," said Sarah (Blessing) Thompson, operations manager. Blessing Plumbing & Heating has 26 employees.

Trinity Lutheran Church, located on Main Street in Fenton, is currently in Phase I of a \$4.4 million building project. The official groundbreaking will take place when the weather breaks next spring, according to Phil Price, chairman of the building committee. Phase I will entail 15,000 square feet used for the sanctuary, offices and parish hall. "We hope to be moved into the building by December 2015," said Price.



CATCH OF THE WEEK



Anna Weigle, 12, of Fenton caught this fish while vacationing with family on Lake Carroll in Illinois.



BUCK POLE



Nathan Kopicko, 13, of Fenton was successful during the Liberty Youth Hunt on Saturday, Sept. 20. Patience and hard work paid off, as this 7-point buck is his first deer and was shot at sunset in Grayling.

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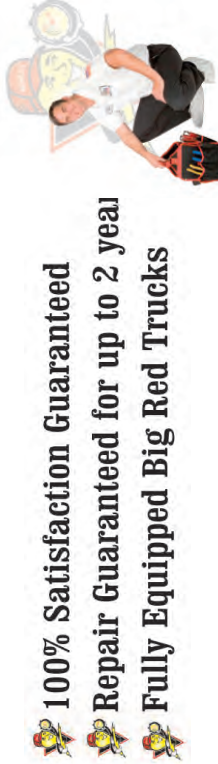


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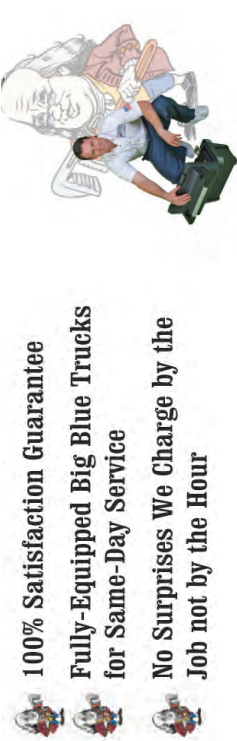


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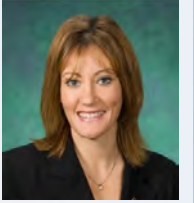
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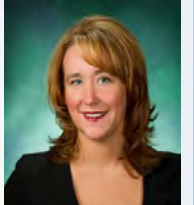
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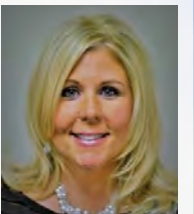
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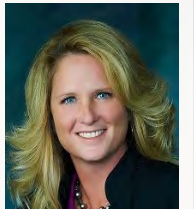
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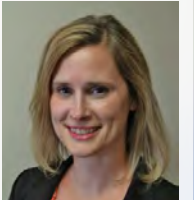
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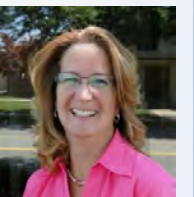
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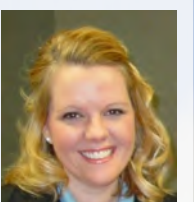
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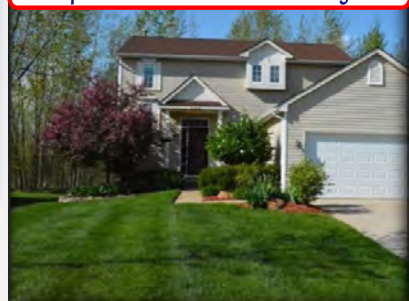
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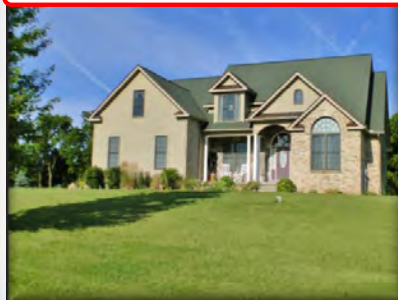
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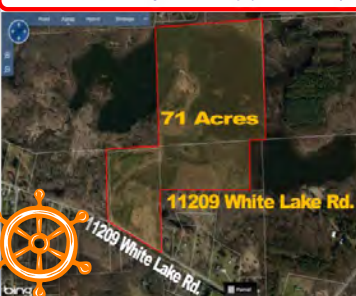
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Fenton volleyball team looking impressive

►Tigers remain undefeated in Metro play

By David Troppens
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Fenton — It's been a pretty strong season for the Fenton varsity volleyball squad.

The team has eight losses, but six of those have come against state-ranked squads. And one streak remains — the Metro League win streak. The Tigers were, at times, overwhelmingly impressive on Tuesday as Fenton crushed the Brandon Blackhaws 25-8, 25-5, 25-12 at Fenton High School.

The Tigers were strong with their defense, and when they got the ball to their attackers, they capitalized. Fenton had 42 kills to Brandon's shockingly low five. The win moves the Tigers to 2-0 in the Metro, tied for first with Flushing.

Fenton senior Carly Granger said defense has been the emphasis this year under first-year coach Jerry Eisinger.

"We've been really stressing defense," Granger said. "Every practice it is defense, defense, defense, serve receive and defense. That's all we have been stressing. Our offense comes along with it because if you can't pass you can't attack."

The Tigers were passing well and

attacking well on Tuesday. There was one exception to that rule, the first six points of the match. Fenton had three hit errors, a net violation and a service reception error, resulting in an early 6-0 deficit. However, Fenton's Jessica Warford earned a block kill, and before anyone knew it, the Tigers got hot and led 8-7.

Fenton's Myla Wolosonowich iced the game. A kill by Kelsie Fischer gave Fenton a 9-8 lead and Wolosonowich the service. She rattled off 16 straight points.

The second set was Fenton's most impressive showing of the night, earning 14 kills and no hitting errors. About the only thing the Tigers did struggle with was service errors, creating three of them. Thankfully, for Brandon the Tigers did have the service errors as they represented 60 percent of the Blackhaws' scoring in the set. At one time, Kendrah Praedel had four straight kills for Fenton. The Tigers cruised to a rarely seen 25-5 victory in the second set.

In the third set, it became apparent it was tough for Fenton to maintain its intensity against its inferior foes, **See FENTON on 16A**



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Fenton's Carly Granger attempts a kill during the Tigers' 25-8, 25-5, 25-12 victory against Brandon on Tuesday.

Holly boys halfway to another league crown

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Mt. Morris — The Metro League girls cross country race got a little tighter on Wednesday.

On the same date, the Holly varsity boys cross country's grip on a second straight Metro League crown became tighter.

For the second straight jamboree, the Holly boys dominated the rest of the Metro,

capturing the jamboree title at Mt. Morris' Cummings Center on Wednesday. The Bronchos scored 36 points, or 24 better than Clio's second-place total of 60. Linden placed third (74) while Fenton (89) was fourth in the eight-team event.

"We are moving in the right direction," Holly coach Rich Brinker said. "Most of the guys had good races."

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Fenton's Jacob Lee (left) passes Holly's Nate Frasier to take first at the second Metro League jamboree on Wednesday.



"This is 50 percent of the pie. ... The thing is to stay healthy and keep the boat moving the right direction. When we went home it was still the status quo, we were healthy and we are ready to go."

Fenton's Jacob Lee captured the top spot in the race, posting a time of 15:46.75 on the 3.1-mile course. Lee took second to Holly's Nate Frasier in the first jamboree and this time Frasier took second with a time of 15:50.69.

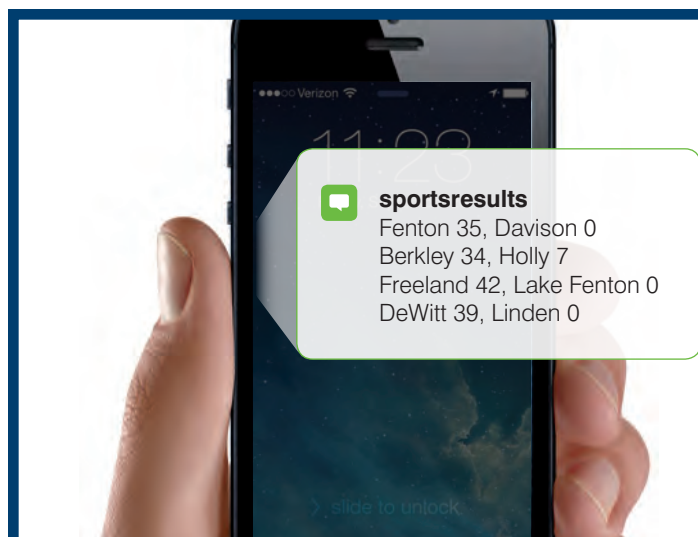
Holly had three of the first four runners and had its first five **See LEAGUE on 16A**

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LF XC teams take fourth at second jamboree

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The Lake Fenton varsity boys cross country team knew that it was going to be a challenge to finish in second place in the GAC this season.

Now, the Blue Devils are finding out it's not going to be easy to finish third, either.

In what has proven to be a super competitive league race so far, the Blue Devils placed fourth at the second GAC jamboree on Tuesday, falling to fourth because of a sixth-man tiebreaker with Montrose.

Lake Fenton, who placed third in the first jamboree, find themselves in a three-way battle for third with one jamboree remaining. Montrose, Byron and the Blue Devils are seemingly battling for that third spot, while Corunna (30 points) enjoys life on the top, and Goodrich (91) is enjoying life in second place. Lake Fenton and Montrose had 112 points while Byron had 113 points.

"The boys team is right there for third place, but we got edged out by Montrose's sixth man," Lake Fenton coach Christopher Sobczak said. "We will need to run really well at the last jamboree if we are go-

See LF on 15A



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Members of the Lake Fenton boys cross country team warm up before the start of one of the Genesee Area Conference jamborees. Lake Fenton placed fourth in the second GAC event.

Linden soccer loses first game of season in shootout vs. Brandon

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The Linden varsity boys soccer team knew finishing the season unbeaten was unlikely.

And on Wednesday, the Eagles' quest to have one of those unlikely seasons came to an end.

Linden fell to 11-1-1 overall after losing a 2-1 verdict to Brandon after the Blackhawks won a shootout after regulation.

"They only had three shots on goal and we had a lot of shots, but we didn't play well enough to finish the game," Linden coach Kevin Fiebernitz said. "When you are ranked 1 or 2 you have a target on your butt, and I saw a little of this coming on Monday night. We didn't come out ready to go against Flushing and they scored the early goal. We came back out jumping and playing a bit, peppering their goalie and ended up winning 3-1.

"Last night we didn't play smart. With the width of the field and our speed, I thought it was important for us to go wide. Brandon packed it in (defensively) and did a good job."

Linden took a 1-0 lead after Nolan McDonald scored unassisted with 8:26 left in the first half. However just 1:20 later, Blake Crawford tied the game up with a PK. The game remained tied until the end of regulation, setting up the shootout.



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Linden's Nolan McDonald scored the Eagles' only goal in a 2-1 loss to Brandon.

Linden missed its second PK attempt, allowing Brandon to win the game by making all three of its shots.

"We didn't want to lose, but we'll be fine after this," Fiebernitz said. "I am proud of them as a coach. Yes, this is a setback, but it'll pay dividends. Now we got (the loss) out of the way so now we can concentrate on Clio and Fenton because those are very important games."

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PREP REPORT

BOYS TENNIS

► **Holly 7, Brandon 1:** The Bronchos remained undefeated in Metro play, dominating Brandon by capturing a victory in every doubles flight in straight sets.

The doubles flight winners for Holly were Andrew Fischer and Frank Richmond (No. 1); Scott Maki and Aaron Vergith (No. 2), Andrew Spak and Dillon Sink (No. 3) and Morgan Baylis and Ian Clink (No. 4).

The singles matches were more competitive. Holly's Connor Caldwell (No. 3) and Mitchell Hughes (No. 4) won in straight sets, while Noah Apfel (No. 2) won in three sets. Evan Vergith (No. 1) lost a 6-2, 7-5 decision.

BOYS SOCCER

► **Clio 1, Fenton 0:** The Tigers (4-1 in the Metro) lost a good chance to take over sole possession of first place in the Metro after being shut out by the Mustangs. The only goal in the contest was scored by Clio's Eric Sollund in the first half.

► **Flushing 3, Holly 1:** The Bronchos' only goal was provided by Lucas Sammut off an assist by Dillon Sink.

GIRLS GOLF

► **Holly 186, Brandon 201:** Amanda Pucher led the Bronchos to a school-record team score with her 44. Madison McEachern had a 46, while Madison Brack and Chelsea Bowles each shot 48s.

► **Linden 208, Carman-Ainsworth 238:** Hannah Joslin captured medalist honors at Spring Meadows Country Club with a 43. Sophomore Sydney Bond carded a 52, followed by Ashley Robinson with a 55 and Kayla Suggs with a 58.

► **Holly 202, Swartz Creek 206:** Jenna Pepper earned medalist honors with a 45 at Holiday Meadows, helping the Bronchos to the victory. Amanda Pucher and Madison McEachern each shot 50s while Madison Brack shot a 57.

VOLLEYBALL

► **Lake Fenton vs. Mt. Morris, Montrose:** The Blue Devils lost to Montrose and Mt. Morris, each in three sets.

Autumn Beardsley led the offense with 15 kills, while Reagan Goupil had nine. Melody Draeger and Goupil had eight digs each, while Beardsley also had six blocks.

► **Swartz Creek d. Linden 25-21, 25-19, 20-25, 25-22:** Megan Kenney led the Eagles' offense with 10 kills while Bridget Adams had seven. Megan Klavitter was a perfect 19-for-19 with four aces at the service line. She also had 21 digs.

GIRLS SWIMMING

► **Fenton 114, Powers 69:** The Tigers won five individual events and two relays to earn the victory. The winning relays were the 200 medley of Elise Cassidy, Lauren Gruber, McKenzie Mead and Grace Siefker (2:07.31) and the 200 freestyle team of Brianna Costigan, Siefker, Gruber and Emma Cagle (1:53.92).

Individually, winning events were Taylor Shegos in diving (250.70), Mead in the 100 butterfly (1:08.92), Gruber in the 100 breaststroke (1:18.93), Cassidy in the 100 backstroke (1:05.63) and Costigan in the 200 freestyle (2:07.20).

► **Lapeer 100, Holly 82:** The Bronchos won six of the events. Individually, Stephanie Spiteri and Alex Karakuc won two of them. Spiteri earned the top spot in the 200 freestyle (2:26.95) and the 100 breaststroke (1:24.86), while Karakuc won the 100 butterfly (1:19.14) and the 100 backstroke (1:18.95). Another individual first was earned by Jennie Degenhardt in diving (206.45). The 2000 medley relay team of Emma Ford, Karakuc, Allison Spiteri and Stephanie Spiteri won the 200 medley relay (2:23.94).

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Linden's Brown, Ryan making their mark at Northern Michigan

By David Troppens

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Patrick Ryan and Shaye Brown didn't really expect to be playing this quickly.

When the 2012 Linden graduates elected to continue their football careers at Northern Michigan University, they knew it was likely both wouldn't see much playing time until probably at least their third season.

That didn't end up happening.

Instead, the pair are already starting for the Wildcats, and have been major participants since their true freshman year.

Brown is Northern Michigan's starting quarterback, and has been since the second half of his freshman season. Ryan plays defensive back and saw action in all 10 games his freshman season. And he's also starting this year.

Brown remembers when he first realized he was going to start during his freshman year.

"During week three our starter got hurt and I was the back up. They told me you are definitely going to play so be ready. I was pretty nervous, but I was pretty excited.

"My first play was a handoff, and I remember I was shaking."

Ryan is excited about the progress he's made.

"Yeah, it's progressed pretty fast," Ryan said. "Going into last year I didn't know if I was going to get redshirted or not. I wasn't and I was fighting for a spot in spring ball. This year I was still fighting for a position. I won that position and it felt great. It's been fast and it's been fun."

Northern Michigan University is a member of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic

Association, one of the elite Division II football conferences in the nation. Of course, both entered the program with some pretty nice honors while at Linden High School.

Ryan caught 34 passes for 521 yards and seven TDs during his senior year at Linden. On defense he had 49 tackles. Meanwhile, Brown was the 2012 Tri-County Football Player of the Year, completing 212-of-309 passes for 2,939 yards and 30 TDs. He threw only six interceptions and also rushed for seven scores.

Brown's opportunity opened up with an injury and he's kept the position ever since. His first start came against GLIAC power Grand Valley State University. He completed 14-of-22 passes for 168 yards and one touchdown. in that contest. He completed the season by starting the final five games, posting a record of 2-3 during that period. He finished the season completing 94-of-184 passes for 1,194 yards and seven TDs.

"I was pretty nervous the first week I started, but by the second week I felt better, more comfortable," Brown said. "We went 3-7 and I personally went 2-3, so that went OK."

"It's way different here. The change of speed from high school to college is huge."

This season, Brown prepared as the starting quarterback, and has completed 54-of-93 passes for 729 yards and three scores.

"This year is a lot different from last year," Brown said. "I went to camp in California to build my confidence up, learn the playbook and to throw the ball harder. I feel way more prepared this year."

Ryan wasn't in the starting

lineup, but he played in every game his freshman year, collecting 24 total tackles and a pass break up. Most of his time came while playing on special teams. His biggest game came in the final contest of the year against Ferris State, collecting 10 total tackles. His performance meant there was a good chance he'd be starting this year.

"I knew we had a young team and I was starter during spring ball," Ryan said. "So coming into camp, I knew there were a lot of young guys and transfers I'd have to fight to keep the position. Fortunately at the end of camp, I heard I was the No. 1 guy."

"Last year I played on special teams and it really helped me understand the game speed and understand how much bigger and faster the guys are," Ryan said. "This year I really have a better understanding of the game speed and different concepts. It's been tough, but it's been a lot of fun."

This season Ryan already has 24 tackles and a pass break up in three games.

"Being on the team I learned just how much I had to grow up," Ryan said. "Just living on my own — you don't have your parents up here to baby you, to clean and cook for you. You have to do it on your own. This experience has made me a man and a better person. The coaching staff has helped make me a better man."

Northern Michigan is off to a slow 1-2 start, but both players have high expectations. The squad remains young, meaning their best performances could be in the future.

"We are coming off a 3-7 season last year, but we have high



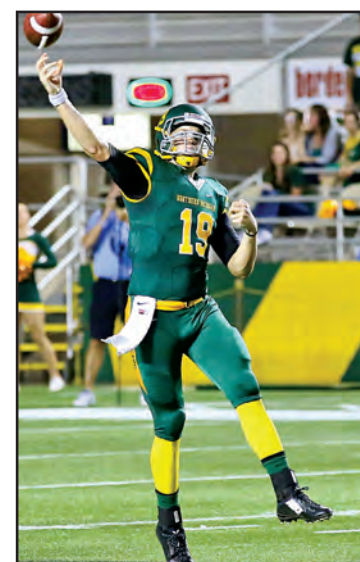
expectations this year," Ryan said. "Our ultimate goal is to win the GLIAC, make the playoffs and win a national championship."

"We are expecting to contend," Brown said. "We are young. We want to at least finish above .500."

Both love playing together. In practices, the two teammates have to go against each other quite frequently.

"I love playing with Shaye," Ryan said. "You don't expect to be playing with one of your teammates in high school. ... It's awesome. It's so much fun because we are both on different sides of the ball during practice and it's great competition."

"It's always cool having Pat up here," Brown said. "We have a history together. It's nice me and Pat are representing Linden."



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Linden graduates Pat Ryan (top) and Shaye Brown (immediately above) are starting players for Northern Michigan University in just their sophomore seasons.

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ing to have any chance at taking second, as well as third."

The Blue Devils were paced by Jacob Fletcher, who took ninth in 17:48.3. The other scoring Lake Fenton runners were Jasper Lindsay in 23rd (19:10.8), Dylan Cullimore in 26th (19:23.3), Winston Ray in 28th (19:32.1) and Cole Travis in 43rd (20:33.0).

The Lake Fenton girls placed fourth, one spot better than in the first jamboree. Lake Fenton's total of 101 was five worse than third-place Goodrich and four better than sixth-place Durand.

"The girls team is showing improvement and it was great to see them finish in fourth after finishing fifth at the first jamboree," Sobczak said.

Alexis Cash is establishing herself as one of the elite GAC runners, taking third for the second straight jamboree. She finished with a time of 21:10.7. She was followed by Mackenzie Kato in 16th (23:43.2), Meara Baxter in 29th (25:02.8), Mackenzie Rumpy in 36th (25:47.6) and Lucy Reigle in 37th (25:51.8).

Sobczak was pleased with both teams.

"They ran really well with a lot of season and personal bests set," Sobczak said. "So far we have really enjoyed the atmosphere of the jamboree format."



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Lake Fenton's Lucy Reigle (front) and Abby Smith run during a recent meet. Reigle placed 37th at the second GAC meet.

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Holly volleyball wins Metro match

By David Troppens

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The Bronchos won their first Metro match since 2011, defeating Kearsley 19-25, 25-12, 25-15, 25-20 on Tuesday.

"Tuesday's victory was great. It was great because now the girls know how it feels to win in the Metro," Holly volleyball coach Jamie Jones said. "The energy on the court was amazing and they had fun together."

Sam Jones had 29 assists and six aces, while Brooke Jackman and Emily Alvarado had seven kills each. Defensively, Katie LaClair had 25 digs and 22 good service receive passes. Alvarado also contributed 18 digs. Courtney Accorsi had four blocks.

Girls Golf

Fenton 175, Linden 211

Linden's Hannah Joslin earned medalist honors at Tyrone Hills with a 39, but Fenton golfers had the four next best scores to earn the win.

Sarah Cummings paced Fenton with a 42 while Madison Shegos and Molly Gundry each shot 43s. Keegan Miller had a 47. Sydney Bond was Linden's next best golfer, posting a 48, while Alex Primo shot a 61. Ashley Robinson and Isabel Wright each shot 63s.

"It was nice to have two freshmen score at the same time, and being led by two juniors (Cummings and Shegos)," Fenton coach Kurt Herbstreit said. "The future looks good. ... I'm very proud of this team. During a rebuilding year they have had great attitudes and it's been a very fun year for me as a coach."

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finish within the top 17. Dillon Lemond took third (16:10.90), while Kurtis Cooley placed fourth (16:19.27). Zac Felix was 10th (16:57.30) and Blake Staffne took 17th (17:14.17).

"Six of our top seven PRd which was good," Brinker said.

All Holly has to do is finish second at the last meet and the Bronchos will assure themselves at least a co-title. If Holly wins the final Metro race, and the Bronchos are overwhelming favorites to do just that, they'll lock up their second straight outright crown.

The Linden Eagles are in a heated race for second with Clio. The Mustangs have beaten the Eagles in each of the first two jamborees, but if Linden takes second in the final meet and Clio falls to third, that will create a tie for second. Four of Linden's starters finished in the top 25. They were Mickey Varacalli in sixth (16:26.14), Ryan Torok in eighth (16:53.37), Jack Eck in 11th (17:04.28), and Nick McDonald in 23rd (17:38.47).

Linden coach Clint Lawhorne was pleased with his team.

"There were so many personal records set (18 season and 12 lifetime), that I wheeled the course after the race to make sure it wasn't short," Lawhorne said. "I was very pleased to find that it was indeed accurate. It was, by far, our best race of the season."

The Fenton Tigers had three other runners in the top 25. They were Andrew Bond in 15th (17:12.39), Lucas English in 20th (17:21.22) and Luke Shabot in 25th (17:48.89).

The Linden girls remained in first



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Holly's Samantha Tschirhart (right) leads Linden's Savannah Ferrara (middle) and Fenton's Jenna Keiser during the second Metro jamboree. Keiser ended up taking sixth ahead of Ferrara (seventh) and Tschirhart (eighth).

place in the overall standings, but are now sharing that spot with Flushing. The Raiders, who placed second in the first jamboree, won this event with 52 points. Linden was second (56), while Holly was third (76) and Fenton was fourth (77).

Flushing's top three runners took the top three spots, but Linden had its entire top five finish in the first 15 positions.

Linden was led by Savannah Ferrara in seventh (19:54.18) and was followed by Jordan Holscher in ninth (20:14.10), Taylor Ganger in 12th (20:55.87), Courtney Davis in 13th (21:17.48) and Kailee Corcoran in 15th (21:26.97).

"The team improved and so did Flushing," Linden coach Teresa Wright said. "Over the next few weeks it is going to

take focus, hard work and mental toughness. With Flushing taking the first three spots, it is going to require all seven runners improving to compete like we did in the first jamboree."

The Holly girls made a strong jump — from fifth in the first race to third in the second one. Holly had three runners in the top 25. They were Maggie Schneider in fourth (19:16.08), Lauren Hackett in fifth (19:35.08) and Tschirhart in eighth (19:57.76).

The Tigers remained in fourth, but were only one point behind third-place Holly. Fenton's runners in the top 25 were Jenna Keiser in sixth (19:48.08), Emma Lane in 11th (20:35.10), Emily Battaglia in 14th (21:17.91) and Danielle Hack in 18th (21:48.34).

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particularly at the service line. The Tigers had seven service errors, allowing Brandon to make the third-set score look somewhat respectable. However, in between the service errors, Granger pounded down four straight Fenton kills, giving the squad a 9-3 lead after the run. Mercifully, the Tigers earned match point on a Jessica Warford kill.

The Tigers have won 55 straight Metro matches. The Tigers use strong weekend tourneys to keep the squad tuned up for the tournament season. While Fenton has yet to win one of the tourneys, they've been consistently strong in each one of them.

"(The tournaments) help us a lot

because we are playing the best teams in the state," Granger said. "That's going to give us a lot of competition and make us play better."

The Tigers proved that point on Tuesday.

"We started really slow, but once we got by that slow start we were OK," Eisinger said. "But after that, the girls passed the ball really well. Our defense was phenomenal. Our offense really took it to them. I was really happy with the evening."

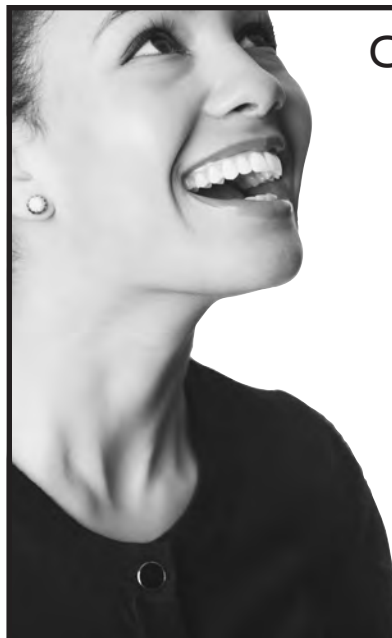
Granger led Fenton with 14 kills, while Jessica Eastman had eight kills. Granger also had two block kills.

Fenton continues Metro action with a home game against Kearsley on Tuesday.



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Fenton's Kelsie Fischer sets a ball for a teammate during the Tigers' three-set sweep of Brandon on Tuesday. The Tigers are 2-0 in the Metro, tied atop the standings with Flushing.



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'BUCKET LIST' From high in the sky to the depths of the ocean

►Woman finds peace and serenity in adventures

By Sally Rummel

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Patricia Jensen didn't add "daredevil" to her resume until this past summer — skydiving and SCUBA diving halfway through her 79th year.

"My niece, Jules, came down to Florida to SCUBA dive in July, and I asked her, 'do you think I could do this?'" said Jensen, formerly of Fenton Township, now living in Port Orange, Florida. "She came back a month later and we spent six days skydiving, learning to SCUBA dive and playing on my old Hawaiian lap guitar after decades of not playing."

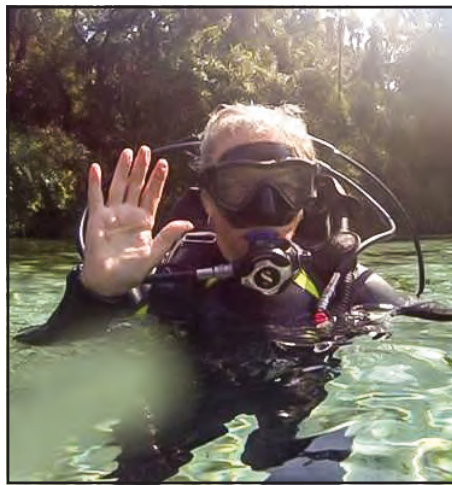
That's how Jensen's "bucket list" was born, after more than five decades as a wife, mom of three and a nurse. "I'd wanted to be a nurse ever since I was a young girl," said Jensen. "It took me 'til I was 35, but I finally did it. I guess I was too busy when I was younger to be very adventurous."

Her grown children, Lisa Ross, Linda Kelly and Paul Jensen, all live in the local area. Her niece, Julie "Jules" Tarrant, graduated from Fenton High School in 1992 and lives in Lake Ridge, Virginia. Jensen's also a grandmother of six.

Jensen's adventurous spirit came out to the forefront after a second marriage following the death of her first husband, Harold, in 2000. "Ed and I traveled the world, literally," she said. "He was a pilot and an engineer. We went to Africa twice, Antarctica, South America, New Zealand, China. I wish everyone could see what I saw. The older I got, the more adventurous I got."

Tarrant, 40, became Jensen's partner in adventure last summer, when she saw how much fun Tarrant was having while diving during her Florida visit.

"We had to modify her gear a bit so she could get dressed in the water because the



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SCUBA diving was another item on Patricia Jensen's bucket list.

equipment is so heavy," said Tarrant, a self-admitted thrill seeker. "I tried to talk her out of sky diving, but she booked it herself!"

Jensen was calm and serene as she boarded the plane in Deland that would drop her and her instructor into the air over 13,500 feet. "It wasn't scary at all," said Jensen. "I was 'cool as a cucumber.' Now I have friends who want to

sky dive with me."

Jensen already has a new bucket list in the works.

She's looking forward to turning 80 in December, celebrating with a party of about 35 cousins who will join her in Las Vegas. She also wants to take a helicopter ride up and down the strip of Daytona Beach at sunset, so she can see everything in the day and watch it turn into night.

She's excited that more people are getting inspired to find their own adventure, after having seen what Jensen has been able to do in her later years.

"Just doing all these things has made me very content and excited for the next chapter," she said.

SCHOOL BOARD

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July 22 was the deadline for school board candidates to file with their respective clerk's office, and as of that time, there are some blank spaces, including the following:

- Lake Fenton: One four-year term
- Linden: One six-year term
- Holly: One four-year term

Registered voters within a particular district elect school board members for a term of six years. The four-year terms shown above are needed to bring entire boards into alignment for six-year terms.

It's not too late to throw your hat into the ring. This late in the year, a person needs to file an intention to run with the local clerk in order to be a write-in candidate for November. The deadline for this is 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24.

Holly Area Schools Board President Sue Julian said, "As a courtesy, it would be helpful if that person also informed the School Board of their intention to run for the open position." She added, "An individual that is paid by the district or is under contract cannot serve as a board member, due to the conflict of interest." Otherwise, the position is open to any registered voter in the district that is at least 18 years of age.

Responsibilities of a school board member

- Overseeing the general operations of the school system.
- Watching over the finances of the district.
- Staying in touch with the changes in local, state and federal law that affect students, teachers, and school adminis-

tration.

- Setting the general policies that govern daily operations.
- Upholding the constitution of the state and nation as they pertain to school issues.

The board delegates the running of the district to the Superintendent, whom they hire and evaluate yearly.

School Board meetings usually happen twice a month, and vary for each district. Board members are expected to serve on several committees, which depending on the function of the committee, meet monthly or quarterly.

Julian said, "Holly Area School Board members receive no compensation for their service."

According to their bylaws, posted on their school district websites, Lake Fenton and Linden Board members may receive up to \$30

per meeting up to a total of not more than 52 meetings (including committee meetings) as compensation for their services.

The statewide association that serves all school boards, the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB), offers online and in-person training in the various functions of "boardsmanship." Attendance at the statewide convention and local training is paid for by the district and is a valuable resource for new board members.

Julian said, "Attending current meetings and school district functions before joining the board is highly recommended as a way of learning the scope of duties expected."

Julian added, "I find it a privilege to serve to ensure the best education possible for Holly Area School's approximately 3,500 students."

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGETS (APPROXIMATE)

Fenton Area Public Schools
\$30 million

Source: fenton.k12.mi.us

Holly Area Schools
\$34 million

Source: holly.schoolfusion.us

Lake Fenton Community Schools
\$16 million

Source: lakefentonschools.org

Linden Community Schools
\$23 million

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SINGLES

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growing upward since. The article stated, "The percentage of adult Americans who have never married has risen to 30.4 percent from 22.1 percent in 1976, while the proportion that are divorced, separated or widowed increased to 19.8 percent from 15.3 percent."

For a local look at those statistics, city-data.com shows that of the population 15 years of age and over in Fenton city 28.5 percent have never been married, 48.2 percent are currently married, 1.5 percent are separated, 9.5 percent are widowed, and 12.2 percent are divorced.

Alltowntowndata.com is another site, like city-data.com, that shows statistics for local populations. According to their information, in Fenton there are 1,488 single men and 1,544 single women, between the ages of 20 and 54. That equals out to about 0.96 men for each woman, as far as the ratio of men to women in the area. The lack of eligible men to women could be part of the reason there are more single women than men.

So why are so many people staying single? It could just be the trend that has continued since the '70s, where each generation becomes less likely to marry than the next.

According to a New York Times article, part of the trend can be attributed to the fact that people are simply marrying older. Pew Research Center projects that a quarter of today's young adults will have never married by 2030,

More singles statistics

• **Remaining unmarried** is more common among the less educated, blacks and the young, Pew Research Center found.

• **Men are more** likely than women to remain unmarried, 23 percent to 17 percent.

• **78 percent of** never-married women say that a mate with a steady job would be very important to them, more than any other quality in choosing a spouse.

• **There are 65** employed men for every 100 women.

• **Blacks place more** importance than whites on finding a partner with a steady job before marriage, according to Pew.

• **Among unmarried young** blacks, there are 51 employed men for every 100 women.

Source: nytimes.com

which would be the highest share in modern history.

Maybe younger generations just aren't seeing marriage as the necessity that it was once regarded. A sign of the times, generation roles have been changing. Instead of marrying for money and security, more people are marrying for love. Maybe love just isn't as easy to find in our busy lives.

YOGURT

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The difference between Greek and regular yogurt is simply the processing. According to an article posted via Michigan State University, "The process of making Greek yogurt is by straining out liquid whey, which creates a denser form of yogurt."

Amy Locke, assistant professor of Family Medicine at University of Michigan said, "They are basically the same thing, health wise. Greek yogurt has less water content, thus more calories."

Greek yogurt is not only thicker and creamier, but also contains more protein than regular yogurt. This means it will help keep you full longer and contains fewer carbohydrates. However, on the unhealthy side, sweetened versions can contain high amounts of sugar.

Regular yogurt is a better source of calcium, as Greek loses some calcium when the whey is strained out.

The thing, or things, that really makes yogurt healthy are the probiotics, or "good" bacteria, they contain. These are living organisms, which help keep the human digestive tract healthy. For the healthy benefits of these bacteria, Locke said, "Make sure they say 'live active cultures.'" This means they are added in after the pasteurization process.

Low, or non-fat, options have less sugar, but still about 12 grams worth, according to Locke. She said, "Yogurt is really an imposter health food." That is because, she said, the sweet flavored kinds most people love are a huge source of calories due to the high sugar content.

Locke suggested, "Plain yogurt is the

Health benefits of live cultures in yogurt

• **Offering a safe** and effective means of treating acute infectious diarrhea in children (and dogs)

• **Preventing antibiotic-associated** diarrhea

• **Protecting against** tumor formation in the colon

• **Improving the** digestion of lactose in persons with lactose intolerance, when eaten in small doses over time

• **Enhancing gut** and systemic immune function

• **Preventing allergic** reactions by reducing hypersensitivity reactions

• **Helping to** reduce symptoms of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) such as Crohn's and ulcerative colitis

• **Converting dietary** fiber into healthy fats

• **Increasing HDL** ("good") cholesterol and decreasing the ratio of LDL ("bad") to HDL cholesterol with long-term, daily intake of yogurt

Source: med.umich.edu/umim/food-pyramid/dairy.htm

healthy choice. Mix in your own fruit, honey or maple syrup for flavoring." She said, "The sugar content you add will not be as high as the stuff in the stores."



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Social News

BIRTHDAY



WILMA BOWEN CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

Wilma Bowen of Durand, Michigan celebrated her 100th birthday on May 24, 2014. She was born in Detroit on May 25, 1914 to Benjamin and Jean (Wilson) Lemke. Her family moved to Fenton in 1916, where her father and five brothers worked as tenant farmers. She attended South Ward and Fenton High School and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Fenton. She was married to James Bowen on March 7, 1936 for 52 years and they raised four children: James (who passed in 1996), John (Pat), David (Nancy) and Jean (Jim Nichols). She worked at the Fenton Convalescent Home and also spent many years caring for foster babies and mentally/physically challenged women at her home on Park Street. Wilma enjoys crocheting, knitting and spending time with her family. She has 19 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and her sixth great-great grandchild will be born in December. Her children hosted a birthday celebration in Linden, Michigan with about 140 relatives and friends, and a good time was had by all.

TEACHERS

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In Michigan, teachers are on a five-year probationary period before they can reach tenure. In 2011, Gov. Rick Snyder signed teacher tenure reform legislation that ends the "Last In, First Out" practice, meaning school districts cannot make staffing decisions based solely on seniority.

Hopper said, "I believe the intent of the former tenure process was to improve the quality of public education by enhancing the number of teacher candidates and strengthening the quality of 'good' candidates to the teaching professionals." He added, "However, in my personal opinion, it may have backfired to a degree, working in a negative direction, from time to time, by permitting candidates with 'teaching appeal' and 'positive references.'"

According to Doug Busch, Fenton Area Public Schools executive director of Finance and Personnel, "The best source of information regarding teacher tenure in Michigan would be the actual Michigan Teacher Tenure Act." It is available at Michigan.gov, search 'teachers' tenure act.'

MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS
VOTED ON RECENTLY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released on Friday, Sept. 19.

House Bill 5233: Expand scope of criminal property seizure law

To expand the reach of the state's criminal forfeiture law by making the property of an owner deemed "willfully blind" to illegal activity taking place on the premises subject to forfeiture. The bill would also allow the seizure of real or personal property that had been transferred to a new owner after the crime in some cases, let the government wait up to 28 days before giving notice that property is being seized (under current law this is seven days), and authorize forfeiture for home invasion, rape and other serious sex crimes. The state criminal forfeiture law allows the government to seize property used in a crime or acquired with the proceeds of a crime, with the net proceeds from its sale turned over to the agencies that are "substantially involved in effecting the forfeiture."

Passed 93 to 13 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 5391: Cap wage garnishment amounts

To revise the law that authorizes a court-ordered garnishment of an individual's wages to satisfy an obligation. The bill would cap the amount of a garnishment at 15 percent of the "gross wages" earned by the employee, but not if this would reduce the pay to less than the "minimum wage" mandated by the state or federal government.

Passed 102 to 7 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 616: Revise Medicaid funding sources

To shift Medicaid fund sources to reflect the transition from a 1 percent "health insurance claims tax" to the imposition of the 6 percent "use tax" on Medicaid managed care health care providers (hospitals). These levies are designed to "game" the federal Medicaid program in ways that result in higher federal payments to Michigan's medical welfare establishment (including those same hospitals).

Passed 78 to 31 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

POLICE

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indicated the unknown caller was Fernando Rodriguez at (202) 864-1619. One resident caught on to the scam quickly and hung up. The police chief warned others never to give out any personal information and to hang up when unknown persons call asking for information or money.

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