Fenton schools, Creative Foam, VG’s and State Bank top list

► Area’s largest employers still defined as ‘small business,’ with fewer than 500 employees

By Sally Rummel
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Look around at all the manufacturers, schools and businesses that surround us in the city of Fenton and Fenton Township. While many of them loom large in our small community, even the biggest still fit the definition of a “small business.”

A small business is defined as a corporation, limited liability company (LLC) or proprietorship with up to 500 employees, by the U.S. See TOP LIST on 10A

The State Bank in downtown Fenton is one of the bigger employers in town, but at 174 employees, it is still considered a “small business.”

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Times named top Michigan weekly for third consecutive year

Your community newspaper judged best in state

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Labels may fool us into throwing food away prematurely

What does the ‘sell by’ and ‘best by’ on your food packaging really mean?

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While not everyone checks the expiration dates on their groceries as precisely as I do, everyone has seen them. From “best by” and “use by,” some are now saying these “expiration” dates don’t mean a thing.

In fact, according to a recent article on ABC news, Dr. Michael Hansen, a senior scientist with Consumer Reports, said these dates don’t mean anything.

One reason for his ideology is that many of us see that “sell by” date as an actual expiration

See LABELS on 8A

Sometimes expiration dates don’t mean a thing to the consumer. Use your nose and eyes to determine if food is still good past the package date.
Let this be your Up North paradise! Secluded setting on almost 10 wooded, treed acres. Enjoy the panoramic views of the pond and woods from the master bedroom or the deck off the lower level walkout. Beautifully maintained home with hardwood flooring in living and dining rooms, updated kitchen and bath and freshly painted throughout. Conveniently located just minutes from downtown Fenton and US 23. 

**1/2 acre lot near beautiful, all-sports Lake Ponemah.**

**NEW LISTING**

**FENTON**

**1186 Bird of Paradise Trail**

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**$230,000.**

Call Sheila Rhoades 810-348-7357

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**NEW LISTING**

**FENTON**

3187 Ponemah

Solid ranch on 2 acres located in the heart of Fenton. 3 bedrooms, full bathroom, laundry, and garage in great neighborhood.

**$85,000.**

Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300.

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**NEW LISTING**

**LINDEN**

1205 Ripley Road

Wonderful home on a 10 acre parcel offering privacy and great building site. Beautiful pond and woods. Perfect for families with large yard and space. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home.

**$249,900**

Call Donna Mynatt 810-397-5779

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**NEW LISTING**

**GAINES**

13261 Duffield

DEER HUNTERS TAKE A LOOK! Beautiful 10 acre parcel just waiting for you to enjoy! This ranch offers a nice open floor plan, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 1st floor laundry, full, partially finished basement, attached garage and so much more. Large deck with sunroom awning overlooks the rear of property. 30 x 40 pole barn with 12 ft ceilings and 220 wiring for the handy man or collector. Lots of room for the children or pets to roam. Come check it out. New price! Now **$225,000.**

Call Sheila Rhoades 810-348-7357

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**NEW LISTING**

**GRAND BLANC**

3832 Meadowside Drive

Beautiful 2 story home in a very nice neighborhood with fenced in backyard for privacy. Everything is new in this home from the roof, furnace, water heater, electrical, plumbing, paint and flooring. Very large living and Great room is perfect for families. New cabinets and counters top in kitchen. All you need to do is unpack and move in.

**$142,900**

Call Donna Fraudenberg 810-845-1971

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**NEW LISTING**

**GRAND BLANC**

6977 Wilderness Pointe

New carpet and fresh paint throughout this beautiful ranch home located in the Maple Pointe sub in the Grand Blanc school district. Bright & welcoming open floor plan with lots of windows. 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths on main level. You will find a large family room, 4th bedroom and 3rd full bath in the walkout basement giving you a total of 2200 sq ft of space!!

**$149,900**

Call Leah Fafard 810-407-0884

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**NEW LISTING**

**GREENFIELD, LINDEN**

10 ACRES

Ducks and geese! Superb setting. Properties are located in an exclusive development in the Linden school district. Great location near the elementary school and downtown Linden.

**$95,000**

Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300

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**NEW LISTING**

**FENTON**

754 Vassar Drive

Brick ranch with full basement and garage in great neighborhood. Needs a little updating, but reflected in the price.

**$69,000**

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**NEW LISTING**

**GRAND BLANC**

11665 Hill Forest

Growing family? We’ve got you covered. Beautiful 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home with a huge 12x20 finished bonus room. Main floor master suite, 3rd living room with vaulted ceiling. Sit on your brand new deck and enjoy the gorgeous view, 3 car attached garage. This home is move-in ready!

**$249,900.**

Call Ann Hernandez-Gabler 248-240-2272

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**NEW LISTING**

**BYRON**

11685 Silver Lake Road

If you want a private getaway, this is it! Nestled in the middle of 8+ acres with frontage on Shiawassee river. Awesome 3 Bedroom house with beautiful views. No smoking or pets please! One year lease lease.

**$1,300 per month.**

Call Sheila Rhoades 810-348-7357

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**NEW LISTING**

**FENTON**

Hawk Woods Trail

Two separate parcels in a beautiful park like setting. Properties are located in an exclusive development in the Fenton school district. Build your dream house in an area of finer homes and enjoy the beauty of nature all around you. 2.67 acres for $44,900 and 7.5 acres for $69,900.

Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300.
Dissecting the election ballot

Understanding what your vote means

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Understanding the long and confusing proposals

Voters should know that sometimes voting ‘no’ means ‘yes,’ and voting ‘yes’ means ‘no’

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It’s no surprise that many people find the wording of proposals hard to read and decipher. Proposals are an important part of the election and ballot process, and it is helpful to know what you are reading.

Residents will have local, county and state-wide proposals to vote on.

State Proposal 14-1 has to do with the establishment of a hunting season for wolves and the authorization of an annual season for wolf hunting.

By voting “Yes” on this proposal, you allow the Natural Resource Commission (NRC) to have control over whether there is a wolf hunt, and when it happens. Wolves are in the upper peninsula of Michigan, and many believe that it should be the decision of wildlife management whether they are hunted, while others believe it should be the voice of the people, whether they live in the U.P.

State Proposal 14-2 is also in relation to the wolf hunt, and is to allow the NRC to determine which animals are considered game animals, including wolves.

Genesee County parks are looking to do a replacement millage to help keep the parks beautiful.

A “Yes” vote for this proposal and Proposal 14-1 allows the law to stay as it is, with the NRC making their scientific and professional decision on what are game species in Michigan. Many media outlets are calling these two proposals symbolic, since whether they pass the laws will remain as they are.

The reason they are on the ballot is because the last couple years in Michigan.

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How we’ve changed since the 1960s

America has changed a lot since the Baby Boom. Some changes will surprise you, others won’t. Anyway, here are a few statistical examples of the vast physical, social and moral transformations we’ve undergone in the last 50 years:

• In 1960, the average man weighed 166 pounds and the average woman weighed 140 pounds. Today, the average man weighs 194 pounds and the average woman weighs 164 pounds.

• The average age of all American citizens was 29 in 1960. The average age is 37 today.

• Nearly half of people ages 18 to 29 have a step-sibling, compared to just 16 percent in 1960.

• Unmarried women accounted for just 5 percent of all births in 1960, compared to 41 percent of all births in 2012. The negative consequences of this statistic are immeasurable.

• 72 percent of adults were married in 1960. Only 51 percent of adults are married today.

• Today, the median age of marriage is 29 for men and 27 for women, the highest in history. Note that this is for a so-called ‘first marriage.’

• Today, the average American woman has 1.9 children, compared to 3.7 children in 1960. Current levels are below the ‘replacement rate’ of about 2.1 children, the number of births needed to sustain the current population.

• Mothers are also waiting longer to have their children. In 1960, women ages 15 to 24 accounted for 41 percent of mothers with infants. Today, that number has dropped to 22 percent.

• Only 2 percent of Americans had no religious affiliation in 1960. Sadly, today 14 percent do not identify with any religion.

• We live longer — life expectancy in 1960 was 66 for men, 73 for women. Today it is 76 and 81.

• Today, one of every six households receives food stamps — in 1960 it was 0 percent (the program didn’t start until 1961)

• The average credit card debt in 1960 was less than $100. Today it is $6,500.

• Over 40 percent of Americans regularly smoked cigarettes in 1960. Today, only 22 percent regularly smoke. That’s good.

• This does not surprise me, but it does scare me. Only 12 percent of Americans felt that alcohol had caused trouble in their family in 1960. Today, 30 percent blame alcohol for their family problems.

• Statistics don’t lie. America, under the leadership of liberal teachers, liberal parents and liberal leaders, is in the throes of a downward social and moral spiral. The only solution is to vote for, and elect, individuals who will serve as leaders with honor, dignity and patriotism. We must wrest our country back from the demoralized, dishonest media, immoral entertainment industry and liberal special interest activists that are destroying it.

The only way to do that is by voting on November 4th.

Opinions offered in If I Were King are the author’s alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-City Times or its staff. Email the author at king@childs.com. Some content adapted from the internet.

By Foster Chidls
If We Were King

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The Top 1

percent of our nation controls 80 percent of the money. Their income has gone up 275 percent since 1979 and the rest of us have a 18 percent increase since 1979. Hence the ‘Golden Rule’ — the one with most money makes the rules!

Hard to believe that Fenton is turning into a concrete jungle. All of the trees that have been cut down is a travesty. I thought the landscaping with the trees in all of the islands in front of the strip malls were put in as a requirement of building?

Deer are more active when they enter downtown Fenton, so I went and took a look. Wow, I cannot even imagine what the knucklehead who dreamed this up was thinking.

What kind of low-life is Mark Schauer, recruiting teachers to lie on TV advertisements and claim that Rick Snyder cut money from Michigan schools when the facts show he has added a billion dollars? I would be ashamed to have these unformed teachers in the classroom.

OK, all of you Republicans, if all of these tax breaks to businesses are good for us and is supposed to be passed on to us, why have my wages been flat for 15 years? Now they are saying businesses are suffering because of the flat pay. The party is over!

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I received an email from S.A.F. about the school survey god-god. Two Senatorial candidates about their stand on our second amendment rights. Terri Lynn Land responded that she stands up for our second amendment rights. Gary Peters failed to respond to the survey. Does he support the second amendment?

It’s an insane policy to not allow my daughter to bring home the school textbook I paid for. What the hell is going on over there? Who dreams up this crap.

Every day there is a committee interviewing some person. What do the hundreds of politicians that are not on any of these committees do all day?

The person who removed the items from the Brian Zaffer memorial tree is rude and cold-hearted. You broke the hearts of two small boys who like to stop by and say hello to their Uncle Brian. It must be lonely in your sad world. What did you prove?

When you go to a restaurant and you have a discount card or there is a discount offered from the restaurant, remember the proper thing to do is to tip on the original bill amount, you’re already saving money, please don’t penalize the server.

See HOT LINE throughout Times.
Cornerstone basics

The $4.7-million, 47,000-square-foot project was first unveiled in 2011. At four stories, the building will be the tallest in the city and is aimed at making the community more walkable, along with the streetscape project. A mixture of businesses and apartments are slated to be inside the building, which will be located at North LeRoy Street and Silver Lake Road.

At least three months of progress were lost to the weather this winter/spring, and the Downtown Development Authority saved the project with a $200,000 loan early this year as investments did not meet estimates for cost. It is currently on schedule for businesses to open November 15, and residents to move in sometime in January.

Working beneath him, like the contractor setting up, laying, and smoothing the curbs this week, and a contractor laying the asphalt next week.

Already installed are the storm sewer, water main and sewer hook-up. Once the area was cleared and flattened, the curbs were laid down. Fick said laying stone, and grading are next, followed by pavement.

The effort began in earnest last November, with some work happening then, and also in June. The actual parking lot work began early this month.
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The Legislative portion is where the State Senator and Representative in State Legislature are chosen.

On the Non-Partisan Section of the ballot, it starts with the Judicial section. This is where you vote for Justices of Supreme Court, Judge of Court of Appeals, Judge of Circuit Court, Judge of Probate Court and Judge of District Court.

The Community College section is for votes on Board of Trustees Members. There is also a section on Local School Elections for school board members. These are the people who make decisions at the school level of what happens within the school district, and they are important in every community.

The last portion is for the various Proposals, which you can also learn about on this page.

This is a sample ballot, for the city of Linden, Precinct 2. Depending on where you live, your ballot will likely look similar to this but have some different candidates running for different positions. Each school district will also look different, among other things.

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Common Core pretty common across U.S.

By Tim Jagielo

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The Common Core Standard has been adopted by most of the U.S. Michigan, as well as other states, adopted the new educational standards in 2010. Some states adopted the standards in 2011.

Before the Common Core, states set up their own curriculum and testing systems. In 2009, a state-led effort to unite the state departments of education under the best practices was underway, and by 2010, a curriculum was formed.

The idea was that students could move from one district or state to another, and be able to pick up where they left off. As of today, eight states have not adopted the Common Core Standard. Indiana, Virginia, Minnesota, Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Alaska and Puerto Rico have not adopted the entire set of standards.

Michigan currently uses the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) and the ACT tests. Lake Fenton Community Schools Superintendent Wayne Wright said until the state of Michigan votes to adopt a different test, this is what they’ll use.

Wright took time to answer some questions from the Times about Common Core.

Q: In general, how has Common Core impacted education?
A: The common core is an alignment of curriculum so that all students are taught the same material at the same grade level and hopefully in approximately the same time frame.

When families move from one area to another in the state or in the country, it is important they do not miss part of the curriculum.

The Common Core gives schools direction on what should be taught at each grade level.

Q: Is Common Core 100-percent implemented?
A: Feel we are 100-percent implemented, but we do continually review and modify the curriculum.

We have been taking state tests (MEAP) at the lower level and (ACT) at the high school for years. In the past, we have taken the Plan and Explore Test, which are the pre-tests to the ACT.

We have continued to adjust our curriculum to ensure we are in line with teaching the necessary curriculum when it needs to be taught at each grade and subject. Our curriculum committees regularly review the curriculum to make adjustments to the material being taught and ensure the curriculum is taught in the proper order.

It is important we do this because it properly prepares the district students to be evaluated, and if a student enters our district from another district they do not have a gap in the subject matter and (it provides) direction for our teachers.

Q: Has it changed testing or priorities?
A: I do not see how it has changed testing or priorities.

What we do is review our test scores and if there is an area where we score poorly we place an emphasis on the genre. Example — if the students do poorly on an area in math such as factoring into prime numbers, teachers can provide more intensive instruction in this area.

This is not ‘teaching to the test.’ With the Common Core, a curriculum is set up for each grade and we make sure this is what is taught in that grade. If schools are following the common core, all schools are teaching the same subject matter.

Q: What is the best or most challenging thing about Common Core?
A: Common Core provides a curriculum so students in the same grade are being taught the same subject matter.

This provides teachers with a direction and helps to ensure students are being taught the essential material required to be successful.

Alignment of curriculum is essential for all students, to be taught the curriculum needed to be successful as they progress through their education.
Government urges citizens to sign up for CodeRED alerts

> App will inform users of evacuations, bio-terrorism, missing children, and more

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With the recent threats of severe weather and a lockdown at one of the local schools for a suspicious item found on the bus, it seems an important time to remind residents about CodeRED.

Signing up for CodeRED is as easy as visiting genesecounty911.org and filling out the requested information, which includes what types of events you want to be notified about. Examples include evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices, and missing child reports.

According to recent information sent by Emergency Communications Network’s Marketing Manager, Stephanie Meyers, there is no charge associated with using the account to receive any alerts Genesee County initiates.

Fenton man cited for selling liquor to minor who caused fatal crash

Following the sentencing last week of Zachary Parker, two more individuals have been cited and fined in connection with a fatal wrong-way crash caused by underaged drinking.

Parker, 19, of Swartz Creek was sentenced to 5-15 years in state prison for drunk driving last February, which resulted in fatal wrong-way crash on U.S. 23 in Mundy Township. Mariah Bailey-Collins of Mt. Morris was killed and her husband, Bryan Collins, and her son were seriously injured.

The investigation revealed that Parker had been drinking with underage friends at a Burton apartment prior to the crash. Alex Zerka, 23, of Fenton was the clerk at the Food Plus Party Store on Maple Avenue in Grand Blanc Township who was charged with selling to Michael Bermudez, 20, of Burton. Bermudez reportedly bought liquor and took it back to his apartment in Burton where friends, including Parker, drank.

According to Genesee County district court records, Zerka pleaded no contest to Failure to Make Diligent Inquiry and was fined $625, which is a misdemeanor ordinance violation.

Court records also show that Bermudez pleaded no contest in district court to Minor in Possession. He chose jail time in lieu of the $275 fine.

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Milk can be good for up to a week after opening, it seems an important time to remind residents about CodeRED.

So how can you tell if something is still good? Start by looking at it; does it look bad, off-color? Smell it; does it smell strange? If you still aren’t sure, give it a small taste. If it still tastes like it should, then it’s probably fine to eat.

Canned ham (shelf stable), may be stored two to five years. After opening, it may be stored for three to four days in the refrigerator or up to 12 to 18 months after opening. After opening, it may be kept in the refrigerator for five to seven days.

Rice and dried pasta may be stored for up to two years. After cooking, they may be kept for three to four days in the refrigerator.

High acid canned goods including some juices, fruits and foods with vinegar-based sauces or dressings may be stored for up to six months.

Unopened bacon may be kept for up to two weeks after purchase and for up to 7 days in the refrigerator after opening.

Unopened, cooked (processed) poultry may be kept three to four days in the refrigerator after purchase. After opening, it may be stored for three to four days in the refrigerator.

Unopened bacon may be kept for up to two weeks after purchase and for up to 7 days in the refrigerator after opening.

So how can you tell if something is still good? Start by looking at it; does it look bad, off-color? Smell it; does it smell strange? If you still aren’t sure, give it a small taste. If it still tastes like it should, then it’s probably fine to eat. If not, throw it away. Think about how costly grocery stores throw away. Think about how costly grocery stores throw away. Think about how costly grocery stores throw away. Think about how costly grocery stores throw away.

Source: ABCnews.go.com

Meyers said there is a voluntary paid portion of the app that allows you to receive automated severe weather warnings directly from the National Weather Service. This requirement does not affect the ability of the app to function if this feature is not used.

Meyers added, “We want to encourage all Genesee County residents to enroll through the website. The app provides supplemental support because it sends subscribers notices of alerts that impact their residents and stops.

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PROPOSALS
Continued from Page 3A of the people matters. The initiative that the legislature adopted allowing for the wolf hunt is on its face unconstitutional and we feel confident we will win in court and have it struck down,” said Jill Fritz with the Humane Society, via email.

Genesee County Parks Replacement Millage allows for the continual operation and maintenance of our county parks. There is one thing in this proposal that will stand out, it’s that the current levy of 0.4847 mills due to expire in 2016, is being replaced with a new levy of 0.75 mills for a period of 10 years, 2014-2023. The increase in cost is accounting for average property value in Genesee County, according to Linden Mayor David Lossing at the last city council meeting. This proposal is important because the money also goes toward providing nature education for children and outdoor recreation opportunities to everyone in Genesee County.

Mass Transportation Authority New Additional Millage is proposed in order to meet the needs of a fixed route mass transportation services and other related services that assist the elderly, people with disabilities and other members of Genesee County, and the Flint area.

TOP LIST
Continued from Front Page

Small businesses represent 99.7 percent of all employer firms, and yet they mean “big business” to our communities. In the last 10 years, small businesses have generated 64 percent of new jobs, and paid 44 percent of the total U.S. private payroll.

Local companies and retailers are a huge component to the success of the Fenton area. They bring growth and innovation into the community and they create a livelihood for local families. When consumers patronize local small businesses, they essentially give money back to their hometown. Small businesses are usually customer-oriented and create a loyalty among their customers that helps them stay afloat during challenging economic times.

A thriving local business will generate more revenue, which means a higher local tax base for the city or township. This money is then used for local police and fire departments, roads, schools, etc.

Small businesses also stimulate economic growth by providing employment opportunities.

One new local employer, Client Financial Services, located in the former VQ’s headquarters at 200 South Alley, employs 160 people. However, Dana Coronado, manager of its Human Resource department, said they are in the process of hiring 10 to 20 more people in customer service for their patient accounting office, to keep up with the demand for their services.

“We moved our offices to Fenton from Gateway Center in Flint on July 7,” said Coronado. “We’ve received a very warm welcome in Fenton.”

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VQ’s Grocery 320
The State Bank 174
Walmart 160
The Home Depot 160
Target 160
Client Financial Services 160
The Laundry/Crust 150
Crestmount Health Care 134
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Note: This list is by no means all-inclusive. It was gathered by city and township information and Chamber data.

We’ve received a very warm welcome since moving to Fenton.
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SUPER ANNOUNCED THAT while I am doing the posted school speed limit, 25 MPH between 7-9 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. by the Fenton High School that people think it is OK to ride my bumper and pass not only me but the person who is riding my bumper. Just wrong!

SUNDAY "ANY"在一个石油市场的供应和 also, a decrease in demand. This is why the price has come down. Plus U.S. crude stockpiles have increased, leading to an over supply. That is why the price of oil and gasoline has come down. Obama cannot take any claim for this nice situation.
A long-lost treasure found in Linden, to be returned to its owner

By Yvonne Stegall
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Pam Howd, a Linden resident who lives near the cemetery on Silver Lake Road, told an unusual story recently, after her husband, Rick, found something in their yard.

Howd said her husband, while working outside their garage, noticed how the past seasons rains had poured off the garage roof and eroded the soil. As Rick was looking at the dirt, he saw a shiny object visible in the mud. What he found was a Linden High School 1984 class ring.

After cleaning the ring off, the couple decided it would be great to find the long-lost owner of the ring. “I took the ring inside the house and tried to read the inscriptions on the inside of the band. I just couldn’t see them even with a magnifying glass,” she said via email.

Howd took the ring to Sawyer Jewelers in Fenton, and learned the initials were “SAH.” The jeweler also said the stone damage was consistent with being in muddy water for a long time.

Howd called Linden High School, and while waiting for a call back from the school’s librarian, she ran into Karen Guenther. Howd told Guenther about the ring and Guenther told her that she would post the ring and description on the ‘Linden Back in the Day’ Facebook page. The group members almost immediately responded that the ‘SAH’ stood for Scott A. Hendrix, and gave Howd his address and phone number in Beulah.

When Howd talked to the ring’s owner, he happily told her about the incident where he lost the ring. He lost the ring while working in Tunningly’s barn at Seymour and Rolston roads. While Hendrix and his brother were bailing hay, they set their cigarettes and his ring on the barn window ledge. After they were done with their work and went back for their cigarettes, the ring was gone. Hendrix had owned the ring just a few months in 1982 when he lost it.

The old barn and house were torn down a few years later and some of the dirt had been sold as fill. “Our neighbors said that former owner of the house had not used fill on any remodeling projects,” said Howd.

The mystery to Howd is, how did the ring travel more than five miles to where it was found? It’s a case that may never be solved, but Howd is mailing the ring back to its rightful owner.

The case of the missing class ring

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This class ring was lost for more than three decades, but will be heading back to its owner soon.

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**Senate Bill 774: Add spending for summer jobs program**
To approve an amendment to the Natural Resources budget offered by Sen. Hopgood that would increase spending on a “Michigan Conservation Corps” from $4.1 million to $7.6 million.
Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) **YES** **NO**
Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) **YES** **NO**

**Passed 76 to 26 in the Senate**
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) **YES** **NO**
Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) **YES** **NO**

**Senate Bill 791: Revise, make permanent non-transportation 7/8th cent gas tax**
To eliminate the 2016 sunset on a 7/8ths cent-per-gallon gas tax that was originally supposed to expire in 1998 and only be used to clean up leaking underground fuel tanks, but which has been extended several times, and was diverted to other government spending by a 2004 “fund raid” enacted to avoid spending cuts in that and subsequent years’ budget. This bill has not been taken up by the House.
Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) **YES** **NO**
Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) **YES** **NO**

**Senate Bill 786: Give tax breaks to aquaculture and hydroponics**
To exempt aquaculture and hydroponics production facilities from property taxes, and instead levy an alternative tax equal to 25 percent of the regular tax paid by other property owners.
Passed 36 to 1 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) **YES** **NO**
Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) **YES** **NO**

**Senate Bill 934: Preempt $10.10 minimum wage initiative; hike mandated minimum**
To repeal the current state minimum wage law that makes it unlawful to employ a worker for less than $7.40 an hour, and replace it with a new law gradually increasing the mandated minimum to $9.20 an hour in 2017, and indexed to inflation thereafter. As introduced, the bill was seen as a Republican gambit to preempt a ballot proposal mandating that employers pay even higher minimums. It became a bipartisan gambit after concessions, including inflation indexing, brought most Democrats on board.
Passed 24 to 14 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) **YES** **NO**
Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) **YES** **NO**

**Senate Bill 940: Ban enforcement of new woodstove emissions limits**
To prohibit the Department of Environmental Quality from imposing new state woodstove and wood heater regulations, or enforcing new federal ones. The bill was introduced following news reports that proposed federal Environmental Protection Agency rules would impose restrictive new limits on wood heat. The House has not taken up this bill.
Passed 25 to 12 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) **DID NOT MOVE**
Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) **YES** **NO**

**Senate Bill 748: Revise protectionist Detroit “limousine” regulations**
To allow Detroit to expand the scope of a city regulatory regime on “limousines,” by extending it to vehicles that can carry eight people including the driver. The limousine regulations have the effect of limiting competition to the taxi cartels that are protected by the city. The bill is sponsored by Detroit Democrat Virgil Smith, Jr. and co-sponsored by Oakland County Republican Mike Kowall. It has not been taken up by the House.
Passed 30 to 8 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) **YES** **NO**
Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) **YES** **NO**

**Senate Bill 910: Ban enforcement of new woodstove emissions limits**
To prohibit the Department of Environmental Quality from imposing new state woodstove and wood heater regulations, or enforcing new federal ones. The bill was introduced following news reports that proposed federal Environmental Protection Agency rules would impose restrictive new limits on wood heat. The House has not taken up this bill.
Passed 25 to 12 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) **DID NOT MOVE**
Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) **YES** **NO**

**Senate Bill 850: Exempt public safety employees from no-contract “step pay hike” ban**
To exempt law enforcement and fire department employees from a 2011 law that banned automatic seniority-based automatic pay hikes for individual government employees (“step increases”) during the time when a government employee union contract has expired and no replacement has been negotiated.
Passed 27 to 10 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) **YES** **NO**
Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) **YES** **NO**

**Senate Bill 873: Require certification of federal health care law “navigators”**
To require “certification” for the individuals and organizations acting as “navigators” authorized by the federal health care law (“Obamacare”) to assist individuals who apply for government-subsidized health benefits through the law’s “exchange,” including criminal background check and training in a program that protects the privacy and security of Michigan residents, personally identifiable information. The bill authorizes administrative sanctions and fines for individuals and organizations who violate various rules, including “steering” a person toward a particular policy. The House has passed a similar bill (HB 4576), but neither has been approved by the other body.
Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) **YES** **NO**
Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) **YES** **NO**
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2014**

**SPORTS TRIVIA**

**BASEBALL**

Q When was the last time Fenton, Linden or Holly didn’t finish atop the Metro in varsity baseball?

A The last time it happened was in 2007 when Lapeer West and Oxford tied for the Flint Metro League championship.

**BOYS SOCCER DISTRICTS**

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**WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT**

Friday night’s varsity football game against Flushing was Fenton’s annual Wounded Warrior Project game, a contest where both teams wear special uniforms honoring the armed forces. Each jersey represents a current or past member of the military through a donation received. The money raised is donated to the Wounded Warrior Project. For those wanting to know more about the individuals whose names are on the jerseys please go to the Fenton athletics Facebook page to find a link which will take you to the biographies.

**Times Sports**

**Bronchos on top of Metro boys XC once again**

By David Troppens
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Burton — Kurtis Cooley and Zac Felix — have helped lead the Bronchos to levels that has not reached since the 1990s.

The Bronchos captured their second consecutive Flint Metro League championship by taking first at the league meet held at the IMA Brookwood Golf Course, on Wednesday.

Holly didn’t finish in the top five runners finish in the top seven, sparking the Bronchos to a dominant performance. Holly, who had already dominated the first two Metro jamborees, finished with 36 points, easily crushing the field. Clio finished second (61), while Linden placed third (69). Fenton was fourth. The top four teams at the meet also finished in the same final standings position.

The Holly seniors who eventually shifted from soccer to cross country remember when they made the changes.

“When I started my sophomore year I did soccer and I think we were second at that time,” Cooley said. “I didn’t go to any jamborees. During my sophomore year in track I didn’t PR at all and I didn’t like it. I wanted to get better. I did cross country and really liked it (so concentrated on cross country).”

“I like the work ethic on this team. Everyone pushes each other really hard on the team. Even if someone is having a bad day, we don’t get on each other about it. We are like family.”

“I ran really fast my sophomore year on track and I wanted to grow as a runner, so that’s what made me make the change,” Felix said. “I am pretty excited. It was good to see all the hard work we are doing paying off. And I think we have the building of a good future for the team to grow.”

Another senior, Nate Fra-sier, was the Bronchos’ top runner at the meet. Frasier challenged for first, but ended up finishing second with a time of 16:10.16, about four seconds behind Clio’s first-place runner Ethan Taljonick. Follow

**Fenton faced Flushing in battle of Metro’s top team**

By David Troppens
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All season long, Fenton football fans have been waiting for the final two weeks of the prep season to come.

The first of those two weeks finally came on Friday. Fenton saw itself in a battle for first place at Fenton High School during Wounded Warrior Project Night against the Flushing Raiders.

Fenton (6-0, 7-0) and the Raiders (6-0, 6-1) needed a victory on Friday night to assure themselves of at least a share of the Metro League crown. Next Friday, the Fenton Tigers will cap their sea-son by travelling to Linden to face their biggest rivals.

The Linden Eagles (5-1, 5-2) had a big game itself on Friday night. With a win at Clio, the Eagles assured themselves a spot in the state playoffs for the 13th straight season.

For the other two area squads, Friday’s games were played more for pride. The Lake Fenton Blue Devils (1-6) traveled to Corunna, while the Holly Bronchos (0-7) played Swartz Creek.

To get football results as quick as possible sign up for our Friday Night Scoreboard email blast by becoming a regular user to our website. The email you will be sent includes links to all of Friday night’s football action hours after all the games have been complet-ed. The links will include detailed stories with stats and quotes, and many will include photos from the contest.

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Lady Eagles finish second at Metro meet

Holly finishes fourth, Fenton places fifth

By David Troppens
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Burton — The Linden varsity girls cross country team understood it was going to be tough to defend its Metro League title against Flushing this fall.

That didn’t keep the two-time defending champions from giving it a good run. Despite a strong first three runners on Flushing’s squad, the Eagles were able to split the first two, winning the first and taking second in the other. However, the Lady Raiders’ strong three frontrunners ended up being Linden’s doom.

Flushing (43 points) had its top three runners finish 1-2-3, helping the Raiders capture the Metro League crown in their first season in the conference.

Meanwhile, the Eagles (59) still had four of its runners finish in the top 12, helping the squad place second and runner-up in the overall standings. Brandon placed third (82), followed by Holly who took fourth (83), and by Fenton in fifth (90).

The field begins the girls Metro League Meet race on Wednesday. Among those from the tri-county area pictured are Fenton’s Jenna Keiser (middle front) and Linden’s Jordan Holscher (75).

They finished in the same order in the final standings. “We pushed ourselves as hard as we could today,” Linden senior Savannah Farrara said. “We have a week to bounce back and hopefully win regionals.

“Have a lot in ourselves and we can push ourselves. Just have to have a positive mindset and we can do pretty much anything.”

Ferrara led the Eagles by placing seventh (19:53.85), followed closely by teammate Jordan Holscher who took eighth (20:03.09). The rest of Linden’s top five runners were Courtney Davis in 11th (20:41.57), Taylor Ganger in 12th (20:49.49) and Kailee Corcoran in 21st (21:12.37).

“We knew going into the FLM it would be challenging to beat Flushing due to their first-, second- and third-place finishes,” Linden coach Teresa Wright said. “The team ran with a lot of heart and intensity. I was proud of their effort.”

Linden volleyball posts an ‘up’ result vs. Kearsley

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The Holly Bronchos tried to push itself farther up in the standings than the previous jamsbroes by having a trio of its runners push the pace early. Consequently, Holly had three runners in the top nine. However, the Bronchos didn’t have any other runners in the top 25, eventually pushing them back to fourth.

Holly’s Maggie Schneider was the area’s top runner in the event, taking fourth in 19:29.40. Meanwhile, Lauren Hackett placed sixth (19:44.10) and Samantha Tschirhart took ninth (20:04.62). The other two Holly scorers were Lauren Burnett in 26th (22:00.04) and Chloe Konopitski in 38th (23:11.87).

The Fenton Tigers’ top five finished seven places sooner than Holly’s top five, but the Tigers didn’t have the same strength in the top 10 as the Bronchos. Jenny Keiser finished fifth (19:29.81), but no other Tigers were in the top 10. The rest of the team’s scorers were Emma Lane in 15th (21:02.46), Danielle Hack in 16th (21:04.04), Emily Battaglia in 23rd (21:36.22) and Madeline Johnson in 31st (22:18.65).

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Tigers beat Holly, prepare for Flushing

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Fenton — In a lot of ways the Holly varsity volleyball team had to feel good about how the squad played against the Fenton Tigers on Tuesday night.

During the first two sets, the Bronchos dug well, passed well and were able to provide a reasonable attack. However, sometimes that’s not enough when you are competing against a six-time defending champion like the Fenton Tigers.

The Tigers’ backrow defense was strong as well, resulting in Holly getting just seven kills the entire night. And the Bronchos worked hard. university was able to generate the Tigers’ deadly offense, eventually resulting in a 25-11, 25-12, 25-3 Metro League victory for Fenton.

The win represents the Tigers’ 58th straight Metro League victory in a row. More importantly, it sets up a battle of the two best teams in the Metro League next Tuesday between Flushing and Fenton at Fenton High School.

The Flushing Raiders joined the Metro this season and despite the Tigers’ overwhelming dominance in league play over the last six seasons, were selected by Metro coaches to win the league in their first year in the league. It’s an action that drives the Tigers.

“It’s really important,” Fenton senior setter Kelsie Fischer said. “We’ve been undefeated for so long and we are predicted to be second (in the Metro). It’s a big motivation for our team. The Flushing match is a big deal to us. (Flushing being picked to win the Metro) is just motivation for us to work hard every day.”

The Bronchos tried to hang with Fenton with one of their best efforts of the Metro season, but the Tigers were just too strong overall. The first quarter of the first set featured many entertaining and long volleys between the two teams, yet despite Holly’s strong play, the Bronchos trailed 6-1 early and were never able to get any closer than 7-4 in the first set.

Eventually, the Tigers’ superior defense and passing put the Bronchos on their heels too much when Fenton was setting up constant strong attacks. The Tigers finished the first set with 13 kills, eventually resulting in the 25-11 win. Fenton’s Jessica Eastman, who led the Tigers with 12 kills, capped the first set with a kill on set point.

Holly played hard in the second set as well, but never led. The Bronchos trailed by as many as 11-5 early, but a couple of Fenton hitting errors and an ace by Holly’s Katie LaClair cut Fenton’s lead to just 11-9. The lead was still just 13-10 after a kill by Holly’s Emily Alvarez, but that’s as close as the Bronchos would get. Fenton’s Carly Granger earned a kill and that sparked a 12-2 Fenton run, earning the Tigers the second set win. This time Granger got set point with a kill.

In the third set the Tigers looked like six-time defending league champs and flat out dominated. Alexis Gundry served four straight Fenton points to start the third set, with the fourth coming after an ace. Holly was able to score one point on a Brooke Martin kill, but a Holly service error gave Fenton’s Taylor Mowery the service. She responded by scoring 10 straight points, leading the Tigers to a 15-1 lead. From there, the Tigers closed out the matchpoint on a kill.

After Eastman’s 12 kills, Granger had six and Jessica Warford had five. Praedel chipped in four kills. Fischer had 14 assists. Defensively, Granger and Fischer had 11 digs. Mowery and Shealyn Mandle had three aces each.

“We’ve been doing really good,” Fischer said. “We’ve improved a lot since our first scrimmage against Ladywood and we are working toward that game against Flushing next week.

“We’ve been working mostly on our serve receive the last two weeks and we’ve become more of a team than we have been all season.”

“I think the constant pressure we are able to put on teams like that is key,” Fenton coach Jerry Eisinger said. “Eventually we get in a rotation where we are able to dominate.

“It was really glad we didn’t have any letdowns today. We kept the pressure on them the whole time and took care of business. That was our goal tonight, to take care of business.”

See TIGERS on 19A

Fenton, Linden collect district semifinal victories, play in title match on Saturday

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Get ready for another chapter in the Fenton vs. Linden boys soccer saga this year.

The two area rivals earned a third game against each other by capturing Division 2 district semifinal wins at Linden High School on Wednesday. The teams will play at Linden High School at 11 a.m. on Saturday (Oct. 18). However, both earned the wins in different fashions.

The Metro League champion Linden Eagles took little time disposing of Flint Southwestern, winning their district semifinal contest 11-0. Meanwhile, the Tigers had to defeat Owosso in a shootout, to earn their spot.

The Fenton Tigers out-scored Owosso 5-4 in the shootout. Matt Flowers, Liam Adams, Adam Gormick, Chris VanCamp and Logan Palmer each made their PK shots, clinching the victory. Keeper Tim Geib made a save on Owosso’s final kicker prior to Palmer clinching the win with his kick.

In regulation, both teams scored a single goal. Palmer scored for the Tigers just nine minutes into the game on a penalty kick. It was set up when Liam Adams was taken down in the box. Later, Adams was taken down again, but this time Palmer missed the PK. Owosso’s Florian Wolf tied it up about 14 minutes later with a goal. Neither team was able to score during the rest of regulation or during overtime, forcing the shootout.

The Linden Eagles were expected to mercy Flint Southwestern, and did so easily. Kevin Wright led the Eagles with three goals, while Trevor Vaughan and Julian Sheir had two each. Austin Lapham led the Eagles with three assists, while Sheir had two.

Linden has dominated Fenton in recent seasons, defeating the Tigers 3-0 in a district title game a year ago. This year, Fenton has lost to Linden twice.
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Chris Sobczak said. “We thought we could’ve used Goodrich a run for their money at the second jamboree, but we came up short. The guys more than made up for it by outperforming them at the third jamboree, and we still came up two points in the final standings. Tying Montrose at the second jamboree cost us second place.”

Corunna’s top five runners finished in the top 11 places, earning the Cavaliers first with 20 points. Lake Fenton was second with 91, followed by Goodrich (97) and Byron (99) in the eight-team event.

Junior Jack Fletcher led the Blue Devils by taking 10th (18:13.60). He was followed by three seniors — Jasper Lindsay in 17th (19:15.10), Winston Ray in 19th (19:16.90) and Dylan Culinmore in 27th (19:58.40). Junior Cole Travis was Lake Fenton’s fifth runner taking 42nd (21:00.50).

Plagued with injuries, Lake Fenton’s girls team placed sixth at the meet, scoring 150 points. Missing from the lineup was the team’s top runner, Alexis Cash. “The girls all ran hard and did well,” Sobczak said. “We lost our No. 1 girl to a severe ankle sprain she suffered playing soccer. We were also without two of our other top five girls, one due to injury and the other due to a scheduling conflict with band. You compete with the team you put on the course, and we were very happy with how they did.”

The Blue Devils were paced by Meara Baxter, who placed 20th in 24:27.00. Lake Fenton’s four other scorers were Mackenzie Kato in 23rd (24:40.10), Mackenzie Rampy in 35th (26:03.90), Lucy Reigel in 36th (26:04.90) and Aranda Jabiro in 41st (27:18.00).

The Lake Fenton girls finished sixth overall in the standings.

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Holly’s Martin and Brooke Jackson had two kills each, with setter Sam Jones had seven assists. Shayla Lipischak, Jackson and Alvarado had six digs each, while Katie Bartholomew had 15 good serve passes.

“We’ve been working hard this past week with our effort, being motivated and all of that,” Holly coach Jamie Jones said.

“I really feel like the first game showed all of our hard work. The second game kind of did too. It was good gain, but not like the first game. We just don’t know how to pull through for all three games yet. I did see a lot of good things tonight.”

Fenton’s matchup with Flushing is at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. Holly hosts Swartz Creek on Tuesday as well.

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ing Frasier was junior Dillon Lemond in third (16:14.84), Cooley in fifth (16:35.41) and Felix in seventh (16:37.77). Holly’s fifth runner was Ben Stevens in 19th (17:20.59). Frasier has enjoyed watching the program improve each year.

“When I first started with the team we were not very good,” Frasier said. “But now being a senior, being able to be on top of the team and lead the team to win feels really good. I’m proud of the team and proud of myself.”

The last time Holly back-to-back Metro titles came when the Bronchos won at least a share of the title every year from 1993 until 1996.

The Linden Eagles finished runner-up a year ago, but finished this season in third. The Eagles had four runners in the top 17, but no one in the top seven.

Mikey Varacalli took eighth (16:39.90), while Ryan Torok placed ninth (16:45.51), but they were the only Eagles in the top 10. The rest of the team’s scorers were Jack Eck in 13th (17:11.57), Kagen Griffith in 17th (17:17.78) and Nick McDonald in 22nd (17:37.33).

The Fenton Tigers ran without one of the league’s top runners, Dominic Dimambro due to injury and managed fourth place as a team.

Jacob Lee placed fourth (16:28.19) to pace the Tigers. The rest of Fenton’s scoring five were Andrew Bond in 14th (17:13.37), Lucas English in 23rd (17:40.54), Luke Shabot in 25th (17:54.40) and Mitchell Chabot in 35th (18:37.97).

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The Linden JV squad remained perfect in Metro action by defeating Kearsley 25-17, 25-15, 25-12. They are 21-6-4 overall.

Linden returns to Flint Metro League action on Tuesday by traveling to Clio.

The Blue Devils had a balanced offense with Autumn Beardsley, Rhiley Cole and Reagan Goupil each collecting five kills. Alyssa Rodgers paced the team with 17 assists and three kills, while Goupil led the defense with seven digs. Beardsley had five digs. Cole earned four blocks, while Beardsley had three.

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Lake Fenton’s Meara Baxter (right) placed 20th in 24:27 during the GAC meet on Tuesday.
By Max Brooks

In 2006, I released a novel about a global plague that drives humanity to the brink of extinction. While the plague may have been fake, I tried to anchor the human response (political-military-economic-cultural) in reality. I studied the history of pandemics, natural disasters and industrialized warfare. I interviewed doctors, soldiers and journalists in an attempt to illustrate the fragile global systems that shield our species from the abyss.

As a result, I’ve been repeatedly asked if the current outbreak of Ebola is the real-life incarnation of my novel. As much as any author would love to crow about how “I predicted this!” this time, I’m happy to say, my fictional plague could not be more different from the truth.

Roughly one month ago, when the world reached its collective-conscious tipping point, the response deviated sharply from both World War Z’s plot and from responses to AIDS and SARS, which inspired the book. For starters, media coverage of the Ebola virus has been both loud and consistent.

Is Ebola the real ‘World War Z?’ (psst: it’s not)

Actor Brad Pitt looks back as he runs during the filming of the movie ‘World War Z’ in Glasgow, Scotland.

Unlike World War Z where the ‘Great Denial’ gave way to the ‘Great Panic,’ real authority figures have tried to temper potential hysteria with sober honesty. While the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Thomas Frieden, promised ‘a long, hard fight,’ he also assured listeners that ‘we know how to stop it and we’re stopping it in West Africa.’

Just the fact that there even is a U.S. military mission to Africa is a crucial difference between fiction and reality. In my book, the main reason that the virus spread out of control was because the industrialized world did not want to be inconvenienced. The United States recently deployed 4,000 American ground troops to West Africa with a mammoth logistics and support train behind them.

The American homefront is also being mobilized with enhanced airline passenger screening, as well as new training and equipment for airport employees and medical personnel all across the United States.

Another reason the World War Z plague spun out of control was a lack of cooperation from the initial host country. The country in the book is China, and I based my story on its very real reaction to SARS. But unlike China the countries of West Africa have been both transparent and welcoming of foreign aid.

The final reason my fictional pandemic managed to nearly wipe us out was that the global village failed to form a neighborhood watch. The nations of World War Z all acted out of self-interest, allowing themselves to be divided and conquered. Fortunately, in the case of Ebola, truth is better than fiction. There has rarely been a time in history when the world community has responded so quickly and massively to a health crisis, from America’s CDC to the United Nations’ World Health Organization to a tsunami of nongovernmental organizations.

Behind all this coordination is a shockingly rare bout of clear-headed strategy: defending against the virus at home while attacking it at its source in West Africa. We are all connected — that is the warning the world community is taking from Ebola.

Just to put Ebola in perspective, since the initial reported cases 10 months ago, more than 4,500 people have died of the disease. While those are genuine tragedies, so are the roughly 600,000 Africans who died of malaria last year and the 1,000,000-plus Africans who died of AIDS.

As an American, and as a parent, I’m not nearly as worried about Ebola as I am about the polio-reminiscent threat of Enterovirus D68.

Yes, it will be a long hard fight and, yes, there will be more heartbreaking death and suffering, but if I was writing World War Z today and I had decided to base it on our planet’s response to Ebola, it would have been much shorter and with a much happier ending.
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Christine Fras, a Linden resident, informed the paper about this project. She said, “My kids have life-threatening allergies I think it is a great idea!”

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Keep the outer bags the treats came in so parents or older kids can check the ingredients.

Goodies for those with allergies should be kept in a separate bowl because even a tiny amount of cross contact can send someone into a deadly shock.

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(From Christine Fras, Linden mom)

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Ed Ciesielski, 65, is a Linden resident, born and raised. He is an avid golfer, and a retired mortician. He worked for Bowles Funeral Home. When he’s not busy golfing, he loves spending time with his grandkids.

How long have you been on the city council? I’ve been on the city council for somewhere around 15 years. I started when my dad passed away, who was on the council prior. He had been on the council for 10 years. In May of ’98, I believe it was, he suddenly died and the Mayor asked if I would fill his remaining term and I graciously agreed. Then when that term was up, I was put on the planning commission for about a year. Then another member of the council passed away, and once again, the Mayor asked me if I’d fill in. I felt like a relief pitcher coming out of the bullpen. I accepted, and I’ve been here ever since.

You’ve lived in Linden your whole life then, right? Been here my whole life. Been in the city since 1970. Prior to that, I grew up right outside the city. So Linden has always been my home. My grandparents lived here in town, so I spent a great amount of time in Linden growing up.

Why are you retiring from the city council this year? I’ve enjoyed it, and people ask me all the time why I am retiring. I tell them it’s kind of my own self-imposed term limit. I think everybody, somewhere inside of them, finally says ‘You know what, it’s time.’ And that’s what happened. It’s been a great run and the city is in great physical shape. It’s an ongoing project of everything, so I feel good that I’ve left it at least better to a point than when I came upon it. The biggest devastation to Linden was the loss of our Union Block in 2007. Slowly but surely, we’re recovering, and hopefully one of these years we’ll see something on that corner.

What has been one of your biggest accomplishments as a councilmem-

ber? In the early 2000s, we aggressively sought grants to do our major roads and timing was everything. We were able to get 80 percent of the funding supplied by the Federal government, so we as a city only had to do 20 percent. We did Broad Street, Bridge Street, and many of the major streets. We also did Tickner, even though it wasn’t a major street. People wanted the road done. We accomplished it and it was great timing. The roads were getting bad in the community and the availability to get funding like that is non-existent today.

What is one of your favorite things about this area? It’s a great place. I don’t know if I can put my finger on why. It’s quiet, it’s quaint, and it’s friendly. You couldn’t ask for a better community. I had the privilege of working here, I raised my family here, it’s just a great place. I can’t think of any other place I’d rather live.

What are your big plans after retirement from the city council? My wife and I have been spending winters in Florida for the last few years and we’ll probably continue doing that. That was a drawback of being on the council, I had to take off two months every year and I just didn’t figure that was fair. I wasn’t doing the citizens justice by that. We spend a lot of time following our grandchildren around. I’ll keep busy. I will still be active in the community. I am still on the Linden election board.

Meet Ed Ciesielski

• Retiring city councilor
• Retired mortician
• Avid golfer

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Ed Ciesielski has lived in this city his whole life, and even though he is retiring from the city council, he will still be working with the community.

What is something about you that most people don’t know? I am a big, big Young & the Restless soap opera fan. We record it. I started watching it when it first started, back in 1973, when my children were born. I got into it when I was home with the kids. I dropped out of it for a while. That would be the thing most people don’t know about me.
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