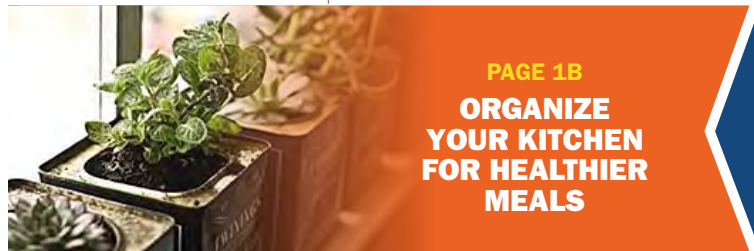


“Hillary Clinton was paid \$225,000 by UNLV to give a 30-minute speech at the university last week. The title of her speech? ‘How can we make college more affordable?’ A perfect example of the hypocrisy of the Left.”



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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**



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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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“I’ve got the perfect way to get rid of ISIS. Get a few Ebola patients and drop them off into the middle of ISIS. Maybe we can wipe them out that way.”

“I think that I will never see, a streetscape as lovely as a tree.”

“I’m one of those guys with a big shot job, I started at the bottom and rose to the top thanks to hard work. I didn’t sit around and complain about being owed more simply because I exist.”

“Does anyone else’s car rock back and forth horribly on the new pavement on southbound I-75 between Pierson Road and Bishop Airport? It’s frightening and dangerous.”

“I got an absentee ballot. Parked right in front of City Hall. Was in and out in less than four minutes. Don’t throw away the vote your forefathers died to win.”

“Before you vote for Richard Bernstein for Supreme Court, remember that the massive money awards his ‘family law firm’ brags about are paid for by you and me through our ever increasing insurance premiums. They are ambulance chasers.”

“Part of being a leader is to initiate change and progress. There will always be those who don’t like any change. Thank you Fenton leaders for having the courage to lead us forward.”

Here’s why the Dibbleville trees were cut down

►\$1.7 million in streetscape funds, rotting trunks, ADA compliance and long-eared bats

By Tim Jagielo
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Shiawassee Avenue changed drastically to residents when six large trees were removed from the block that is home to The Laundry, at Adelaide Street. Hot lines sent to the Times reflected among other things, confusion and anger over the trees being cut down.

So why were they cut down? There are several reasons, but it all has to do with securing the federal chunk of funding for the streetscape project.

The colossal project is made up of two parts — replacing downtown roads themselves, and the actual streetscape portion. These are the sidewalks, benches, signs and other aesthetic **See TREES on 22A**

“The trees aren’t gone forever, they’re going to be coming back.”

Mike Burns
Fenton’s assistant city manager



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

In late September, the city of Fenton contracted for six trees to be removed from downtown at Shiawassee Avenue and Adelaide Street. Some residents have applauded the city. Others don’t like the trees being removed.

Ninety downtown parking spots — coming right up



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Jon Kumpula with Doan Construction runs the curb machine as it follows the track, curving around behind the Cornerstone building Wednesday. Kumpula said there are 50 different kinds of curbs. **See story on Page 5A**

Times named top Michigan weekly for third consecutive year



►Your community newspaper judged best in state

By Sharon Stone
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The results of the Michigan Press Association’s annual Better Newspaper Contest have been released and the Tri-County Times is proud to

announce that your community newspaper has been selected the 2014 Newspaper of the Year by the MPA for an unprecedented third straight year.

In addition to being named **See TIMES on 10A**

Labels may fool us into throwing food away prematurely

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

By Yvonne Stegall
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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,” to “sell 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.



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Police & Fire report

ITEMS STOLEN FROM GARAGE

Sometime during the first week of October, unknown suspects entered an unlocked breezeway at a home in the 5100 block of Thompson Road in Fenton Township and made entry into a garage. Suspects stole a chain saw, leaf blower, weed trimmer and a wood chipper. Items were valued at \$4,000. Although attached, the suspects did not enter the home. The break-in remains under investigation with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE

On Thursday, Oct. 16, deputies responded to an apartment near North and Rolston roads to investigate a domestic disturbance complaint. Dep. Geno Gaticka with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department said a male and female had a verbal argument over property and child custody. This is an ongoing investigation.

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Two of the state proposals have to do with the wolf hunt that has been under much controversy the last couple years in Michigan.

Understanding the long and confusing proposals

► Voters should know that sometimes voting 'no' means 'yes,' and voting 'yes' means 'no'

By Yvonne Stegall

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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.



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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 Keep Michigan Wolves Protected, a group under the Humane Society, believes the public should be the decision makers when it comes to what animals are considered game animals. "This vote is far from symbolic, and the vote

See **PROPOSALS on 10A**

Dissecting the election ballot

► Understanding what your vote means

By Yvonne Stegall

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Even though we aren't voting on a new presidential candidate this year, it is still important to get out and vote. We are voting on whether Rick Snyder remains the Governor of Michigan, who will represent us in the State Senate and House of Representatives, and who will sit on the school boards and determine the education our children receive.

You can view your own local ballot, and learn more about the voting process with a visit to webapps.sos.state.mi.us/mi-vote/.

The ballot is split up into sections. The first section is the Partisan Section, starting with State. This year, we are voting for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State and Attorney General.

Governors are responsible for implementing state laws and overseeing the operation of the state executive branch.

The Secretary of State in U.S. State Government resides over election rule enforcement, state trademark registrations and many other important state-level duties.

The Attorney General represents the state in state and federal courts, is an advocate to the people, and much more.

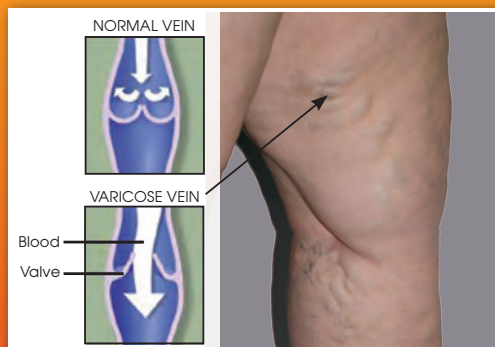
On the Congressional portion of the ballot, you are voting for U.S. Senator and Representative in Council. The senate shares lawmaking duties with the House of Representatives. The

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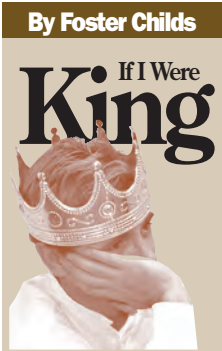
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How we've changed since the 1960s

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.
- **A mere 7.7 percent** of adults had a college degree in 1960. Today 28 percent have a college degree.
- **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 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 demented leaders, 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.

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TERRY LYNN LAND is the reason we have to go to Flint and Clarkston for the Secretary of State. She's the one that did it. Not Gary Peters, not Obama.

WHY ARE TWO old guys, with no kids in the school system, running the Fenton school board? That makes no sense. We need parents with kids in the school system making the decisions.

COME ON BACK to my house and throw another boulder at my window. I am waiting for you! You coward.

FOSTER CHILDS WAS right on target when he said that the Democratic Party has evolved to a Marxist Left Party. Print out their platform and the Communist Party platform. They are almost identical.

CALLING COLLEGE STUDENTS 'kids' or 'children' is a mistake. College students, and the rest of their age group, are adults. We should treat them as adults, and expect them to behave as adults. The 20s are not the 'party years.'

I WAS WONDERING what all the hubbub was about trees being taken down on Shiawassee Avenue in

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 uninformed 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!

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

their 'rut.' They also have to expand foraging efforts when vegetation is less available, meaning they have to cross more roads. There is an over-population and they are destroying their own habitat.

I RECEIVED AN email from S.A.F. about their survey sent to our 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. Think he supports the second amendment?

IT'S AN INSANE policy to not allow my daughter to bring home the school text books 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.

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Do you eat food past the expiration date?

streettalk



"I do. Mostly canned food, not meat."

— Rose Polsinelli
Linden



"No. You aren't supposed to. That's why they got the date."

— William Sweatt
Fenton Township



"I don't. And we don't eat canned food that much. We stick to fresh food."

— Courtney Levitt
Byron



"Yes. Mostly canned food."

— Paul Smith
Fenton Township



"Mostly salmon and perch and we haven't died yet."

— Howard Beatty
Linden



"No. We have kids and they eat what we eat."

— Gerard Remillard
Lapeer



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

A laborer with Doan Construction smooths out the curb that was laid on Wednesday by machine. The water, sewer and storm sewer tie-ins are already complete for the south lot of the Cornerstone building. Lead contractor John Fick expects it to be done in early November.

Parking spots for tenants, residents, underway

►Cornerstone building parking lots to be done in early November

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — In a separate, but closely related project, parking lots for the Cornerstone building are well underway. Curbs were being laid on Wednesday, with a machine that can drop the formed concrete in place at the rate of one linear mile per day, according to operator Jon Kumpula of Doan Construction.

John Fick, of lead contractor Fick Excavating, said the 90-plus parking spot lot will be done before businesses are to open at the bottom level of the building on November 15. He actually thinks it will only be a couple weeks until it is done.

The parking lot is owned by the city, and is being handled directly by them. Assistant City Manager Mike Burns said they are in the process of reserving spaces for tenants and businesses, though it will be a municipal lot.

He said the city plans to reserve some 15-minute parking spots for Café Aroma, which will be renamed The Rough Draught (pronounced "Draft") coffee and barroom.

Burns said the cost to construct both parking lots was \$415,000.

Fick has five or so subcontractors

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 State Board section is for electing members of the State Board of Education, the Regent of the University of Michigan, the Trustee of Michigan State University and the Governor of Wayne State University. All of these are important figures in

education in our state.

Finally, on the Partisan Section of the ballot, you will vote for your County Commissioner. The roles and duties of county commissioners are numerous and varied.

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.

Precinct 2 A LINDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT B C

OFFICIAL BALLOT
General Election
Tuesday, November 4, 2014
Genesee County, Michigan
City of Linden, Precinct 2

PARTISAN SECTION	LEGISLATIVE	NON PARTISAN SECTION
STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET Vote for not more than 1	REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 51ST DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	JUDICIAL
Republican Party	Joseph Graves Republican	JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT Vote for not more than 2
Democratic Party	Ken Thomas Democratic	Bill Murphy
Libertarian Party		James Robert Redford
U.S. Taxpayers Party		Brian Zahra Justice of Supreme Court
Green Party		Richard Bernstein
Natural Law Party		Doug Dern
STATE	STATE BOARDS	
GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR Vote for not more than 1	MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION Vote for not more than 2	
Rick Snyder Brian Nelson Calley Republican	Maria Carl Republican	JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT Partial Term Ending 01/01/2017 INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 1
Mark Schauer Lisa Brown Democratic	Jonathan Tade Williams Republican	Deborah A. Thomas
Mary Buzuma Scotty Boman Libertarian	Pamela Pugh Smith Democratic	David Viviano Justice of Supreme Court
Mark McFarlin Richard Mendoza U.S. Taxpayers	Casandra E. Ulbrich Democratic	Kerry L. Morgan
Paul Homeniuk Candace R. Caveny Green	Kimberly Moore Libertarian	
	Gregory Scott Stempfle Libertarian	JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS 2ND DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 1
	John Adams U.S. Taxpayers	Mark J. Cavanagh Judge of Court of Appeals
	Karen Adams U.S. Taxpayers	Henry Saad Judge of Court of Appeals
	Sherry A. Wells Green	
	Nikki Mattson Natural Law	
	REGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN Vote for not more than 2	JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 7TH CIRCUIT INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 1
	Rob Steele Republican	John A. Gadola Judge of Circuit Court
	Ronald Weiser Republican	Michael J. Theile Judge of Circuit Court
	Mike Behm Democratic	Richard B. Yulille Judge of Circuit Court
	Kathy White Democratic	
	James Lewis Hudler Libertarian	
	John Jascob Libertarian	
	Joe Sanger U.S. Taxpayers	
	Christine C. Schwartz U.S. Taxpayers	JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 1
	Ian Swanson Green	Jennie E. Barkey Judge of Probate Court
SECRETARY OF STATE Vote for not more than 1		
Ruth Johnson Republican		JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT 6TH DISTRICT, 4TH DIVISION INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 1
Godfrey Dillard Democratic		Mark C. McCabe Judge of District Court
James Lewis Libertarian		
Robert Gale U.S. Taxpayers		COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Jason Robert Gatties Natural Law		BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE 6 Year Term Vote for not more than 2
	TRUSTEE OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Vote for not more than 2	Sally Shaheen Joseph
	Melanie Foster Republican	John L. Snell Jr.
	Jeff Sakwa Republican	
	Faylene Owen Democratic	BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE Partial Term Ending 12/31/2018 Vote for not more than 1
	George J. Perles Democratic	Matthew Norwood
	Michael H. Miller Libertarian	
	Raymond Moses Libertarian	BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE Partial Term Ending 12/31/2016 Vote for not more than 1
	Crystal Van Sickle U.S. Taxpayers	Rafael Turner
	Stephen J. Young U.S. Taxpayers	
	Adam Adrianson Green	CITY
	Terry Link Green	MAYOR Vote for not more than 1
	Bridgette Guzman Natural Law	David E. Lossing
CONGRESSIONAL		
UNITED STATES SENATOR Vote for not more than 1		COUNCIL MEMBER Vote for not more than 2
Terri Lynn Land Republican		Brad Dick
Gary Peters Democratic		Charles Ross
Jim Fulner Libertarian		
Richard A. Matkin U.S. Taxpayers		
Chris Wahmhoff Green		
LEGISLATIVE		
STATE SENATOR 32ND DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	GOVERNOR OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY Vote for not more than 2	
Ken Horn Republican	Michael Busuito Republican	
Stacy Erwin Oakes Democratic	Satish Jasti Republican	
	Marilyn Kelly Democratic	
	Dana Alicia Thompson Democratic	
	Dan Goebel Libertarian	
	Brian Richard Wright Libertarian	
	Shari A. Matkin U.S. Taxpayers	
	Marc Joseph Sosnowski U.S. Taxpayers	
	Margaret Guttshall Green	
	Latham T. Redding Green	
	Yolanda Robson Natural Law	
	COUNTY	
	COUNTY COMMISSIONER 6TH DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	
	Tony L. Brown Republican	

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Precinct 2 D LINDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT E F

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	COUNTY	MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY NEW ADDITIONAL MILLAGE PROPOSAL	
BOARD MEMBER LINDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Vote for not more than 3	PARKS REPLACEMENT MILLAGE	Shall the Mass Transportation Authority be authorized to levy a new additional tax of .425 mills (\$0.425 per \$1,000.00 of taxable property valuation) upon the taxable property within Genesee County as finally equalized for each of the five (5) years from 2015 through 2019 inclusive to offset reductions in state and federal operating assistance and local tax revenue reductions caused by lower taxable values in Genesee County to allow it to meet the demand for fixed route ("Big Bus") and demand response ("Your Ride") and other related services for the elderly, persons with disabilities, the disadvantaged and other members of the public both in the City of Flint and other areas in Genesee County.	
Mike Murphy	Shall Genesee County replace the current levy of 0.4847 mills due to expire in 2016, with a new levy of 0.75 mills (less any reduction pursuant to MCL 211.34d) for a period of ten years, 2014-2023, inclusive, for the purposes of operating, maintaining and patrolling Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission facilities and programs, including providing nature education for children and outdoor recreation opportunities, and maintaining and improving trails, playgrounds and park safety, with an annual independent audit and full public disclosure of all expenditures?	The estimated revenue that will be collected during the first year this millage is authorized and levied is \$3,851,784.	
Peter Ponzetti		In Genesee County there are local authorities that capture and use for authorized purposes tax increment revenues collected from property taxes levied by the County. Such captured revenue would include a portion of the proposed millage levy. The following such local authorities are expected to capture and receive disbursement of a portion of the County's property tax levy: City of Clio Downtown Development Authority ("DDA") for the Clio Tax Increment Finance Authority, City of Davison DDA and Local Development Finance Authority, City of Fenton DDA and Local Development Finance Authority, City of Flint DDA, City of Grand Blanc DDA, City of Linden DDA, City of Montrose DDA, City of Swartz Creek DDA, Genesee County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and Land Bank Authority, Davison Township DDA, Mundy Township Hill Road Corridor Improvement Authority, Vienna Township Business Development Area, Village of Lennon DDA, Village of Otisville DDA, Village of Otter Lake DDA. Other such local authorities could be created in the future.	YES NO
	PROPOSAL SECTION		
STATE	PROPOSAL 14-1 A REFERENDUM OF PUBLIC ACT 520 OF 2012, ESTABLISHING A HUNTING SEASON FOR WOLVES AND AUTHORIZING ANNUAL WOLF HUNTING SEASONS		
Public Act 520 of 2012 would:	Designate wolf as game for hunting purposes and authorize the first wolf hunting season. - Allow the Natural Resources Commission to schedule annual wolf hunting seasons. - Provide criminal penalties for the unlawful possession or taking of wolves, but shield a person who lawfully captures or destroys a wolf from prosecution. - Require a person who wishes to hunt wolves to obtain a wolf hunting license. - Create a Wolf Management Advisory Council for the purpose of making nonbinding recommendations to the legislature regarding the proper management of wolves.		
Should this law be approved?	YES NO		
	PROPOSAL 14-2 A REFERENDUM OF PUBLIC ACT 21 OF 2013, GRANTING THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION THE POWER TO DESIGNATE WOLVES AND CERTAIN OTHER ANIMALS AS GAME WITHOUT LEGISLATIVE ACTION		
Public Act 21 of 2013 would:	- Allow the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to designate certain animals as game for hunting purposes and establish the first hunting season for game animals without legislative action. - Continue the NRC's designation of wolves as game and allow the NRC to set a wolf hunting season. - Grant the legislature sole authority to remove a species from the list of designated game animals. - Eliminate the \$1.00 hunting and fishing licensing fee for members of the military, whether stationed inside or outside of Michigan, subject to any lottery. - Give the NRC sole authority to regulate fishing.		
Should this law be approved?	YES NO	MILLAGE FOR THE GENESEE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER	
		Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be imposed against all taxable property by Genesee County be increased by a new additional millage of 0.20 mill (twenty cents on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of seven (7) years, from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2020, for the purpose of supplementing and supporting operations and modernization of the Genesee County Animal Control Shelter (estimated to provide revenue of \$1,705,467.52 in the first year of the authorized levy, subject to the tax capture provisions identified below)?	
		In Genesee County, there are local authorities that capture and use for authorized purposes tax increment revenues from property taxes levied by the County. Such captured revenue would include a portion of the proposed millage levy. In Genesee County, there are local authorities that capture and use for authorized purposes tax increment revenues collected from property taxes levied by the County. Such captured revenue would include a portion of the proposed millage levy. The following such local authorities are expected to capture and receive disbursement of a portion of the County's property tax levy: City of Clio Downtown Development Authority ("DDA") for the Clio Tax Increment Finance Authority; City of Davison DDA and Local Development Finance Authority; City of Fenton DDA and Local Development Finance Authority; City of Flint DDA; City of Grand Blanc DDA; City of Linden DDA; City of Montrose DDA; City of Swartz Creek DDA; Genesee County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and Land Bank Authority; Davison Township DDA; Hill Road Corridor Improvement Authority; Vienna Township Business Development Area; Village of Lennon DDA; Village of Otisville DDA; and Village of Otter Lake DDA. Other such local authorities could be created in the future.	
		YES NO	

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Common Core pretty common across U.S.

► Michigan was fully implemented by 2012-13 school year

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, like the Smarter Balanced Assessment, 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 imple-

mented?

A: I 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.

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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 underage 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.

Government urges citizens to sign up for CodeRED alerts

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

By Yvonne Stegall

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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 geneseecounty911.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.

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 is not required and 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 current location." This is helpful if the resident is traveling away from their home or business location and if they travel to other communities across the United States and Canada that also use the CodeRED community notification system.

CodeRED means added security for the citizens of Genesee County, and provides a fast and secure way to inform residents of any incidents and how to react in order to maintain the best possible security and safety, according to the county website.

“We want to encourage all Genesee County residents to enroll through the website.”

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LABELS

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date and that just isn't the case. According to a 2013 report by the Natural Resources Defense Council, the "best by" date is the last day the product is at its peak quality, as determined by the manufacturer.

The guidelines for label dating vary from state to state. According to Michigan.gov, "All packaged, perishable foods (those with a shelf life of less than 90 days) must be labeled with a recommended last day of sale consisting of the month and day. Explanatory terms may also be used (such as sell by, sell before, last date of sale, or other meaningful terms). Color-coded twist ties or other non-date codes alone are not acceptable."

The problem with the confusing labels on our food products is that it causes a ton of food waste each year, which is a great waste of money to families that are throwing the items away. Think about how costly groceries are and how much you toss out each week that may have been good enough to eat. An employee at VG's said, "Go to the products website and see what their advice is," when it comes to food freshness after the package date.

While there is no proof that it is all due to expiration dates, or how much of it is, author Jonathon Bloom tells in his book "American Wasteland," that a family of four discards up to \$2,300 worth of food each year.

Shelf life of common foods

- **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.
- **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 12 to 18 months. After opening, they may be kept in the refrigerator for five to seven days.
- **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.
- **Unopened, processed**, fully cooked ham may be kept in the refrigerator for up to 7 days. After opening, slices may be kept for up to three days and whole ham, seven days.

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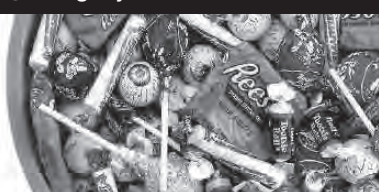
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Milk can be good for up to a week after the printed date, according to Natural Resources Defense Council. The USDA shows that eggs may be good within three to five weeks from purchase date. In addition, certain canned foods, such as soup, can remain unopened on the shelf for up to five years and still be good.

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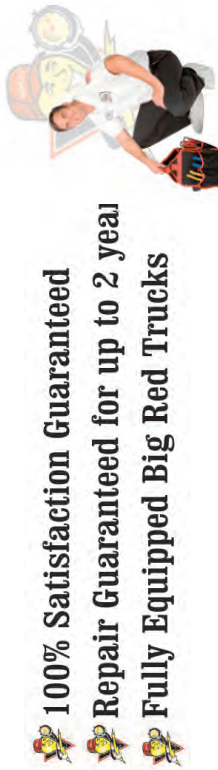


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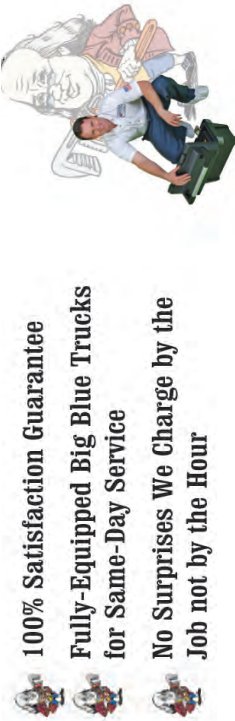


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PROPOSALS

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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.

Genesee County Animal Control Shelter Additional Millage will allow the shelter more money for operations and changes. The shelter has been under scrutiny lately for poor care of animals, due to a lack of volunteers, funds and caring management.

Summary

► Proposal language isn't always easy to understand, but it is important to vote your opinion on these matters in your local community.

Mass Transportation Authority New Additional Millage is proposed in order to meet the needs of a fixed route for

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

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Small Business Administration.

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 VG's headquarters at 209 South Alloy, employs

“We’ve received a very warm welcome since moving to Fenton.”

Dana Coronado
Client Financial Services

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.”

LARGEST EMPLOYERS IN CITY OF FENTON

Fenton Area Public Schools.....	429
Creative Foam.....	346
VG's Grocery.....	320
The State Bank.....	174
Walmart.....	160
The Home Depot.....	160
Target.....	160
Client Financial Services.....	160
The Laundry/Crust.....	150
Crestmont Health Care.....	134
STAT EMS.....	110

LARGEST EMPLOYERS IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

Lake Fenton Schools.....	210
Contour Fabricators.....	148
Thompson I.G.....	143
Webasto Products NA.....	122

Note: This list is by no means all-inclusive. It was gathered by city and township information and Chamber data.

TIMES

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Newspaper of the Year, the editorial department received 16 awards and our advertising department received 21 awards.

According to the Michigan Press Association, more entries were submitted to the Better Newspaper Contest than ever before, making for even more competition for your community newspaper. In all, Wisconsin journalists reviewed 3,417 entries from 119 Michigan newspapers. When the smoke cleared, the Times was overwhelmingly judged as the best weekly newspaper in the state.

Our advertising department definitely turned the heads of this year's judges as several of our ads, designed in-house by Times graphic designers, led by Composition Manager Jennifer Ward, took first-, second- or third-place over all other entries in numerous categories.

As everyone from the tri-county area already knows, the Times Sourcebook won first-place for being nicely designed, and up-to-date with loads of local information.

Judges commented “Wow, this book has everything and something you’d want to hold onto.”

Ads for several local businesses took top honors. Winning ads were a collaboration of the Times sales staff, graphic designers and our valued clients.

Moving on to the editorial and photography portions of the contest, led by Editor Sharon Stone, the Times won 16 awards. Associate Editor/Photo Editor Tim Jagielo was recognized for his photography expertise and ingenuity with four awards.

Sports Editor Dave Troppens won six awards with his columns, photography, writing and overall sports coverage for the tri-county area.

Many of the Times special sections, with features written by Sally Rummel, were also recognized with top awards.

Judges for the MPA contest are recruited from different states each year, ensuring that the entries are judged strictly on their own merit. Journalists from the Wisconsin Press Association judged the newspapers from Michigan this year.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WAY TOO MANY rude, inconsiderate, aggressive drivers on the roads. And the left lane on the freeway is for passing. Pass and then move back to the right. Let's all try to be more thoughtful while driving.

I BEG TO differ with the Hot line of Oct. 5 about the speed limit on Bennett Lake Road. A \$180 ticket and four points taught me really fast about the speed limits on that road. Slow down!

DEAR HERO OF the Soviet, you must have voted for President G.H.W. Bush, who served in WWII, and Senator J. McCain, who served in Vietnam, and Senator Bob Dole, who served in WWII, and President G. Bush, who served in the Texas National Guard, not Gore or BHO.

THANK YOU TO everyone who attended the first Fenton Ghost Walk. We had

a fabulous response for our folklore, legends and storytelling event about Fenton's ghosts. Look for us again next year with limited tickets. Proceeds to be used for Fenton Village Players activity room upgrades.

SUPER ANNOYED 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!

THERE IS A glut in the supply of oil and also a decrease in demand. This is why the price has come down. Plus U.S. crude stock piles 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.



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The case of the missing class ring

► 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



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

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.

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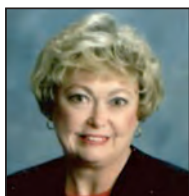
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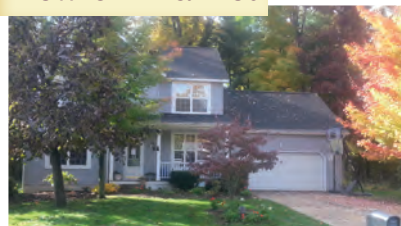


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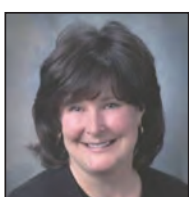
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Senate Bill 774: Add spending for summer jobs program
To approve an amendment to the Natural Resources budget offered by Sen. Hopgood that would increase spending on a "Michigan Conservation Corps" from \$4.1 million to \$7.6 million. This is the state version of a New Deal-era program created in 1933. The extra money would be for a summer jobs program.
Failed 12 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
State 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 324: 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

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
Passed 76 to 34 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)
☒ 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 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 cosponsored 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 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)



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News briefs

Performance of Fenton Village Players cancelled
Due to a medical emergency, the first weekend for Jake's Women has been cancelled. Fenton Village Players apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause. The updated show will now open on Oct 23-26, with an added weekend on Nov 1 and 2. If you have already purchased tickets for Oct 16-19, please contact Joy Carr (joycarr@fentonvillageplayers.org) to exchange them for a different date.

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SPORTS TRIVIA

BASEBALL

Q When was the last time either Fenton, Linden or Holly didn't finish atop the Metro in varsity football?

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

BOYS SOCCER DISTRICTS

Division 2 at Linden Monday's game

Linden 8, Clio 0
Fenton 3, Fowlerville 0
Southwestern 5,
Northwestern 0

Today's games

Fenton 2, Owosso 1
(Fenton won shootout 5-4)
Linden 11, Flint Southwestern 0.

Saturday's game

Fenton at Linden, 11 a.m.

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 were on the jerseys please go to the Fenton athletics Facebook page to find a link which will take you to the biographies.

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INSIDE SPORTS:
METRO MEET
Girls results can be found inside.



Bronchos on top of Metro boys XC once again

By David Troppens

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Burton — Kurtis Cooley and Zac Felix used to be two-sport athletes during the fall sports season.

That changed last year when they dedicated their talents to the Holly varsity cross country team.

Since then, the two seniors — Kurtis Cooley and Zac Felix — have helped lead the Bronchos to levels 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 had four of its 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 I 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



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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPEPENS

Holly's Nate Frasier (722) and Fenton's Jacob Lee (623) lead a host of area runners early during the Flint Metro League race on Wednesday.

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-

See **BRONCHOS** on 19A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPEPENS
Ross Ebert and the Fenton Tigers played Flushing in a battle of the top two Metro teams on Friday.

Fenton faced Flushing in battle of Metro's top team

► Online subscribers can find results through Friday email updates

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 season 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 completed. The links will include detailed stories with stats and quotes, and many will include photos from the contest.

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Same-Day Knee Replacement Recipient, Tom Greyerbiehl

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 jamborees, 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).



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

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 (753).

They finished in the same order in the final standings.

"We pushed ourselves as hard as we could today," Linden senior Savannah Ferrara said. "We have a week to bounce back and hopefully win regionals."

"We have a lot in ourselves and we can push ourselves. We 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 team-

mate 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 (21:21.37).

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



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Lake Fenton's Jacob Fletcher placed 10th at the GAC's final race of the season.

LF boys capture second at GAC's league meet

By David Troppens

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The Lake Fenton varsity boys cross country team realized defending its Genesee Area Conference championship from a year ago would be tough with state-ranked Corunna in the conference.

That meant adjusting the Blue Devils' goals to looking for a runner-up performance.

It took until the third meet of the season, but the Blue Devils finally placed second at the GAC meet held Tuesday. Unfortunately, Lake Fenton will still finish in just third place due to their past jamboree performances.

"The boys took second at the meet and finished in third place for the season, which is about what we expected," Lake Fenton coach

See LF on 19A

Linden volleyball posts an 'up' result vs. Kearsley

By David Troppens

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The Linden varsity volleyball team came into the season with a lot of inexperienced players.

And, predictably, the results have been a little up and down during the season.

The Eagles (2-3, 18-10-3) experienced an 'up' on Tuesday, defeating Kearsley by a 25-16, 25-13, 25-8 verdict.

"We have had a very up and down last couple of weeks,"

Linden coach Cori Mason said. "Our goal is always to be better than we were the day before and we had been at a plateau, so last night was the first night where we had some consistency back."

The Eagles' offense was paced by Katie Guilliat, who had a team-high nine kills. Jordan McDonald also chipped in seven kills.

Miranda Fowler was a near-perfect 15-for-16 with two aces at the service line. Defen-

sively, Megan Klavitter led the Eagles with 12 digs.

"It was a total team effort and I was proud of them," Mason said. "We are hoping to build on our win and keep progressing as the postseason is right around the corner."

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Linden's Megan Klavitter led the Eagles with 12 digs in their victory against Flint Kearsley on Tuesday.



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Tigers beat Holly, prepare for Flushing

By David Troppens

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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 those digs became effective passes, setting up 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 Alvarado, 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 cruised earning match point 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 improve a lot since our first scrimmage against Ladywood and we are working toward that game against Flushing next week."



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Fenton's Jessica Eastman (right) tries to hit a kill beyond the block of Holly's Brooke Martin. Fenton won the match in three sets.

"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.

"I 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

By David Troppens

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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 outscored Owosso 5-4 in the shootout. Matt Flowers, Liam Adams, Adam Gornick, 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 Varner 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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Fenton's Jacob Martin (left) battles Linden's Marcos Toledano during a recent contest. The Eagles hosted the Tigers in a district title game on Saturday.



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Chris Sobczak said. "We thought we could've given 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, but 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 Jacob 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 Culimore 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 Reigle 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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Lake Fenton's Meara Baxter (right) placed 20th in 24:27 during the GAC meet on Tuesday.

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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).

Fraiser 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 won 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).

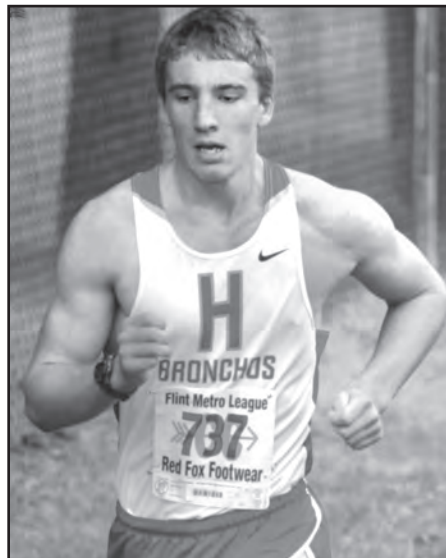
The Fenton Tigers ran without one of the league's top runners, Dominic Dimambro due to injury and managed

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(Above) The Metro League boys race starts on Wednesday with a bunch of Fenton's and Linden's runners visible within the pack. Holly's Keenan Steele (right) finished 21st for the Bronchos. He was one of Holly's five scoring runners during their championship performance at IMA Brookwood Golf Course.

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).

**LINDEN****Continued from Page 17A**

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.

Corunna def. Lake Fenton 25-13, 22-25, 25-15, 25-20

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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Holly's Martin and Brooke Jackman had two kills each, while setter Sam Jones had seven assists. Shayla Lipischak, Jackman and Alvarado had six digs each, while Katie Bartholmew had 15 good serve receive 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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Is Ebola the real 'World War Z?' (psst: it's not)

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-



Max Brooks, author of the 2006 novel, *World War Z*

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.



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

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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 neighbor-

hood 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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Robert and Dolores Nierescher, residents of the Lake Fenton area for many years, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on October 8, 2014. They were married in Columbus Grove, Ohio, October 8, 1949. Robert was president of the Lake Fenton Community Schools for six years, and his wife was the high school secretary for a decade. Mr. Nierescher spent most of his life as a weekly newspaper publisher; which included the Fenton Independent, and Flushing Observer and four papers in North-west Ohio. The Niereschers are the parents of five daughters, Kerri in Minnesota, Kim in Arizona, Kebby and Kasey in Michigan, and Kammy in Ohio. They have eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

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Non-food treats for Halloween

► Display a teal pumpkin to let people know you have a non-food item available

By Yvonne Stegall

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FARE, Food Allergy Research & Education, is trying to make Halloween more inclusive for trick-or-treaters who can't have candy. They are encouraging communities to start a new tradition that will help make this holiday season less scary for children with food allergies: the Teal Pumpkin Project.

"This campaign encourages people to raise awareness of food allergies by providing non-food treats for trick-or-treaters and painting a pumpkin teal — the color of food allergy awareness — to place in front of their house along with a free printable sign from FARE to indicate they have non-food treats available," according to foodallergy.org.

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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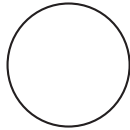
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Tips for protecting trick-or-treaters with allergies

Purchase non-food items like bubbles, stickers, balls, kazoos, and glow sticks for anyone who can't have candy. Lip-gloss can hide allergens, so avoid those.

Dum Dums and Tootsie products are nut and tree nut safe. Marjie's in Fenton sells Indie Candy, which is free of allergens, if you just need a few pieces.

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.

While most people with allergies carry epinephrine injectors, it isn't guaranteed to work and it only buys time to get help.

(From Christine Fras, Linden mom)

TREES

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and practical equipment that will change the way downtown appears.

The city had to initiate the project by a certain time in order to get the \$1.7 million in federal funds. The project will total \$4.8 million, and on April 25, the roads portion of the funding had been approved to be obligated for the project.

But the city had to spend a portion of the funds by April 25, 2015. The problem with that date is that for one, the city administrators, including City Manager Lynn Markland and Assistant City Manager Mike Burns wanted to keep the construction to one season, to minimize the effect on businesses.

They weren't ready for construction to begin when the funds needed to be spent.

April 25 is also a little too soon to start the construction project, considering it could still be freezing in Michigan.

The solution was to cut down the six trees along Shiawassee Avenue. At the Monday City Council meeting, Burns, at Councilwoman Pat Lockwood's prompt, re-explained why the trees had

been removed.

"A number of those trees were already dead," he said. Others weren't "functional" with the streetscape project's handicap accessible sidewalks. "The trees aren't gone forever, they're going to be coming back," said Burns.

Markland added that one tree had been removed for uniformity.

Another wrinkle in the project is long-eared bats. These bats are going on the endangered species list on Nov 1. If the city waited until then to remove the trees, they would have been required to take studies on the trees to make sure they weren't homes for these bats.



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TIM JAGIELO

At least two of the trees were rotting at the core, others wouldn't function with the new streetscape project.

our town

Meet Ed Ciesielski

- Retiring city councilor
- Retired mortician
- Avid golfer

By Yvonne Stegall

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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 days we'll see something on that corner.

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



"I think everybody, somewhere inside of them, finally says 'You know what, it's time.'"

Ed Ciesielski
Linden City Council

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.

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YVONNE STEGALL

Ed Ciesielski has lived in Linden his entire 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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