

# Health insurance rates to skyrocket in 2015

► Group rates up 10 to 100 percent; individuals up 15 to 40 percent

By Sally Rummel

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With 2015 right around the corner, you had better hang on to your hat when it comes to the wild ride of your health insurance coverage.

Decisions you make within the next couple of months will likely affect how much you pay for health care in the coming year. Many group insurance policies are going up from 10 to 100

See **INSURANCE RATES on 20A**

**Summary**► Now is the time to review your insurance plans for 2015. With soaring rates, you may want to shop around for your best deal during open enrollment from Nov. 15 through Feb. 15, 2015.



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## Army Chinook helicopter flying over Fenton

Many area residents have called the Times about the low-flying, military-style helicopter flying over Fenton in the past week. Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro made an inquiry about it and learned that it was a U.S. Army Chinook helicopter from the Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Harrison Township, Michigan. The crew was conducting routine training.

# What's next for downtown?



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

The face of downtown Fenton is slowly but surely changing and developing. Major projects, such as the Cornerstone building construction, the renovation and new addition to the Community and Cultural Center, the Streetscape project and additional parking availability are all underway in various phases.

## ► Developments, renovations, new parking next on list

By Tim Jagielo

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**Fenton** — Additional parking spaces, new bridges, streets, renovated buildings — and a “rail pavilion?”

This week, work continued on at least two big downtown projects — the Cornerstone building’s parking lot, and the Fenton Community and Cultural Center.

Technically, the first groundbreaking for the Streetscape project was the removal of the trees on Shiawassee Avenue. The bulk of the work begins officially when the winter weather breaks in 2015.

As enormous as these projects have been — the Fire Hall restaurant, Cornerstone Building, library renovations, Streetscape

See **DOWNTOWN on 13A**



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

U.S. Representative Dan Kildee (D) with Field Director Nicole Derusha-Macky, chats with Dorothy Burwell of Fenton at the Meet the Candidates event Wednesday night at the Fenton VFW.

## Higher than average voting turnout expected

► State, local races and issues likely to bring more people to the polls

By Sally Rummel

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Tri-county area residents won’t be casting their vote for U.S. President this year, but there are enough important races and proposals on the ballot to bring out more voters than on a typical non-presidential election year.

Races for governor, secretary of state and

See **VOTER on 12A**

## PHYSICIANS SAY:

## Quit worrying about Ebola, get a flu vaccine

► 200,000 hospitalized each year

By Yvonne Stegall

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While national news stations continually report on the Ebola virus, it could easily be forgotten that we are heading in to the flu season. More than 200,000 people are hospitalized each year for flu symptoms.

See **FLU on 14A**

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS  
**FLU**  
— VS. —  
**EBOLA**  
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**TEXT YOUR HOT LINE**

“Congratulations to the staff at the Times on your third consecutive Newspaper of the Year award. Don’t always agree with you but I always read you. You are the real ‘cornerstone’ of the community in my opinion. Keep up the good work.”

“The lack of schoolbooks can be traced directly to the abundance of over-paid school officials, teachers, and MEA officials lining their pockets instead of taking care of the kids. And please do not tell me again how you pay for supplies from your own pockets.”

“The Linden Homecoming 2.0 is a blatant disrespect and undermining of our schools’ authority. Shame on the parents who allowed this to take place. You are teaching these kids that our teachers have no authority over them. No wonder people think this generation is disrespectful — parents are supporting it.”

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**COMMENT OF THE WEEK**

“I do believe there should be only two requirements to run for public office. First, you need to have served in the military and second, you have never been an attorney.”



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11 ACRES

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**What a steal!** Lots of square footage in this turn of the century home; over 2000 sf with a 1st floor bedroom, full bath, and laundry. 2nd floor has 3 large bedrooms. Home is centrally located to US 23, I 75, shopping and schools. It is walking distance to quaint downtown Fenton.

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## Police & Fire report

### EX-BOYFRIEND HARASSES FENTON TOWNSHIP WOMAN

On Monday, Oct. 27, a woman in her early 20s called the Genesee County Sheriff's Department to file a harassment complaint against her ex-boyfriend. Dep. Geno Gaticka said the woman, who lives in the 3400 block of Lahring Road in Fenton Township, reported that her ex-boyfriend, in his late 20s, has been sending her harassing texts daily and drives by her home daily. The complaint remains under investigation.

### WOMAN TICKETED FOR TEXTING AND DRIVING

A second-shift deputy with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department pulled over a motorist at Fenton and Thompson roads in Fenton Township after spotting her texting while driving. The Fenton area woman in her 30s admitted to texting when questioned. She was issued a citation for the offense.

See **POLICE** on 8A

# How to get a better night's sleep

## ► Turn off your mind and get some ZZZZZZZ

By Yvonne Stegall

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Sleep is important for many reasons, as stated in the article below on sleep deprivation. Getting enough sleep is good for the mind and the body. However, how can you ensure you are getting enough sleep?

While adults need eight hours a sleep a night in order to remain healthy, according to Dr. George Zureikat, MD, at Mid-Michigan Sleep Center, it is also important to make sure it's good sleep.

A poor night of sleep, whether or not it is eight hours worth, can still have the same negative effects caused by sleep deprivation. If you find it hard to sleep, you toss and turn at night or you



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Sleep is important to your health. Most people just don't know how to ensure a good night's sleep.

wake up numerous times, some things might help you get a better night of sleep.

One of the most important things, according to Zureikat, is not doing too much before going to sleep. He said, "Don't take your worries

to bed." The more your mind is racing, the more adrenaline and cortisol are pumping in your body, making it want to stay awake.

Instead, he recommends doing something relaxing before bed, like reading.

Other things that could be keeping you from getting to sleep at night, according to Zu-

See **SLEEP** on 8A

## TIPS TO A BETTER NIGHT OF SLEEP

- **Go to bed** about the same time every night.
- **Try to sleep** only when you are sleepy.
- **If you are** unable to fall asleep or stay asleep, leave your bedroom and participate in a quiet activity such as reading.
- **Maintain wake-up** time around the same time every day, even weekends.
- **Avoid napping** during the day. If you must nap, do so in early afternoon and limit its length to no more than one hour.
- **Use your bedroom** only for sleep and intimacy.
- **Exercise regularly**, but not within four hours of bedtime.
- **Avoid the use** of caffeine and alcohol within four to six hours of bedtime.

See **TIPS** on 15A

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## Sleep deprivation can cause an array of health-related issues

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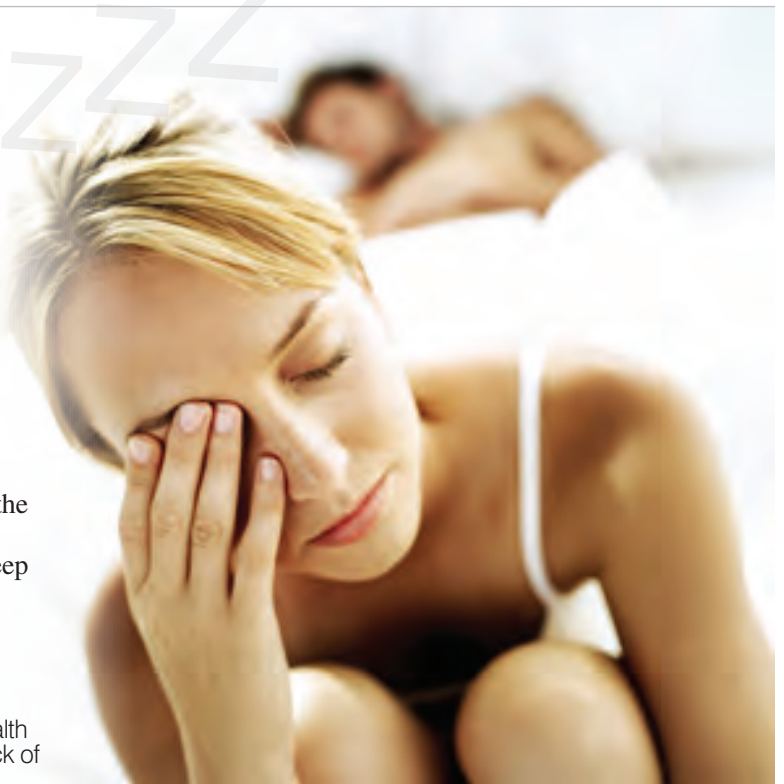
Sleep deprivation is the condition of not having enough sleep and it can be either chronic or acute. A chronic sleep-restricted state can cause fatigue, daytime sleepiness, clumsiness and weight loss or weight gain. It negatively affects the brain and cognitive function.

According to Dr. George Zureikat, MD, at Mid-Michigan Sleep Center, most adults need about eight hours of sleep per night. He said that studies have shown that less than seven hours a night of sleep leads to a higher risk of heart attack and earlier death. Teenagers need even

See **DEPRIVATION** on 6A

### Summary

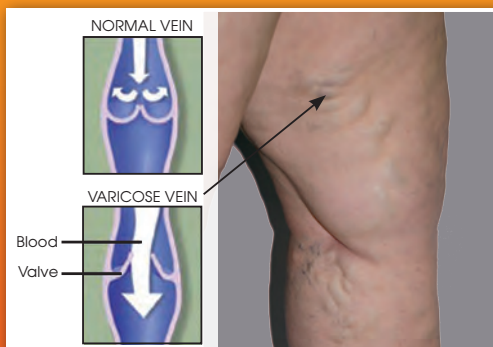
► Adults need eight hours of sleep in order to function properly and avoid many health related issues. What will a lack of sleep do to you?



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# Timeless political quotations

• **No one will** really understand politics until they understand that politicians are not trying to solve our problems. They are trying only to get elected and re-elected. — *Thomas Sowell*

• **George Washington** is the only president who didn't blame the previous administration for his troubles. — *Unknown*

• **We tolerate, even** promote, many things we once regarded as evil, wrong, or immoral. And then we seek 'explanations' for acts that seems beyond comprehension. — *Cal Thomas*

• **What would you** think of a person who earned \$24,000 a year but spent \$35,000? Suppose on top of that, he was already \$170,000 in debt. Of course, no individual could live so irresponsibly for long. But

tack on eight more zeroes to that budget and you have the checkbook for our out-of-control, big-spending federal government. — *John Stossel*

• **There are always** too many Democratic congressmen, too many Republican congressmen, and never enough U.S. congressmen. — *Unknown*

• **As my father-in-law** once said, when they talk about taxes it's always for teachers, firemen, and police, but when they spend your taxes, it always seems to go to some guy in a leather chair you never

heard of. — *Glenn Reynolds*

• **If there is** no moral foundation for a system of laws, then the law is reduced to 'These are the rules. They're the rules because I say so, and I control all of the guys with guns.' — *Unknown*



• **In order to** be the master, the politician poses as the servant. — *Charles DeGaulle*

• **Congress is filled** with idiots who couldn't run a lemonade stand and who have grand visions to transform the nation. The only thing stopping them is that they're divided into two

parties who hate each other. If they ever got along, a big new government overreach like Obamacare would be passed every couple weeks. — *Frank J. Fleming*

• **Politics is the art** of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly, and then applying the wrong remedies. — *Groucho Marx*

• **Illegal aliens** have always been a problem in the United States. Ask any Indian. — *Robert Orben*

• **Millions of individuals** making their own decisions in the marketplace will always allocate resources better than any government process. — *Ronald Reagan*

**“Illegal aliens have always been a problem in America. Ask any Indian.”**

— *Robert Orben*

• **Government giveaway programs** often hurt far more than they help. The recipients become dependent on the government and their dignity is destroyed. Helping people to become self-sufficient is much more compassionate than drugging them with the narcotic of welfare. — *Rush Limbaugh*

• **He knows nothing** but thinks he knows everything. Clearly, that points to a political career. — *George Bernard Shaw*

• **Welfare was supposed** to

be like one of those, 'Take a Penny, Leave a Penny' containers that depend on the honor of individuals. What we have now is givers and takers who are not the same people. — *Daniel Greenfield*

• **I never vote** for someone. I always vote against someone. — *W.C. Fields*

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## Hot lines

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**DON'T YOU LOVE** the way the right-wingers dream up scary tactics and try to swing them as facts. Like that Obama is going to claim himself a dictator? You don't even know how your country runs — grow up!

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**I AM KIND** of new at this dating thing and I wondered if there was a 'girl fax,' like the CARFAX. I want to know about this girl and how many miles are on it.

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**KELLOGG'S RICE KRISPIES** are now a product of Mexico. No thanks.

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**DEAR 'LONE TOMEK** Parent,' yes you are the only one bothered. The auction is not for the rich...it is a fundraiser, plain and simple and the students love participating in it.

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**RECENTLY I WAS** talking to a soldier who has been in Iraq four times, and he said in the Army there is nothing but respect and admiration for George W. Bush and nothing but contempt for Obama. I think that says it all.

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**HERE'S A REAL** dumb one for you: The police blotter, Corvette keyed. The store does not have surveillance cameras in the parking lot and police are reviewing the video to help identify the suspect. If they don't have cameras in the parking lot you can't view the video. It's impossible. (Editor's note: The article reads,

'The store does have surveillance cameras in the parking lot and police are reviewing the video to help identify the suspect.')

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**I READ THE** Ebola crisis has been in effect in Africa for about 40 years. Apparently, the drug companies had no financial incentive to develop a vaccine, because the people there lacked the means to pay for it. Yet some politicians spend so much money to be elected. So sad.

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**TO THIS MORON** that thinks everybody needs to drive the speed limit, if he wants to buy my fuel and pay for my car repairs I will drive as fast as he wants. I spend less

on gas and repairs because I don't drive so fast.

■ ■ ■  
**POOR GARY PETERS** can't afford a new pair of shoes.

■ ■ ■  
**LET'S VOTE FOR** a landslide in November. Then maybe we can turn our country back to the people, the way our constitution was intended to be.

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**NEW SIGN IDEA** when entering Linden: "Home of the stupidest parents in the world." How about acting like adults and supporting the actions of responsible school personnel.

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**I WENT THROUGH** Canada two weekends ago. Those people know how to drive on a freeway. Michigan drivers are tailgating at dangerous speeds. It was such a pleasure driving in Canada. Wish Michigan drivers would learn to obey traffic laws.

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**OVER THE WEEKEND** two policemen were shot and killed by an illegal alien. The fact that he's been deported twice and allowed to still be here shows how lax Obama and the Democrats in congress have been about immigration.

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**IF YOU ARE** scared of Ebola, you should hear about the respiratory diseases coming across the border from Mexico. They are going to kill far more people than Ebola.

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**I JUST READ** an article of Clinton's speaking on Democrats. Anyone who is halfwit enough not to know what a cigar is supposed to be used for is stupid anyhow.

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**TO THE PERSON** in the Sunday Hot lines, if I am going under the speed limit I am following the law. It's the maximum speed limit, not the minimum.

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**I GET A** big kick out of Hilarious Hillary. Her last speech was on jobs and how businesses do not create jobs. She only wants to create a job for herself.

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**I AGREE WITH** Foster Childs. When rational people don't vote (to paraphrase), the dummies take over.

■ ■ ■  
See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

## HALLOWEEN CANDY BUY BACK

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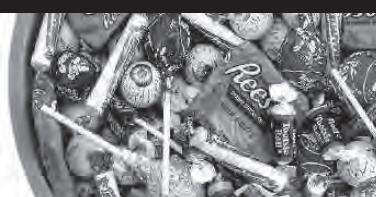


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## Do you plan to vote on Tuesday?

## streettalk



"Yes. I feel like it's always important to use your voice regardless of which election it is."

— *Amanda Zeffero*  
Tyrone Township



"We voted early. There's too many negative ads on the other guy and not what they plan on doing."

— *Rob Guilbault*  
Tyrone Township



"Yes. Hopefully the Republicans win."

— *Ron Haubiak*  
Rose Township



"Yes, and I'm sick of the nasty ads."

— *Chris Ugorowski*  
Dearborn



"I do. No comment on the election but it's important that everyone votes, especially young people."

— *Andrea Cantea*  
Linden



"I already did with early voting. People my age vote most of the time. Politics is important to us."

— *Donna Naples*  
Fenton



# It's time to 'fall back'

►Daylight Saving Time officially ends this Sunday, Nov. 2 at 2 a.m.

By Sally Rummel

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Remember the long, never-ending days of summer, when it was light in the morning and the sun didn't set until close to 10 p.m.?

That is the time of year when Daylight Saving Time delivers the most punch, providing more hours for recreation, sports and work, including a safer commute. Now, as the days move into fall and winter, mornings are dark until 8 a.m. and the sun sets at about 6:30 p.m.

Daylight Saving Time (DST) officially ends this weekend on Sunday, Nov. 2 at 2 a.m., bringing more light into the morning, and dark into the evening. You'll want to set your clocks back before you go to bed this Saturday, Nov. 1, so you will get to your Sunday morning commitments on time. Fortunately, most cell phones will automatically adjust to the time change.

One way to remember which way to set your clock at the beginning of DST in the spring and end of DST in the fall is to use the saying, "Spring forward — fall back." In the spring, you "lose" an hour of sleep and in the fall, you gain an extra hour of sleep.

Carrie Bard-DeNike of Fenton Township is a self-professed "night owl" who is already dreading the end of Daylight Saving Time this weekend.

As a professional photographer with Luxlyn, her own studio, she likes to edit photos with her husband, Charlie, into the evening hours while their four boys are sleeping.

"We're up late at night and it works much better for our family having the boys sleep in a little when it's dark in the morning," she said. "I wish it would stay Daylight Saving Time all year."

## Summary

►Set your clocks BACK one hour, before you go to bed Saturday night, Nov. 1. Daylight Saving Time officially ends Sunday, Nov. 2 at 2 a.m.

**"I wish it would stay Daylight Saving Time all year."**

Carrie Bard-DeNike

## 8 myths about Daylight Saving Time

1. It's "Daylight Saving Time," not "Daylight Savings Time."

2. Benjamin Franklin did not originate the idea of DST. He only proposed in a satirical essay while an envoy in Paris that energy could be conserved if people got up at dawn and used sunshine rather than candles.

3. The idea of actually changing time to take advantage of more daylight hours was originated by Englishman William Willett in 1905. However, Germany enacted it first in 1916, as a way to conserve electricity during World War I.

4. Daylight Saving Time was not intended to benefit farmers; in fact, the agricultural industry was deeply opposed to it when it was first implemented in 1918 as a wartime measure. It was very disruptive to a farmer's schedule, which was usually dictated by the sun. It was repealed in 1919.

5. Daylight Saving Time was a confusing "patchwork" of different time zones until the Uniform Time Act in 1966 standardized the practice.

6. Not everyone in the U.S. springs forward and falls back. Hawaii and Arizona, with the exception of the state's Navajo Nation, don't observe DST, nor do many U.S. territories.

7. Only about a quarter of the world's population observes DST.

8. Evidence doesn't support energy conservation as a result of DST. Whatever light energy is saved has been lost by more frequent air conditioning, gas consumption, etc.

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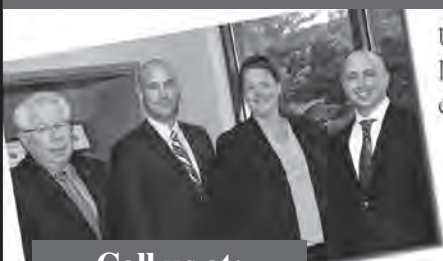
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## Union reps push for proposed gas pipeline

► Construction jobs, money to area promoted as positive aspect

By Yvonne Stegall

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**Linden** — At the Linden City Council meeting on Monday, three people in attendance spoke favorably about the natural gas pipeline ET wants to bring through our area.

Daniel Husted, business manager for Laborers' Local 1075 in Flint, spoke about the jobs the pipeline would bring to the area for laborers. He said there would be more than 1,000 jobs for local construction workers.

The reps said these are not "temporary" jobs. Just as homebuilders build themselves out of work each time they finish a house, construction workers move from one project to the next. They also won't just work in this area, they'll work on the pipeline through other counties.

The proposed pipeline will bring work to Michigan workers, along with money to the area. According to Chad Lynch, business representative for International Union of Operating Engineers Local 324, "On the average, workers spend 40-50 percent of what they make locally."

"Sixty percent of the natural gas pumped through the line will be staying in the U.S.," according to Chris Hennessy, business developer with Michigan LECET (Laborers-Employers Cooperation & Education Trust), also in attendance at the meeting.

Vicki Granado, communications representative for ET, backed up Hennessy's statement via email.

"Due to the design of the pipeline, not more than 40 percent or 1.3 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas will be delivered to Canada," she said. "Addition-

ally, any gas not delivered to Michigan through that segment of the pipeline will be delivered to the Union Gas Storage Hub. However, that natural gas may be re-delivered back to Michigan or to U.S. markets in the Northeast via third-party pipelines served by the Dawn Hub."

Concerns about sending this U.S. commodity to Canada have also been

spoken. However, just like any trade with other countries, the U.S. is being compensated.

This is also a natural gas pipeline, not an oil pipeline. Natural gas is a clean source of energy.

Linden Fire Chief Brian Will submitted a memo to the city council regarding the safety of a natural gas pipeline. Chief Will spoke to Jeff Krause, a resident

of Linden and supervisor for Consumer Energy Gas, who told him that there is really no additional threat or extra risk for a proposed 42-inch main to any gas line currently underground.

In his statement, Chief Will said, "We are prepared to respond to any type of gas leak or explosion and guidelines we train on so firefighters are safe going to and performing their job once they get there. In my opinion,

this gas line, even with the size it is proposed, is no more a threat to us than the existing 2- to 30-inch gas lines we already may have in our community."

Husted added, "They do put the prop-

erty back to the way they found it once it is all said and done." While homeowners may not be able to build on the pipeline site, they are compensated for the area in which the pipeline runs, and this easement payment can be negotiated.

**“Sixty percent of the natural gas pumped through the line will be staying in the U.S.”**

**Chris Hennessy**  
Michigan LECET  
business developer

### Summary

► Labor unions speak out in favor of the proposed ET Rover gas pipeline at the Linden City meeting.

## DEPRIVATION

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more sleep, as do younger children.

Zureikat described our sleep habits as a clock within our system. This clock tells us when it is time to sleep. Sometimes we ignore that clock, our brains are too busy and the adrenaline and cortisol keep us moving and thinking. When this happens, our brain gets hungry for sleep, he said. That is when sleep deprivation kicks in.

According to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, other health effects of sleep deprivation include high blood pressure, obesity and diabetes.

A lack of sleep affects not only your health, but also your mood and ability to

### EFFECTS

## of SLEEP DEPRIVATION

Lack of concentration  
Attention deficit  
Reduced vigilance  
Longer reaction times  
Distractibility  
Lack of energy  
Fatigue  
Restlessness  
Lack of coordination  
Poor decisions  
Increased errors  
Forgetfulness

Source: aasmnet.org

function normally throughout the day. Zureikat said, "Sleep deprivation can cause a significant change in performance, ability to work, and mood." It causes you to be less motivated and fatigued. There is a risk of increased errors, which could be detrimental for people who work in certain industries. It can also cause attention deficit.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), insufficient sleep is responsible for motor vehicle and machinery-related crashes. These cause substantial

injuries and disabilities each year.

"Many national disasters have been caused by sleep deprivation," said Zureikat. The Walmart truck driver who crashed into comedian Tracy Morgan's vehicle was suffering from sleep deprivation.

"More than one-quarter of the U.S. population report occasionally not getting enough sleep, while nearly 10 percent experience chronic insomnia," according to the CDC.



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# Wide gap in literacy rates in Genesee County communities

► Illiteracy linked to higher crime, lower-paying jobs, risky behavior

By Yvonne Stegall

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Many of us take the ability to read for granted. It may surprise you to know that more than 40 percent of adults in the U.S. with very low literacy live in poverty, or that one in five Americans read below the level needed to earn a living wage.

The Fenton area is higher on the scale of literacy, with Lake Fenton schools at about 33 percent in Level 1: Advanced (exceeded standards). Comparing that to Flint schools, which are at under 10 percent for the same grade level. This is according to data on [mischooldata.org](http://mischooldata.org) for the 2013/2014 school year.

Literacy is a big issue and illiteracy can prevent people from being successful at some of the most basic things, like filling out a job application or even earning a living wage.

According to JaNel Jamerson, director of the Literacy Network in Flint and Genesee County (Mott Community College), there are a variety of factors that affect literacy within different contexts in our community.

"We define literacy as an individual's ability to read, write, speak in English, compute, and solve problems at a level that will allow them to function on the job, in their families, and in society," he said via email. "In essence, literacy is a life-skill, which extends far past an individual's ability to read and write. This includes workforce literacy, health literacy, computer/digital literacy, and financial literacy."

For a local look, figures by the National Institute for Literacy indicate that 21 percent of the adults in Genesee County read at a first-grade level, and in Flint, the number is 36 percent (one of the highest illiteracy rates in Michigan with the statewide average at 18 percent).

Jamerson said, "There is no silver bullet for eradicating the literacy challenges in our community, however, there are some practices that have been highly correlated with successfully increasing literacy rates in multiple communities.

"In order for us to address the literacy challenges in our community, we must establish a community-wide commitment to literacy. This commitment must include individuals from all sectors and fields in the community."

Many people think that literacy challenges only affect a particular group of people, and that just isn't the case. "Low literacy rates can be linked to lower workforce readiness, higher crime rates, lower rates of home ownership and participation in the banking system, higher health-risk behaviors, and a number of other things," according to Jamerson.

In Genesee County, strides are being made toward preparing the community to be able to address the literacy challenges within. Jamerson said there have been a number of Community Planning Sessions in which community members have come together in the development of the strategic plan of action. Various community leaders and organizations have made major commitments to the development of literacy and basic skills for citizens of Genesee County.

The Literacy Network for Flint and Genesee County is still developing, and they are in the process of completing a temporary website with all of the network-specific information.

## Genesee County literacy statistics

- **99 percent** of early education providers are rated below top quality in the State of Michigan's quality rating program
- **29 percent** of fourth-graders are below the State of Michigan's standard in Reading
- **72 percent** of eighth-graders are below the State of Michigan's standard in Math
- **23 percent** of high school freshmen do not graduate with their class
- **11 percent** of adults do not have a high school diploma
- **5 of the 7** most common occupations in Michigan have a median wage that will not bring a family of four out of poverty

Source: Literacy Powerline

**“In essence, literacy is a life-skill, which extends far past an individual's ability to read and write...”**

**JaNel Jamerson**

Director of the Literacy Network

## Calendar of events

### ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

The Genesee Intermediate School District's Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center (EKLC) will hold its 31st annual Arts and Crafts Show on **Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** The juried show will be at EKLC, 1493 West Maple Ave., Flint. Crafters from all over Michigan will exhibit their unique items. Admission is \$2. Proceeds will help provide extra supplies, materials, equipment, and field trips for more than 500 students with developmental disabilities. Prizes ranging from \$50 to \$500 will be given away through a raffle. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, and those who purchase tickets need not be present to win.

## News briefs

### LOCAL AUTHOR AT CRESTMONT'S ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW

Times writer, and self-published children's book author, Yvonne Stegall will be at this year's Crestmont craft show. She will have limited copies of all three of her currently published children's books; "Frankie the Firefly Belongs," "An Alphabet Zoo, For You!" and "Dream, the Elephant." The books will be available for \$10 each, \$5 off the normal retail price, and she will be personally autographing them by request. The Crestmont annual craft show will be held Saturday, Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Crestmont Nursing Facility, at 111 Trealout Dr. in Fenton.

## Time to Give Lakefront Property Owners More Control

By Ken Horn



Unlike most of the rest of the country, lake living is not something rare and practically unheard of. We are so blessed with numerous lakes that sometimes people take it for granted.

I understand that lakes define a community. A serene lake can make a person instantly fall in love with the surrounding area. Lakes are also economic engines for local commerce as people are drawn to the water for recreation and relaxation while patronizing local businesses during their visit. Life in a lakefront community is, for many people, the fulfillment of the American Dream - a beautiful place in which to raise a family or to retire.

When I served in the Michigan House, I saw communities struggle against state regulations and red tape as they desperately sought to keep their local lakes in good aquatic health. Delay after delay on the part of the state DEQ prevented sensible application and management of our lakes. Local residents struggled as their lakes suffered.

I've always believed that property owners and local governments employing scientific management practices along with a little old-fashioned common sense is the right path for managing our inland lakes. I consistently supported measures that came be-

fore the legislature promoting local control rather than DEQ obstruction. As invasive species like Asian Carp and Eurasian water milfoil continue to pose threats to our water, I want to give local communities the tools they need to do the ongoing work necessary without state interference and delays.

A law was passed this summer to put the control of lake management back into the hands of scientists and property owners instead of state bureaucrats. No longer will our lakes choke with weeds as residents wait years for permits to be granted by the DEQ.

Under the new law, permits must be processed within a reasonable length of time, are granted for not less than three years at a time, and renewals are streamlined. The DEQ is also held responsible for any unnecessary delays and must refund portions of permit fees should delays occur. It's time our state departments operate in a more customer service focused manner.

I fully support this reform. Such changes make good sense and respect lakefront communities enough to acknowledge that local solutions are always better solutions. I know that area residents will always seek to preserve their treasured lakes - it's time for the state to get out of the way of those efforts.

I believe in the American Dream. As your state senator, I will work to bring even more common sense to our laws and more accountability to the DEQ. Together we can ensure that our lakes continue to capture the imaginations and dreams of future generations.

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## Tri-county fundraisers

### CHAMBER HOSTS BOWLING FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT HAYA

The Holly Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a bowling fundraiser at Holly Lanes on Sunday, Nov. 9 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. to benefit Holly Area Youth Assistance (HAYA) Jacobson/Quinn Toy Project. The afternoon event includes an auction and 50/50 raffle. Advance registration is \$25 per person (\$30 at the door) or \$90 for teams of four. The bowling alley is located at 2430 Grange Hall Road in Holly. For more information, call Carol Howard at (248) 760-7276 or Deanna Koen at (248) 830-1777.

### Watch Holly's Meet the Candidate event online

The Holly Chamber of Commerce held a successful meet-the-candidate event on Monday. With approximately 50 in attendance, state, and local candidates running for office were there to answer questions. Candidates included current Village President Ryan Bladzik, and council members George Kullis, Susan Heiple, Chris Rankin; with Dave Cruickshank running for council. Rep. Joe Graves and Sen. Dave Robertson were present, along with challengers Bobbie Walton and Ken Thomas. Commissioner Bob Hoffman also attended. "The event was awesome," said Chamber President Nicole Arnold. For more information, go to [hollychamber.com/community-news/](http://hollychamber.com/community-news/) to watch the video.

## Millage to repair Holly schools will be on ballot

### ►No money means no repairs, no upgrades

By Christopher Jones

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**Holly** — Residents in the Holly school district will cast their vote Tuesday on Holly's Building and Site Sinking Fund (BSSF) millage proposal, which is aimed at repairing the district's parking lots, roofs, fences and sidewalks.

The cost of the fund is 1.2 mills (\$1.20 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). A home with a taxable value of \$37,500 would pay \$3.75 each month, or 13 cents a day.

The Holly Board of Education and Superintendent David Nuss spoke in favor for the BSSF in an open forum at the Karl Richter campus on Oct. 29. Michigan schools do not receive equal funding, and Holly schools has lost approximately \$3.6 million in per pupil funding over the

last three years.

"We've been postponing a lot of repairs that we should have done," said Board President Sue Julian.

Repairs and upgrades include replacing roofs or sections of roofs, which nearly all the schools need. Rose Pioneer, Davisburg Elementary, and Holly Elementary need repairs of their parking lots. The high school and Rose Pioneer need carpet and tile flooring replaced.

Julian said that other school districts have already passed sinking funds. The proposal will be on the back of the ballot, and Julian stressed the importance of reading the ballot thoroughly.

Nuss and Julian said that without the sinking fund's approval, repairs to Holly Area schools, would come from the general educational fund. This could mean cuts to personnel and programs.

"That is what we want to avoid," Nuss said.

**“We’ve been postponing a lot of repairs that we should have done.”**

Sue Julian

Holly Board of Education president

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reikat, include caffeine; eating too much before bed, noises, the wrong temperature and even the lighting.

Zureikat suggested avoiding heavy meals before bed. "A snack, like cereal or milk, might help you get to sleep because of the tryptophan, which may help you relax. He also said to avoid caffeine in the afternoon, especially for people that are more sensitive to its effects.

"Temperature and darkness are also important," said Zureikat. Too hot or too cold temperatures can make you toss and turn at night. Too much light in the bedroom confuses the brain into thinking it's time to be awake.

People who have a problem getting to sleep on a regular basis and are feeling the effects of sleep deprivation should seek the assistance of a professional, as these sleep issues may be able to be treated easily, according to Dr. Zureikat.

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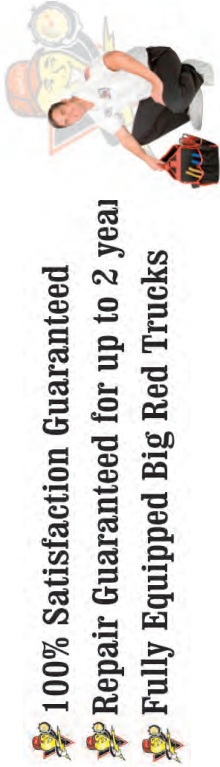
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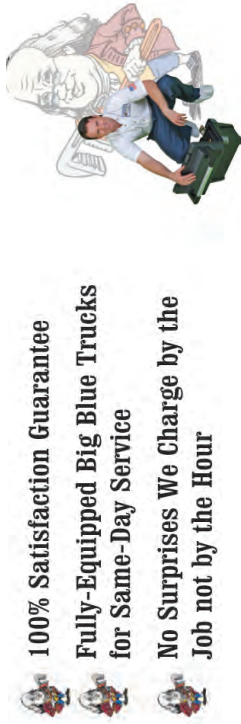
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# Area School Board Candidates

## Familiarize yourself with the candidates before voting

By Times Editorial Staff

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Registered voters in the tri-county area will be voting on numerous school board races. With multi-million dollar annual operating budgets and our children's education at stake, voters will be deciding who will serve on each of the four local Boards of Education.

Following is information concerning school board candidates and why they believe they should be elected.



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### Fenton Board of Education 6-year term

*vote for not more than 2*

#### Richard Des Jardins - Incumbent

Age: 62

Number of years in

district: 28 years

Education: B.S.,

Eastern Michigan

University, M.A.

Marygrove, 30 ad-

ditional courses in

teaching area of

chemistry at several

different universi-

ties

**Employment:** Recently retired from Brighton Area Schools after teaching high school Chemistry and A.P. Chemistry for 37 years

**Why should you be re-elected to school board?**

I have observed Fenton Schools as both an educator and as a parent of two children who attended Fenton Schools from



Richard Des Jardins

kindergarten through graduation. As a parent, I saw a skilled and caring staff that inspired our children to learn as well as preparing them for higher academics in college. As a chemistry and A.P. Chemistry teacher of 37 years in the Brighton District, I have a good point of comparison with regard to curriculum. There are curricular and budgetary issues to deal with and as a fiscally responsible person, I can help make such difficult decisions.

#### Lynn D. Hopper - Incumbent

Age: 67

Number of years

in district: In Fen-

ton district 38 years.

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Area 60-plus years

Education: Bach-

elor of Arts from

Oakland University

Employment: Re-

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Lynn D. Hopper

Seventeen years on the Fenton school board; six years on the Genesee County Association of School Board Members; member of the Advisory Council for the Genesee Career Institute. Level 5 Certified Board Member with Michigan Association of School Boards; come from an educational environment (wife retired after 40 years teaching; daughter, Intermediate School Districts Head Start Disabilities and Mental Health Manager). Dedicated to the educational process for all students and children's safety, reading proficiency, and have an in-depth understanding of multiple budgets (sinking fund versus general fund). Community visibility, in and outside of buildings, clinics, conferences and hands-on programs with the community keeps me focused and an advocate for public education.

#### Richard Koester - Incumbent

Age: 43

Number of years

in district: 35

Education:

Bachelor of Arts in

Marketing, MSU

Employment:

Allied Media

Why should you

be re-elected to

school board?

As a current member of Fenton's school board, I am aware that its success is dependent upon strong leadership that is focused on continually developing and executing long-range strategic plans that ensure our future as one of the premier school systems in Michigan. By consistently assessing the results, making adjustments where necessary, and repeating the process, we will continue to sustain a level of excellence unmatched by any other district. As your former school board president, I have the experience. But more importantly, as the father of two children attending Fenton schools, I have the motivation to ensure that the Fenton school system consistently educates our children in a premier environment that prepares them for the future.



Richard Koester

### PRIORITIES

- Our Children Come First
- Ensure quality teachers lead our classrooms
- Make sure the budget is balanced and fair

### LEADERSHIP & EXPERIENCE

- 5 years School Board Experience, 2 years as President
- Founding Member of the Fenton Education Foundation; The Foundation has raised over \$300,000 for our Schools
- Involved in the hiring process for central administration

### ABOUT RICK

- Married with two daughters, 7th and 9th graders
- Fenton Schools graduate
- Business owner and strong financial supporter of Fenton Schools



Re-Elect **RICK**

**KOESTER**

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#### Malissa Bossardet

Age: 48

Number of years in the district: Almost 20 years

Education: I received my Bachelor's degree from Indiana University

Employment: I work as a territory sales manager for Veterinary Pet Insurance (VPI) and as a business development director for an international company.

Why should you be elected to school board?

As a business woman, a mom and an active community member of Fenton, I believe that every child deserves an individualized education. I believe that all children learn differently, that we must tailor the educational approach to meet the unique individual



Malissa Bossardet

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needs of each child to ensure that we optimize every child's potential. My top three priorities are finding creative ways to save money without sacrificing student services or student programs, extreme transparency and excellent communication and case study analysis on the International Baccalaureate program.

### Fenton Board of Education 4-year term

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#### Brian Horton - Incumbent

Age: 43

**Education:** Graduated from Saint Bonaventure University  
**Number of years in the district:** 15

**Employment:** Diabetes Care Specialist for Novo Nordisk Inc.

**Why should you be re-elected to school board?**

I have served on the Fenton school board for the past five years. I volunteered for this position with one purpose in mind, do what is best for the students of Fenton. I have two children in the district and I realize the tremendous responsibility this position carries. During my five years, we hired our current Superintendent, maintained a positive fund balance, settled several employee contracts, and successfully passed a bond that enhances our school and our community. I love serving my community.



Brian Horton

#### Elizabeth Geib

Age: 47

**Number of years in district:** 17

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in Human Services from the University of Oshkosh Wisconsin

**Employment:** Manager of Paw Palace in Fenton

**Why should you be elected to school board?**

I have volunteered in the schools for the past 17 years, and I have seen a decline in staff support from the administration in the past few years. I want to see a change in the way that we support our staff and our students. I want to help make a difference for the students to achieve anything and everything. This is our future, and if we do not support or listen to those staff who are helping our students achieve what they want, then we have lost our vision for Fenton area schools.



Elizabeth Geib

#### Dana Jones

Age: 39

**Number of years in district:** 28

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in human resources management from Oakland University

**Employment:** ELGA Credit Union

**Why should you be elected to school board?**

I will ask tough questions about the issues that matter most for students, families, and teachers in Fenton. As an elected board member, I will be engaged in finding solutions to the challenges facing our school district.



Dana Jones

### Holly Board of Education 4-year term

*vote for not more than 3*

#### Robin Carne - Incumbent

Age: 57

**Number of years in district:** All my life. Attended school here K-12

**Education:** I have a BBA from Eastern Michigan University

**Employment:** I work for General Motors Customer Care & Aftersales.

**Why should you be re-elected to school board?**

I've served on the board now for two terms and we have accomplished a great deal. We, as a board and district, have more to work on and I want to be a part of our dreams and wishes to become realities. We have seen many improvements over the years despite the hardships the district has had to face. We are not out of the woods yet. These are trying but exciting times. We have dedicated staffs that are always striving to do more, never settling for just good enough. It's great to be able to serve and enable staff and students alike to achieve their very best.



Robin Carne

#### Michael Newcomb - Incumbent

Age: 46

**Number of years in district:** 18 years in the district and 8 years as a school board trustee, of the 8 years, 4 years as the treasurer

**Education:** Bachelor of Science from Western Michigan University

**Employment:** Small business owner of WorldWise.net a web design, hosting and marketing firm located in Clarkston

**Why should you be re-elected to school board?**

This will be my third term and hopefully when I'm re-elected I can continue on improving the Holly Area Schools. My experience in technology and business has given insight on how technology can be used in the best way for our students. As a small business owner, I'm always looking at ways to improve how we as a school district are run, from the classroom to the financial operations. My next term will focus on improving and expanding our online class offerings, our finances, technology in the classrooms and improving the overall education that our students deserve. I will always fight for what is right for your students in the Holly Area Schools.



Michael Newcomb

### Lake Fenton Board of Education 6-year term

*vote for not more than 2*

#### Bob Grubbs - Incumbent

Age: 73

**Number of years in district:** 43

**Education:** Masters degree in Education from Utah State, he taught in the district for 31 years, coached for many years, and continues to volunteer and be involved with the school



Bob Grubbs

**Employment:** Retired

**Why should you be re-elected to school board?**

I believe I have had a positive influence as a board member and I would like to continue working in this capacity in the future. Lake Fenton is a great place to be.

#### Michael Cicalo

Age: 38

**Number of years in district:** 10

**Education:** M.B.A. from Saginaw Valley State University and B.S.B.A from Central Michigan University.

**Employment:** General Motors in Grand Blanc for 14 years, working in logistics.

**Why should you be elected to school board?**

I am running for the Lake Fenton School Board so I can help continue to build upon our district's past success, while using my business and personal experience to promote a safe, welcoming, and productive learning environment for the entire Lake Fenton community.



Michael Cicalo

#### Tom Hufton II

Age: 42

**Number of years in district:** 12

**Education:** Attended Grand Blanc Schools, Grand Valley State University, University of Michigan-Flint, a graduate of Perry School of Banking at Central Michigan University, and a graduate of The Southeastern Trust School at Campbell University

**Employment:** Trust Officer and Vice President of Wealth Management at The State Bank

**Why should you be elected to school board?**

As a member of a school board, you have an opportunity to share your business and life experiences to benefit your community, as well as ensure the others have a voice in making educational and administrative decisions.



Tom Hufton II

### Lake Fenton Board of Education 4-year term

*vote for not more than 2*

#### Heidi Howieson

Age: 49

**Number of years in district:** 18 years

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education

**Employment:** I have worked as Director of the Latchkey program, Pre-school Teacher, Substitute teacher and active volunteer at Lake Fenton Schools. I have served as PTA president, Fun Fair committee chair, and I currently serve on the Lake Fenton Education Foundation Board.

**Why should you be elected to school board?** I am running for Lake Fenton School Board, because I feel I have the energy and enthusiasm necessary to make sure all students in the district continue to receive the best education possible, which will serve them well in the future and will benefit the entire community.



Heidi Howieson

### Linden Board of Education 6-year term

*vote for not more than 3*

#### Mike Murphy - Incumbent

Age: 50

**Number of years in district:** All my life

**Education:** High school diploma from Linden High School Class of 1982 and two associate's degrees from MCC

**Employment:** Richfield Industries at Delta Tube and Fabricating in Holly

**Why should you be re-elected to school board?**

I have been on the board for 12 years now and enjoy working with the staff and other board members. Watching the students and facilities grow over the years has been a great experience. I believe we have something special at a Linden Community Schools and would like to see that continue.



Mike Murphy

#### Peter Ponzetti

Age: 34

**Number of years in district:** 15 months

**Education:** Mott Community College; BA, Western Michigan University and MPA, University of Michigan-Flint

**Employment:** DM Burr Group since 2011

**Why should you be elected to school board?**

I am running for the Linden Board of Education because both my education and professional background make me the best candidate for the position. I hold both a BA in political science and secondary education and an MPA in education administration. From 2005-2010, I was employed as a public school social studies and English teacher. Upon taking office, my priorities will include: 1. Working to increase district student enrollment; 2. Maintaining district compliance with state/federal law and education mandates; and 3. Ensuring that district budgeting represents the best interests of staff, students/parents and the community as a whole.



Peter Ponzetti


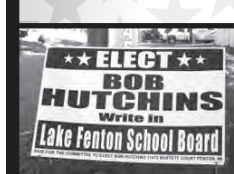
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Representative Ken Horn (R) of the current 94<sup>th</sup> district addresses the audience at the Meet the Candidates event at the Fenton VFW Hall Wednesday night.

### VOTER

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attorney general, statewide proposals, seats in the state legislature, county commissioner, county-wide proposals, school board positions and local proposals all make up this election's ballot issues.

Fenton City Clerk Renee Wilson is already busier than usual handling absentee ballots. "Historically, the turnout at a non-presidential November General Election has been 40 to 50 percent," she said. "We're running higher than normal on our absentee ballots, so I would expect a turnout of 50 to 60 percent for next week's election."

So far, 777 absentee ballots have been issued and 393 have been returned, according to Wilson. The city of Fenton has five precincts and they are all housed in the St. John's Activity Center at 600 North Adelaide St. in Fenton.

In Fenton Township, a total of 1,922 absentee ballots have been issued and 1,163 have been returned, according to Operations Manager/Deputy Clerk Tom Broecker. The number of absentee ballots are substantially higher than in the last governor's election four years ago.

"I don't know if that means we'll have a higher than average turnout, or just that more people are voting absentee," said Broecker. "I'd expect a pretty good

turnout because of the hotly contested governor's race, along with a lot of other state positions, proposals and local school board write-ins." Residents in all six precincts in Fenton Township will vote at the Lake Fenton High School gym.

In Holly Township, 1,026 absentee ballots have been issued and 679 returned. "I expect that just about all of them will be returned," said Clerk Karin Winchester. She is expecting this election turnout to be bigger than the last gubernatorial election, "maybe by about 10 percent."

"There are a lot of state proposals people want to vote on, plus the second vote on a millage for Holly schools," said Winchester. "That will bring out a lot of voters. Also, seniors will be voting because of Snyder's taxing of pensions." Holly Township voters in four precincts will be casting their ballots in the Holly High School gym.

Residents who meet the requirements to vote by absentee ballots must request a ballot application from the clerk's office of their municipality by 2 p.m. the Saturday prior to the election, which is this Saturday, Nov. 1.

For complete information about where to vote, sample ballots, etc., go to the Michigan Voter Information Center at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote).

**“I don't know if that means we'll have a higher than average turnout, or just that more people are voting absentee.”**

**Tom Broecker**  
Operations Manager  
for Fenton Township

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## DOWNTOWN

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and Community Center, these are just pieces of one phase of the city's Master Plan.

The plan was developed in 2005 and made available to the public in March 2007. It serves as an overall guideline for administrators when tackling projects.

The Master Plan includes three different phases, and aesthetic design guidelines. The goal is to make downtown enjoyable in the coming decades, not just now. The phases seem to start at the core of downtown, and radiate outward, but City Manager Lynn Markland and Assistant City Manager Mike Burns said the phases aren't necessarily handled in order, and action is taken as opportunities arise.

One thing is certain — development will be easier because of the projects already underway. While one project is being built, the next project is being handled administratively.

Markland and Burns have sought funding for projects, worked with developers and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to change the face of the city. The plan, overall, leaves little untouched, from individual facades, buildings, roads, sidewalks and bridges. Here is a breakdown of the phases in the city Master Plan.

### PHASE I

**Projects included:** Cornerstone building, Fire Hall restaurant, Community and Cultural Center, one way streets at Mill, and Elizabeth streets.

The city is currently in this phase. The Cornerstone site will be finished by 2015, and the community center additions are included in the phase. The renovation of several properties is included, along with bridges at Silver Lake Road, LeRoy Street and West Caroline Street. There are six proposed developments, including Cornerstone, and 11 renovation plans.

Turning the old fire station into a restaurant was part of the plan, and several entire downtown blocks are

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**Lynn Markland**  
Fenton city manager



included. The Phase 1 map is full of details already complete, like changing Mill and Elizabeth streets to one-way, and adding angle, or parallel parking.

The plan also calls for abandoning River Street, south of Caroline, to add more parking.

While projects are being funded or stated, the planning for the next group of renovations and developments are to be started in the current phase.

The progress made in developing these sites has led to more development interest, something Markland said didn't exist before.

While the city has bought properties for redevelopment before, Markland said that probably won't be as necessary in the future. “There's always been people downtown, but the activity has been significantly

cantly increased,” he said. “They weren't complaining about parking a year ago.”

### PHASE II AND PHASE III

As much as breaking plans into bulleted points helps understanding, it doesn't really work that way on the ground. As mentioned, the city takes advantage of financial opportunities as they arise, and future projects don't necessarily go in order.

Buying the old Republic Bank site made room for the Cornerstone building, which was an opportunity the city pounced on. The Streetscape project was delayed when more federal funds became available.

Several areas will be changed to add parking, such as the properties just north of the post office off Mill Street, and an entire block of land across from the current Sawyer Jewelers location.

All along, the city also had a general idea of when the second Cornerstone building could go — at the site of the former Hometown Computers location, just south of the current Cornerstone building construction site.

According to the master plan, parking will be added behind the Fenton Hotel Tavern and Grille and instead of the former gas station for sale at Silver Lake Road and LeRoy Street, a “Rail Pavilion” is slated to be added.

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(Left) “Mud man” Mike seams in a crown molding with stucco, on the parapet of the Fenton Hotel Tavern and Grille. The Fenton Hotel is one of the anchor restaurants that assisted in developing downtown.

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## FLU

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"The risk of contracting Ebola in Michigan is extremely low," said Jennifer Smith, a representative for the Michigan Department of Community Health. The risk of Ebola is low because it is only transmitted through direct contact with the body fluids of a person who is infected with Ebola and showing symptoms. "And currently, in Michigan, there are no confirmed cases of Ebola," she added.

The fear continues to grow though, as news sources report that up to 10 people in Michigan are being monitored for Ebola, though currently showing no symptoms. Shurooq Hasan, Epidemiologist with the Genesee County Health Department confirmed that they are not in Genesee County.

"One of the best things you can do to protect your health is to get a flu vaccine. Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccination each year to protect themselves and their loved ones against the flu," said Smith.

**"The risk of contracting Ebola in Michigan is extremely low."**

**Jennifer Smith**  
Michigan Department  
of Community Health  
representative

While even the flu shot is not a guarantee from getting the flu, it does give you a better shot at not getting sick this winter season. According to statistics on Riteaid.com, flu shots reduce flu-related hospitalization for adults by 71 percent.

"Most experts believe that flu viruses spread mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby," according to the CDC website. A person might get the flu by touching a surface or object that has the flu virus on it and then touching their own eyes, nose or mouth, but this happens

less often.

Ebola is spread through direct contact, through broken skin or mucous membranes, with blood or body fluids of a person who is sick with Ebola. A person not showing symptoms of Ebola will not spread the disease.

Hasan said, "There are no new strains of the flu prevalent this season, as of right now." However, the season has not

really started yet. It will be in full swing in December and January.

Flu shots are generally covered by most insurance plans and they often don't require an appointment. You don't even need to visit the doctor's office in order to get your flu shot. Many pharmacies offer them and there are walk-in clinics available.

## Summary

While the thought of contracting Ebola may be on many people's minds; it isn't anything to worry about. You have a far greater chance of catching the flu.

According to the CDC, people should get their flu vaccines before flu season actually begins since it takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to

develop in the body and provide protection against the flu.

There are certain groups of people who are more at risk from flu complications. Diabetics, pregnant women, children under 5, adults over 65, people suffering from liver or kidney disorders, asthmatics and those with autoimmune illnesses are all at greater risk of being hospitalized due to the flu.

Vaccinefinder.org provides Internet users information on where they can get their flu vaccinations, as well as other vaccinations, in their area by providing their address or zip code. This list includes locations, hours of business and other info. Flu shots start at around \$30, if you don't have insurance coverage.

## SIGNS & SYMPTOMS FLU VS. EBOLA

Source: cdc.gov

	FLU	EBOLA
Fever	X	X
Feeling feverish/chills	X	
Cough	X	
Sore throat	X	
Runny/stuffy nose	X	
Muscle/body aches	X	X
Headaches	X	X
Weakness		X
Fatigue	X	
Vomiting	X	X
Diarrhea	X	X
Abdominal pain		X
Bleeding/bruising		X

**FLU** - Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

**EBOLA** - Symptoms may appear anywhere from two to 21 days after exposure to Ebola, but the average is 8 to 10 days.



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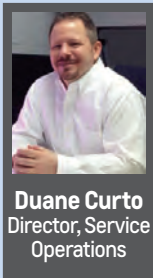
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# MICHIGAN VOTES

## KEY VOTES OF THE 2013/2014 SESSION

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### Initiated Legislation 2: Preempt referendum banning wolf hunt

To preempt the effect of a referendum placed on the November ballot by interests opposed to wolf hunting. This measure (IL 2) was sponsored by groups in favor of a wolf hunt. Through a complex interaction of court rulings, statute revisions and the constitutionally authorized Initiated Legislation process, adoption of this measure by the Senate and House (below) means the anti-wolf hunt proposals on the 2014 ballot will not go into effect even if a majority of voters approve it.

#### Passed 23 to 10 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

#### Passed 65 to 43 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

### Senate Bill 758: Authorize more stringent sanctions for delinquent hotel tax

To empower counties that choose to impose a tax of up to 5 percent on hotel and motel room charges to enforce the

tax with more stringent sanctions that potentially include forfeiture and foreclosure.

#### Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

#### Passed 97 to 13 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

### House Bill 5233: Expand scope of criminal property seizure law

To expand the state's criminal forfeiture law by making the property of an owner deemed "willfully blind" to illegal activity taking place on the premises subject to forfeiture. The bill would also allow the seizure of property transferred to a new owner after the crime in some cases, and authorize forfeiture for more crimes. This law allows the government to seize property used in a crime or acquired with its proceeds, with the money from its sale turned over to the agencies that effected the forfeiture.

#### Passed 37 to 1 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

#### Passed 93 to 13 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

### House Bill 5785: Expand permissible criminal court cost levies

To expand the costs that can be imposed on an individual convicted in a criminal case. This would authorize imposing assessments covering a share of court employee salaries and benefits, court building "operation and maintenance" costs and more. A court would have no duty to show how it allocated these costs to a particular defendant. The bill reverses a state Supreme Court case that limited charges to those spe-

cifically allowed in a particular statute.

#### Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

#### Passed 95 to 14 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

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- Mela

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Grand Blanc vs. Linden, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday's matches

Holly vs. Fenton, 5 p.m.

Linden/Grand Blanc vs. Brandon, 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday's match

Semi winners, 7 p.m.

### Class B at Linden Monday's match

Corunna vs. Durand, 7 p.m.

Lake Fenton vs. Goodrich, 6 p.m.

Ovid-Elsie vs. Southwestern, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday's matches

Corunna/Durand vs. Powers, 5 p.m.

LF/Goodrich vs. O-Elsie/Southwestern, 7 p.m.

### Saturday's match

Semifinal winners, 10 a.m.

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## Tigers prepared for rematch with Farmington Hills Harrison

►Teams faced off in opening round of playoffs in 2012

By David Troppens

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When the Michigan High School Athletic Association's football playoff brackets were announced Sunday night, the Fenton varsity football team probably thought it was watching a copy of the 2012 show instead.

That's because the top-seeded Fenton Tigers (9-0) found themselves in the exact same pool as they did that season.

The Tigers begin the playoffs hosting Farmington Hills Harrison (7-2) in the opening round on Saturday (Nov. 1) at 7 p.m. As the top seed in the four-team Region 2, District 2 bracket, if Fenton wins on Saturday, the Tigers will also host the district title game the next weekend against either third-seed South Lyon (8-1) or Walled Lake Western (8-1). That district semifinal confrontation is also the same matchup as two years ago.

"It's exactly the same as two years ago. We hosted Farmington Hills Harrison in the opening round and our game played the winner of the South Lyon and Walled Lake Western," Fenton coach Jeff Setzke said.

"That's pretty consistent with our area. Many of the so-called Division 2 powerhouses are going

to D3, so that changed up things a little bit."

The Tigers are entering the playoffs for the seventh straight season. They've won three of the past six first-round matchups.

"I feel great," Fenton senior Evan Welch said.

"It's really turned into an expectation for us to be in the playoffs and I really like that. Just practice real hard — (we have to) keep

doing the same things we've done all year."

"It's always good to be back in the playoffs. (It's) a fresh start," Fenton senior Connor Kovacs said.

The Tigers (9-0) won the matchup with Harrison two years ago 22-19. This is a very good Hawks team, one that pushed unde-

feated Clarkston to a 31-24 verdict last weekend, before finally losing.

The Hawks' offense will look similar to that of the one two years ago. In fact, their starting quarterback for that game remains the starter today.

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**“It's always a good feeling. There's a lot of hype this year to see how far we can get in the playoffs.”**

Paul Idoni  
Fenton senior



photo by Mark Bolen



## Tigers' offense proves too much for Eagles

By David Troppens

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**Linden** — It was a rivalry night.

And it was a night of some good volleys when Fenton traveled to Linden for both teams' final Metro League dual match of the season.

However, the spot where the Tigers had the overwhelming advantage was with their attack.

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Linden's Brook Ovington (right) attempts a kill against a block presented by Fenton's Jillian Kaye.

Fenton was able to attack well, collecting 41 kills in the Tigers' 25-16, 25-14, 25-14 victory Tuesday night at Linden High School.

Carly Granger was the top offensive star. Fenton's senior outside hitter pounded down a match-best 19 kills, helping lead Fenton to the victory, and a second-place overall finish in the Metro at 6-1. She attacked

with an efficient 40 percent hitting percentage.

She wasn't the only one that had a big offensive night, though. Jessica Eastman provided a strong attack from the middle position, collecting nine kills. Also, setter Kelsie Fischer presented a strong attack when she decided not to set, pounding down six kills.

"We had a pretty good night attacking the ball," Fenton coach Jerry Eisinger said. "They did a

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## Volleyball teams start district this week

►Linden opens with Grand Blanc; Holly, Fenton begin in semis

By David Troppens

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Cori Mason's Linden varsity volleyball team moved to Class A three years ago.

That first year, the Eagles drew one of the biggest schools in the state when they drew Grand Blanc for their first district game.

Since then, history has repeated itself each year.

The Linden Eagles, who are hosting a Class A district this week, will be opening district play against Grand Blanc again. This time the two teams begin play on Monday at 7 p.m. at Linden High School.

"We have Grand Blanc again," Mason jokingly said. "That's three-for-three, baby."

Others in the district include tri-county schools Fenton and Holly. Finally, Brandon completes the five-team grouping. On Wednesday, Holly plays Fenton for a 5 p.m. semifinal, while the winner of the Grand Blanc/Linden game will play the Brandon Blackhawks at about 6:30 p.m. On Thursday the two semifinals will play for the district title at 7 p.m. All the games will be played at Linden High School.

Playing a school with nearly three times the enrollment of

Linden hasn't been a death sentence for the Eagles. Linden lost the first match up two years ago, but bounced back to beat Grand Blanc 16-25, 25-18, 25-23, 25-20. Both teams enter the event with a record around .500.

"I think the kids are excited they are at home, that's a benefit," Mason said. "The kids definitely want to win on our own court. I knew the kids would like second chances. We would play Brandon in the second round if we win, and probably against Fenton in the finals. That's our motivation — to continue playing competitive matches and having second chances against some of these teams. But, obviously, we are not looking past Grand Blanc by any means. We definitely want to play a competitive match against them for sure."

Fenton has won a district title in each of the last two seasons. Last year, Fenton beat Linden and Brandon en route to the title. Two years ago, the path included wins against Brandon, Holly and Grand Blanc.

The Tigers will be overwhelming favorites against the Bronchos, a team Fenton has already beaten in three sets earlier this year. In fact, the Tigers will be the favorites to make it three straight district crowns.

"We are definitely building toward next week," Fenton

coach Jerry Eisinger said. "We will be right back (at Linden) on Wednesday, and hopefully back on Thursday."

"I am excited for the rest of the season. It feels funny because I know it's winding down, but at the same time I think we are headed in the right direction and looking forward to going as far as we can in this tournament."

### Lake Fenton hosts Class B district

Linden isn't the only tri-county team hosting a district next week. Lake Fenton is hosting a Class B event, also starting on Monday.

It's going to be a challenge for the Blue Devils to advance in the tourney. Lake Fenton opens with a 6 p.m. contest against Goodrich on Monday.

The Martians defeated Lake Fenton twice earlier this season.

The winner of the Lake Fenton-Goodrich match would play in Wednesday's 7 p.m. semifinal against either Ovid-Elsie or Flint Southwestern. The winner of that match would play in the finals on Saturday at 10 a.m.

On the other half of the bracket, Corunna plays Durand at 7 p.m. on Monday, with the winner of that match playing Powers in Wednesday's 5 p.m. semifinal match. The victor of that match plays in the title game.



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Fenton's Kendrah Praedel (right) tries to get a kill over the block attempt by Holly's Shayla Lipischak in a past match. The teams play each other on Wednesday in the Class A Linden district semifinals.



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Lake Fenton's seventh-grade football team went a perfect 6-0 this fall, shutting out each of its last five opponents.

## LF seventh-grade football caps perfect season

►Eighth-grade squad completes posts 4-2 record

By David Troppens

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Eric Meyers knew he had a talented group of kids at the seventh grade level when Lake Fenton's middle school season began.

He found out just how special they were as the season progressed.

The Lake Fenton seventh-grade football team recently capped a perfect 6-0 season by defeating Mt. Morris 22-0.

"I knew this team had talent, but it takes a lot more than that to have a perfect season," seventh-grade head coach Eric Meyers said.

"This group had success in the past as youth players, but the challenge be-

comes greater as you progress to the next level, thus I wasn't expecting to go undefeated.

"Going undefeated and winning the league championship is definitely special. These kids earned it, and I hope they remember the feeling as they pursue championships next season and beyond."

But to really appreciate the team's season one has to look into each of the results.

Goodrich lost to Lake Fenton 26-12 in the opening game of the season, but from that point on, no one scored against the seventh-grade Blue Devils' squad. Lake Fenton followed that game with a 43-0 victory against Durand, a 22-0 win against Mt. Morris, a 14-0 homecoming

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## PREP REPORT

## VOLLEYBALL

► **Lake Fenton def. Genesee Christian 25-14, 16-25, 26-24, 26-24:** Alyssa Rodgers had 26 assists to pace the Blue Devils to the win. Melody Draeger had 17 digs, while Reagan Goupil had nine kills and five digs.

► **Brandon def. Holly 25-11, 25-14, 25-15 :** The Bronchos finished their Metro League season with a 1-6 record. Shayla Lipischak led the defense with 14 digs and 13 good serve receive passes. Freshman Sam Jones had 15 assists and three aces. The aces helped her tie the school record for aces in a season (87). Offensively, Juliet Clark had four kills.

► **Linden, Fenton at Fenton Invitational:** The Tigers advanced to the semifinals of the Gold Division, losing to Stoney Creek in the semis 27-25, 25-23. Linden went 2-3 at the tournament, losing to Rochester Adams in the semifinals.

The Tigers' offense was paced by Jessica Eastman and Carly Granger, who had 40 kills each. Linden was paced by Breyanna Turnipseed, who had 23 kills, 18 digs and four blocks. Bridget Adams led the offense with 28 kills, while Megan Klavitter had 55 digs and five aces.

## GIRLS SWIMMING

► **Kearsley/Clio 102, Holly 83:** The Bronchos posted first-place finishes in two events. Diver Jennie Degenhardt placed first with a score of 205.15. Meanwhile, Sydney Diller took first in the 100 backstroke (1:22.59).

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Javon Shaw is the team's top threat. On any given play, he's a threat with his feet or his arm. He ran for 125 yards and two touchdowns against Clarkston last week, and also threw the ball 13 times, albeit for only 31 yards. However, more typical numbers have him completing about 50 percent of his attempts for just over 100 yards a game. His legs are more of a threat, usually garnering 100 yards that way. In a 48-12 victory against Farmington, he had TD runs of 65, 64 and 46 yards.

"Their offense is built around his abilities," Setzke said.

"He is that good. Harrison is a good football team, a good football program. They are well coached."

The squad has several decent threats in the backfield. Brendann Brown is one of them as is Omaury Rodgers.

Defensively, the squad has allowed 152 points, and has yielded at least 21 five times but to be fair, the Hawks held Southfield to just 13 points in one contest before two TDs in overtime doubled Southfield's point total. The only teams the defense shut out were a combined 1-17. So it does look like the Tigers should be able to score some points. After all, they've been doing it all season long. Fenton has scored a Metro League best 331 points this season. The Tigers have tried to remain balanced during the season with starting quarterback Ross Ebert completing 67 percent of his passes for 1,877



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Dominic Weiss (front with ball) has been the Fenton Tigers' top rusher this season, collecting 776 rushing yards. The team's second-best rusher has been Bryce Roney (background to the left) with 353 yards. Roney has caught 30 passes.

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yards and 25 touchdowns. He's only tossed four interceptions, and only one since the fifth game of the season. His top receiver has been Alec Thomas (37 catches for 748 yards), but four others have caught at least 13 passes this season. Dominic Weiss has carried a bulk of the running load, running for 776 yards on 129 carries. However, Bryce Roney also has run for 353 yards. He's also second on the team with 30 receptions.

"Defensively they are very fast," Setzke said.

"Defensively they have great athletes up front. Size-wise we match up front."

"I've been studying a lot of film

## Tigers in District Openers

The Fenton Tigers are making their seventh straight trip into the football state playoffs. Here's a list of the teams they played in the opening round the past six years.

Year	Opponent	Score
2013	Midland Dow	30-21L
2012	Harrison	22-19W
2011	Marquette	45-21W
2010	Midland	42-35W
2009	Roch. Adams	29-23L
2008	Davison	42-10L

on their defense," Roney said. "I've been resting, making sure my body is healthy, (doing the) little things."

The game was moved to Saturday due to Friday being Halloween. The last time the Tigers hosted a playoff game on Halloween (Davison in 2008), it probably impacted attendance. It was the first time in eight seasons Fenton had made the playoffs, but the attendance remained lower than expected. The Tigers want to take advantage of playing on their home field, and their generally well-attended contests.

"The attendance against Davison was down significantly because of Halloween," Setzke said.

"We thought the opportunity of playing Saturday night with the band, the cheerleaders and the student body being there made sense. If we are having a home game, we want to have a good home game atmosphere."

*Editor's Note: Christopher Jones contributed to this story.*

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victory against Goodrich, a 42-0 win against Durand and the 22-0 victory against Mt. Morris. The Blue Devils outscored their foes by a combined 169-12.

"We had special players that accepted the challenge to get better every day, and they responded," Meyers said.

"Coach (Steven) Muenzer, (Chris) Hemsall and (Jeff) Mills prepared these kids as well as anybody each week."

The coaching staffs between the seventh-grade and eighth-grade teams have a unique arrangement. Hemsall is the seventh-grade defensive coordinator, while Mills coaches special teams for both squads. He also is the special assistant to the head coach. Meyers is the head coach for the seventh-graders and the eighth-grade defensive coordinator, while Muenzer is the eighth-grade team's head coach and the offensive coordinator for both teams.

"It was a unique coaching arrangement, but it worked for our staff and the program," Meyers said.

"We practiced together and did individual positions work together, too," eighth-grade head coach Muenzer said. "It worked out really well."

Lake Fenton's eighth-grade team also had a solid season, going 4-2. Their only losses came against Mt. Morris by scores of 38-28 and 42-14. In the first contest, the Blue Devils actually led 28-26 with three minutes remaining.

"Mt. Morris wasn't scored on by anyone else besides us, and they beat Durand and Goodrich by an average score of 45-0," Muenzer said. "They were very good, but my boys played their hearts out that night (and in the second game), too, in the rematch against them."

"The kids got better each day. We knew we had a decent group at both levels. We weren't sure how good we were, but the kids worked really hard and did a good job learning the system."

Meyers said the players' drive made the perfect seventh-grade season possible.

"This team is special because our most athletically gifted players happened to be our hardest workers," Meyers said.

"They are very good leaders and carry a positive attitude that resonates within their teammates. They appreciate each other. They believe in the system and they believe in each other. They worked hard all season long for something bigger than themselves."

"These kids have bought into the system and understand the hard work it takes to be a brotherhood from youth football to the varsity level," Muenzer said.

"I can't wait to watch the development of each and every player in the future."

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good job of keeping the ball in play which gives us more opportunity. It wasn't like some of the matches earlier in the year where we couldn't get a lot of kills because (mistakes by the other team) hurt our opportunity. Linden played a good match, but our defense was really on tonight. We played great on defense."

The Tigers (32-13-5) did make getting kills tough on Linden all night long, and the result was quite a few entertaining volleys between the two area rivals. However, the Eagles entered the season knowing it lacked a truly potent offense, and in each game that difference between the teams eventually raised its head. Linden had just 25 kills, just five more kills than hitting errors. That ended up being the difference in the match.

"We've been basically hitting barely above zero and you can't win matches not hitting at a decent percentage," Linden coach Cori Mason said.

"The defense is what keeps us competitive. With Megan (Klavitter) and Jessie (Magalski) back there, there aren't too many balls that will drop on the floor. ... Defensively, we are competitive."

Linden proved its merit in the back row. Klavitter finished with a match-best 20 digs, while Magalski had 11. But, again, Fenton was strong in the back row as well with Granger earning 12 digs and Fischer collecting nine.

The Tigers jumped to a 5-1 lead early in the first game, and never trailed. The gap grew to as many as nine several times before Fenton finally took its first double-digit lead at 22-12 on a kill by Kendrah Praedel. The Eagles (20-17-3) cut the gap to 24-16 on a kill by Breyanna Turnipseed, but a service error locked up the first set to Fenton.

The Tigers took an early 4-0 lead in the second set and their offense never let up. Fenton had 15 kills in the set, and at one time Granger pounded six straight. By the time Granger had her final kill in the set, Fenton led 22-13, and her attack was followed by two kills by Eastman.

The Eagles' best chance to compete for a set victory came in the third game. With the aid of two Bridget Adams kills, the Eagles led 4-1 early. However, a kill by Eastman gave Fenton's Shealyn Mandle the service and she responded with four straight points. The fourth came on a Mandle ace, giving Fenton a 6-4 lead. Linden never led or were tied again, but the Eagles did try to get back into the contest. A kill by Turnipseed followed by an ace by Turnipseed, helped the Eagles cut the gap to 9-7. A Fenton hitting error allowed the Eagles to cut it to 9-8, however, a Linden service error ended the run.

The Eagles remained as close as 14-12 after a shared block kill by Morgan Fitch and Brook Ovington, but the Tigers got back-to-back kills from Mandle and Granger, raising the gap back to 16-12. Fenton eventually iced the game with a kill by Granger, an ace from Mandle and a match-point kill by Eastman.

Eisinger likes his team.

"At this point I think I completely understand what our players do well and what they do not do so well," Eisinger said.

"I know the things we have to continue to work on, but I bet my list is just about the same as 90 percent of the



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Linden's Breyanna Turnipseed (front) attempts to dig a ball in Linden's 25-16, 25-14, 25-14 loss to the Fenton Tigers on Tuesday. Teammate Megan Klavitter is watching the dig in the background.

coaches out there. ... Our defense has gotten to a point where it's OK if we don't get a kill the first time every time. We have gotten to a point if it goes a bit longer that's OK because we are playing good enough defense."

Linden's top hitters were Adams with eight kills and Turnipseed with seven kills.

Both teams are preparing for the Class A district being hosted by Linden, starting on Monday. For the third straight year, the Eagles open the district with a game against Linden. This one will be Monday at 7 p.m. Fenton opens action on Wednesday in the semifinal against Holly at 5 p.m.

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"Now these rates are real. Many employers are looking at these rates and realizing they can't afford it. About 25-35 percent of them are not going to be in the group insurance business anymore."

The good news is that employees in a group plan can opt out of their employer-sponsored insurance plan and shop for their own policies if their premium is 9.5 percent or more of their household income.

"They'll still have to buy the Ten Essential Benefits that make up all the standardized plans under Obamacare, but they can save money on plans with higher deductibles or different carriers," said Masak.

People with individual insurance plans are feeling the pinch, too. "In general, these rates are going up between 15 and 40 percent," said Masak. She finds the hardest hit group are families who have young people in their 20s on their plan.

"There used to be a family rate on your insurance," said Masak. "You still can keep young people up to age 26 on your plan, but now you'll be charged individually for each child. There's a huge jump in premiums for young people in their 20s. For example, in one group plan, a 20-year-old will pay \$263 a month with the new rates, and a 21-year-old will pay \$401."

So what's a parent to do? "Refer your kids to a more catastrophic policy available for young people under age 30, with higher deductibles and lower premiums," said Masak. In fact, that's solid advice for anyone looking to save money on their insurance premiums, especially if they're healthy, without chronic health conditions.

With open enrollment beginning Nov. 15 through Feb. 15, you'll need to keep these dates in mind if you will be shopping for a new insurance policy for the coming year. Open enrollment is the only time you can opt into a new insurance plan, unless you have a qualifying event, a marriage, divorce, birth or loss of coverage at work. Whether you use the Marketplace or a private carrier, the rates

**“Many employers are looking at these rates and realizing they can’t afford it.”**

**Susan Donnell Masak**  
Licensed insurance agent

**Health insurance is one of the top three concerns of most Americans.**

Source: Rasmussen Reports

will be the same, but a licensed provider may be able help you through the maze of cumbersome details.

You will want to ask your insurer about your eligibility for government subsidies to help you pay for your insurance. Subsidies are in the form of tax credits available even if you earn up to 400

percent of the federal poverty level, currently about \$46,000 for an individual and \$94,000 for a family of four. The subsidies vary based on income and the size of your family.

Is there any good news in health care right now? Masak said that people who were nickel-and-dimed with co-pays for prescriptions, office calls, ER visits, etc. may notice a savings, with maximum out-of-pocket expenses being \$6,600 per person in 2015. "Whether you have a Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze level of coverage through Obamacare, you won't pay any more than this."

On the preventive side, you don't have to pay anything for flu shots, mammograms, prostate exams, immunizations, etc. "Our health care system is trying to get people healthier through these preventive measures to lower health care costs down the road."

## How to save money on your insurance rates for 2015

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The homecoming season is officially wrapped up. Here are the homecoming kings and queens for our four local districts. (Bottom two) Linden High School homecoming queen is Taylor Bernstein and king is Zach Appleberg. (Second from bottom) Fenton High School homecoming king is Josh Tobias and queen is Claire Wielichowski. Holly High School queen is Brooke Jackman, with king, Austin Chmura. At the top is Lake Fenton High School queen Kaley Conover and king, Andrew Petts.



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### Faith enables us to live daringly

When a rural church invited me to be the speaker for a conference, it was to celebrate the 10th anniversary of its founding. The church had grown enough to purchase a small church building, a parsonage and some acreage. Upon my arrival, however, I found the congregation had outgrown their purchased building and were now again meeting in a rented hall.

I quickly recognized this as a caring congregation. An atmosphere of love could be sensed in every service and their effective ministry to the community was evident by the number of children and teens attending. The banquet hall was filled with enthusiastic worshippers. Sunday School classes were being held in curtained-off areas, requiring some teachers to compete with others to be heard. Noise and confusion reigned.

Later, the pastor shared his concerns about these limited, temporary facilities. He said he knew something had to be done about their crowded conditions but admitted he didn't know what to do. Word from the owners of the hall that the rent would soon be raised (perhaps a poorly disguised ploy to pressure them into buying the hall) added to the urgency of the problem. But what could they do?

The church still owed a sizable amount on their building and the leaders were understandably reluctant to plunge the congregation more deeply into debt.

Following the final service, the pastor asked me to meet with him and his board to pray and talk about their needs. In that service, I had challenged the members to think big and expect God to increase their outreach, saying this would require vision, faith and hard work, the ingredients of growth in any church.

Months later, I received a letter from the pastor. They had decided to accept my challenge, expecting God to respond to their faith. From that moment on, they were in the mountain moving business.

Plans were drawn for an attractive and adequate addition to their country church. A local bank offered to finance the project with reasonable interest rates and payments they believed they could afford. They were on their way.

But that was only the beginning. Once the building was started, donations of labor, equipment and money began pouring in from those in the congregation and others. People in the community were moved by what was happening and offered to help.

Now for the rest of the story: the miracle.

The pastor's letter reported that the construction loan he and the church leaders had feared to face was paid off exactly one week after it was signed. The church dared to act in faith and God came through for them.

In his book, 'Paths to Power,' A.W., Tozer wrote: 'In every denomination, missionary society, local church or individual Christian this law operates. God works as long as His people live daringly. He ceases when they no longer need His aid.'


Our Lord identified faith as the key to both eternal and abundant life (John 10:10). God does wonderful things for those who dare to trust Him. Do we dare?

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**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

**BEING A SENIOR** citizen shouldn't disqualify anyone of being on the school board. There are lots of us that still contribute to many organizations and worthy causes. Thank you.

**DEAR FENTON SCHOOL** board members, would you consider scrapping the IB program? Savings would equal \$300,000/year, \$1 million/3 years and \$2 million/6 years. Won't you please consider it? Thanks!

**I THINK IT** is disgraceful that high school teachers in Fenton feel as though they can decide if they implement district curriculum, and tell their students that it is a joke. Anywhere else, you would be fired for such behavior. Where is the accountability? — A concerned parent.

**I'M INSULTED THAT** the Republican Majority of both houses and the Governor think we are not capable of voting on such things as tax on pensions, repeal of prevailing wage laws, Federal minimum wage,

equality and the right to work laws. Am I inspired to vote Democrat? You betcha!

**UNSAFE AT ANY** speed. Remember, when you are in the left lane turning into Silver Parkway, stay on the left until it is safe to go into the right lane. You jumped right in front of me today. Good thing I was watching you.

**TO THE DEMOCRAT** retirees complaining about having to pay a few percent in taxes on their pensions. Why do you think that because your employer provided you

with a pension that it should be treated any different from my 401k that I contribute to? Entitlement mentality at its finest.

**HATS OFF TO** Joe Graves. Don't worry about it, you've got my vote.

**TYRONE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS**, are you going to vote to increase your taxes again on the public safety proposal, and then blame it on someone else doing it, like the government, instead of yourselves?



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**A VOTE FOR** Gary Peters, Mark Schauer or Dan Kildee on November 4th is a vote for Obama's policies. And two more years of this should be the straw that breaks the camel's back.

**THANK YOU TO** the fine folks from Lake Shannon and Waterford who bought our 56th anniversary dinner at Lucky's on Oct. 11th. A true act of random kindness.

**I'VE NOTICED A** lot of elderly people who crave some conversation and interaction. I think it would be great if they created a 'Seniors hotline' or some sort of a phone number list of other seniors wanting a good conversation.

**FENTON BUS DRIVERS**, I understand you are in a hurry to get your routes done, but please respect drivers around you. Honking at me while I am waiting for traffic to clear so I can safely turn left is uncalled for. I will report you.

**WHOEVER FUNDED THE** second LHS dance: I hope you lost your shirt. Instead of the opportunity for kids to learn they won't always get what they want, you showed them to demand/expect 'entitlements.' What was learned is a huge problem in the U.S., 'poor little me!'

**ALL THESE VICIOUS** political lies are disgusting. If I didn't have Google support, I wouldn't know who to vote for. It's alarming that our politicians think we are really that stupid.

**GETTING READY TO** vote? Think — largest loss of manufacturing jobs in USA history. Democrats are not for the working man and woman.

**LEAKED MEMOS SHOW** WH making plans to treat non-citizen Ebola patients here. American military and volunteers are taking supplies to treat patients there. It is not in the best interest of American citizens to bring hundreds of Ebola patients here and increase chances of exposure to Americans.

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