

About half of area voters took part in election

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Fenton Township had a voter turnout of 48.86 percent, Linden City had a voter turnout of 50 percent, Argentine Township had a turnout of 46.7 percent and Fenton City had a 37 percent voter turnout. Holly Township also recorded a voter turnout of 41 percent.

Argentine Township Clerk Denise Graves said the township has 5,213 registered voters and 2,374 voted in Tuesday's election. She said they issued 725 absent voter ballots with all but 28 returned, which was a 97-percent return rate.

Looking at the wider tri-county area, Genesee County saw a 40-percent turnout, **See ELECTION on 20A**



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO
The Fenton City polling location at the St. John Activity Center saw a steady stream of voters Tuesday morning, second only to the presidential election in 2012. Election worker Ray Lepert (right) guides voters in. By 9 a.m., nearly 300 had voted in Fenton's five precincts.

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Diplomat Pharmacy Chairman and CEO Phil Hagerman of Fenton Township stands amid the activity of the Great Lakes Distribution Center in Flint on Wednesday. The conveyor system handles 1,500 to 3,000 blue medicine units each day.

From Fenton to the New York Stock Exchange

►Diplomat Specialty Pharmacy, led by Fenton's Phil Hagerman, now a publicly traded company

By Sally Rummel

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The Hagerman family has been a household name in the Fenton community since Dale and his wife, Jan, both graduated from Fenton High School, married and raised their four sons and one daughter in the local community.

Dale began his business as a partner and co-owner of Fenton Drug in 1952 in downtown Fenton. That expanded into Ideal Pharmacy with four locations in the Fenton and Flint community. Dale sold **See DIPLOMAT on 10A**

“You work hard your whole life and all of a sudden you have this one chance to have it take off.”

Phil Hagerman
CEO/Chairman of Diplomat Specialty Pharmacy

Surprising upsets for Fenton school board

►New board a mix of incumbents, new members

By Tim Jagielo

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The voters shook it up at the school board level on Tuesday. Two Fenton Board of Education incumbents lost their seats, while two newcomers took them.

School Board President Lynn Hopper kept his seat, as did trustee Rick Koester — but Brian Horton and Richard DesJardins were both voted out. Dana Jones and Elizabeth Geib will be the new faces on the **See SCHOOL BOARD on 20A**

Christmas at Cornerstone? It's a possibility

►Four commerical tenants expect to be open by late November, early December

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Fenton area residents will (hopefully) be getting just what they want for Christmas — the Cornerstone building open and ready for business just in time for holiday shopping, dining and pampering.

That's the plan for the four tenants moving into the city's largest downtown development project to date. “It sounds like we'll be open by the end of the month,” said developer Ghassan Saab. **See CORNERSTONE on 14A**

“We'd like to be open for the Christmas shopping season.”

Mary Ann Beltinck
Sawyer Jewelers owner



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Inside the future Salon 416, Dave Glanton (left) and Chad Gladding of Gladding Custom Cabinetry fill a room with lockers on Wednesday.

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“Free at last, free at last, thank God

Almighty I'm free at last — from political ads on TV.”



“Perhaps voters want their lives controlled by religious extremists

and their incomes controlled by the greediest of the greediest. They surely voted for that Election Day.”



“My 8-year-old came home from school and asked me who I voted for.

When I told him Snyder, he was upset because his teacher had told him, ‘Snyder hates kids.’ Now we use school to indoctrinate.”



“To the Times basher on the front of Wednesday's paper. I travel all across the U.S. and in my opinion the Times should be named best newspaper in America. You should be grateful for a thriving newspaper serving your community.”

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“After six years of absolute liberal insanity, Americans have finally come to their senses. A big, patriotic thank you to all who voted.”

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Which 'wrings true' when it comes to cleaning and efficiency?

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If you've ever oohed-and-ahhed over someone else's laundry room, you'll understand just how far washers and dryers have come in style and features. They used to be strictly a utilitarian appliance with few bells and whistles. They could be loud and they certainly weren't pretty.

Now today's models, both top- and front-loaders, are more energy-efficient and technology driven, with electronic controls that allow you to choose cycles



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Laura Blanchard of Fenton Township loads her Whirlpool front-loading washer for a photo on Wednesday. To her, the best benefit was the added storage space atop the machines.

AVERAGE LIFESPAN OF TOP-LOADER
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AVERAGE LIFESPAN OF FRONT-LOADER
3 TO 6 YEARS

Source: CRC Appliance Repair

and automatic dispensers for detergent, bleach and softener. Many also offer color and style features to coordinate with the home's décor, making the laundry room truly a part of the home.

Washers and dryers became a part of every woman's "wish list" when the new front loaders came out in the early 2000s, according to a recent story in USA Today. The new, modern machines promised to be more efficient and effective, and sales figures were a testament to their popularity. Customers clamored for the Maytag Neptune, LG Tromm and Whirlpool Duet

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Random royal observations

• **One way to solve** many of our issues is to give more governing power to states and less to federal government. People could then choose to live in a state where the laws, ordinances and government best reflect their own personal beliefs and values. Federal laws are always constructed to please everyone, and thus please no one. It's a win-win for all involved.

• **'Profusely'** is one of those odd words that is only ever used when preceded by one of two words: bleeding or apologizing.

• **Voters in** the most liberal state in America – Oregon – overwhelmingly rejected a ballot measure to provide special driver's licenses for illegal immigrants 'without requiring proof of legal presence in the United States.'



When Democratic Gov. John Kitzhaber and the state legislature tried to push through illegal alien driver's cards against the will of the people, the people struck back and forced a full public vote. The vote was nearly 3 to 1 against this idiocy.

• **Where did the idea** come from that we should worship silly so-called celebrities, but we shouldn't worship God? Hmmm, I'm guessing Hollyweird.

• **Unless the Secret Service**

is given full authority to shoot anyone who climbs over the White House fence, any president is stupidly at risk. Liberal logic states that we should never shoot the proverbial 'unarmed man.' That means the SS should wait to be shot at by an intruder before resorting to

using weapons to protect the president? If I were king they would shoot any intruder on White House grounds, then determine if they are armed. Result? No more intruders.

• **Speaking of unarmed individuals,** since the Supreme Court decision in 1973, more than 44 million babies have been slaughtered by 'abortionists.' I am pretty certain that each of these babies were 'unarmed.'

• **Euphoric Republicans** should realize that they were elected simply because they had the good fortune to be running against Democratic leadership who were so out-of-touch that voters simply chose the lesser of two evils. The most important things to average Americans are jobs, the economy, individual liberty, energy, immigration, our borders and national security. Keep your mouths shut and just fix them.

Federal laws are always constructed to please everyone, and thus please no one.

• **More free advice** to Republicans. Never utter the word 'impeachment.' Obama is in his last days. Sending him legislation people actually want and having him veto it is far more productive than petulant sound-bites on the news.

• **Candidates are buying** more and more TV, newspaper and mail ads because there's less and less honest TV news about politics. Who could possibly be an informed voter if they just limited their source of political information to ABC, CBS and NBC?

They all lie via omission and distortion of the news.

• **Any change** in the laws on marriage should only come from a vote of the people, not from hand-selected, pre-disposed activist judges exercising a non-existent right.

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I READ 'EBOLA' czar to mobilize pro-virus citizens.' What are you smoking buddy? Who would be a pro-virus citizen? Do you really think anybody is in favor of the Ebola virus?

SGT. ANDREW TAHMOORESSI was finally released from the Mexican prison after seven months of enduring torture and imprisonment. Have to give a shout-out to Obama who did nothing to help this American hero. But he took the time to reach out to the deserter Bergdahl. Thank God, for Fox News and Republican Congressman who helped get Tahmooressi back to the U.S. and into medical care.

IF YOU REALLY are into a new streetscape and want to make Fenton pretty, tear that eyesore mill or grainary down, whatever it is, and make it a parking lot.

IF THE GOVERNMENT had the guts to get control of all medical activities and control the AMA millionaires, insurance could be had for all at a fair price.

WHAT A CROCK of crap that Holly needs money for repairs. If the tax dollars were spent on what it's for, it would be enough. If you took 50 percent of their pay away from them for not doing their job, you would see a difference.

IT'S EASY TO stop illegal aliens from entering the U.S. Stop them on the border and send them back home. Quit giving them our tax dollars and give them a hard time instead.

WELL, I WOKE up Wednesday morning about as happy as I have ever been. The Republicans have taken over the senate. Now, one big step — impeachment. Do it now. He has two more years to ruin us and he's done enough already.

VOTING 'NO' on the two 'Wolf' proposals really does prove one thing — Michigan voters don't do any research. Proposal 14-2 was not about wolves, it was about hunting

and fishing in general. You would rather let wildlife run amok than allow the DNR to do their job? Shame on you!

IT'S WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON and for the last hour, I have been watching the manure spreader. There have been no new inventions, it's just the same thing.

I HAVE TO thank the Times for giving us the articles called Michigan Votes. Had I not read the proposed legislation, or current bills, I would not have realized how difficult it is to really understand the way these are written. No wonder we have problems.

JUST RECEIVED A phone scam from a 503-000-1235 phone number. An Indian

speaking man stating he was from I-Fix and that he worked with Microsoft and was getting error messages from my computer. He wanted me to run a program. Just warning people to be careful and don't fall for it.

I THINK IT'S time for the city of Fenton to increase fees charged to Tyrone Township residents for emergency runs. Why should my tax dollars support people who refuse to pay for these services as shown by the recent millage results?

TO THE MORE than 1,200 residents who voted against mosquito control in Argentine Township, I hope you use that \$50 a year you saved to stock up on bug spray and do more stuff indoors while the bugs are enjoying your backyard. Cheapskates!

THE PINK OUT #3 on Oct. 29 at AGS Middle School was a huge hit. Tons of students and staff wore pink and raised nearly \$2,000! Thank you to the Fenton community.

THANKS FOR NOTHING to those who voted 'no' on the HAS sinking fund proposal. In an election where nearly everything from libraries to public safety passed, you elected to neglect our children. I'm very disappointed in my community right now.

CONGRATS TO THE Fenton AGS eighth-grade football team. Only one loss in two seasons! Good luck to all of you next season as freshmen. Many thanks to the coaching staff for their dedication to the boys and the program.

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Who are the deer hunters in your family?

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"I've got a son-in-law, Jean Sparry, and his son, Chase."

— Frank Mervyn
Grand Blanc



"My daughter and son-in-law hunt every year."

— Rose Johnson
Fenton Township



"My husband, he hunts probably at least once a week."

— Jodi Miller
Fenton Township



"My brother-in-law and nephew hunt in Dryden and Oxford."

— Betty Ford
Rose Township



"I have hunted before. My mom doesn't like it though."

— Nick Krause
Linden



"My husband, sons and grandsons hunt on my property."

— Sherri Laurence
Argentine Township



The same trend for license sales is expected this year for men, women and children who enjoy deer hunting.

Lower Peninsula deer count same as last year

►Upper Peninsula herd thinned by harsh winter

By Yvonne Stegall

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Hunters in the Upper Peninsula can expect to see fewer deer, and especially fewer fawns and 1½-year-old deer, this hunting season, according to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

However, hunters in the northern Lower Peninsula and the southern Lower Peninsula will see conditions similar to last year. While the entire state saw a colder and harsher winter this past year, the low temperatures and heavy snow cover only seemed to affect the populations in the U.P.

"The lower populations were able to weather the winter pretty well," said Holly Vaughn, Wildlife Outreach Technician for Michigan DNR.

Some local areas in southwest and southeastern Michigan are still recovering from Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) die-offs from the summer of 2013. However, populations are expected to make a full recovery all over the state in the next few years.

Amy Trotter, senior resource policy manager for Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC), said, "Areas that weren't touched by EHD may not see a

difference," as far as the amount of deer around. While there haven't been many EHD reports this year yet, Trotter asks that hunters report any deer behaving strangely or dead deer that appear suspicious.

Summary

►Although herd counts aren't down in the Lower Peninsula, good natural crops could pose an issue to hunters and their bait piles.

However, she said, "There were really good crops of acorns and apples, so deer will be less likely to hit up bait piles." She said that hunters will want to look for natural food sources. "Scouting this year is a lot more important."

Trotter also said, "Throughout southern Michigan, due to aggressive management, the deer population is back to a reasonable population rather than a larger population." She pointed out that they are no longer trying to build up the herd, but rather maintain it now.

“The lower populations were able to weather the winter pretty well.”

Holly Vaughn
Wildlife Outreach
Technician for
Michigan DNR

"Our deer population numbered about 1.7 million in 2013," Vaughn said. "We did see some losses over the winter, especially in the Upper Peninsula, but with this year's births, we're probably not too far from last year's estimate."

In 2013, the DNR sold 712,404 deer licenses in Michigan. Of those license buyers, 11 percent were female and 12 percent were younger than 17. "We expect license sales to follow generally the same trend this year," said Vaughn.

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ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER dollar. No, wait, lots of dollars spent on political campaigns. From what I have read online, many people are disillusioned with the whole process of voting and the money spent by the candidates. Hopefully, the money will be well spent.

MY KIDS ARE grown and I need a hobby. Are there any fun local women's groups out there?

CAN SOMEONE EXPLAIN how in the Oath that is taken by United States citizens when they enter federal jobs such as the armed services that 'Preserve and Protect,' translates into bringing deadly viruses into the country?

ELECTION OVER, GAS prices up. We knew that was going to happen.

DOES ANYBODY REMEMBER the name of the last movie at the Rowena Theater? How about the Holly Theater?

WHERE WERE ALL you intelligent voters in 2012? Now do you see why voting matters?

I'M A NEW parent to Tomek Elementary and I just don't understand why there are parking spots reserved for certain parents right outside the door area and the handicap parking is way off to the side on either side of the parking lot. That doesn't make sense to me. It is a disservice to someone that may need those spots.

DUE TO THE bad publicity about VA hospitals I would like to say that my husband, a WWII veteran and POW, has received excellent health care from the Ann Arbor VA hospital.

Don't throw away your old computer

►Discarding electronics is like throwing money in the trash can

By Yvonne Stegall

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A recent article in Bottom Line pointed out the value of some old electronics, from personal computers that are serious dinosaurs, to calculator watches that look like they come from another dimension.

If you have some old electronics lying around that are still in working order they may just be worth some money if you know where to sell them.

eBay is still a good place to make money, depending on what you have to get rid of. Many online auction houses have been popping up these days in local spots too, and if you have something that a local collector might be interested in you can look into that outlet.

eBay is easy to use and they often have posting deals where you can post so many items a month free and the only money they take is from the amount you make when your item sells.

As far as computers go, some of the most sought after are old Apple and Mac computers. A 1980s Apple III will bring in under \$1,000. According to Bottom Line, most Apple and Mac computers will bring in anywhere from \$200-300, while those who have a MITS Altair 8800 from 1975 could be looking at around \$10,000.

Computers have come down a lot in price though, according to Fenton Computers manager Chris Hickey. They offer free recycling for computers. Hickey said, "Broken computers are not worth a whole lot and might be hard to sell for parts."

It may be surprising to think that a calculator could actually be worth money, especially an old one. An HP-01 calculator watch could bring in over \$1,000 and seems like a unique piece, but even normal handheld calculators have some value. A 1974 Casio FX-10 could bring about \$50 on eBay.

Old childhood electronic toys are a great moneymaker too, and often antique shops will eat this stuff up. In fact, a Texas Instruments Speak & Spell from the late '70s or early '80s, in excellent condition

can bring in \$100 or more. If it has some wear or is missing the box, it can still be worth about \$30.

As far as auctioning your items goes, offline, you won't get much money since most people just want to buy them for scrap so they can retrieve the gold that is used in the wiring, according to local auctioneer David Robertson.

Newer electronics can often be traded in for a discount on a new upgrade. Many cell phone companies are doing this now. Amazon.com pays for some electronics, and you can use the money you get from them via gift card to buy anything you want from them.

The trick is to do some online research, talk to collectors and auction houses, and look at what has already sold on eBay. These will all give you a good idea on whether your old electronics have any worth or should just be taken in on hazardous recycle day.

The Henry Ford recently acquired a 1976 Apple-1 computer, one of the first 50 originally produced, through an auction. The computer is still in operational condition. It was purchased at Bonhams History of Science auction in New York City on Oct. 22 for \$905,000.

Top sales amounts for various electronics

- Sony TPS-L2 Walkman, a 1970s model featured in the movie Guardians of the Galaxy, can sell on eBay for \$500 to \$1,200, if it is in excellent shape.
- A 1964 Western Electric wall phone sold on eBay for \$130.
- Bakelite phones from the '30s and '40s are worth \$250 or more to collectors.
- The Atari 2600, in like-new condition, can bring in over \$150. If it works, but isn't in great condition, it can still bring in \$50 or more.
- A 1991 game for the NES, Snow Bros., is worth as much as \$400.
- The Coleco Pac-Man tabletop mini arcade game sells for anywhere

between \$50 and \$200, depending on what kind of condition it's in.

- A Busicom 141-PF calculator recently sold for \$19,200 at an auction.

Source: Bottom Line

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This is what an Apple-1 computer from 1976 looks like. It's far different than the computers of today.



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During his trip to Guatemala, Michael Fabatz spends much of his time interacting with children living in poverty.

Fenton student feels the pull to do good

►Return mission trip to Guatemala scheduled for next month

By Yvonne Stegall

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In December of last year, Michael Fabatz, 17, went on a week-long mission trip to Guatemala. The trip inspired him to start a non-profit organization and make plans for future humanitarian trips.

Fabatz said, via email, that his group from the Fenton area stayed at an orphanage in Guatemala City called Dorie's Promise, sponsored by Forever Changed International. After that trip, he was inspired to make a difference and he felt that it would be wrong not to try doing something to help people in need.

Since that trip, he and his mom created a non-profit organization called One World Water Project. They are committed to providing clean water to poor communities in Guatemala and raising funds for community projects. Fabatz has taken time to get out and approach groups for donations. "I have visited the Fenton Rotary and the Fenton Knights of Columbus to try and get funds to buy water filters and do community projects in and around Guatemala," he said.

After going to Guatemala and witnessing the effects of poverty first hand, it changed the way he looked at his own life, and his ability to go back home to

his big house in a nice city.

"Those Guatemalans were left in their tin shacks, with no running water or electricity," he said.

Guatemala isn't the only mission trip Fabatz has been on. "I was inspired to go on a trip to Nassau, Bahamas, where I worked in an HIV/AIDS camp with a group of people from Fenton," he said. He also plans to go back to Guatemala this

December and June, and then Panama in August of next year.

As a junior in high school, Fabatz's plate is quite full. He is number one in his class with a 4.0 and has been enrolled in advanced/honor classes since freshman year. Fabatz is also on the varsity soccer, swim and golf teams, a member of

student council, Key Club and National Honor Society. He is also one of the lifestyles editors for the Fentonian yearbook staff.

He knows the financial burden this non-profit work puts on his family, so he is making plans for alternative funding sources, including online crowdfunding. He has decided to take the responsibility of raising money for his June and August trips. He plans to do can drives, asking businesses for sponsorships and getting a job.

Fundraisers include one coming up with Fenton High School's Ambassadors. They will do a charity performance on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 2:30 p.m. in the Ruby Zima Auditorium at FHS. All proceeds will go to buy water filters.

“Since that trip, my mom and I created a non-profit organization called One World Water Project.”

Michael Fabatz
Fenton High School student

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE LHS PARENTS who enabled their children to circumvent the system are the real problem. They contributed to the mindset of 'it's all about me.' They taught their kids that there are no rules which apply to their little darlings. Dancing is not meant to be a public display of bedroom gyrations.

WOULD LIKE TO thank the Linden High School and all the students who participated in the Senior Dinner on Nov. 4. We so appreciated being waited on by you and all the wonderful baked goods you gave out at the end of the evening. Thanks to all. — One senior speaking for many

GOOD MORNING, AMERICA! Coffee's ready. Oh yeah, memo to 'Republican War on Women' talkers: Take a hike! Lies won't work anymore. Why not try the truth?

THE 'VOTE DEMOCRAT' posters at Holly High School were accompanied by 'Vote Republican' posters. They are from the HHS Mock Election. We represented both parties and the kids did a great job. I would love to speak with you at the high school if you have questions.

YAY REPUBLICANS! WAY to go. It's just a shame that Mr. Obama will now Executive Order everything he wants his way. Talk about working together. Keep up the good work GOP.

WHEN QUESTIONING THAT the TC Times won newspaper of the year, keep this in mind. This paper allows all opinions to be expressed and you cannot complain just because the opinions don't always agree with yours. It is great that

readers can express their opinions on a myriad of topics.

TWO-PARTY GRIDLOCK is over. Now the stage is being set for one-party gridlock. We have been here before and it didn't work back then either.

THANK YOU PRESIDENT Obama. Obamacare has given my two adult children health coverage and removed lifetime limits; so if you get cancer, you won't run out of health insurance. Bin Laden is dead, and we came out of a near depression to a recovering economy. Awesome job!

IN REGARDS TO the Linden 2.0 dance: I could have understood redoing the prom because it's mostly juniors and seniors (17/18 year olds). But the homecoming? There are 13 year olds allowed. They are too young to be grinding on each other. At least there will be parents there.

THEY HAVE AWARDS for everything you can think of, why can't they have an award for the biggest BSer of the year? Obama would have won seven years in a row. I'll say seven since he started the year before he became president.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME is ridiculous. Can anyone tell me why we still do this? Why don't we exercise some common sense and get rid of it.

CONGRATS to all who voted in last Tuesday's local and national election. Regardless of how you voted you chose to exercise your freedom as a U.S. citizen through the vote. If you do not like the results, now you have a right to complain because you participated in the process.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 5PM-9PM

Attention women...

►Ladies Night Out events coincide with opening weekend of deer hunting

By Yvonne Stegall

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Local deer widows need not fear a night alone; instead, they can enjoy a night out on the town. While their guys head out hunting for deer, they can enjoy fabulous food and hunt for great finds. On Friday, Nov. 14, the ladies night tradition continues in downtown Fenton from 5 to 9 p.m.

The first 250 women can begin the evening by picking up a goodie bag at The Laundry Room, 115 West Shiawassee Ave. (next to The Laundry) to fill with free gifts at each of many participating stores they'll visit.

Women are reminded to get their punch card validated at 10 businesses to enter their name in a drawing for a basket filled with Dibbleville merchants' gift cards.

Look for the pink balloons designating participating stores including; Sweet Variations, The Iron Grate, Fenton's Open Book, La Petite Maison, Guenter Beholz Jewelers, The Laundry, Rex Todd Rogers Design Studio, Fenton House, Round Town Cupcakes, Rejuv Ave. Skin Spa, Elle Marie Hair Studio, Yesterday's Treasures, Marjie's Gluten

Other area ladies night events HOLLY'S MAIN SHOPPING EVENT

This event takes place on Friday, Nov. 14, between the hours of 5 and 9 p.m. The merchants of the village of Holly will host a shopping extravaganza. Merchandise discounts, prizes, free raffles, DJ, and live entertainment will be offered during this event. This is the time to take your mother, daughter, grandma, girlfriend, or favorite person for an evening of shopping at a unique destination to unwind, relax, and socialize with those closes to you.

Free Pantry hosting Acupuncture & Herbal Clinic, Yoga Retreat, Red Fox Footwear and Billmeier Camera Shop.

The Fenton House restaurant will also host eight shop-at-home vendors to enhance the Ladies Night shopping experience.

Ladies night offers a great opportunity to meet up with girl friends and get a jump on the holiday shopping list, all while having fun, too.

Business briefs

Dr. Steven Sulfaro inducted into ACD

Dr. Steven Sulfaro was honored by being inducted as Fellow into the American College of Dentists (ACD) in October. The ceremony was held in conjunction with the American Dental Association national meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Sulfaro was one of eight dentists from Michigan honored during this year's ceremony. The American College of Dentists is the oldest major honorary organization for dentists. Its



Steven Sulfaro

members have exemplified excellence through leadership and exceptional contributions to dentistry and society. Founded in 1920, the American College of Dentists was set in motion by the then leaders in dentistry to elevate the standards of dentistry, to encourage graduate study, and to grant Fellowship to those who have done meritorious work.

Inclusion into the American College of Dentists is by invitation only through nomination by one's dental peers. Dr. Sulfaro said he is deeply honored and humbled to be included into Fellowship into the American College of Dentists.

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Home sales at Fenton House during the event.

News briefs

Veterans Day Breakfast

Fenton Rotary will host "A Thousand Letters Home, the Journey of the Letters," on Veterans Day. Author Teresa Irish will present the inspirational and life-affirming story at Spring Meadows Country Club on Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 7:15 a.m. Following the 2006 death of her father, Aarol W. "Bud" Irish of Saginaw, Irish opened the Army trunk that had resided in the family home her entire life. There, nestled in row after row, were her dad's nearly 1,000 letters from WWII. The fragile and yellowed pages were written to Bud's parents back in Hemlock, and to the sweetheart who would later become his wife. Spring Meadows is located at 1129 Ripley Rd. in Linden. Cost is \$10 per person. No admission charge for veterans. RSVP to Scott Ward at (810) 241-4848 or email sward@dtidental.com.

Holly Village Snow Ordinance

Parking during snow season is prohibited during certain hours in the village of Holly. It is improper for any vehicles to be parked on the streets of the Village between the hours of 3 and 7 a.m. from Nov. 15 through April 15 of each year. During this time, vehicles may be parked in the area between the sidewalk and the street, but such parking is prohibited at all other times. It is hereby declared to be improper for any vehicles to be parked in Village-owned parking lots between the hours of 3 and 7 a.m. from November 15 through April 15 of each year except in the following designated areas:

- (1) the parking lot bounded by Civic Drive and Maple Street and the shops on the west side of S. Saginaw Street — 11 parking spaces west side of middle island,
- (2) the parking lot bounded by building(s) on the south side of Maple Street on the north, Broad Street on the east, Battle Alley and shops on the south, and the shops on the east side of S. Saginaw Street — 14 parking spaces center two parking lanes,
- (3) Crapo park parking area — entire parking lot, and
- (4) the surfaced area west of the village offices know as Parcel "B" — entire area.

Power outage in Fenton

Consumers Energy reported a power outage in the Fenton area, mainly Tyrone Township in Livingston County. Terry DeDoe, a Consumers Energy representative said the outage occurred at 2:11 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7. Approximately 1,230 customers were affected by this outage. Restoration time was approximately 7 p.m. Thursday. DeDoe said a contractor working for Consumers Energy struck an underground line, causing the circuit to lock out.

Lighten your load by shipping luggage at The UPS Store

Most people have many logistics to manage during the holidays. Add traveling to the mix and you can have a real headache. In response, The UPS Store, at 17195 Silver Parkway in Fenton, is helping ease travelers' burdens by shipping their luggage ahead of time. "Not having to carry a suitcase while traveling during the holidays is a great convenience," said The UPS Store franchise owner Les Beare. An added bonus of shipping ahead is having your bags at your destination when you arrive. You can ship your luggage as is or place it in a box for shipment. "We've seen more customers shipping golf clubs and skis ahead over the past few years as well as more 'snow birds' packing items for annual travel to warmer climates," Beare said. For additional information, visit www.theupsstorelocal.com/3351 or call 810-750-2920 x 3.

Last-minute shipping tips

The holidays are just around the corner, but consumers can still ship gifts to family and friends in time for the holidays. The UPS Store in Fenton is ready to assist holiday procrastinators. The UPS Store accepts packages as late as Tuesday, Dec. 23, for delivery on Wednesday, Dec. 24. This year, Christmas falls on a Thursday. Check with The UPS Store in Fenton to help you determine the best way to get your package to its destination on time. If you are interested in speaking with The UPS Store about last-minute shipping tips, contact Les Beare, The UPS Store franchise owner, at 810-750-2920 x 3 or store3351@theupsstore.com.



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Safety Town is one the most visible and well-known projects of the Zonta Club of Fenton. Here, Rosemary Burgess of Zonta International of Fenton runs her Safety Town class through exercises in late July.

Zonta Club of Fenton marks 20 years

►Service/advocacy group for women has 33,000 members worldwide

By Sally Rummel

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The Zonta Club of Fenton will celebrate its 20th Anniversary with a gala event on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. at Heather Highlands Golf Club in Holly.

The evening will include dinner, awards and the jazz band, "Anderson Bourque" for entertainment. The event is open to members and friends of the local Zonta Club, which was established in Fenton on Nov. 19, 1994, according to Denise Keipert, past president and current board member.

Today, the club boasts 24 members, and is part of an international organiza-

tion that includes 39 clubs in Michigan and 1,200 clubs in 68 countries, totaling 33,000 members.

The Zonta Club is probably best known locally for its Safety Town program at area schools, an event that provides safety information for 4- to 5-year-olds.

But the roots of this local service and advocacy group for women run deep, with programs for domestic violence, donation drop boxes for the YWCA Safe House, Girls in Business, comfort pillows for mastectomy patients, to name just a few of their local projects. "Our mission is advancing the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy," said Keipert.

For more information, call Keipert at (810) 513-6930 or register online at www.FentonZontaClub.com/anniversary.

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While Diplomat Pharmacy handles thousands of drugs, the largest revenue comes from the areas of oncology and immunology.

DIPLOMAT

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his share in Ideal Pharmacy and founded Diplomat in 1975, with his son, Phil, upon Phil's graduation from pharmacy school.

Today, Phil Hagerman is CEO/Chairman of Diplomat Pharmacy, Inc., now a publicly traded company on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "DPLO."

As a public company, Diplomat will now be traded on the NYSE through large brokerage firms like Credit Suisse and Morgan Stanley.

"The changes for the company are very positive, as businesses like to work with public companies because of their transparency," said Hagerman in an interview at Diplomat headquarters in Flint on Wednesday.

The Initial Public Offering (IPO) has been a year-long process, with a very intense past six months. Called the Road Show, Hagerman spent the two weeks before the initial trading day on the NYSE on Oct. 10 meeting one-on-one with 60 of the nation's largest investment houses and in group meetings with more than 100 other investors, all over the country.

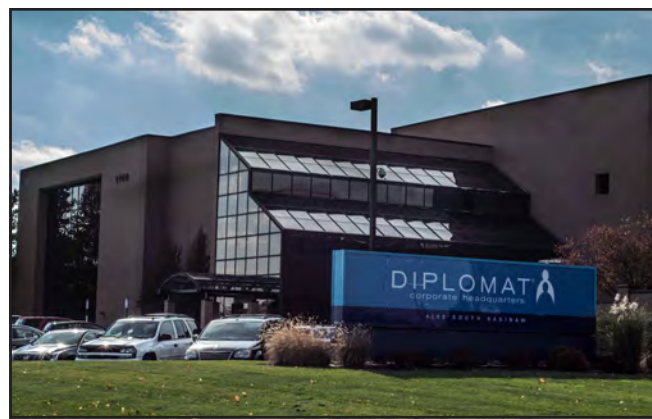
"You work your whole life and all of a sudden you have this one chance to have it take off," said Hagerman, 62. "It's the

free market system in its finest form."

While many people might picture Diplomat as a small-town pharmacy because of its roots in Fenton and Flint, one walk through company headquarters at 4100 South Saginaw St. will remind people just how big Diplomat has become.

When the company expanded the scope of their specialty pharmacy business from a small, regional operation to a large national enterprise in 2005, it allowed them to capitalize on the growth of the specialty pharmacy market. From a \$27 million business in 2005, Diplomat grew their revenues organically to over \$1.5 billion in 2013.

"The specialty pharmacy industry is not your corner drug store," said Hagerman. "We focus on medication management programs for patients across the country with chronic diseases, including oncology, immune diseases, multiple sclerosis,



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Since 2010, Diplomat Pharmacy has been headquartered in the former Great Lakes Tech Center in Flint, the former research and development facility for GM.

hepatitis C, hemophilia and more. We take care of one percent of the nation's specialty pharmacy population with very complex and costly medical conditions."

Housed in the former GM Great Lakes Tech Center since 2010, this 550,000-square-foot building is the professional home of 960 employees, each of whom has a hand in delivering and managing patient care in every state in the U.S.

At its core, Diplomat continues to have its heart in individual patient care. Its Patient Call Center connects patient advocates with individual patients, checking up with them on administering their medications, advising on counteracting side effects and assisting with insurance and financial issues. With many complex therapies costing patients between \$2,000 and \$10,000 per month (some up to \$25,000), even small co-pays through insurance companies can be prohibitively expensive.

"We work very hard as a company to work with one patient at a time," said Hagerman. "Our philosophy continues to be as it was when my dad had the pharmacy almost 40 years ago, 'Take good care of the patients and the rest will fall into place.'"

Police&Fire report

FRIEND ATTEMPTS TO START FIGHT, IS ARRESTED

About 1:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department responded to the 1200 block of Crooked Lake Drive to investigate a complaint. Dep. Geno Gaticka said the homeowner reported that a friend of his in his 30s came to the house and attempted to start a fight. Deputies arrested the suspect for being a disorderly person. The man was lodged and later released with a court appearance ticket. The suspect also had an outstanding arrest warrant that he had to take care of.

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Visit Fenton's expanded microbrewery & winery

After seven wonderful years of serving Fenton from the Lakewinds Plaza strip mall, a relocation and expansion is complete and a new in-brewery taproom is now open to the public. This unique environment is located at 1370 North Long Lake Rd. and is often referred to as the "former Creative Wood Products."

Fenton Winery & Brewery (FWB) embraced the natural beauty of the grounds and honored the skill and craftsmanship of the original owner, while creating an experience that cannot be found elsewhere.

The five-acre property is home to two buildings and a wonderfully inviting beer garden. The back building houses the public taproom and production equipment where the brewers carefully craft beverages.

When you enter the taproom door it is inviting, warm and casual. The open layout gives guests a view into production and serves as a reminder that the glass of beer or wine in hand was crafted not only in their town, but just 25 feet away.

The staff is knowledgeable and accommodating, explaining the offerings in detail to make selecting favorites easy. The front building on the property, which has its own sort of infamy with locals, will eventually be a banquet center hosting weddings and other events.

The winery produces more than 20 wines; styles include white, red and fruit infused. The tastes vary from dry to sweet, stainless steel aged to oak barrel aged. All winemaking, blending and aging is done onsite. Most popular wines include Solo Blackberry, Cocoa Merlot and Orange Label Cabernet. There is also a steady rotation of specialties like the Apple Pie Wine, Hot Spiced Red Wine and an award winning Ruby Port style wine fortified with French barrel-aged Brandy.

The brewery keeps 13 taps flowing with grain to glass brews made in



a three-vessel, 7bbl (217 gallon), all electric brewery. The brewery system was manufactured via joint venture between Brewmation (New York) and Stout Tanks (Oregon). The first of its kind to be assembled and put into production in the United States, it's one of the largest electric breweries in Michigan and is state-of-the-art with its touch screen controls. Some favorites on draft include Swingin' Berries Dbl Cream Stout, Staggering Bull Imperial Nut Brown and Eminent Double IPA.

Fenton wine and beer can be enjoyed onsite in the taproom or to go by the bottle or growler fill. It is also available at bars and restaurants

throughout southeast Michigan. Look for the unique "FWB" red tap handle cast from Lake Michigan driftwood.

The staff and owners invite you to the new taproom. The taproom is open six days a week; Tues.-Thurs. 3 p.m.-9 p.m., Fri. and Sat. Noon-10 p.m., Sun. Noon-8 p.m. Free guided tours are being offered at 6:45 p.m. every Tuesday night through the winter. You must call (810) 373-4194 or e-mail drink@fentonwinery.com to reserve your spot.

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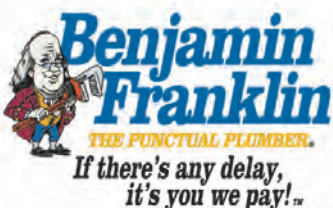
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"We've had some delays, but we're on track now. The brick is the finishing touch. We've got a couple more weeks on the west facing wall. The parking lot's all done, except for sidewalks."

According to Saab, there's no date yet for the final inspection, and each of the tenants have their own construction and inspection schedules.

The 23-unit condo development on the second through fourth floors of the building will be available in late January or early February, according to Saab. Six of the units have already been pre-sold.

Here is the "wish list" from tenants who are planning to move into the Cornerstone building:

The Rough Draught Coffee & Barroom

Tentative opening date:

Monday, Nov. 24

Location:

Suite 4

Café Aroma owners Andrew and Stephanie Evans are celebrating the 10th anniversary of their coffee shop by making a move and expanding their business into a full-service restaurant/bar.

"Everything we offer at Café Aroma will still be offered at The Rough Draught," said Stephanie. "We'll have 10 taps with Michigan craft beers, some infused with coffee for our own 'expresso,' as well as a full cocktail menu. Our dining menu is going to be a surprise, but will include five entrees made with all fresh ingredients created by our chef, Sean Tower."

Andrew Evans is doing the build-out of



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Jeremiah Yoder finishes installing the door to the kitchen of the new Rough Draught Coffee & Barroom in the bottom floor of the Cornerstone building on Thursday.

depending also on the completion of the exterior of the Cornerstone building."

As of Wednesday, the build-out crew was working on the suspended ceiling, and the hand-built cabinetry is starting to come in. The floors, trim and tile work are all done, according to Toni. "Next week, it will be the painting."

A hairdresser for 35 years, Toni is pleased to have assembled "an amazing group of women, very talented, coming from seven different area salons," she said. "I feel like it's the right time for me to step out on my own. It's going to be beautiful and upscale in design and ambiance." Concentrating solely on hair design, Salon 416 will be unique in its focus.

Sagano Japanese Bistro & Steakhouse

Tentative opening date:

Friday, Nov. 28

Location:

Suite 3

Sagano Japanese Bistro & Steakhouse is adding its fourth location to its independent chain of restaurants in Flint, Brighton, Clarkston and soon... Fenton.

"We hope to be in by Nov. 28," said Sharon Inoue, who owns the restaurant with her husband, Shiro.

The restaurant will feature an outdoor dining area, private dining room, lounge, sushi bar and hibachi-style cooking. "The sushi side will have 24 seats and the hibachi-style dining will have five tables," said Inoue.

Sawyer Jewelers

Tentative opening date:

Thanksgiving weekend

Location:

Suite 1

Sawyer Jewelers owners Chip and Mary Ann Beltinck are hoping to be open Thanksgiving weekend for the official shopping kick-off for Christmas.

"We'd like to be open for the Christmas shopping season," said Mary Ann. "But if the Cornerstone building isn't ready, we will remain in our current location at 101 North Adelaide until after the holidays, for the shopping convenience of our customers."

The Beltincks recognize they're in a unique position during the shopping season as a retailer, and don't want a move to be disruptive to customers if they aren't able to be in their new location at the start of the Christmas shopping season.

"We want to be completely present and available for our customers to find us and shop with us," said Mary Ann.

Whether the move takes place Thanksgiving weekend or in January, the Beltincks said it will be worth the wait. "Even though we've tripled our space, the whole store will be warm and inviting, like you're in Tuscany, Italy," said Mary Ann. "We're also going to be the area's largest bridal destination as a signature dealer for A. Jasse bridal lines, plus the addition of Martin Flyer, a complete line of wedding day jewelry."

A new website will be up and running by Nov. 15,

www.sawyerjewelers.com, that will keep customers updated on the progress of their move.

the restaurant space and it's almost finished, according to the couple.

"Our plan is to be open Saturday, Nov. 22 at Café Aroma," said Stephanie. "Once we close, we'll move the equipment that's going over there, and then we'll be closed on Sunday to set it all up in time to open on Monday, Nov. 24. It's been a ton of work, but we're excited."

Salon 416

Tentative opening date:

Monday, Dec. 1

Location:

Suite 2

Salon 416 owner Toni Widing is planning to open Dec. 1, with her husband, Patrick of Patrick Widing Custom Homes, as her general contractor. "It's going to be a push, but that's our plan,

"It's been a ton of work, but we're excited."

Stephanie Evans
Owner of Café Aroma/
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Workers with Arctic Equipment lower a brand new freezer in the Cornerstone building parking lot, headed for Sagano Japanese Bistro & Steakhouse.



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A It happened in 1918 when the Red Sox swept the St. Louis Cardinals.

Tigers sweep by Bronchos in semis

► Fenton plays near perfect match vs. Holly

By David Troppens

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Linden — The Holly varsity volleyball team knew it was going to be a tough task to upset the Fenton Tigers in Class A district action Wednesday night.

However, the chances were almost reduced to nil once it

became apparent how strong the Tigers were going to play in the semifinal contest at Linden High School.

The Tigers were near perfect with their defense and service reception, resulting in a potent attack and a 25-8, 25-10, 25-12 victory against the Holly Bronchos.

The victory earned the Tigers a spot in the district title

game on Thursday. The results of that contest can be found elsewhere in this edition.

No one was playing any better than Fenton's Carly Granger. Granger led the Tigers with 18 kills on offense and 11 digs on defense, proving how strong

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Fenton's Kelsie Fischer

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Blue Devils lose in district opener

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DID YOU KNOW?

► Fenton volleyball has captured three straight Class A district championships

TRI-COUNTY ELITE EIGHT

We are getting close to the end of the fall sports season. All that remains is Fenton volleyball competing in a regional and the Fenton and Holly girls swim teams. This fall hasn't been as stellar as some in the past, but that was to be expected with Flushing joining the Metro and Corunna joining the GAC Red Divisions. Soon after the swim season ends, we'll reveal our Fall Elite Eight. We hope you are looking forward to it.

CLASS A VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT

MONDAY'S MATCH

• Grand Blanc defeated Linden, 3-1

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES

• Fenton defeated Holly, 3-0
• Grand Blanc defeated Brandon, 3-1

THURSDAY'S MATCH

• Fenton defeated Grand Blanc, 3-2

Tigers headed to regionals

► Win thriller in district final vs. Grand Blanc

By David Troppens

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Linden — District titles aren't supposed to come easy.

On Thursday, the Fenton varsity volleyball team was challenged for about 90 minutes against Grand Blanc during the Tigers' pursuit of a third straight Class A championship before finally winning a 25-10, 23-25, 23-25, 25-15, 15-13 verdict against the Bobcats.

The Tigers' reward is a Class A regional semifinal contest at West Bloomfield High School against the second-ranked Novi Wildcats on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

It wasn't until the final two points that any gap was created between the two squads. Tied at 13-all in the final set with both teams earning two set wins, the Tigers got a kill from Shealyn Mandle to set up match point. Carly Granger responded with an ace for match point, earning the Tigers that third straight Class A crown. Seconds later, the Tigers celebrated in mass with their fan base after what was a grueling five-set match.

"It was so nerve-racking," said Fenton senior Carly Granger, who had a match-best 23 kills. "It was



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The Fenton varsity volleyball team celebrates seconds after beating Grand Blanc in five sets to capture a Class A district title on Thursday.

difficult, but we all knew we could do it. We worked on it in practice and we know what we can do to win. We had to pass the ball and that's what we did.

"We definitely had our lows, but

we had our highs at the same time. I think the team working together, that's what made us go through. We don't go out there and play individually. We go out and play

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Eagles clipped despite strong effort vs. Bobcats

► Linden finishes with .500 record

By David Troppens

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Linden — It's never fun to end your season, particularly in your own home gym during your first district match.

But the Linden varsity volleyball team had to be pretty pleased with their effort in a loss against Grand Blanc.

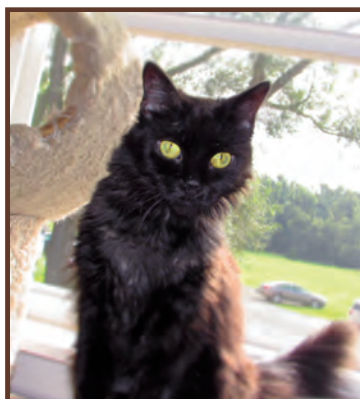
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Linden's Megan Kenney (left) and Bridget Adams attempt a block.



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Lake Fenton's Reagan Goupil (above) serve receives a ball during the Blue Devils' 25-6, 25-12, 25-14 Class B district loss to Goodrich at Lake Fenton High School. Goupil had three kills in the match. (Right) Lake Fenton's Melody Draeger dives to the ground to make a dig during the same match.

Blue Devils struggle in district match vs. Goodrich

►Service reception issues spark three-set defeat

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton varsity volleyball team hoped its third time facing the Goodrich Martians may be the Blue Devils' good luck charm.

Instead, the Blue Devils lost to their area foes for a third time this year. This time it was in the opening round of Division 2 district play at Lake Fenton High School on Monday.

The Blue Devils struggled mightily with their service reception and couldn't get an offense generated, resulting in a 25-6, 25-12, 25-14 loss. Lake Fenton managed just 12 kills in the match, while experiencing no less than 17 service reception errors with each directly resulting in a Goodrich point.

"Serve reception killed us," Lake Fenton coach Angie DelMorone said. "We could not pass the ball to save our lives tonight. It just wasn't very good today."

The beginning of the first set was a sign of things to come. The Blue Devils began with three straight service reception errors and a hitting error, resulting in a quick 4-0 deficit. The Blue Devils did score the next point on a Reagan Goupil kill, but 4-1 was as close as Lake

Fenton would get in the set, eventually resulting in the tough 25-6 loss.

The Blue Devils opened the second set with a different intensity to the squad, and it helped Lake Fenton remain competitive for a bit.

Lake Fenton was especially effective with its blocking game, earning block kills from Goupil, Autumn Beardsley, Alyssa Rodgers and Rhiley Cole. An assisted block kill by Rodgers and Cole tied the set at 7-all, and later back-to-back kills by Cole and a kill by Goupil put the Blue Devils up 11-8. However, service reception issues crept up again when Goodrich's Kennedy Sommers provided her jump serve. She scored 11 straight points (three on aces), putting the Martians up 20-11. Eventually, Lake Fenton (8-33-2) lost 25-12.

Goodrich scored the first three points of the third set as well, but the Blue Devils did put together a quick comeback. With Rodgers serving, the Blue Devils turned a 3-1 deficit into a 5-3 lead. It was a kill by Goupil that made it 5-3. However, Goodrich scored the set's next nine points and took the lead for good.

Cole led Lake Fenton's offense with four kills, while Goupil had three. Melody Draeger led the defense with seven digs. Madison Becker led Goodrich with 11 kills, or one less than the Blue Devils had all match.



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EAGLES

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Eagles played a strong Division 1 district match against the Bobcats before succumbing by a 25-22, 22-25, 25-17, 25-20 verdict.

"I can't be mad," Linden coach Cori Mason said. "They are a tough team and we definitely showed up to play. We played our hearts out tonight. That's the best I've seen us play, so if you are going to go out, it's good to go out swinging and playing our best."

It was an entertaining match from the start right until the final point, and it was Linden's defense that made it that way, creating several outstanding volleys between the two teams. In the opening set, the Eagles did fall behind quickly by a 16-9 margin, Linden fought itself back into the set. Three straight kills by Megan Kenney tied the match at 20-all, and a placement kill by Bridget Adams gave Linden a 21-20 lead. Linden still led as late as 22-21 after another kill by Kenney, but Grand Blanc scored the set's last four points. The final came after a kill by Grand Blanc's Allison Cheswick.

The Eagles' best set was the second one. Linden took a 4-1 lead after an assisted block kill by Breyanna Turnipseed and Jordan McDonald, but Grand Blanc made sure the Eagles didn't cruise to the set win. In fact, Grand Blanc got hot and took a 9-8 lead after two rare service reception errors by Linden. The Eagles called a time out, and it seemed to calm the squad. Kenney followed with a kill. That was followed up by two errors by Grand Blanc, giving Linden an 11-9 lead. The Eagles never trailed again, but Grand Blanc did tie it one more time at 22-all.



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Linden's Megan Klavitter recorded a team-high 26 digs in the Eagles' four-set loss to Grand Blanc in the opening round of the Class A district held at Linden High School.

However, Kenney had a kill for the next point, followed by an Adams ace and another Kenney kill. Linden won the second game 25-22.

Linden never led in the third set, falling behind by a 10-4 deficit quickly. The Eagles did cut the gap to 13-12 on a kill by Adams, but Grand Blanc scored six of the next seven points to re-establish control. A block kill by Hallie Vanitvelt gave Grand Blanc set point.

The Eagles took the early lead in the fourth set. A tip kill by McDonald gave Linden a 6-2 lead. However, Grand Blanc took the lead for the first time at 12-11 after a net violation by Linden. Grand Blanc had a violation on the next volley, tying the set at 12-all, but Linden never led again. A run of four service points by Grand Blanc's Rebecca Chema put the Bobcats up 19-13, eventually setting up Linden's demise.

The Eagles' backrow defense was sparked by the strong play of libero Megan Klavitter, who had a team-high 26 digs. Morgan Fitch, Jessie Magalski and Jordan McDonald had 11 digs each as well. Offensively, Kenney and Turnipseed led the Eagles with 12 kills each. Adams had seven. Fitch provided 23 assists. Kenney also had five block kills. The biggest offensive threat all night was Grand Blanc's Vanitvelt with 18.

REGIONALS

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"It was a lot of adrenaline," said Fenton senior Kelsie Fischer, who had nine kills and was Fenton's leader in assists. "We had to keep reminding each other to go back to the basics of what we know and just to relax as much as possible."

In the first set, the Tigers looked like they were going to make easy work out of the Bobcats, collecting 16 kills en route to an easy 25-10 first-set win. During it the Tigers' passing was crisp.

However, in the second and third sets, the Tigers made some mistakes and the Bobcats made them pay for those miscues. Fenton had nine hitting errors, three service errors and three service reception miscues in the second and third sets, allowed Grand Blanc post two tight game victories. In the second set, the Tigers trailed as much as 23-16 late, but cut the gap to 24-23 on a Grand Blanc violation before the Bobcats iced the victory. In the third set Fenton trailed 23-18, but again cut the gap to 24-23 after a kill by Fischer. However, a service error gave the Bobcats the victory and a 2-1 lead.

"We just said this is for our seniors and Kate (Lewandowski) who just got out of surgery," Fischer said when asked about the huddle between the third and fourth games. "We realized this could be our last game playing together, so we had to make it mean something."

The Tigers did just that, crushing the Bobcats in the fourth set. Fenton jumped to a 12-3 lead, with a kill by Shealyn Mandle providing that score. Grand Blanc never got any closer than seven the rest of the set as Fenton won 25-15.

That set up a winner-take-all fifth set to 15 points. Fenton took the early lead on two aces by Myla Wolosonowich, and the Tigers never trailed. However, Fenton never led by more than three. Fenton led by a 13-11 score after a kill by Granger, but a Grand Blanc kill by Allison Cheswick and a service reception error by Fenton tied the game at 13-all. Fenton called a time out.

"After our second time out, we realized this was our one shot and we had to take it," Fischer said. The Tigers did just that, earning the 14th point on Mandle's kill. Granger had the service for match point and placed an ace for match point.

Eastman and Mandle also had nine kills.

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Fenton's Jillian Kaye attempts a kill in the Tigers' 25-10, 23-25, 23-25, 25-15, 15-13 Class A district title win against Grand Blanc on Thursday.



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Holly's Sam Jones sets a ball in the Bronchos' district loss to Fenton on Wednesday.

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the senior is anywhere on the court. But it wasn't just Granger who was strong on offense. The Tigers had 36 kills during the match and had only a handful of attack errors. Kelsie Fischer had the joy of being able to set the attack, providing 21 assists. However, she also found time to provide some of those kills, earning seven.

"We passed the ball extremely well. We serve received extremely well," Fenton coach Jerry Eisinger said. "And those things gave us a lot of opportunities to spike the ball. That's kind of how we drew it up. Passing was key and that opened everything up."

Fenton's dominance was apparent from the start, as the Tigers scored the match's first five points and 11 of the first 13 in the opening set. During the period, Granger had four kills, Fischer had two and Jessica Eastman had one. The Tigers cruised from there, getting set point on a Granger kill.

As the match progressed, the Bronchos steadily played better. Holly's problem was Fenton kept playing better as well. Granger had six kills during a period in which the Tigers took a 15-1 lead in the second set. After falling behind by the large margin, the Bronchos put together some signs of life, with Juliet Clark earning two kills and Sam Jones earning a block kill. Those plays helped Holly cut the gap to 16-6. The closest Holly got was 19-10 after a Fenton hitting error. However, the Tigers cruised from there, scoring the second set's last five points, including the last two on Granger kills.

The Bronchos' strongest performance came in the third set. Holly took an early 2-1 lead with a Brooke Jackman kill and a Jones ace, but the lead didn't last long. A Holly hitting error tied the set at 2-all and Fenton's Myla Wolosonowich responded with five straight service points, including one with an ace. A Granger kill raised the Tigers' lead to 7-2 and Fenton steadily increased the lead from that point.

Holly's last time with a deficit of less than 10 points came at 20-11 on a Shayla Lipischak kill, but Fischer followed it with a kill, helping the Tigers to end the match with a 5-1 run.

Granger and Fischer were the Tigers' biggest focal points, and needed to be considering the Tigers are without two

of their players — Kate Lewandowski and Jessica Warford — due to injuries and surgeries. The Tigers had to make lineup changes, but to the common person, those changes weren't apparent as Fenton looked like its typical strong self.

"We have our two middles out so we are going through some lineup changes," Eisinger said. "Unfortunately we are getting used to a new lineup the last few days, but we have a good group of girls and they are adjusting well."

The Holly Bronchos struggled for most of the season, but did capture a Metro League win ending a couple-year winless streak. They also had periods when one could see potential within the squad. On Wednesday, Jones broke the school record for aces in a season (88) and also had four kills. Clark had a team-best five kills, while Jackman and Lipischak had three kills. Lipischak had a team-best 11 digs, while Katie Bartholomew had seven digs.

"I told the girls they definitely had their moments," Holly coach Jamie Jones said. "I still feel they haven't shown everyone what they can do. There are a whole bunch of pieces I can't wait to see when we do put it together. But, obviously, that's going to have to wait until next year."

"That's kind of how we drew it up. Passing was key and that opened everything up."

— Jerry Eisinger, Fenton varsity volleyball coach



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Fenton's Taylor Mowery (front) serve receives a ball while teammate Kailey Maks observes. Fenton defeated Holly in three sets in a Class A district contest on Wednesday.

David's Dabblings

A few thoughts about the area's sports scene and some others not dealing with sports at all.



BEING BAD AND ULTRA COMPETITIVE IS NOT GOOD

When it comes to playing athletics, I am a pretty awful athlete. I've never played on any sort of organized high school team and have never been mistaken as the 'stud' athlete.

There's one other important distinction that can be used to describe me — I can be downright competitive. I want to win. I want to play my best.

And this is my curse. I am made up of the worst combination you could ever hope in a wanna-be athlete — I'm not very good, but yet ultra competitive.

It can help a little. I am part of a volleyball group. In that scenario where we are all hacks, pushing myself does help make me at least a reasonable player. For instance, in volleyball I will attempt to chase down just about any volleyball about ready to hit the ground. Over the years, it's paid off with some pretty awesome saves. When it does, it feels awesome.

However, about 90 percent of the time the combination is a complete curse. Being competitive there's something within me that consistently thinks 'This is the day I really break through my shell' and take my game to a next level. Today is the day I'm going to routinely block some stud hitter. Today is the day I'm going to go 5-for-5 behind the three-point line or today is the day I'm going to make that double-take out shot in a curling event. Today is the day I'm going to do those things.

However, once I shoot three straight airballs, hit two straight volleyball attacks into the net or actually destroy a my curling team's chances to win with a lousy shot, the mental time bombs start exploding off in my head.

And the sad thing is once the game is over, it's not like I forget most of these things. One day in July, I will be walking to my car and I'll think about that failed attack I had at Bush Park to possibly win a game for my team. At least once a month, a terrible curling shot I made in a championship match will just pop up in my mind while I'm buying groceries and make me shudder. My mind is filled with these AUGH moments and they pop up at the most incredibly ridiculous times.

But, what am I going to do? I love playing sports, and I'm addicted to those rare glory moments. I guess while I may not be that good, it's still a blast to be hanging out with friends and competing. And it's always rewarding to see someone else have their 'highlight' moment, especially if it is a teammate. And that one time every two weeks you do actually make that shot to make yourself look like a superstar, well, I guess that makes it worth it.

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KEY VOTES OF THE 2013-2014 SESSION

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Senate Bill 308: Authorize tax breaks to a Charlotte business

To revise the criteria in the law that authorizes tax breaks for the rehabilitation and reuse of "obsolete structures" in a way that will allow granting these tax breaks to a particular business in Charlotte. The bill was amended to do the same for another developer in Wayne County.

Passed 95 to 14 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Passed 37 to 1 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 4998: Appoint "entrepreneurs-in-residence" at Michigan Strategic Fund

To require the state agency responsible for granting and overseeing selective tax breaks and subsidies granted to particular corporations or developers to appoint up to 10 "entrepreneurs-in-residence" to help it "improve outreach to small business concerns," identify inefficient or duplicative programs, recommend ways to expand and improve these programs, and more. The bill has not been taken up by the Senate.

Passed 85 to 24 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 257: Expand "Business Improvement Zone" borrow-and-spend entities

To expand the items that a "Business Improvement Zone" can spend money on, revise voting rules in a way that (potentially) reduces the proportion of property owners needed to impose a zone's tax-and-spending powers, increase the proportion of owners needed to dissolve one, reduce notice and public meeting requirements required to establish one, increase penalties for not paying the "special assessments" these entities impose, and more. These zones have the power to impose levies to pay for the debt they incur to pay for projects that are supposed to benefit the property owners.

Passed 77 to 31 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Passed 35 to 2 in the Senate on April 11, 2013

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ NOT IN OFFICE

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 4487: Authorize DDA debt and spending to promote local agriculture

To empower Downtown Development Authorities to borrow and spend the loan proceeds on "marketing initiatives," "infrastructure improvements" and more that "promote local agriculture products and farmers markets." The debt incurred by these "tax increment financing" schemes is repaid by "capturing" from other local taxing units the increased property tax revenue that the DDA's subsidies and spending are presumed to generate. The Senate has not taken up this bill.

Passed 81 to 27 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 218: Expand borrow-and-spend "water resource improvement authorities"

To eliminate the sunset on local governments creating new "water resource improvement authorities," which use extra property tax levies and "tax increment financing" schemes to divert tax revenue to pay the debt they incur for various recreation and development projects. The bill would also expand the scope and geographic limits of these entities' spending.

Passed 92 to 16 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Passed 32 to 5 in the Senate on March 14, 2013

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ NOT IN OFFICE

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 4327: Allow reset of "tax increment finance" schemes

To allow "corridor improvement authorities" to "reset" their tax increment financing schemes (TIF) to reflect declining property assessments, which undermine their ability to divert property tax revenue from local governments and other taxing units to pay for the authority's debt-funded spending projects and subsidies.

Passed 86 to 21 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☐ YES ☒ NO

Passed 33 to 5 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 272: Authorize corporate and developer "port facility" subsidies

To expand the mission of the Michigan Strategic Fund to include providing undefined subsidies for corporations, developers and other entities involved in port facilities. The House has not taken up this bill.

Passed 37 to 1 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 269: Make permanent \$75 million in annual corporate subsidy spending

To extend through 2019 an annual \$75 million earmark to a "21st Century Jobs Fund" program created by the previous administration, which provides various subsidies to particular firms or industries chosen by a board of political appointees. Under current law, the annual earmark expires in 2015. The House has yet to take up this bill.

Passed 33 to 4 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Holly Area Community Coalition to receive \$625,000 grant

►Funds to help prevent substance use among youth

Nearly 700 federal grants, totaling \$84 million are being distributed across the country to combat substance abuse.

Michael Botticelli, acting director of the Office National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), said the grants will provide local communities funding to prevent youth substance use and support the National Drug Control Strategy, which treats the nation's drug problem through a balanced public health and safety approach.

"Youth drug use occurs in all communities and we are not powerless against this challenge among young people in our communities," said Mary Ann Vergith, project director for the Holly Area Community Coalition. "Research shows that prevention is the most effective tool we have to reduce the consequences associated with drug use among youth."

"This new funding will allow the Holly Area Community Coalition to help place

more young people on the path toward success and enable them to live healthier and safer lives."

The Holly Area Community Coalition will specifically work to address underage drinking, marijuana use and the misuse and abuse of prescription drugs. These local issues will be addressed through the implementation of a multifaceted social norms campaign for environmental change.

Anyone interested in getting involved can contact the coalition office at (248) 328-3135 or email the director at maryann.vergith@has-k12.org.

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— Jennene Brill, Holly

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Beginning Wednesday, November 12th 2014 the public is invited to take part in a 30 day review of the draft SLP&R 5-Year Recreation Master Plan. The plan will be available for public review and comment in the following locations through Friday, December 12th: Fenton Community & Cultural Center, Fenton Township Offices, Linden City Hall, Fenton City Hall, Fenton Public Library, Linden Public Library, LOOSE Senior Center, Lake Fenton Schools Administrative Offices, Fenton Schools Administrative Offices, Linden Schools Administrative Offices and the Fenton Train Depot. If you would like an electronic copy sent to you please contact us at contact_us@slpr.net. We look forward to your input.

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ELECTION**Continued from Front Page**

Livingston County saw a 50.23 percent turnout and Oakland County saw a 48.18 percent turnout.

Although roughly half of registered voters in the area took part in Tuesday's election, some tri-county areas saw a dip in participation from the last election, where our governor was elected.

In the 2010 gubernatorial election, 51.2 of Fenton Township residents voted and 52 percent of Linden City's registered voters cast a ballot. Argentine Township and Fenton saw an increase over the 2010 election. In 2010, 46 percent of voters turned out to vote and 39 percent of Fenton City's

registered voters took part.

Tom Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk for Fenton Township, said election workers tabulated 2,068 absent voter ballots.

Lynn Henry, clerk for Linden City said 1,465 residents voted Tuesday, including 560 who voted with absent voter ballots.

Fenton Clerk Renee Wilson said Fenton has 9,438 registered voters, and 3,510 cast ballots in Tuesday's election. Of those ballots cast, 853 were absentee.

Holly Township Clerk Karin Winchester said the township, including Holly Village, has 8,853 registered voters, 3,588 casting ballots, or 41 percent voter turnout. Of those ballots, 1,041 were absentee.

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SCHOOL BOARD**Continued from Front Page**

board going forward, for four-year terms.

Jones won 4,262 votes, and Geib won 4,309 votes total, winning over incumbent Brian Horton's 3,735 total votes.

Geib said via email, "I would like to say that the past board members not elected did a wonderful job. This is a thankless job."

She said her goal is to continue to improve Fenton schools, especially more parent involvement, and better communication between parents and the schools.

"I feel honored to be on the board," said Geib. "Even though it is a volunteer position, I feel blessed that the people of Fenton got out and voted."

President Lynn Hopper is now going into his fourth term — a six-year term.

"I am elated that this community has put faith in me to help to ensure a quality education for all students," he said in an email. "I look forward to being a key person in the community of education. I want to place education as number one priority; settle the contract with the FEA group so we can proceed with the calendar for this school year."

Koester said the democratic process was in full force during this election cycle. He believes the large voter turnout in our community is a clear indication that residents and parents are engaged in their schools and education systems and want them to function in a manner that best serves the needs of our kids.

Summary

►The Fenton Board of Education lost two incumbent members, while retaining two, and gaining two brand new members.

forward to sharing that feedback with my fellow school board members.

"I would like to thank everyone for supporting me for this important position and assure them that my goal is the same as theirs — to continue to provide the students in the Fenton Area Public Schools system with the best education possible to prepare them for the future."

“I feel blessed that the people of Fenton got out and voted.”

Elizabeth Geib
Newly elected FAPS board member

Fenton School Board election numbers

SIX-YEAR TERM**★Rick Koester (I)**

Genesee County 2,710
Livingston County..... 1,020
Oakland County 197
Total votes.....3,927

★Lynn Hopper (I)

Genesee County 2,533
Livingston County..... 699
Oakland County 291
Total votes.....3,523

Richard DesJardins (I)

Genesee County 2,409
Livingston County..... 892
Oakland County 182
Total votes.....3,483

Malissa Bossardet

Genesee County 1,978
Livingston County..... 574
Oakland County 187
Total votes.....2,739

FOUR-YEAR TERM**★Elizabeth Geib**

Genesee County 3,027
Livingston County..... 1,006
Oakland County 276
Total votes.....4,309

★Dana Jones

Genesee County 2,998
Livingston County..... 989
Oakland County 275
Total votes.....4,262

Brian Horton (I)

Genesee County 2,635
Livingston County..... 875
Oakland County 225
Total votes.....3,735

★Candidates who were elected to the Fenton Board of Education on Tuesday.



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The former Fenton Board of Education met on Monday before the election.

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Lake Fenton's school board still not complete

►New members elected, one current member resigns, write-in winner remains unknown

By Sharon Stone

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After the election on Tuesday and an unexpected resignation on Thursday, the Lake Fenton Board of Education is seeing a transformation of members.

The terms of four board members expire on Dec. 31. These members include Sandra Dailey, Kristi Ocenasek, Alberta Martin and Robert Grubbs. Larry Godlewski and Chris Fletcher's terms expire on Dec. 31, 2016. Orlin Knuth's term expires Dec. 31, 2018.

Dailey, Ocenasek and Martin did not seek another term. Grubbs ran for a six-year term and was elected on Tuesday.

Two four-year seats were on the ballot, however, only one candidate was listed, Heidi Howieson. A few write-in candidates threw their hats in the ring.

Superintendent Wayne Wright said the Genesee County Clerk's Office informed him on Oct. 27 that three individuals had submitted their write-in application to the county clerk by the Oct. 24 deadline. Those three individuals are Robert Hutchins, Jennifer Shew and Donald Speace. The county clerk's office has the duty of counting the ballots to determine which of these three people will be seated on the Lake Fenton Board of Education for the available four-year term. This process could take up to three weeks.

Incumbent Robert Grubbs was reelected to a six-year term, as well as newcomer Michael Cicalo. One candidate ran for two four-year seats available and Heidi Howieson won that seat. Their terms will begin Jan. 1, 2015.

In an unexpected move, Sandra Dailey, the current school board president, submitted her resignation this week due to her moving out of the school district. Her term was to

expire on Dec. 31. Her letter of resignation is expected to be approved at the next school board meeting

Mike Cicalo, 38, has lived in the Lake Fenton school district for 10 years. He and his wife Mandi have two children, 9-year-old Baylor who attends Torrey Hill Intermediate School and 6-year-old Breckin, who attends West Shore Elementary School.

After a little coaxing from second cousin Vince Cicalo, who is Lake Fenton's athletic director, Mike Cicalo believed he should run for school board. "I'll be around here for a while and I wanted to be a part of the district," he said.

With his six-year term, Cicalo will be putting the students first and to build on the success of Lake Fenton schools. He expects to help with the advancement of technology, grow student body

and continue with the path the district is already on.

Cicalo believes that the district has a strong school board, administration and staff. "It's a strong environment, positive environment," he said. "I'll help further the district in the right direction."

Heidi Howieson, 49, known also as Miss Morris, to her many preschool students from years ago when she taught at West Shore, was elected to a four-year term.

"I'll be around here for a while and I wanted to be a part of the district."

— Michael Cicalo
Newly elected to Lake Fenton Board of Education

CURRENT LAKE FENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Sandra Dailey, term expires Dec. 31, 2014

Resigned Thursday, moved out of district

Board must appoint replacement within 30 days or GISD will appoint, term ends Dec. 31, 2014

2. Kristi Ocenasek, term expires Dec. 31, 2014

Did not seek reelection

3. Alberta Martin, term expires Dec. 31, 2014

Did not seek reelection

4. Robert Grubbs, term expires Dec. 31, 2014

Was reelected to another six-year term, which expires Dec. 31, 2020

5. Larry Godlewski, term expires Dec. 31, 2016

6. Chris Fletcher, term expires Dec. 31, 2016

7. Orlin Knuth, term expires Dec. 31, 2018

LAKE FENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION ON JAN. 1, 2015

1. Robert Grubbs

2. Chris Fletcher

3. Larry Godlewski

4. Orlin Knuth

5. Michael Cicalo was elected to a six-year term on Tuesday. Term expires Dec. 31, 2020

6. Heidi Howieson was elected to a four-year term, which expires Dec. 31, 2018

7. Write-in candidate for four-year term, which expires Dec. 31, 2018. Could be Robert Hutchins, Jennifer Shew or Donald Speace, once county clerk counts the election ballots.

LAKE FENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCY NOTIFICATION

The Lake Fenton Board of Education is accepting Letters of Interest until the close of business on Tuesday, Nov. 18, to fill one vacant seat on the Board of Education. Interested persons must live within the Lake Fenton Community Schools district and be at least 18 years of age. The selected candidate will serve on the Board of Education through Dec. 31, 2014. Please send Letters of Interest to: Mrs. Kristi Ocenasek, Lake Fenton Community Schools, School Board Vice-President, 11425 Torrey Rd., Fenton, MI 48430. All Letters of Interest will be considered by the Lake Fenton Community Schools Board of Education.

Voters say 'no' to Holly schools' 10-year tax

►District comes up 460 votes short

By Sharon Stone

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Holly Area Schools failed to pass its proposed Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Levy. The proposal was on the ballot for Tuesday's election. The "no" votes came out on top at 4,581, followed by 4,121 "yes" votes.

The school district was asking voters to allow the Holly Board of Education to levy up to 1.2 mils (\$1.20 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for 10 years. Had this been approved by voters, the school district would have levied approximately \$907,116 in 2014.

The funds would have been used in a Sinking Fund, for the construction or repair of school buildings.

Following the news, Superintendent Dave Nuss said, the loss of \$3.6 million in funding over the last three years, on top of an already strained budget, is taking its toll on services.

"This presents a serious challenge," said Nuss. "In order to protect excellence in the classroom, we are reviewing all options to squeeze the budget even tighter."

Nuss said some of the options under consideration are;

- A review of all extra-curricular activities
- Closing the pool
- Further reduction of staff
- Approaching employee groups to re-

duce expenses

- Assess fees for use of facilities
- Delay the purchase of snow removal equipment, and others.

"That said, over the last 10 years Holly Area Schools has cut millions of dollars from the budget in maintenance, staff reductions, employee concessions, and contracted services," said Nuss. "Simply put, there aren't many options left."

"Holly Area Schools will do whatever it takes to provide the quality education our parents and students have come to expect."

"While Tuesday's close Sinking Fund loss is disappointing, I'm uplifted by visiting schools and observing the excitement and wonder in students' eyes as they make new discoveries."



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Meet George Kullis

- Village council member
- U.S. presidents enthusiast
- Dickens Festival organizer

By Tim Jagielo

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George Kullis may not have been relected to the Holly Village Council — as an accidental 'write-in' candidate, he may not have secured enough votes and won't know for two weeks. Kullis is involved in multiple groups already, and may even become a Methodist pastor. He is re-married, and has eight grandchildren, and an 1868 Italianate-style home he and his wife are restoring from the inside out.

What's the most important, non-family issue in your life?

It has to be my church. With me, if it wasn't for faith, you have to look at yourself and say, 'how did I get through this stuff?' Believe me, there were times when I wondered if I was going to handle it and I came out on the other side.

What in life has tested you?



"I've never been real good at saying 'no.'"

George Kullis

TRI-COUNTY TIMES
TIM JAGIELO

George Kullis sits on one of his antique couches, in the parlor of his 146-year-old house, with his cat, Precious. He and his wife rescued the whole litter, and they're restoring the house, in a 10-year project.

I've been through divorce, I've lost a job, in 1984 my home burned down. I lost my mother at age 53, I was only 19 years old. I was raised in a single-parent home, which was uncommon back then. Those are the kind of things that will test your life. **You're very busy, how many groups are you a part of?**

(I'm) President of the board of trustees for the church. The 'board of trustees' are given title by the state. Then I'm a member of the Village Council in Holly, treasurer for the George Washington Club, board of directors for the Community Center, Elks Club and Masonic Lodge, and Historical Society. I don't think of these until you make me list them. I've never been real good at saying 'no.'

What theater groups are you involved with?

Joe Mishler, and the Blue Heron theater group. But I didn't audition, he called me and said I need to play a part. We revived theater in the middle school. We went out and sold sponsorships, and we put on a play and it paid for itself. For the George Washington Club, we'll provide scholarships.

Are you retired?

Yes. I had forced retirement when the economy went south. I worked for Boise Cascade Office Products, the people that make your office paper. **Can you tell me about your family?** Diane and I have been married six years. We're one of those couples who met on the Internet. When we met, I

had my 94-year-old aunt living with me, and I had her with me until she passed in May of 2010. She is the one who told me to go online. So I jokingly go online my laptop and in a year I was married, and after being single for 22 years. She was my 'best man' in my wedding.

What have you accomplished on Village Council?

I've never been elected to Village Council, both times were appointments. Since I have been on council, we have sold city hall. With a shared services agreement, we've reduced the office cost from \$40,000 to \$12,000. Now we're going to help the school pay for the bills. And we also don't have capital improvement payments.

What challenges are facing the village?

Right now — finding residents. We need more people to move to Holly. The Pulte subdivision is sitting empty, we need more users on the water bill. Right now, we're at 63-percent capacity, something like that. Then you have more people to share the burden. That's the number-one thing, creating an atmosphere where more people want to live here.

What is next for you?

I took over the Dickens Festival, and I told everybody on the festival committee — 'this is a three- to five-year program, to turn the festival around,' and bring it back to what it should be — a big festival that brings thousands of people, that brings sponsors, a festival we can be proud of.

In our society, we've lost some of the Christmas spirit because it's become commercialized. This festival brings it back to the basics.

What is something very few know about you?

You're gonna have a problem with this — I'm basically a shy person. I'm not really comfortable on stage. I'm not really comfortable in the front. Every council meeting, if I didn't have my papers and my pens to fidget with... I fall back on that thing, 'If God wants me to go through this, I can probably do this.'

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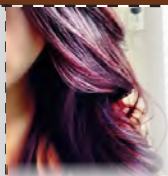
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WASHERS

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throughout the early 2000s, claiming 45 percent of the market.

But their popularity has cycled through in the last five years, as that first generation of front-loaders featured some glitches that customers didn't like. At the same time, top-loaders got better in efficiency and cleaning, at a price tag of typically about \$200 less, according to USA Today.

"High efficiency top-loaders by Kenmore Elite, Whirlpool and LG are our best sellers," said Jeff Stone, owner of Sears Hometown Store in Fenton. "They are really coming on strong. Most people are used to top-loaders, and they are more efficient with a larger capacity than ever, without an agitator. You can actually wash king and queen comforters in them."

High efficiency top-loaders will cost about \$75 more than a traditional top-loader, according to Stone. An entry-level front-loader will cost about \$499, but an average price is \$799 on up to \$1,100 for a larger model in color with steam cleaning as an option.

So style and popularity aside, which is better, a front-loader or top-loader?

Traditional top-loading washers fill their tubs with water and an agitator circulates the laundry much like it did in earlier models. They use more water and extract less than high-efficiency top loaders and front loaders, making for longer dryer times and energy use. They hold about 12 to 16 pounds of laundry, can be noisy and easily get unbalanced.

High-efficiency top-loaders hold more laundry (typically 17 to 28 pounds), use less water and spin at higher speeds. They work best with low-foaming, high-efficiency (HE) detergent. The higher speed reduces dryer time and energy consumption by extracting more water.

When choosing a top-loader, Consumer Reports recommends you consider the deepness of the tub, as a shorter per-

son may have difficulty retrieving laundry at the bottom of the tub.

Front-loading washers continue to be popular with people who have had them before and liked their capacity and high energy-efficient features. Most of the problems found in the first generation of front-loaders have been fixed. "They still have a strong following," said Stone. "The most popular brands are Kenmore, Whirlpool and LG."

“High-efficiency top-loaders are our best sellers.”

Jeff Stone
Owner of Sears Hometown Store in Fenton

According to Consumer Reports, the best front-loaders clean better and more efficiently than the best high-efficiency top-loaders, by about 5 percent. They tend to be very quiet, and can also be stacked with a dryer to save floor space.

Their cost can be a prohibitive factor. Front-loaders can also vibrate due to high spin speeds, making them noisy if placed too close to living areas. This is truer on wood-framed floors than concrete floors, according to Consumer Reports.

For the bottom-line truth from a guy who makes his living repairing washing machines, top-loaders are the way to go. "Stick to the basics," said Scott O'Connor, owner of CRC Appliance Repair in Flint, who repairs appliances in Genesee, Livingston and Oakland counties. "When it comes to washing machines, less is better. There are fewer things that can go wrong."

Home-made laundry detergent

INGREDIENTS

- 6 cups Borax
- 4 cups baking soda
- 4 cups washing soda
- 4 cups Fels-Naptha bar soap (almost 2 bars), grated
- 4 large mason jars

DIRECTIONS

Finely grate the bar soap with a cheese grater. Carefully mix all ingredients together and spoon into mason jars. Seal the jars air-tight for storage.

ADD 2 TABLESPOONS PER ONE LOAD OF LAUNDRY

(Source: greatoakcircle.com)



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Lighten your load with the correct amount of detergent

Today's washers are trying to make laundry easier than ever, but laundry detergents remain a soapy mess of confusion.

Between confusing messages from manufacturers about which detergent is the best for which machine, no standardization on the 2x, 3x, etc. on bottles plus poor cap design, what's a consumer to do?

"It's basically 'trial by error,' but use half of what the detergent bottle says you need," said Scott O'Connor of CRC Appliance Repair in Flint. "People think more soap is better, but since the new machines use hardly any water, and don't have agitators, you end up over-sudsing and the soap can't rinse out as well." He suggests that you follow the guidelines in your washing machine's manual, and then cut that amount down.

Bottom line from Consumer Reports: Until caps are crystal clear, follow label directions. Use a marker to highlight fill lines, and measure, don't just pour. For a front-loader or high-efficiency top-loader, use only HE detergents. Others produce too much suds.

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