Security top priority at area schools

“That’s something we’re always enhancing every year, to improve safety for our students.”

Dave Nuss
Holly Area Schools superintendent

New entry security, cameras for Fenton; liaison officers at Holly and Linden

By Hannah Ball
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Keeping students safe is always a topic of discussion and area schools have numerous safety measures implemented.

Fenton schools recently renovated the entry vestibules and added new locks, said Doug Busch, interim superintendent for Fenton Area Public Schools.

“There’s going to be a computerized entry system,” he previously told the Times. Starting this school year, staff members will have swipe-card access. Schools can electronically lock or unlock the doors, and security entry at Karl Richter Campus.

Accused wife-killer attempts jail break

Erich Wilfinger facing weapons charges; remains jailed without bond

By Vera Hogan
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It appears Erich Wilfinger has not been a model prisoner.

According to the Montmorency County District Court Criminal Division clerk, the 66-year-old accused of killing his wife on June 20, now faces charges of trying to escape from jail, where he remains without bond.

See WIFE-KILLER on 6A

4-year-old Holly boy drowns

Despite immediate CPR at pool, boy removed from life support at hospital

Elijah Ayres, 4, of Holly Township died Thursday from injuries he sustained after being pulled from a pool at a residence in Independence Township on Tuesday, Sept. 1.

According to the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office, deputies were dispatched to the 6700 block of Belmont Court for a 4-year-old child who had fallen into a pool and possibly drowned. Deputies and the Independence Township Fire Department

See DROWNS on 7A

Downtown Fenton will be ablaze with color year-round

Trees, shrubs and flowers will be planted later this fall as part of the Streetscape to beautify downtown Fenton.

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Fenton Streetscape

See photos on Page 3A

The evolution of Applefest

Annual St. John festival offers fun, food and festivities for 43 years

By Vera Hogan
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What started out as a small parish festival has evolved into one of Fenton’s largest annual events. This year, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church is celebrating its 43rd annual Applefest, Sept. 17-20.

The Applefest is the offspring of what was originally

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Downtown Fenton

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Security entry at Karl Richter Campus.

TEXT YOUR HOT LINE
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Loved reading all of the stories in the Beginnings sections. We had no idea that so many of the businesses that we go to are owned by local families.

One female member on a jury keeps the man who murdered 12 people in a theater from the death penalty. Meanwhile, we ignore the murder of 3,000 babies daily. What are we Americans becoming? Our priorities are warped, the rest of the world is laughing at us.

If you’re in a relationship with a man who has to take a pill to get aroused and you’re a woman who has to take a pill to get interested, maybe you should just watch TV instead.

Whether you agree with it or not, the law is the law. If the woman clerk didn’t agree with two homosexuals getting a marriage license, she should have simply resigned. She deserves to go to jail for trying to force her religious beliefs on others.
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Fenton Streetscape, transforming downtown

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Streetscape is the $4.7-million project changing the landscape of downtown Fenton. After years of delays, it began in late March and will include new streets, curbs, sidewalks, benches, trees and more. Next week, concrete will continue to be poured on LeRoy Street between Ellen Street and Silver Lake Road. The project will shift north of Silver Lake Road, and be completed spring 2016.

Streetscape moves closer to Silver Lake Road, September 2015

Downtown curbs, September 2015

Think varicose veins are just a cosmetic issue?

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Mom and Dad, are you there?

It’s that time of year again. All across America, parents are packing lunches, kissing cheeks, and sending their kids off to school.

In many households, there will be a mood in tears, staring out the kitchen window over a sink full of forgotten dishes, wondering if her child will ever be safe again once they leave the confines of their home.

Some will be sending their first off to kindergarten. Others will be sending their last off to college. All will be waging the same battle that generations before them have always fought — the fight against a world determined to corrupt our kids’ hearts and minds. But never have there been so many fronts, so many battles, so many threats to our children’s welfare as there are today:

- **School violence** — Even elementary schools are experiencing violent schoolyard behavior as the spawn of increasingly dysfunctional families enter our school systems.
- **The Internet** — From grade schools to college dorm rooms, our children are viewing the vilest of pornography that’s just a quick click away.
- **Video games** — Passive parents allow unimaginably violent video games to become a staple of their kids’ after-school entertainment diet.
- **Dysfunctional families** — Unwed mothers, rampant divorce, absent fathers, alcoholism and drug use are fostering an entire generation of kids with no fundamental family values to guide and direct them.
- **Television** — The normalization of these dysfunctional lifestyles on TV is confusing our kids regarding the true definition of family.
- **Culture** — Our sexually dominated media distort and mock our traditional value system, resulting in sexually active children at ever younger ages.

Who is responsible for this mess? Who could possibly have allowed this to happen? Who was on watch when the innocence of our children was stolen?

The answer is easy — you and me. And, every other parent.

Because it wasn’t at school that our kids spent hours looking at hard-core pornography. It wasn’t at school that they spent hours texting F-bomb acronyms and cyber-bullying others. It wasn’t at school that countless hours were wasted watching the demented crud of MTV. It wasn’t at school that kids played incrementively realistic and violent video games that encourage killing parents, cops and peers. It wasn’t at school that they watched Miley Cyrus and other young women being glorified for behaving like super-sluts.

It was at home. All this destructive behavior took place in our homes, right under our noses. When we said nothing, our children interpreted this as approval.

Parents, it’s time to respond to that tiny voice that’s telling us something is wrong. It’s time for a ‘take no prisoners’ attitude toward what our kids are looking at on the Internet and on television. It’s time to take back our home and our kids.

The day we decide to do this is the day we stop being a pimp and start being a parent.

Mom and dad, are you there?

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— Valerie Proulx-Strom

“Do the laundry, cook dinner, run the kids to activities.”

— Carrie North

“Make sure everyone is ready for school after summer vacation.”

— Cindy Daughtery

“I will ease up, because they are leaving now.”

— Annette Buza

“I end up going back to work with the students returning to U of M - Flint.”

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**Hot lines**

**IF ANYONE HAS FACTUAL CONVERSATION REGARDING OUR SCHOOL SYSTEMS, AND I QUOTE ‘TO CIVILIAN COUNCIL MEMBERS, MAKE SURE REPUBLIC GIVES IT TO YOU IN CASH.’ WHAT IS THE IMPLICATION HERE?**

**IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES, ROLL UP TO EVERY POLICE, MILITARY AND FIRE PERSONNEL THAT YOU CAN AND SAY ‘THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.’ IT WILL MAKE YOU BOTH FEEL GOOD. THANK YOU.**

**PUT ME IN A ROOM WITH ANY NINE LIBERALS AND LET US HAVE A CALM AND FACTUAL CONVERSATION REGARDING OUR CURRENT LEADERSHIP AND I GUARANTEE YOU 10 CONSERVATIVES WILL WALK OUT OF THE ROOM.**

**DON’T YOU THINK IT’S TIME WE FACE REALITY? IT’S TIME WE ELIMINATED THE SUPREME COURT IN A ‘DEATH DO US PART’ APPOINTMENT. LET THEM BE ELECTED EVERY FOUR YEARS JUST LIKE EVERY OTHER PUBLIC OFFICE. WE’RE ENDING UP WITH SOME SENILE OLD PEOPLE.**

**IF ANYONE HAS ANY COMPARISONS THAT INDICATE BUSH WAS A BETTER PRESIDENT THAN OBAMA, YOU SHOULD SUBMIT HOT LINES WITH MEASURABLE DATA AND FACTS.**

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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**THANK GOD FOR President Obama. He has cleaned up the mess made by Republicans, kept us out of many wars, created jobs, reduced the deficit, saved General Motors and Chrysler, helped with 401K and IRA losses, and lowered unemployment. Keep up the good work, Mr. President.**

**HARD TO BELIEVE that with all the technology available today that they can’t make a tire that doesn’t wear out. Obviously they can, but simply choose not to for obvious reasons. Does anyone have any information regarding this? I just paid over $800 for new tires, ridiculous.**

**SPEND $80,000-PLUS to shut down an old boat launch on Lobdell Lake used by local residents for years and years then spend more taxpayers’ money to build a launch for whoever from wherever to use on Mac-Caslin Lake. Something smells in Argentine Township.**

**I AM A Liberal who pays taxes. If part of my tax money goes to corporate welfare, special privileges for the elite, Streetscapes in affluent cities, subsidizing bankruptcies for billionaires that could pay their debts then you could be tolerate of paying for some birth control.**

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**Compiled by Alexei Rose, intern**

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Area couple faces more drug charges

**Husband released on $50,000 bond; wife remains in jail**

By Sharon Stone

A Rose Township couple charged with multiple drug offenses last month will be back in court next week for their pre-trial hearings.

**Lewis Lee Smith**, 61, and his wife, **Keshia Maria Smith**, 34, were arrested Aug. 20 after the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET) Crew 2 executed a search warrant at their North Hill Drive home. They were arraigned on multiple felonies, including manufacturing and delivering marijuana and possession of controlled substances.

Lewis was initially arrested on Aug. 22 on a five-count felony warrant, however, two more felony counts of possessing controlled substances were added. Keshia was initially arrested on the four-year felony of manufacturing and delivering marijuana, however, four more felony counts of possession of controlled substances were added.

During the search of their home, detectives discovered and seized a number of items as evidence, including 520 grams of marijuana, 800 Oxycodone, Hydrocodone and Xanax, a digital scale, drug packaging and documents.

Lewis was released from jail on $50,000 cash surety bond. Keshia remains in the Oakland County Jail in lieu of posting a $20,000 cash surety bond.

Keshia has another court case pending as she awaits a Sept. 8 sentencing on a drunk driving charge that included fleeing the scene of a crash and injuries to two passengers in her truck. She pleaded no contest on July 31, according to court records.

As reported by the Times in May, deputies with the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office responded to a single vehicle crash, with injuries. The driver, later identified as Keshia Smith, was driving a pickup truck on Dixie Highway when she lost control of it. The truck left the roadway and struck a tree and utility pole.

Keshia had two unrelated 15-year-old female passengers, one from Holly, the other from Springfield Township. One girl was ejected and transported in critical condition to Genesys Health Park and then later to Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital. The other girl was transported to Genesys in serious but stable condition.

The sheriff’s office reported that Keshia fled the scene on foot, but was later apprehended at a nearby apartment complex. She was arrested and later charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing injury, driving with a suspended license and causing injury, failing to stop at the scene of a crash, OWI with passengers under 16 years of age, and furnishing alcohol to a minor.
Registered sex offender gets 10-20 years on new case

A Holly man pleads guilty to second-degree CSC involving child under 10 years old

By Sharon Stone

Judge Wendy Potts of Oakland County’s Sixth Circuit Court sentenced Michael Jeffrey Guinn, 50, of Holly Wednesday to 10 to 20 years in state prison on one count of forcible second-degree criminal sexual conduct (CSC) of a minor under 10 years old. He was given 29 days credit for time already served.

Following its investigation, the Holly Police Department sought an arrest warrant from the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office in May. An arrest warrant was authorized on May 14 and Guinn was arraigned on CSC charges on May 15 in Oakland County 52-2 district court.

Guinn was initially charged with one count of second-degree CSC and one count of first-degree CSC. This was amended to one count of second-degree CSC, of which he pleaded guilty to on Aug. 10.

Guinn has been on the Michigan Sex Offender Registry since a CSC conviction in April 2006. This case originated in Waterford Township in May 2005. He was placed on probation for five years and he was ordered to have no contact with individuals under 10 years of age without a responsible adult in attendance.

He will remain on the sex offender registry for the remainder of his life.

WIFE-KILLER
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Details about the escape attempt were not provided.

He also faces two new charges, two counts of possession of weapons and firearms by a felon.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Wilfinger took a plea deal in July on charges of drug possession and fleeing from a police officer in Livingston County. He received an 18-month sentence and was discharged in August 2008.

In 2011, he was arrested in Oakland County for being a felon in possession of weapons—firearms. He took another plea deal in that case, received a one-year sentence, and was discharged in September of 2012. On Wednesday, Sept. 2, Wilfinger was bound over to Circuit Court on one count of homicide-open murder in the death of his wife, Marsha (Sargent) Wilfinger, formerly of Argen-

tine Township.

Marsha was found in the back seat of a burning car on June 20. Shortly before midnight, Michigan State Police troopers responded to calls of a vehicle fire at the intersection of Sheridan Valley Road and Scenic Rte. 3 in Montmorency County’s Briley Township, east of Gaylord.

When troopers arrived, they found the car burning in a ditch. When the fire was put out, investigators discovered Marsha Wilfinger’s burned remains in the back seat.

Detectives were led several miles from the scene to a house in Briley Township. They made contact with Erich Wilfinger, who was sleeping inside the home and determined the body from the vehicle was his wife. Troopers observed signs that a domestic assault had recently taken place in the home.

Wilfinger’s next court appearance is expected to take place at 1:15 p.m. on Sept. 14.
Detectives seek lead on Lake Ponemah hit and run

**Speeding pontoon drives over slow-cruising boat**

By Sharon Stone
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The Genesee County Sheriff’s Department is investigating a hit and run that occurred on Lake Ponemah at about 12:50 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29.

The crash took place between the sandbar near Ponemah Drive and the closed Sproose Tavern.

According to a Lake Ponemah resident, she and her sister-in-law were cruising in a boat at a very slow speed along the shoreline. They had all of the boat lights on and were almost to their dock when they saw a pontoon heading toward them at a fast speed. They instinctively began screaming and waving their arms to get the pontoon driver’s attention.

Hearing the commotion, the woman’s husband quickly rushed to her aid on another boat.

“He drove onto my boat,” said the victim about the pontoon driver. “He said, ‘are you OK?’ and then drove off very fast after I asked him to stay with me.”

“It just happened so fast. I asked him to stay with us until I could call for help because so much damage was done to my boat and he took off so fast.”

The women, who sustained some bumps and bruises, said there appeared to be just one person on the pontoon, the driver, who they described as a white male in his late 30s or mid 40s, with a full head of dark hair.

The pontoon was described as newer and white, with a dark-colored bimini top.

**Bow and navigational lights were not the typical red and green — one was almost a purple, rose-colored light. The pontoon was quiet, possibly a 4-stroke engine, the victim said, since it was quieter than her boat engine. The pontoon also had a very small swim platform at the front.**

After the crash, witnesses said the pontoon headed toward Tupper Lake and the driver turned off the pontoon lights. The victim and several lakefront residents have been keeping their eyes open for a damaged pontoon matching the description above.

Det. Sgt. Mark Holland said they have not located the pontoon and it is unclear how much damage, if any, there was to the pontoon. The hit-and-run crash remains under investigation.

**ART IN THE PARK**

Art in the Park will be held at Rackham Park on Saturday, Sept. 12. The Art in the Park events were held at various parks in Fenton over the summer. This last event of the season will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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arrived on scene and found that CPR was already being administered to the child.

According to witnesses, the adult participants had just finished their water aerobics class at the residence and the children were swimming in the shallow end of the pool. Elijah had reportedly left the pool and removed his life jacket and said that he was done swimming for the day, according to the sheriff’s office.

Minutes later, he was found by his mother floating in the deep end of the pool. His mother jumped into the pool and pulled him from the water. The homewoner, who is also an Emergency Room nurse, began administering CPR and a bystander called 9-1-1 for help.

Elijah was taken from the scene without a pulse to St. Joseph’s Mercy Hospital in Pontiac by the Independence Township Fire Department with an escort from deputies. Once at the hospital, his pulse was restored and he was airlifted to Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital, where he was eventually removed from life support and died.

The Medical Examiner’s office, a visual inspection of Elijah was performed and the manner of death was ruled accidental and the cause of death is near-drowning with complications.

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Saw the new Streetscape downtown, what a circus, try to get around that mess with a trailer. Counted seven to nine parking spots lost on the south end. What a waste of money.

SO, GOD TOLD men what to write and they did because they can? That is your argument? The point is every religion is different and they all claim to be right. They can’t all be right. Inspired by is not written by.

FOR ALL OF you loving Trump because he speaks his mind and doesn’t take money from the lobbyists, try listening to Bernie Sanders. He is anti super PACS, speaks his mind and it actually makes sense. He’s no bigot that’s for sure. ‘Feel the Bern.’

SECURITY
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put them on a timer. Visitors will need to be “buzzed in” during school hours. “It just gives us a lot more flexibility in terms of security,” Busch said.

The district will have 200 security cameras throughout the schools, which electronically link with the entry system. The number of cameras per school varies based on the school size and layout of the building.

“Our principals and assistant principals were heavily involved in the process of placing the security cameras in areas of high traffic or where there is a need in their buildings,” Busch said.

Money for the security systems came from an $11 million bond initiative in May 2014, which also paid for new buses, computers, and other technology.

“We are continuing to work on creating a culture where if something seems amiss or something is not right, our staff, students and parents know to report it to the office and it will be investigated,” Busch said.

Linden schools participate in the School Resource Officer program, where an Argentine Township police officer monitors the schools during school hours and attends a few athletic and after-school events.

“We already had a strong relationship with both of our local police departments (Linden and Argentine), and having the opportunity to have a committed police officer for our district was a decision we were all in favor of,” said Interim Superintendent Russ Ciesielski.

Linden paid $23,000 in 2014-15 for the officer, in an agreement with Argentine Township, which helps contribute. The program started two years ago and continues this school year.

“It does help to create a safer school environment for all of our students,” he said.

Linden elementary and middle school have a buzzer system, where visitors are buzzed in during school hours. The high school and middle school have security cameras inside and outside of the building.

All of Linden school buildings are monitored by Sonitrol, an electric alarm system.

At Lake Fenton Community Schools, Superintendent Wayne Wright said they use Sonitrol for night security to monitor all the buildings.

Visitors are monitored by the front office.

“During the day all doors are locked, and anyone wanting to enter the building must buzz the offices with the push button at the door,” he said.

Holly schools also lock the doors and buzz visitors in.

Holly Area Schools Superintendent Dave Nuss said cameras are placed at every door for each building. Some buildings have cameras throughout the school and the board of education has discussed adding more.

“That’s something we’re always enhancing every year, to improve safety for our students,” he said.

Holly schools also have a full-time school liaison officer from the Holly Police Department to patrol the buildings. The district has had one for more than 20 years.

“We were one of the first districts to have an officer,” Nuss said. “We’ve never had very many problems here in Holly. It’s always about preventing and creating positive relations between students and law enforcement. There’s a certain sense of security students feel knowing they can approach the officers.”

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That’s entertainment
The entertainment at this year’s St. John Applefest will be a big hit among music lovers. Three popular bands will take the stage in the Entertainment Tent (there is a cover charge) on Thursday, Sept. 17, Friday, Sept. 18, and Saturday, Sept. 19.

WestFall will be on stage from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17. WestFall, a band that has played venues across Michigan since 2007. The rock band’s drummer, Jarrod Montague, was the one-time drummer for the popular band, Taproot.

Lookin’ Back, Tribute to Bob Seger is comprised of six noteworthy Detroit-area musicians. They have united to keep the music of Bob Seger performed on stages for the many fans who identify with his poetry, energy and vast catalog of hits that span five decades. They will take the stage from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 18.

ROOK will perform from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19. This rock band has been described as the perfect storm of great fun, great talent. Their playlist includes classic rock, some hard rock, new music, mix it up with a few mainstream songs and southern rock. The group is based in Genesee County, and rehearses in Fenton. — Vera Hogan

APPLEFEST
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called St. John’s Barbecue. This annual event was held in August during the 1940s and 1950s, when the Rev. Fr. Dennis Patrick Tighe, an Irish priest, was pastor.

Beds of beef were barbecued outside over an open pit. Games, bingo, bake sales, roast beef dinners and other events, including a car raffle, were held.

It was during these years that the parish also held its annual celebrated St. Patrick’s Day Dinner on a date close to the saint’s day. March 17.

Looking for a church fundraiser 43 years ago, members of the St. John Parish Commission supported parish events at Catholic churches around the area and came up with St. John Festival. That was in 1972, when the Rev. Fr. John Hayes was pastor and the Rev. Tom McCloskey was associate.

During a 2001 interview, the late Jack Gallagher, a member of the Applefest founding committee, “Fr. McCloskey suggested that a group of us go down to St. John’s on M-59 at Hartland and check out their 5K walk, a specatcular new twisting attraction that gives riders the sensation of flying a fighter jet. Riders are secured in open air seats as they ascend, and as the rides drop, the seats rotate 360 degrees. The Air RaId was built in Italy and is one of only two rides of its type traveling in the United States, according to Skerbeck.

The second new attraction is one aimed at pleasing the kids. On the Motorcycle Jump kids will get the chance to ride on their own motorcycle. The motorcycles are equipped with horns and as they round the circular track, they go over a jump and “pop a wheelie.”

Skerbeck said another new children’s ride sure to please is the Mini-Tropical Swinging Boat. A new LED lighting package has been added to the Skerbeck’s iconic Century Wheel. The new LED package can be seen for miles, has an infinite number of patterns, and draws much less electricity than traditional incandescent lighting.

The LED package has also been added to the popular Gvatoride and the Ring of Fire.

The Applefest uses a ticket system for rides. Generally, the bigger the ride the more tickets it takes. Rides range from one to four tickets. Most rides are one ticket. Tickets are $1 each, or $20 for 25 tickets. Some rides do not use the wristband system.

— Vera Hogan

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1. Brian Stokowski, 18:51
2. Dan O’Hara, 19:30
3. Jack Gierke, 20:19

Women 5K Run:
1. Sarah O’Hara, 22:34
2. Jennifer Stokowski, 24:12
3. Mary O’Hara, 25:29

Apple Core Mile:
1. John Gierke, 8:23
2. Jack Gierke, 8:27
3. Brian Stokowski, 8:34

Apple Core Ter-Mile:
1. Brian Stokowski, 24:52
2. Jack Gierke, 25:32
3. John Gierke, 26:10

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Dave McDermott
Coordinator St. John Applefest

Skerbeck Family Carnival is back
The Skerbeck Family Carnival has been providing thrilling rides to the St. John Applefest visitors since 1996, according to owner Bill Skerbeck. For more than 150 years, starting as a circus in Europe and evolving into a carnival in the United States, the Skerbeck family has been recognized via the prestigious Circle of Excellence Award by the Outdoor Amusement Business Association.

They’ve added four new attractions and according to Bill, all will be new to Fenton’s Applefest this year. First is the Air RaId, a spectacular new twisting attraction that gives riders the sensation of flying a fighter jet. Riders are secured in open air seats as they ascend, and as the rides drop, the seats rotate 360 degrees. The Air RaId was built in Italy and is one of only two rides of its type traveling in the United States, according to Skerbeck.

The second new attraction is one aimed at pleasing the kids. On the Motorcycle Jump kids will get the chance to ride on their own motorcy elaborate in the popular Gravitron ride — featured in the popular Applefest. Because of the abundance of apples and apple orchards in the Fenton area, apples gradually became a part of and then the focus of the festival — eventually becoming the St. John Applefest.

Apple pie sales (about 2,400 sold annually), a pie-baking contest and other related apple treats and activities remain the major focus of the festival.

The festival has grown every year, with new activities and items being added to create a family friendly event of interest to all ages.

Now it’s a raffle for a chance to win a four-day, Caribbean cruise for four people aboard Disney Cruise Lines, or a seven-day, Alaskan cruise for two people aboard Princess Cruise Lines. Tickets may be purchased for $5 each, or $20 for five tickets.

According to Dave McDermott, who has chaired the Applefest with his wife, Sara, for that past four years, festival-goers have a chance to win one of five, two-year lease vehicles, a pontoon boat from White’s Landing or $10,000 in cash. The cars include a Cadillac, a Jeep Cherokee, a Chevy Impala, a Ford Fusion and a Ford F-150.

Most of the same activities will be in place as in previous years, such as midway features, Artic Treasures, Food Tent sales, Bingo (which will be back in the Knights of Columbus Hall), Nite-N-Reno, dinners and more.

McDermott said the only thing that won’t be happening this year is the Texas Hold ‘Em tournament.

Fr. David Harvey will favor the St. John Applefest with his famed chili again this year, according to McDermott. Registration is being accepted for the Saturday 10K and 5K run, 5K walk, Apple Core (1 mile) and Apple Core-ter (1/4 mile) races, which will take place Saturday morning, Sept. 19. After Sept. 13, the prices to participate in these races go up.

For a schedule of events and activities, race registration and more information, visit the St. John Applefest Facebook page, or go to www.stjohnapplefest.org.

“Over the course of the weekend, we have more than 1,000 volunteers helping us,” said McDermott. Many of those volunteers begin their work in January and go all the way until festival time.

The funds raised from the festival go back into the Fenton community through parish activities including support for the St. John Outreach Program, the St. Vincent DePaul Society, St. John School, and other numerous parish ministries.

— Vera Hogan
Downtown Fenton will be ablaze with color year-round

Incoming plant life designed to withstand cold temperatures

By Hannah Ball
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With sidewalks nearing completion in downtown Fenton’s Streetscape project, patches of dirt are left untouched. Those patches will be filled with trees, shrubs, and flowers to add beauty and put the finishing touches on Fenton’s new look.

These plants are commonly used in other streetscape projects, according to Mike Burns, assistant city manager of Fenton. “However, the palate that was designed was done so be best sustain cold weather and endure the effects of road salt,” Burns said.

These trees, grass, and flowers will be planted starting later this fall. The ones not planted this fall will be planted as soon as weather permits in the spring.

Here’s what’s going to be planted:

**Trees**

**Princeton sentry ginko**
These green trees bloom in April and grow up to 40 to 50 feet high. It has green fan-shaped leaves that turn bright yellow in fall and stay for several weeks. When the leaves fall, they fall rapidly, creating a golden carpet around the trunk. These trees are often used as shade, street, or lawn trees.

**Autumn gold ginko**
Autumn gold trees have fan-shaped leaves that usually bloom in April. They turn from green to yellow and drop fast from the tree during fall. They grow up to 40- to 50-feet high and symmetrically spread 25 to 30 feet.

**Ivy silk lilac tree**
Ivy silk lilac trees grow up to 20- to 25-feet high and spread out anywhere from 15 to 20 feet. With dark green leaves, the creamy white, fragrant single flowers are arranged in dense clusters. They bloom later than most species of lilacs — in late May to early June.

**Celebration maple**
These trees are easily spotted because they grow up to 50-feet high and spread up to 35 feet when mature. The green, deeply cut leaves change from yellow to orange in the fall. With open branch angles and strong wood, these trees are very durable in the winter.

**Columnar cherry tree**
These graceful flowering cherry trees grow up to 20- to 30-feet high, and spread out from 15 to 20 feet. Known for the attractive pink flowers that bloom in April, the dark purple-black cherries ripen in early summer. However, the fruit is bitter and inedible fresh off the tree. The flowers may turn different shades of red and yellow.

**Begonias**

**Autumn blaze pear tree**
These trees grow up to 40- to 55-feet high, and spread 30 to 40 feet on average. They grow fast with ascending branches and green leaves that turn from orange-red to scarlet-red in the fall.

**Chanticleer pear tree**
This bright-boughed ornamental tree grows 25- to 35-feet high and spreads anywhere from 13 to 16 feet. Its flowers bloom in April, and it produces small, inedible yellow-green fruits.

**GRASS**

**Dwarf zebra grass**
Dwarf zebra grass grows 3- to 4-feet high and spreads 2 to 3 feet. The flowers, a wine-purple color, keep their coloration throughout the growing season.

**Oriental fountain grass**
This grass grows 2- to 3-feet high and spreads 2 to 3 feet. Fluffy pink-white flowers bloom from the green foliage and arch up and out. The foliage clumps in late summer, and spreads out like a fountain, hence the name.

**FLOWERS**

**Stella D’oro daylily**
These flowers grow slightly less than a foot tall. Yellow flowers bloom from May to August with a 2.75-inch diameter.

**English lavender**
English lavender flowers grow from 1- to 2-feet tall, with purple flowers blooming in terminal spikes from June to August. They’re commonly seen in herb gardens.

**Stoncrop (sedum)**
Growing up to 6-inches high, Stoncrop flowers, which are white and star-shaped, bloom white from April to May. They often grow around stoney ledges.

**Red knockout rose**
These cherry red flowers bloom from June until the frost. They’re lightly fragrant with a 3.5-inch diameter, thorns, and are commonly seen in hedges.

**Little princess aiprea**
This shrub has pink flowers in flat-topped clusters. They bloom May to July, and are known to attract butterflies. The mint green leaves have red hues in autumn.

**Endless summer hydrangea**
Also called big leaf hydrangea, this shrub grows about 3-feet tall with large clusters of pink and white summer blooming flowers. They’re commonly planted in hedges and usually survive the winter.

**Speedwell**
These spiky white perennials grow up to 2-feet tall from May to July. The upright white spikes rise 18-24 inches tall.

Source for plant information: missouribotanicalgarden.org and times.com

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The House and Senate are not in session until Sept. 9 and Sept. 11, respectively. Therefore, this report contains several recently introduced bills of interest.

**Senate Bill 371**: Ban intent to sell ivory and rhinoceros horns products introduced by Sen. Steve Bieda (D), to ban the importation, sale, purchase, barter, or possession with intent to sell of any ivory or rhinoceros horns and products, subject to fines of $5,000 or double the value of the products for second offenses. Referred to committee, no further action at this time. See VOTES on 20A

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**Delta Land Surveying & Engineering**

Delta Land Surveying & Engineering in Mundy Township is celebrating 50 years in business. From (left) are Fred Shaltz, Ill., company founder Fred Shaltz PS, Gil Bono PS and Jim Saule, architect. Other employees include Brent Shaltz, Joe Wizynajits, engineer, Steve Marv, Brad Shaltz and Brad Shaltz, Jr.

Delta Land Surveying has ‘stakes’ in local community

Founded in 1965 by Fred Shaltz, the company continues to be family-owned residential development. Fred Shaltz became sole owner in 1975.

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**The Story Behind Our Business**

**Weekend Times**

By Sally Rummel
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Back 100 years ago in Genesee County, lots lines were often measured by the location of trees, fences or other objects situated on a person’s property.

Fifty years ago, Fred Shaltz saw the need for a more professional way to establish property lines and used his skills as a licensed surveyor to change all that. After all, his father had been a surveyor in the Upper Peninsula, passing down to his son a love of the land.

Shaltz founded Delta Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc. in 1965 with Herm Baeteman. Together, their goal was to survey residential lots and create site plans for commercial, municipal and residential development. Fred Shaltz became sole owner in 1975.

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2271 Sonora Drive, Fenton • $275,000

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Volleyball squads have reason to feel good about 2015

Tigers hoping to return to top of Metro

By David Troppens
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Last year the Flushing Raiders joined the Flint Metro League and ended the Fenton Tigers’ six-year run atop the standings. However, the Tigers did continue another impressive streak, capturing their third straight Class A district crown. And this season it looks like the Tigers should have a decent shot at making it four straight districts, and maybe even returning back to the top of the Metro League standings. Fenton has nine players returning this year, including seven seniors, so expectations are high. “Our number one goal is to win the Metro League,” Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger said. “It is a competitive league and we want that as our primary goal. The next is to advance in the state tournament beyond the first round of regionals. Then, see where it takes us from there."
Linden XC off to strong start at Corunna Early Bird

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There’s a little bit of a youth movement going on with the Linden varsity boys cross country team.

With a large chunk of sophomores making up the top 10 runners on the squad, it’s easy to see where one would think that the Eagles may be going through a rebuilding mode.

However, that’s certainly not the case if the Corunna Early Bird Invitational is any indication. The Linden boys had its team finish second, sixth and ninth at the Tuesday event.

The Linden girls were equally impressive, finishing second at the event, and having its second unit finish 10th.

“I thought the kids ran remarkably well, especially when the factor of varsity experience is considered,” Linden boys cross country coach Clint Lawhorne said. “Five of our top seven in the race are 10th graders. Additionally, four of the seven had no previous varsity experience.”

Clio’s boys also showed the Mustangs are going to be a serious force not only in the Metro League, but in Division 2 competition throughout the season, earning first with just 28 points.

Clio’s Ethan Tadjonick won the race with a time of 17:05.11. He was followed by Linden’s second-place performer, senior Kagen Griffith, finishing with a time of 17:05.11.

Eight of Linden’s next nine performers were sophomores. Those runners were Nick McDonald in fifth (17:32.20), Ryan Crutchfield in 17th (18:21.04), Skylar Zieske in 21st (18:52.88), Sebastian Lubahn in 24th (19:14.42), Tanner Blaney in 25th (19:23.17), William Bale in 29th (19:46.05) and Jack Whitman in 31st (19:51.60).

Also finishing within Linden’s top 10 runners was senior Chase Morse in 18th (18:22.88) and junior Trent Schrader in 33rd (19:56.17).

The Linden girls have a few younger runners on its varsity team as well, and still posted a strong second behind Chelsea.

Freshman Audrey Steiert opened her varsity career, placing third with a time of 20:50.73. Two other freshmen were within Linden’s top 10 runners at the meet. They were Kristina Lachowicz who placed 18th (23:58.51) and Marissa Ziccardi in 28th (24:40.52).

“We had some strong performances from our freshmen,” Linden girls varsity cross country coach Teresa Wright said. “Audrey is hungry and very strong. She’s competitive. I’m excited to see what Kristina can do. She’s worked hard over the summer. She’s an up and coming strong runner. And I can see good things happening for Marissa.”

There are some solid returners within that group of freshmen. Senior Jordan Holscher finished fourth overall (21:18.71), while fellow senior Taylor Ganger placed fifth (21:27.91). The other two runners making up Linden’s top seven were sophomore Meghan Witt who placed 25th (24:19.39) and senior Madison Wabel who took 27th (24:30.36).

“It was a good start for us,” Wright said. “I’m pretty proud of the girls, that they were able to run like that in the heat.”

Lake Fenton dominates Durand, 44-6

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In the first quarter alone, three Lake Fenton players had TD runs of 35 yards or longer. Trent Hilger had TD runs of 35 yards and 67 yards in the opening quarter, while Trevor Wright and Jake Zielinski each had one of 48 yards. Lake Fenton led 29-0 after one quarter.

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Lake Fenton at Mustang Invitational

The Lake Fenton cross country teams not only started their seasons on a very hot Tuesday afternoon.

The Blue Devils also started the season on what coach Chris Sobczak thinks may be the toughest course they’ll run on this year.

Lake Fenton’s boys finished 14th in the 21-team varsity event, while the girls placed 15th.

Alexis Cash was the top runner for either team, finishing 17th in the varsity girls race with a time of 21:31.4. Adrianna Jabiro was 57th.

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HOLLY’S
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was hard to stay focused, but they did a good job for the most part. We just didn’t move the ball much on offense today. Defense is our strength. We play well on defense. We have to play better on offense. It’ll come.”

Holly’s ground game was pretty potent during the first half. The Bronchos were able to control the ball during the first 24 minutes, running 33 plays from scrimmage versus Williamson’s 13, but were only able to make that advantage work for points once. Those points came on Holly’s first possession of the second quarter. Getting the ball back with 11:58 left in the half, the Bronchos’ Paris Par- tee rushed for 55 yards during the drive, helping move the ball to the Williamson 10. That’s when the second time the play happened (the first happened before the opening kickoff). When the teams came back on the field, Javon Barr ran left for a 40-yard TD. Holly missed the extra point and led 6-0 with 9:09 left in the half.

Holly’s defense was strong all night long, and forced Williamson to a punt during its next possession. That set up what looked like may become another Holly scoring drive. Holly drove from its own 46 to the Williamson 15 before two plays for losses forced a fourth- and-14 from the Williamson 14 with just four seconds left in the half. Garrett Stapleton completed a 23-yard pass to Tooley, who tried to get in the end zone, but fell one yard short as the half ended. Missing that score ended up being critical.

The Hornets had their only scoring drive on their first drive of the second half. A 51-yard screen pass to Jacob Curtis scored the points. Curtis broke a tackle near the line of scrimmage and rambled on for the score. The extra point put Williamson up 7-6. From there, Holly’s offense couldn’t get much going. The Bronchos’ best chance to re- take the lead came on Holly’s final two drives of the contest. Holly got to William- son’s 38, but an interception by Dan Ostrander ended that threat. Holly had one more last desperate drive with 1:56 left and no time outs. Holly did get to the Williamson 30, but consecutive plays for losses and a penalty set up a fourth-and-4 from the Williamson 14. Holly’s defense was strong, allowing just 136 yards total offense, with 51 coming on the TD reception. Offensively, Partee had 72 of Holly’s 200 rushing yards, Collin Dallwitz added 69. Holly travels to Linden for both teams’ Metro League openers on Friday.

“I think they are a close-knot group,” Culloty said. “They are a group that works extremely hard and they want to get better at every opportunity. … The kids ran hard and played really well. We’ll get better when we are getting ready for Linden.”

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the next female varsity performer to finish, taking 103rd in 27:03.7.

In the junior-senior race, sophomore Rachel Leeman posted a 57th-place time of 26:24.6.
The boys had two runners fin- ish with times below 20 minutes. Thomas Wexler led the Blue Devils with a 32nd-place time of 18:52.3 in the varsity boys event. Jacob Fletch- er followed in 53rd place in 19:32.7. Eric Nienstroy had a strong showing in the freshman-sophomore boys race, placing 22nd in 19:39.1.

“Given the heat and the toughness of the course, I am happy with how they did,” Sobczak said.

“They fought. Cass-Benton is easily the hardest course they’ll run all season.”

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Volleyball

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The Tigers squad should move up in the Metro. “We want to be better than we were the day before,” said Linden coach Cori Mason. “We had some tough moments and wins (already this sea- son), but there is plenty of room for improvement. This team has a ton of po- tential, and we are just holding it one day at a time.”

Another team looking poised to turn things around a little bit are the Lake Fenton Blue Dev- ils. Winners of just eight matches a year ago, Lake Fenton appears to have enough experience coming back that surpass- ing last year’s win total shouldn’t be tough.

“We have been per- forming well in practice, keeping it very competi- tive,” Lake Fenton coach Angie DelMorone said. “I should have several lineups depending on whom we play. Scrimage have been going well. We’ve beaten several Class A schools, but they are only in scrimmages.”

“Right now our goal is to work hard in practice, control the ball, learn plays, learn defenses and become stronger physically and mentally.”

At Holly there’s a new coaching era about to start. Ex-player Hannah Timm is coming back to coach. The Bronchos have struggled in recent years, so it may take some time before Holly can think in terms of titles.

“Ultimately this year is going to be all about growth,” Timm said. “There are so many opportunities for these girls to shape this program into what they want Holly volleyball to be viewed as. So far, I am so incredibly proud of the way they are representing the program.”

Here are some boxes detailing all four tri-county’s volleyball squads entering the 2015 season.

Linden Eagles

Coach: Cori Mason
2014 Record: 20-18-3 overall, 2-5 in Metro, lost to Grand Blanc in district semifinal.

Returning All-TCT players: Megan Klavitter, Breyanna Turnipseed.

Team summary: The Eagles struggled in the Metro League a season ago, but they were young. This season the Eagles have six players back including two very strong ones in defensive player Megan Klavitter and hitter Breyanna Turnipseed. Klavitter is a four-year varsity player while Turnipseed is a three-year varsity perform- er. Hitter Bridget Adams also is back for her third year as is setter Miranda Fowler. Katie Guilliat and Morgan Ritch also return. But there are eight new players on the team as well. Emma O’Keefe has already added to the attack.

Coach Mason says: “This team just works hard, I think that is my favorite part. Despite the experience we have, we are overall a young team. We are still working on that chemistry and communication.”

Prediction: Linden is off to a solid start and appears to be a team that should improve upon its record from a year ago. It will be hard to contend with the Metro’s elite for a league crown, but expecting an upper-division finish is certainly a goal the Eagles should be able to accomplish.

Lake Bronchos

Coach: Hannah Timm
2014 Record: 1-6 seventh in Metro, lost in opening round of districts.

Team summary: The Bronchos’ biggest change is with coach Hannah Timm. Timm played at Holly and is excited to improve upon the program she played. Offen- sively, Shannon Torpey and Julite Clark will be the key hitters, while Isabelle Brown and Mader Czerski should handle the setting chores. Defensively, Katie LaClair returns as the team’s libero. The Bronchos are a young team. They only have two seniors — Katie Bartholomew and Courtney Acorsi.

Coach Timm says: “I am extremely excited about starting this journey as the varsity coach. Being that I was a Broncho myself, this program is very close to my heart, and I am so excited about the opportunity to bring my style to the pro- gram, and really see how far we can push the girls this season.”

Prediction: Holly has suffered through some tough seasons of late, so ex- pecting the squad to become an overnight contender isn’t likely. Probably a fair first- season goal for Timm’s young group is to learn her system and build a strong base for the future. Trying to make last year’s one-win Metro season into two or three this year would be a solid start on the win-loss ledger.
**VOTES**

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2015 Senate Bill 383: Impose licensure on midwives
Introduced by Sen. Michael Green (R), to impose a state licensure mandate on midwives (as distinct from “nurse midwives”), including regulations and license fees. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 387: Restrict injection well placement
Introduced by Sen. Dale W. Zorn (R), to prohibit locating an “injection” well for disposing of hazardous material, or for storing radioactive waste, in a region determined to have “karst geology.” Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 398: Create government sickle cell awareness campaign
Introduced by Sen. Jim Ananich (D), to require the Department of Community Health to create a sickle cell disease public awareness campaign and to “coordinate services available” from state, federal, and voluntary sickle cell disease programs. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 409: Expand meth-related pseudoephedrine restrictions
Introduced by Sen. Margaret O’Brien (R), to authorize up to one year in prison and a $1,000 fine for attempting to persuade a person to purchase ephedrine or pseudoephedrine while knowing that it will be used to manufacture methamphetamine. Current penalties apply only if the attempt succeeds in persuading someone. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 431: Establish process for removing elected official for mismanagement
Introduced by Sen. Rick Jones (R), to establish a process by which the governing body of a city, village, or county can file a petition in circuit court to remove from office an elected official for misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance related to the custody and accounting of public money, or for failing to obtain or maintain a performance bond that is statutorily required for the office. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 457: Let public schools engage in commercial business
Introduced by Rep. Bradford Jacobsen (R), to establish that property owned or leased by a public school is considered “exempt and immune” from local zoning ordinances, and establish very broad definitions of “school building” and “school purpose.” “School purpose” would be defined as “any purpose that may provide a benefit to a public school or its governing board, including...a benefit of a commercial or financial nature.” Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4578: Authorize school recreation millages
Introduced by Rep. Phil Potvin (R), to revise the law, which authorizes recreational authorities to be created by several local governments, so that the districts could be organized by a school district. The authorities have the power to levy up to 1-mill of property tax for swimming pools, recreation centers, public auditoriums, public conference centers, and parks, upon the approval of voters in each municipality in which the school district is located. The law itself is silent on whether the recreational facilities of an authority may be located at a school, or may be school facilities themselves, but it does require them to be open to the public. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.
Fenton School of Dance & Academy earns national awards

Local dance team wins No. 2 spot out of 763 acts in Savannah, Georgia

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Fenton School of Dance & Academy has made a name for itself in the local community since it was founded in 1981 by dancer/instructor Susan Carter.

Now the studio has a national reputation following the Encore Dance Competition in Savannah, Georgia on June 25-July 3.

Seventy dancers in the competitive academy division and their families spent eight days in Savannah, preparing for competition. Their hard work was rewarded with a First-Place Runner-up Award, out of 763 acts.

“Our jazz production of ‘Pretty Hurts’ by Beyoncé was one of 12 selected out of 763 acts to compete against other in the Final Showcase Competition,” said Carter. “We took First-Place Runner-up and also a number of firsts in overall competition.”

Co-directors of the academy, Chelsea Carter and Crystyl Mitchell-Fritz were especially proud of this award. “They (the judges) picked dances that really caught their attention,” said Chelsea. “This dance with a message was choreographed by Crystyl.”

Crystyl also earned a choreography award for “The Most Entertaining” with her choreography of the act, “Video Killed the Radio Star.”

In addition to these awards, the Fenton School of Dance & Academy also earned the Spirit Award.

“It’s exciting for me,” said Susan. “I started taking students to competition 20 years ago to give my students more performance opportunities. We encourage our dancers to encourage other dancers in a positive environment.”

Dance classes begin Tuesday, Sept. 8 for prospective students ages 3 and up at the studio located at 112 East Ellen St. in Fenton. To register, call (810) 629-3551 or email: fentonschooldanz@aol.com.

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April and Keith Meadows help keep indoor air clean with their local business, Power Vac.

Generous donations will fund new Patterson Elementary School playground

Children at Patterson Elementary School in Holly may be seeing new play equipment on the playground next spring, thanks to a major gift of $10,000 from The State Bank of Fenton, and $12,500 in capital improvement funds from TEAM Patterson, Patterson Elementary’s parent-teacher organization. The gifts were announced as part of the “Partner- ship for Excellence” campaign kick-off announcement that was hosted in conjunction with Patterson’s open house and “Meet the Principal” event on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

Most of the playground equipment at Patterson is more than 20 years old, and is deteriorating. More than 200 students use the play- ground daily during school peri- ods, and development projections in the area could triple the amount of neighborhood children who use the park to play on evenings and weekends.

The goal for the campaign is $50,000, with $25,000 toward the goal pledged since launching the campaign’s “silent phase” on July 1. The hope is to meet or exceed its goal by spring, 2016, so that the playground can be built as soon as the ground thaws.

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Fenton School of Dance & Academy is proud of what they won in national competition at Encore in Savannah, Georgia.

A total of 35 students, ages 10 and up, from the Fenton School of Dance & Academy are pictured here in their performance at Encore Dance Competition.
Tribute of friendship

It took only two weeks for Jim Smith (right) to craft this surprise tribute to longtime friend and business collaborator, Roger Sharp of Sharp Funeral Homes. Smith is a founder of Smith-Peabody Insurance (now Peabody Insurance). “I’ve got a lot of respect for him,” said Smith of Sharp. Sharp said the painting of the Sharp principal.

Looking back at this week

5 years ...

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2010

No drugs found in Linden High School drug sweep. A drug sweep conducted by the Argentine Township Police Department and several K-9 teams were unable to find any drugs at Linden High School on Tuesday, the first day of school. At 8:30 a.m. the school announced a lockdown to allow officers and canines to check the school building, lockers and parking lot. “It will send a message. We will not tolerate drugs in the schools,” said Russ Ciesielski, Linden High School principal.

10 years ...

Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005

Locals reach out to Katrina victims. A caring community is stepping up to the cause, reaching out to the victims of Hurricane Katrina with donations, collections and fundraisers. From a Red Cross table set up at the Michigan Renaissance Festival to local firefights adding an extra boot this year during the annual Fill the Boot campaign, local businesses, school and munici- leaders search for ways to help the victims of this devastating storm.

15 years ...

Sunday, Sept. 10, 2000

Park Street residents want road closed. Park Street residents in Fenton are tired of the slipping, slid- ing, rock flinging and scary moments watching as vehicles fly up and down the hill to and from South Holly Road, Some, whose homes are closest to the south end of Park Street, worry that one day a car or big truck will lose control and land on their rooftops.

20 years ...

Sunday, Sept. 10, 1995

Kandahar sale raises concerns. Some Kandahar Ski Club members are expressing concern about the sale of their 96-acre facility, located on Foley Road in Tyrone Township. Some mem- bers of the nonprofit corporation say they heard about the business transac- tion for the first time after it was a ‘done deal.’ One area resident said there were about 480 members in the club since 1978. Most members had paid ap- proximately $500 to become full-fledged members and were charged as much as $200 a year in fees.

25 years ...

Sunday, Sept. 9, 1990

Wires pulled on Fenton buses. The Michigan State Police pulled the wires on Fenton school buses. The district spent $3,300 to attach flashing stop signs to its fleet of buses. Now State Police officials have told the district to de-activate the devices by clipping the wires until further notice. The signs are considered standard safety equipment for schools in 47 states, but not in Michigan. Fenton is the first district in the state to attach the device.

30 years ...

Sunday, Sept. 8, 1985

Light culprit, historically speaking. The lights in downtown Dibbleville have been installed backward and of historical value,” said Bob Barnes, president of the Fenton Historical Society. The lights should face the sidewalk if they’re supposed to look like a ‘returning historical value,” said Bob Barnes, president of the Fenton Historical Society. The lights should face the sidewalk if they’re supposed to look why the city would put them up facing the hill to and from South Holly Road, Some, whose homes are closest to the south end of Park Street, worry that one day a car or big truck will lose control and land on their rooftops.

35 years ...

Sunday, Sept. 9, 1980

Police officials have told the district to de-activate the devices by clipping the wires until further notice. The signs are considered standard safety equipment for schools in 47 states, but not in Michigan. Fenton is the first district in the state to attach the device.

A Hoover school reunion

A Hoover school reunion for all former students, teachers and neighborhood residents, will be held Sunday, Sept. 13 beginning at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Memorial Home Lounge. 4314 West Carpenter Rd. in Mt Morris Township. For more information, call Jack Steco at (810) 732-8857 or Doris Ballge at (810) 742-4715.
Meet Bonnie Wentz

• Bus driver for 32 years
• Harley-Davidson enthusiast
• Wife, mother, grandmother

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Bonnie Wentz has been a bus driver for Fenton Area Public Schools for 32 years. She resides in Fenton and has lived in the same house for 37 years. She moved to Fenton from Detroit (Redford), and is a 1969 graduate of Redford High School. ‘When I moved to Fenton from Detroit I thought I was moving way up north. Now up north to me is Oscoda.’

Tell us about your family: My husband’s name is Bill and we have been married for 40 years this December. Our children are Dawn Small of Byron, who also drives for Fenton schools, and Billy Wentz of Fenton. We have four grandchildren.

What made you choose this profession? I started to drive the bus when my husband was laid off from General Motors. What many people don’t know is that my husband drove the bus before I did. When he was called back to GM, he taught me how to drive a bus. The buses back then were stick shifts. Not only did I have to learn to maneuver that big yellow bus, but it was my husband that had to teach me how to drive a stick shift. It wasn’t pretty. That was back in 1983 and I am still at it.

What is the best thing about being a school bus driver? The best thing about my job is the kids, I love them, every one of them. And I don’t have to work nights, weekends or during the summer if that’s what I choose. But I do choose to do field trips and athletic trips sometimes after school and during the summer. I have had children of students that I drove. One of my past students is a teacher at Tomek Eastern Elementary School, another is a local police officer and another is a doctor. I drove students in pre-school all the way through high school and have attended their weddings. I also have attended funerals for my students. They have all affected my life in one way or another. I love it when I am out in the public and someone comes up to me with their child and introduces me as their old bus driver. I hope they mean that I once was their bus driver not that I was an ‘old’ bus driver.

What is your pet peeve? My pet peeve is when people don’t have the patience while we are loading or unloading our students. I have some wheelchair kids and it takes a little longer getting them on and off the bus. We are not trying to hold up traffic any longer than necessary, but the children’s safety always comes first. My heart is now with my special needs children. I wouldn’t trade them for the world. Every one of them has their own story to tell and not until I drove them did I take the time to listen to them and understand what they go through every day. Sometimes it breaks my heart to see their struggles but for the most part, they make me smile. If not working as a school bus driver, what would you be doing? The truth is I don’t know. That is why I’m still driving that big yellow bus. I work with a great bunch of people and we do our best to make sure every child makes it to and from school safely. I try to treat every child on my bus the way I would want another driver to treat my grand-children, with kindness and respect. I love my job.

What do you like to do in your spare time? When I’m not driving the bus, my husband and I take road trips on our Harleys. I own and ride my own motorcycle.

Who is the best thing about your job? The best thing about my job is the kids, I love them, every one of them.”

Bonnie Wentz

What You Missed in the Midweek Times

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

Thousands attend funeral for fallen trooper
Michigan State Police, as well as more than 3,000 law enforcement personnel from across the county, attended the funeral of MSP Trooper Chad Wolf, who was killed in a motorcycle crash on Friday, Aug. 28.

Summer’s not over — yet
Labor Day weekend is only the “unofficial” end of the season. There’s still three weeks until fall.

New entrance on Torrey Road to ease school traffic
Construction is nearing completion on a new entrance from Torrey Road to Torrey Hill Intermediate School and West Shore Elementary School in the Lake Fenton school district.

Drowsy driving turned deadly
Part three of a five-part series tells the story of how Rob and Sherry Durk continue their fight to change laws about the length of time truckers can legally drive. Their daughter, Janelle, was killed in a 2006 car crash, caused by a truck driver who had fallen asleep at the wheel after driving for 39 straight hours.

Sharp Funeral Homes would like to thank the surrounding communities, Michigan State Police, City of Fenton Police and Fire and City of Linden Police and Fire for their support at the service for Trooper Chad Wolf.

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