Condemned, historic seminary comes down

Feelings ranged from relief to sadness, as the seminary on High Street in Fenton came down in a few short hours Tuesday morning. The building has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1983. Here, Martin Burnash of Burnash Wrecking Inc. chats with city workers and spectators as the excavator takes it apart. See story on page 6, and video at tctimes.com.

St. John Applefest draws repeat record crowds

The parish fundraiser tentatively earned about $375,000. After expenses, the church takes in about 40 percent of the total figure. 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.

The apple pie contest was again one

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The 43rd annual St. John Applefest was a big success according to Dave McDermott, who chairs the event with his wife, Sara. McDermott said their usual average of 35,000 visitors did not change this year. “We notice a lot of people coming back every day of the festival,” he said. “So at any given time, there were 10,000 to 15,000 on the festival grounds.”

Penelope was a coonhound abandoned in north Flint and was “skin and bones” when she was brought through the doors of Adopt-a-Pet in Fenton for the first time.

“We found out why,” said Jody Maddock, executive director. “She was heartworm positive. We had her here for months as she got better, and she just hated it here. She barked non-stop until we introduced her to ‘Uncle Buck.’ We were told he was a boxer/great dane mix and had been rescued from an overcrowded shelter. They became inseparable.

Happy ending for both pets and families

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Erich Wilfinger, 66, of Fenton, was found guilty to murder his wife set for January 2016.

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Erich Wilfinger, the 66-year-old accused of killing his wife on June 20, has worked his way through the Montmorency County District Court, and his case is now being heard in the county’s higher Circuit Court.

On Sept. 14, he was arraigned in District Court on charges of open murder-homicide, possession of weapons and firearms by a felon, and trying to escape from jail where he continues to remain without bond.

Details of his escape attempt were not revealed.

According to Laurie Jimkoski with the Montmorency County Clerk’s office, Erich Wilfinger

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I just want to say after reading the Hot line about cooking cabbage and freezing cauliflower, I never chuckled that hard reading a newspaper. Thank you, that was too funny.

You can say what you want, but the truth is that this country has never been in as good of shape as it is today. Unnecessary military gone, jobs being created and health care for all. What’s not to like?"

I cannot believe the people in Fenton who drive down the road oblivious to the ambulance with flashing lights and sirens screaming right behind them. What is the matter with you people? What if it was you or your child they were trying to save? Sorry to say, but seniors are the worst.
Goodbye Dewey

□ Community bids farewell to long-time business owner

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Douglas Leonard Johnson, better known to the Fenton community as “Dewey,” owner of Dewey’s Automotive Center died on Sept. 20. He was 85 years old.

Dewey, a Fenton resident since 1953, was born on June 17, 1930 in Flint. He was a 1948 graduate of Holly High School, and a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Army.

In the 1950s, he was able to realize his big dream of owning a string of successful gas stations and auto repair businesses in Fenton.

According to a June interview with Dewey, he said he was one of 10 siblings in a hardworking family that had lost their mother when he was just 13. “We all did our part to keep things going,” said Dewey, who worked at Kroger’s in his early teen years.

While pumping gas at the Sinclair Gas Station at 607 North LeRoy St., owner Leo Foley asked him, “Do you want to buy this place?” Dewey agreed and made the purchase.

He also fell in love with a local girl named Susan Kelly.

“When my father returned from the military, my mom was 16 and she would get gas at least daily in her parent’s car so she could see him,” said their daughter, Cindy, who worked for her dad through her high school years until he retired in 1989. “It seems her school girl crush developed into much more.

“He was so handsome, I’d just watch him,” added Susan. “He was so kind and nice.”

Four children and 28 grand- and great-grandchildren later, the couple celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a party on Feb. 25.

Throughout these early years, Dewey was a family man, as much as a seven-day workweek would allow, said Susan in June. Family vacations were spent in an RV, traveling to every state in the U.S., including Alaska in later years.

After 20 years as a service station owner, Dewey purchased the old Glenn Wilson dealership on North LeRoy Street.

After remodeling the dealership, Dewey’s Auto Center opened in January 1974, earning a “Make America Better” award from the Flint Board of Realtors for his efforts to improve the appearance of the community.

Jerry Lesperance, who now owns Dewey’s Auto Center, came on board as an employee in 1985. He began the process of buying the business in 1999, becoming sole owner in 2014.

Funeral services for Dewey will be held Sept. 24 at 12 p.m. at Linden Free Methodist Church. Burial will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, Wednesday, from 4 to 8 p.m. and at the church Thursday, from 11 a.m. until the time of service.

Wells will monitor gasoline levels in ground

□ Final report from Linden gas station due in November

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Linden — Downtown Linden now has 19 monitoring wells to keep track of gasoline levels in the soil. These wells, put in by PM Environmental from Sept. 14-17, were installed as mitigation efforts for a gasoline leak last November.

An underground gasoline leak caused by Beacon and Bridge gas station, located at 110 East Broad St., was confirmed by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The gas station is responsible for mitigation efforts for the leak, according to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Environmental Protection Agency Act 451 Part 213 Leaking Underground Storage Tanks, the Times previously reported.

The leak was stopped in April and the owners, Quick Sav Food Stores LTD in Flushing, submitted an initial assessment report to the DEQ.

A few businesses were affected by the leak, including Bridge Street Exchange. Gas components were detected at the business in the air, the Times previously reported. A vapor migration system was installed.

These 19 collection and data points will help PM Environmental monitor the amount of gasoline in the soil by taking ground samples, according to one PM Environmental worker.

The final report about the leak and remediation efforts from Beacon and Bridge is due in November.

Locations of monitoring wells

Most locations have more than one collection point.

• 100 South Bridge St., at the former Linden Chiropractic Center

• Two will be placed on 106 South Bridge St., by the sporting goods store south of the traffic light

• 105 North Bridge St., at the former Bear Creek Coffee

• 111 South Bridge St., at Ciravella’s Pizzeria and Bakery

• 119 South Bridge St., at the Linden Masonic Temple

• 103 East Broad St., a vacant parcel of the former Union Block location

• 132 East Broad St., at Linden City Hall

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Football players learn more than football

Middle school football players clean Oakwood Cemetery for the Wounded Warrior Project

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — Eighty Fenton middle school football players traded their footballs for brushes and buckets of water last Thursday to help clean Oakwood Cemetery.

After school for an hour, wearing their football jerseys, they scrubbed gravestones, raked grass, and cleared fallen trees in honor of the Wounded Warrior Project.

“We’re trying to give back to the people who gave their life for us so we could have a free country,” said Gannon Welch, who plays center and linebacker.

Fenton student and football player Marcus Eden said, “My great-great-grandfather was in WWII and most of my cousins and my uncles were in the Marines. I’m grateful to do this just for the people. I wasn’t able to experience this type of stuff when I played flag (football), so I think this is really cool that we’re doing this.

Coach Matthew Welch decided on this community service project so the players could experience more than football.

“We’re trying to teach them something a little bit more than football,” he said. “There’s a part of life that’s giving back and appreciating what these folks who are laid to rest here did for us, and giving them opportunity to be able to play football every day without a worry in the world. This is the least we can do for them.”

The seventh- and eighth-grade players weren’t troubled by the hot weather while cleaning headstones and taking care of the freshly planted grass. They also cleaned the brass markers and flag holders.

“We’re not differentiating between fallen soldiers and non-fall-en soldiers, they’re just cleaning headstones of any and all who are located here,” Welch said.

Thousands of people are buried at the plus-40-acre cemetery, including some of Fenton’s earliest settlers who are buried at Old Prospect Hill, according to the city of Fenton.

Doug Tebo, chair of the Oakwood Cemetery Board, delegated how the kids would help clean the cemetery. “I got a call from the coach, Mr. Welch, and he asked me if he had a project here that the boys could do,” he said.

Back in the spring, about 45 baseball players from Fenton High School helped clean and spread dirt for grass to grow.

“The guys are finishing some raking and are watering for me, trying to get some grass to grow,” he said. “These guys are getting it all cleaned up for me. We’re just tickled to death that these young men can come here and show their community spirit and be part of the Wounded Warrior Project by cleaning all these military markers. That’s great for me, I love it.”

On Thursday, 80 AGS football players help clean approximately 200 headstones at Oakwood Cemetery in Fenton. They focused on gravestones of veterans for the Wounded Warrior Project.
Mud fight at the Reagan Library

Whatever it was, it wasn’t a debate. CNN didn’t want a debate. They wanted a mud fight. And that’s exactly what they got.

CNN set it up that way, delaying the first debate for 15 minutes until Trump’s car arrived at the Reagan Library. They used the first few questions in the junior varsity debate to get candidates to respond to something Trump had said earlier, then stretched the second debate out for three insufferable hours, milking every last possible sponsor dollar out of Donald Trump as long as they had him on stage. Everybody watching had their instant takeaways. Here are mine. Donald Trump didn’t lose any ground, but he didn’t gain any, either. Trump practically disappeared. Trump has peaked. The downward slide begins.

Carly Fiorina helped herself the most. She’s the new Republican pin bull; quick on her feet, but too angry and hard-edged to go the distance. It was do or die for Jeb Bush. He didn’t die, but he didn’t do that well, either. Well enough to remain a serious candidate, but not well enough to establish himself as the strong favorite. It was also do or die for Scott Walker, and he did die.

Among lower-tier candidates, Christie, Marco Rubio and John Kasich made best use of their time.

That’s not the case with Ted Cruz, who clearly could not be against everything and for nothing.

Mike Huckabee was there for one purpose: to defend Kim Davis. He did. End of story.

Instead of covering the debates, CNN and FOX ruled them. They alone decided to hold not one debate, but two. It’s an outrageous new development in American politics. Before one vote is cast for 2016, we’ve empowered TV networks to decide who’s serious and who’s not, thereby eliminating several candidates before they even have a chance to make their case.

Maybe I’m old-fashioned, but I prefer running presidential campaigns the old-fashioned way: Put all candidates on stage at the same time. Let voters decide who the serious candidates are. Not the networks.

TRUMP’S GRASS-ROOT SUPPORTERS are ignorant, racist, sexist, paranoid, uninformed, under-educated, angry, jealous under-achievers who will forget to vote anytime.

THE NEW STREET SIGNS in downtown are far too big. They ruin Fenton’s carefully cultured rustic aesthetic.

I MUST BE A BOO! Rumsfeld did give Anthrax and Bubonic plague to Saddam Hussein. This was released in state department documents. He is no hero. That’s probably why he was so positive Saddam had weapons of mass destruction. He gave them to him.

THERE ARE NO MORE crazy people today who want to get into schools to hurt children compared with 50 years ago. The problem is we have seen in recent times a few crazy people who have access to automatic weapons to kill a lot of school children. Better to be cautious than not.

AFTER READING THE Hot lines Sun.

day, I have concluded that the guy who asked Trump the questions about the Muslims was from Fenton. They don’t just grow nuts in California.

WHEN YOU OR your children are going, not just willing to go fight in Syria, Libya, Iraq, Yemen, Afghanistan, Israel etc. and you can tell me why, what our needs and interests are in that fight. Then I will listen to your criticism of the President. What’s going on there is Bush’s foreign policy.

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 compiler by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

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Cal Thomas

Trump is ‘Lonesome’ Rhodes

Rarely has a presidential campaign more resembled the classic 1957 film, ‘A Face in the Crowd.’ Written by Budd Schulberg and starring Andy Griffith, Patricia Neal and Walter Matthau, the storyline follows an Arkansas hayseed named Larry ‘Lonesome’ Rhodes (Griffith), who, Marcia Frenchie’s Neal) discovers in a county jail. Jeffries has a local radio show on which she interviews interesting characters. She finds Rhodes irresistible and puts him on the air. Rhodes becomes a sensation, eventually climbing the ladder to his own network TV show and then, as politicians approach him for endorsement, a self-described kingmaker.

Later as his political and cultural demise approaches, Rhodes says this about his audience when he thinks the microphone is off (Jeffries has kept it on to expose him as a fraud and make amends for creating a monster): ‘Those morons out there? Shucks, I could take chicken fertilizer and sell it to them as caviar. I could make them eat dog food and think it was steak. … You know what the public’s like? A cage of guinea pigs. Good night, you stupid idiots. Good night, you miserable slobs. They’re a lot of trained seals. I trained them to dead fish and they’ll flap their flippers.’

Rent or buy the film if you haven’t seen it. Think of Trump as you watch Lonesome Rhodes, his rise and eventual fall, as he and amnesties lead to the self-immolation of his career and life.

Trump has tapped into a deep anger among many members of the public who hate Washington and its dysfunction. He regularly lambasts politicians who rarely live up to their promises and especially Republicans for too often surrendering to Democrats.

In the film, Mel Miller (Matthew) delivers one of Schulberg’s best lines about Rhodes: ‘I’ll say one thing for him, he’s got the courage of his ignorance.’

So does Trump, who, to give just one example, claims the Bible is his favorite book, but can’t name any of its chapters, or even a single verse. Lonesome Rhodes would have known how to fake it. Trump might consult the Gideon version in any of his hotel rooms.

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Bill Press

What’s your favorite fall activity?

― Bike riding to the Parshallville Cider Mill with my kids.‖
— Michelle Daggett
Hartland

― I would probably say football season. Wolverines, Michigan.‖
— Jeff Curtis
Linden

― Watching the colors of the trees change and playing fall golf with my wife, Shirley.‖
— Fred Palolos
Fenton Township

― It’s just going out and sightseeing. Stuff like that.‖
— Ileen Hutchinson
Tyrone Township

― Jumping in piles of leaves.‖
— Damien Swik
Fenton

― Just drive around, it’s beautiful. The cider mills. Being outside in the beautiful weather.‖
— Barb Washburn
Argentine Township

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Flint area man charged with disorderly conduct

Allegedly tried to lure children into his car

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The 55-year-old Flint Township man who turned himself in for allegedly attempting to lure kids into his vehicle was arraigned on three counts of disorderly conduct. The charges are misdemeanors with a penalty of up to 90 days in jail.

Anthony Mangiaracina pleaded not guilty during his arraignment on Friday, Sept. 18 in Genesee County 67th District Court. Bond was set at $25,000 (10 percent) for each count and he remains at the Genesee County Jail.

Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell said Mangiaracina has no criminal history and his sister played a role in getting him to turn himself in. The Genesee County Sheriff’s Office investigated after receiving a complaint on the evening of Sept. 4 in Flint Township.

A resident reported that her children were playing outside at a friend’s home when a white male driver in his 60s, with gray curly hair, approached the children, ages 9 to 11, near Grove Park and Torrey Road.

Pickell said the driver initially asked the three children if their parents were home and if he wanted to play games with them. When the children said their parents were home, he instead invited them into his car to play games. At this point, the children ran away.

When the children ran away, he sped off. The suspect’s car was described as a 1998-2002 gold-colored four-door Buick.

The sheriff’s office received a second similar complaint on Wednesday, Sept. 9. This time, the caller said a gold-colored car was seen in the morning near a bus stop.

The sheriff said deputies went door to door seeking witnesses and information. He added that the sheriff’s office received many calls to see DISORDERLY on 7.

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a motion hearing will be held on Sept. 28. This hearing is intended to consolidate all of the cases against Willinger.

A pretrial hearing will be held on Nov. 19, she said. The jury trial has been scheduled for Jan. 12-15, 2016. Willinger is accused of killing his wife, Marsha (Sargent) Willinger, formerly of Argentine Township.

She 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 Willinger’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 Willinger, 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.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Willinger has a past record of drug possession and fleeing from police in 2007, and weapons-firearms possession in 2011. He took plea deals in both cases, receiving an 18-month sentence for the 2007 charges, and one year for the 2011 charge.
The final chapter of Fenton Seminary history is written

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On Tuesday, demolition began on one of the most historic buildings in the city of Fenton.

Known as the Fenton Seminary, and later the Baptist Ministers’ home, the 10,000-square-foot structure at 309 West High St., at the corner of High and State Road, is down after 147 years.

During a September 1999 meeting of the Fenton Historical Society, the most recent owner of the seminary, Penny Crane, spoke about the history of the building.

It was built in 1868 and took a year to complete, said Crane during her presentation. “David Latourette (Fenton banker and member of the local Baptist congregation) was one of the people instrumental in having the building erected. There were tunnels and passageways.”

The Fenton Seminary was a school/boarding school. When it closed, the trustees donated the structure with 17 acres to the Baptist Ministers Aid Society, which had been looking for a home for retired ministers and their wives. Work on the remodeling of the seminary for the retirement home began in April 1887.

A kitchen fire on Feb. 21, 1899 gutted much of the building, but the solid stone walls withstood the heat. The structure sits on a 5- by 12-foot footing. Restoration began almost immediately and by December, the building was restored and the occupants settled.

The building was abandoned by the Baptists in the 1930s and later turned into an apartment house.

In 1951, Paul and Lydia Clark purchased the building and turned it into Hilltop Convalescent Home, which remained until 1967, according to Crane.

Later the building had various owners, but was vacant for years, becoming a target of vandals. Crane purchased the seminary in 1995. The previous owner had left the interior in bad shape and trespassers had painted graffiti on the walls. It was in bad shape, but Crane said she looked beyond this destruction, visualizing what the structure could be.

With the help of family members and friends, Crane removed debris from inside the structure and cleaned up litter and blight from the exterior. She held haunted house events during the Halloween seasons to help cover expenses.

Crane explained to the Fenton Historical Society her trials and tribulations of dealing with the building including bats, raccoons, friendly spooks and Fenton city officials. She detailed the renovations she completed, which included replacing the roof and decking.

Crane restored the house of wood construction adjacent to the seminary on the south side for living quarters for her and her youngest son and their three-legged pet collie. There was a passageway from the house to the seminary.

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The landscape in my family’s neighborhood changed forever yesterday with the demolition of the Fenton seminary, or old Baptist ministers’ house, at the corner of High Street and State Road.

We have lived around the corner since the summer of 1995. Our sons were 3 and 5 years old at the time. We moved to Fenton from Holly because we wanted our children to be educated in Fenton schools, and our 5-year-old was ready to go.

We lived in the same house until 2010, when we bought a house two doors down from where the kids grew up.

From our old house, after the leaves came down in the fall, I could see the top floors of the seminary from my kitchen window. Occasionally, while doing dishes, my imagination would get the better of me and I would swear I saw a woman in a long dress standing for a moment in the upstairs window before fading into the background.

Penny Crane bought the mansion just prior to our moving into the neighborhood. Her son, who was just a couple of years older, became fast friends with our boys. They often played together at our house and at his home, which was the house adjacent to the seminary on the south side.

We were able to take advantage of one of Penny’s early “Haunted House” attractions during a Halloween season. After that, the city shut her down for safety reasons. It was quite the spectacle though and I am glad my boys and I had a chance to be scared out of our wits together.

Not too many people have seen the top floor, which was the attic of the building. There were beautiful wooden beams reaching across the vast area. It reminded me of an old pirate ship like those seen in old movies. The wood was very dark, perhaps mahogany-colored, and the suspended wood beams were massive.

Penny, her son and the young people who tried to help her fix up the house.

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Durable power of attorney for health care

From 1965 through 2010, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) conducted an annual survey of hospital utilization in nonfederal short stay hospitals in the United States. According to the survey conducted by the CDC, there were 35.1 million hospital discharges, 51.4 million medical procedures performed, 125.7 million outpatient department visits and 136.5 million emergency department visits.

By anyone’s standards, these numbers show that there is a great need for and utilization of health care in the United States and the numbers continue to increase. Statistically, the overwhelming majority of hospital and doctor’s visits are made by those able to make their own medical decisions as to treatment. Of course, for children, their parents or legal guardians make the decisions.

Unfortunately, there are some cases where an adult patient is too ill or otherwise unable to participate in such decisions.

This is the reason behind the law in Michigan and other states providing for what is commonly called a ‘Durable Power of Attorney For Health Care.’

To a power of attorney, generally speaking, such a document allows another to act for you in financial decisions or under other specific circumstances that you direct.

In a ‘health care’ power of attorney, an adult can provide for another person to make medical decisions as to their care and treatment when their attending physician and another physician or licensed psychologist determine, after examination, that the patient cannot participate in medical treatment decisions.

The law allows an adult to be named as a ‘patient advocate’ in the power of attorney and the person giving the patient advocate such powers is called the ‘patient.’

When the decision is made that the power is in effect, the advocate is substituted for the patient and makes the medical treatment decisions from that point.

There is also a statute, which allows for a ‘Do Not Resuscitate Order’ to be signed by the patient and his health care professionals not to revive a person if their heart and breathing stop.

This is both a sensitive and complicated area of the law and I can only give you a general description of it. Much more information and many forms are available on the Internet and from health care providers, hospitals, and attorneys who specialize in this area.

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Senate Bill 306: Authorize joining Balanced Budget Compact
To authorize Michigan’s membership in a “Compact for a Balanced Budget.” This would use the device of a multistate compact to submit an application to Congress calling for an Article V “convention to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution,” limited to proposing an amendment prohibiting Congress from increasing the national debt unless a majority of state legislatures approve. Passed 26 to 11 in the Senate Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) YES Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) YES Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) YES Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) NO Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES

Senate Bill 291: Repeal 36th district court bailiff’s “job for life” law
To allow a bailiff of the 36th district court permitted the current bailiffs to keep their jobs for life and not be replaced except for malfeasance, even if the individual is no longer capable of doing the job. Passed 67 to 36 in the House Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) YES Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Twp.) YES

Senate Bill 134: Spend more on government preschool programs

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Pickell said he told viewers of ABC12 about the incident and provided detailed descriptions of the suspect and car. He said this was when Magiaracina’s sister of Fenton Township became alarmed. The sheriff said the sister recognized the suspect description as being her brother and insisted that he turn him in. Magiaracina followed his sister’s advice.

“It was he that we were looking for,” said Pickell. “There was no exposure, no touching, nothing sexual so we couldn’t get a felony warrant. We did get three misdemeanors for disorderly person, one for each child.”

The sheriff said another police agency is looking at Magiaracina as a suspect in a similar incident.

Pickell praised the children who reported the incident to their parents in Fenton Township. “The way the kids reacted, they gave a great description with such great detail.” He added that the children were very well-educated with what to do. “Kudos to the parents,” he said.

The sheriff encourages parents, grandparents or trusted friends to monitor bus stops. “There are a lot of perverts. That’s a deterrent,” he said. “Please don’t hesitate to call us.”

Pickell also praised Magiaracina’s sister for insisting that he turn himself in. “I respect what the sister did,” he said.

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The seminary had 32-inch stonewalls and the trim was 12 to 14 inches thick. The building was of French design with a split staircase.
Crane said she eventually wanted to turn the home into a bed and breakfast and also open some rooms to the community for meetings and programs. A museum area to house artifacts found in the building and on the grounds also was considered. The ground floor would have been the last to be restored.
Crane said developers tried to talk her into selling but she wouldn’t do it. “I think Fenton needs the seminary,” she said in 1999.
Crane tried many times to get the building up to standards. She said she spent years attempting to restore the building, reporting clashes with city officials over permits and approval to complete work. Despite her best intentions, after 20 years of decline, the seminary fell to near ruin. One-third of the stone structure collapsed after the windstorm in fall of 2013. The winter of 2013-14 did even more damage. In April 2014, the property was forfeited to the county for nonpayment of back taxes.
The property became the responsibility of the city of Fenton in January 2015. A subsequent engineering study found the building to be far too gone to salvage and for safety reasons, demolition was recommended.

APPLEFEST
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of the biggest events of the weekend. The first-place winner was Glenn Davis. Her pie was purchased by the Michael LaPointe family, who owns Chasse Ballroom & Dance Studio in Fenton.
“Mike was outbid by his 4-year-old son this year,” said McDermott. The pie sold for $3,400.
The second-place pie winner was Luan Hoyes. Her pie was purchased by the Roger Sharp family for $2,700.
The third-place pie was baked by a surprising baker, a young boy named Dylan McGaffey. McDermott said Dylan is 8 to 10 years old. “He would not give up his recipe.”

Dylan’s pie was purchased for $700 by Cal Rapson, former UAW leader.
The winner of the big prize, either an Alaskan cruise or Caribbean cruise was won by Susie Temple of Fenton. McDermott said she has not yet decided which cruise she will choose to enjoy.
The grand prize raffle winner of $10,000 in cash, a car or pontoon was won by Lori Plunkett of Fenton. She has not yet decided which to choose either.
McDermott said more detailed information will be available in a couple weeks when all the numbers come in.
According to Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro, the entire weekend passed without incident. “Everyone did fine,” he said.
Eagles win thriller vs. Dragons; Holly dominates Kearsley

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The Linden varsity football team knows how to make games exciting.

For the second straight weekend, the Eagles found themselves trailing early. However, just like the previous Friday when the Eagles came back to beat Holly 14-13, Linden overcame two 14-point deficits against the Dragons to earn a 32-24 victory at Swartz Creek on Friday.

“We’ll take it any way we can get it, that’s for sure,” Linden co-head coach Denny Hopkins said. “Both teams made a ton of mistakes. They turned the ball over five or six times and we turned the ball over five or six times, but we held in there and came back in the fourth. We got some nice long drives, got back on top and held on.”

The Eagles (2-0, 3-1) trailed 21-7 when Brett Pero caught a 14-yard TD pass from Cam Hill during the second quarter, but the Eagles bounced back, it was a gradual process. The first dent was provided with 8:05 left in the first quarter against the Dragons.

Creek started the third quarter with a 21-yard field goal, but Bailey Davis responded on the ensuing play, scoring on a 98-yard kickoff return. The Eagles had the lead back down to 24-19 early in the third quarter. The Eagles eventually took the lead for good with 3:30 left in the third when Sarkon hit on his second TD pass of the game, this one to Ryker Rivera from 13 yards out. Linden led 25-24.

The Eagles were able to stretch the lead to 32-24 during the fourth a one-yard TD run from Aaron Steedman. Davis made the PAT.

Early on, Swartz Creek scored two TDs early, including one on a 70-yard interception return by Cam Hill. The Dragons led 14-0 after one quarter. Kevin Bates scored

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Tigers clip the Blackhawks, 42-10

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Ortonville — The Fenton Tigers didn’t like seeing the Ortonville Brandon Blackhawsk’s name on top of the Metro League standings.

So the defending Metro League champions did something about it on Friday night at Brandon High School. After the Blackhawks scored a field goal to open the scoring, the Tigers scored 42 unanswered points, resulting in a 42-10 Metro League victory.

“We have to show the Metro League we are still on top,” Peyton Coffman said. “We have to keep pounding away on teams and show them we deserve to be on top.”

“That was the goal, to make a statement,” Fenton varsity head football coach Jeff Setzke said. “I think we did that tonight. … This was a big win. They were 3-0 and it doesn’t matter who they beat and how. All that matters is when we open up the paper they are showing them on top, and we didn’t like that. We had to move on.”

A player who continues to progress with each week is starting sophomore quarterback Josh Czarnota. Czarnota completed 12-of-16 passes for 169 yards and two TDs. He also ended up being a potent threat with the option, running for 50 yards on seven carries, including first-half TD runs of 13 and 24 yards.

“It was kind of rough at the beginning of the season because of how it began,” the first-year starting QB said. “But once I got used to the offense and got used to the tempo, I think I’m developing pretty good and getting used to it. … The timing and everything, I’ve gotten used to it. I just need to keep developing more, keep getting better.”

The Blackhawks did score first on their opening drive of the contest. Starting at the Fenton 43, Brandon drove the ball to the Fenton 2 before a loss of two yards forced the Blackhawsk to go for a 21-yard field goal. Zach Clements made the kick and Fenton trailed 3-0 with 8:05 left in the first quarter.

The Tigers (2-0, 3-1) were forced to punt on their second possession of the game, but Fenton’s Brandon Muma forced a fumble on a completed pass and Chris York recovered the ball, giving Fenton’s Dylan Crankshaw tries to break a tackle during Fenton’s 42-10 victory against Brandon on Friday. Reid Thompson is the Fenton offensive lineman.

the Tigers possession at the Brandon 25. Five plays later, Czarnota scored his first of two TDs, this one from 13 yards out. Greg Lukas made his first of six extra points, giving the Tigers a 7-3 lead.

“That play in the first quarter made the Tigers’ first six extra points, giving the Tigers a 7-3 lead.”

Fenton’s Dylan Crankshaw tries to break a tackle during Fenton’s 42-10 victory against Brandon on Friday. Reid Thompson is the Fenton offensive lineman.

The Lake Fenton varsity football team is literally running over its opponents the last three weeks.

After combining to beat Durand and Montrose by a score of 93-27 the last two weeks, the Blue Devils kept up their pace of dominant play by beating Mt. Morris 48-0 in Genesee Area Conference Red Division play on Friday night.

“It was another one of those nights. I think we ran plays in the first half and it was 41-0 at halftime,” Lake Fenton coach Eric Doyle said. “Defensively, we made them turn it over seven times. I think we are starting to get there, but we still have some work to do. I didn’t think we were as good offensively as we were last week, and I think the kids agree with that.”

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He also completed all three of the Tigers’ extra points, giving the Tigers a 7-3 lead. “That play in the first quarter made the Tigers’ first six extra points, giving the Tigers a 7-3 lead.”

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Scruggs putting her best foot forward

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Amy Scruggs attempts and makes an extra-point during the Holly Bronchos' 42-12 victory against Kearsley on Friday. Scruggs made all six of her PATs on Friday.

“Scruggs isn’t the first female Holly placekicker the program has had in recent seasons. In 2010, Melissa Smiles was a senior placekicker for the varsity team. That same season, Mary-Kathryn Fieberrnitz was the starting placekicker for the Linden program. And it seems there is a recent trend for girls wanting to compete for kicking positions. Currently at Fenton, Madlle Woods...”

Many familiar faces among Applefest race winners

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If one was asked to name the two top female tri-county runners over the last decade, the names that probably would come up the most are Fenton residents Sue Larsen and Lisa Veneziano. During Saturday’s St. John Applefest runs, the two found themselves battling for the 10K race title. Larsen, 14 years younger than Veneziano, came out victorious capturing the female overall 10K title with a time of 37:35, 55 seconds ahead of Veneziano’s second-place time of 38:30. However, Veneziano didn’t go home empty-handed. She was the female masters winner. Placing a distant third was Ortonville’s Danielle Leskie (42:50), while Fenton’s Erin Hunt-...
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when the kid (Kevin Bickett) tried to get the
first down and Muma hit him — that turned around the whole game," Setzke said. “The
kids didn’t panic. They are focused.”

The Tigers scored on each of their last five possessions of the half. The second one came on a three-yard run by Dylan Crankshaw. The run ended a 37-yard eight-play drive which was set up by a bad Brandon snap on a punt play. Fenton led 14-3 with 9:10 left in the half. Another bad snap and a fumble recovery by Mumai started the next drive. It charged on a fake handoff by Czar-

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Fenton scored. Fenton completed a 1-yard pass to Fromm on a 12-yard TD pass from Czarotta to Zack West. Fenton led 35-3 with 1:26 left in the half.

The Tigers iced the victory quickly in the second half. Lukan intercepted a pass, giving Fenton possession at the Brandon 27. Six plays later, Czarotta hit Brendan Mathews with a 10-yard slant reception for a TD. Fenton led 42-3. Brandon scored an unconventional TD midway through the fourth quarter.

Fenton collected 315 yards on offense. Meanwhile, Brandon turned the ball over four times. Offensively, Czarotta and Czarotta each had 50 rushing yards, while Shane Kolinski had 42 rushing yards. Czarotta completed passes to seven different

receivers.

“I feel we are developing into a great

team,” Coffman said. “We just have to keep working hard and keep developing as

a family. It’ll pay off at the end.”

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two runners — Dominic Dimambro in

(16:54) and Andrew Bond in 17th (17:00) — beat Holly’s second runner, but the

entire Holly top five finished within the
top 28 places. Holly’s other finishers

top 30 were Michael Ponkey in 18th (17:12), Francisco Valdivinos in 21st (17:18),

Emilio Gomez in 22nd (17:20) and

Blake Staffne in 28th (17:23).

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Clifton Gene Barrett
1925-2015
Clifton Gene Barrett – age 62, of Argentine passed away September 17, 2015. Clifton was born October 16, 1952 in Commerce, Michigan to Alton James Barrett and Josephine End (Brown) Barrett. He worked many jobs in his lifetime, most recently as a butcher at Richardson Meat Processing. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Alton and Josephine; brothers Harold Brown, Alton, John and Timothy Barrett; and sister Lovina (Jane) Barr. He is survived by his son, Clayton Barrett of Argentine; daughters, Debra (Jeff) Nowack of Bark River, Stella (Dave) DeLong of Menominee, Georgene (Shad) Barrett-Gould of Menominee, and Samantha (DJ Castelein) Barrett of Milford, his grandchildren Elizabeth, Boyd, Thomas, Mia, Mary, Aurora, Nevaeh, Lisa, and his two great-grandsons. He is also survived by his sisters Lucy Lewis, Agnes Turner, Tim (Norman) Lorenz, and Lisa (Mike) Mize; many nieces and nephews; and his best friend Debora Fry Lewandowski. Services will be at 11 AM Thursday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Visitations will be held 2-4 and 6-8 PM Wednesday with a 7 PM vigil service at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton; and 10-11 AM Thursday at St. John. Those desiring may make contributions to the Association for the Prevention of Blindness.

Helen Rita Fital
1929-2015
Helen Rita Fital - Age 86, of Fenton, died September 17, 2015. Helen, 1929-2015, Fenton. Her family wishes to thank the staff at Centennial Park and his best friend Debora Fry Lewandowski. Services will be at 11 AM Thursday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Visitations will be held 2-4 and 6-8 PM Wednesday with a 7 PM vigil service at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton; and 10-11 AM Thursday at St. John. Those desiring may make contributions to Hospice of Genesee County, 4108 Orchard Park Blvd., Howell, MI 48843. Services will be at 11 AM Thursday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Visitations will be held 2-4 and 6-8 PM Wednesday with a 7 PM vigil service at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton; and 10-11 AM Thursday at St. John. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Breast Cancer Foundation. Services will be at 11 AM Thursday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Visitations will be held 2-4 and 6-8 PM Wednesday with a 7 PM vigil service at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton; and 10-11 AM Thursday at St. John. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Breast Cancer Foundation.

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Douglas Leonard “Dewey” Johnson
1930-2015
Douglas Leonard “Dewey” Johnson - age 85, of Fenton, died Sunday, September 20, 2015. Funeral services will be held 12 PM Thursday, September 24, at Linden Free Methodist Church, 13274 Linden Road, Linden. Pastor Michael Anderson officiating. Burial in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton Wednesday from 4-8 PM and at the church Thursday from 11 AM until the time of service. Those desiring may make contributions to Hawley Audio, 4108 Orchard Park Blvd., Howell, MI 48843. Dewey was born June 12, 1930, the son of Arthur Oscar and Grace Emma (Rudland) Johnson. He was the graduate of Holly High School. He was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the U.S. Army. He married Susan Lynn Kelly February 25, 1955, also of First Presbyterian Church of Fenton and also attended Linden Free Methodist Church. Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Susan; 4 children, Cynthia and husband Michael Anderson, Tamara and husband Mark Dennis, Karyn and husband Charles Sessink, and Brian Johnson; 9 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and 25 great-great-grandchildren. Contributions may be made to the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.
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Aries (March 21 to April 19)
A workplace change doesn’t seem to have turned out quite as you’d hoped. Never mind: Just treat yourself to a healthy dollop of that Aries self-confidence, and you’ll soon view things differently.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20)
Some of the support you might have hoped for in a difficult situation might not be there. But you have the strength to rely on your own capabilities if you must. Good luck.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20)
A disagreement with a longtime friend can be painful, but it also can be a learning lesson. Insist on a full and complete airing of views. You’ll both come away the better for it.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22)
A stalled relationship can be restarted with some give and take on both sides. And while it could take more time than you expect, don’t rush it. Be patient, and let it happen naturally.

Leo (July 23 to August 22)
An opportunity to move a long-stalled project from concept to construction might be opening up for the Big Cat. Meanwhile, be prepared to spend more time dealing with family matters.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22)
Use your Virgo organizational skills to line up support to help you deal with a sticky workplace problem. A personal matter also might be helped with friendly intervention.

Libra (September 23 to October 22)
Trying to resolve a workplace problem with a long-term associate can be difficult. Consider bringing in an impartial third party to help you both reach a mutually acceptable solution.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21)
This is a good time to assess your current career situation. Consider whether you have a chance to move up where you are now, or if you should look elsewhere.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21)
With education being a dominant part of this week’s aspect, one of the things you might want to think about is taking courses to enhance your career opportunities.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19)
You might have a problem trying to stay focused on a matter you’d rather not deal with. But the sooner you do, the sooner it will be resolved and out of the way.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18)
An unforeseen complication creates a difficult problem. But things get resolved once you use your ability to turn negative situations into positive experiences.

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