Piece of cake!

Fenton couple enjoy sweet proposal at St. John Applefest Cake Walk

By Vera Hogan

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There is a first time for everything and this year, the St. John Applefest saw its first marriage proposal between a young Fenton couple Saturday night.

Matthew Brothers connected all the dots and proposed marriage to his girlfriend, Caitlyn

See PROPOSAL on 9A



LCaitlyn wanted to go to the Cake Walk for the past two years, but we missed it two years in a row. 77

> **Matthew Brothers** Groom-to-be

> > \$1.00



Weekend T MRS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

Grandmother facing trial for murdering **Fenton man**

■ Meanwhile, her daughter is accused of child abuse and neglect

By Vera Hogan

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While accused killer Mary Bigford



Mary Bigford



Howard Jr.

awaits trial for murder, her daughter, Latesha Bigford, may be in some trouble of her own.

Mary Bigford, 51, remains in the Isabella County jail for allegedly shooting to death Lawrence Howard, Jr., 39, of Fenton on April 18 of this year. Howard was the father of Latesha's 3-year-old daughter.

After her client's death, Howard's attorney, Jodi Hemingway, petitioned the court to remove his

child from her mother's custody. She was successful in doing so in June.

See TRIAL on 16A

Floating on spirit week

TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO

Holly High School government teacher and sports announcer Tony Coggins was one of three to judge the homecoming floats last Friday. They used a 95-point system, and when all was done, the sophomores won. Holly's 2015 floats were decorated as "The Hunger Games," and each grade level had a district theme based on the movie and books. Holly's homecoming was first, with only nine days to prepare floats. Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden homecomings are next week, and it's float-building time for them. See story on Page 10A.

Bigford's charges

- One count of open murder
- · One count of first-degree murder
- One count of carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent
- · Felonious assault
- · Felony firearm violation

On the first-degree murder charge, she faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison without possibility of parole.



Car-deer crash season to begin

October is just around the corner. making the next two months among the most dangerous when it comes to car-deer crashes.

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Beautiful fall foliage around Michigan

Add these trails and attractions to your autumn 'to-do' list to experience Michigan's fall colors.

TEXT YOUR **HOT LINE**



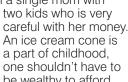
LE The best thing that could happen to America would be



Washington, D.C. while Congress is in session. Other than a complete change

in leadership at all levels, America is doomed.'

L Almost \$5 for an ice cream cone? I am a single mom with



be wealthy to afford to buy one. I'll buy them at the grocery store in the future."

ff I too, am appalled at the driver's who refuse to yield



to an ambulance that is right behind them. Flashing lights, loud siren, if you can't hear or see them,

it's likely you should not be on the road at all."



COMMENT OF THE WEEK

LE Nearly eight years later and you are still blaming Bush? Why not blame Abe Lincoln or Ron Reagan, they were Republicans. You probably still have a land line. "

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DAVISON 6487 N. Oak

Original owner! Lots of property, fenced yard, attached garage and a large 32 x 24 pole barn! This large quad-level home features an addition added in 2000 on the main level, as well as a large and rustic-feeling 3 season room on the lower level. With living room, family room, dining room and basement this home offers plenty of room for a growing family. Davison Schools.

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FENTON

613 S. Adelaide

This home has a great location within walking distance to downtown Fenton with its lovely Mill Pond, quaint shops and restaurants. Home currently being used as rental property with one unit up and one down but it could very easily be made back into single family home. Home features very large living area, tall ceilings, and kitchen on the main floor.

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Fire rescue training

Local fire departments practice in smoke-filled vacant Fenton house

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton — A baby drops from a

second story window as one fire safety officer lets it fall into the hands of another officer. The one who caught the baby holds it up in the air and lets out a triumphant shout.

The training exercise was a success.

An adult-sized dummy and fake baby doll

laid on the ground next to each other in the grass, staring at the sky, as the Fen-

ton and Linden fire departments joined forces to conduct training exercises last Thursday night.

44 You go into a house and you can't see your hand in front of your face. It's full of smoke. 77

> **Dustin Lucius** Fenton Fire Department

Teams of fire safety officers, in full turnout gear, took turns making their way through the smoke-filled abandoned house in search of people in peril. Or, in this case, two dummies.

Black plastic was placed over the windows to keep the setting dark. They cut holes in the roof for ven-

tilation so that it served as a chimney.

See FIRE RESCUE on 16A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I HANNAH BALL

(Top) A Linden fire safety officer watches as Fenton and Linden fire departments work together to conduct fire rescue training last Thursday night. (Just above) An adultsized dummy and a baby dummy, used by the Fenton and Linden fire departments, lay on the ground as the two departments discuss the training



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It ain't the arrow, it's the Indian

By Foster Childs

To understand the violence and lawlessness that permeates our society today, you

need only to look at history. Many on the left blame it on the availability of guns. Nice try, but the facts tell a different story.

In 1910, the National Rifle Association had 73 NRAaffiliated high-school rifle clubs. The 1911 Boy Scout Handbook made qualification in NRA's junior marksmanship program a prerequisite for obtaining a BSA merit badge in marksmanship. In New York City, gun clubs were common

at high schools. Guns were clearly an integral component of most households.

The popularity of guns was also evident based on their availability. Catalogs and magazines from the 1940s, '50s and '60s

were full of gun advertisements. The 1902 Sears mail-order catalog had 35 pages of

> firearm advertisements. Anyone could walk into any hardware store in America and buy a gun. Neither states, counties nor towns had age restrictions on buying a gun.

And so, the logical question is: Why, at a time when guns were readily and easily available to anyone, including children, did America not experience a proportionate level of gun violence relative to what we are experiencing

today, despite our stricter gun laws?

The simple and correct answer is that we have let today's liberal-dominated society remove all accountability for one's actions. We've taught the last few

generations of kids not to be judgmental, that there are always excuses for deviant behavior. It's the way they were born, or the way they were raised. Or it was violent video games and movies.

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We've loosened sexual morals to the point where 43 percent of all U.S. births are to single mothers, rising to over 70 percent for all black births. As morals loosened, the family unit has disintegrated. Now millions of kids are raised in fatherless homes with little or no moral standards.

Swift and sure punishment for criminal behavior, the best deterrent to crime, has been

under siege in America for the last three decades, again by naïve liberals. The net result is overcrowded courts that routinely dismiss or reduce charges that, 20 years ago, would have sent you to prison.

No amount of police, laws or courts

can ever replace the ingrained honor of a moral upbringing that results from a traditional family unit composed of both a father and a mother.

And yet, ignoring all data to the con-

trary, many still stupidly and stubbornly insist that society is not the problem — that more gun laws, longer waiting periods and stricter gun possession laws are the answer.

Responsible ownership of guns by law-abiding citizens is not the problem. The refusal of society to address the reality of rampant single motherhood, generational poverty and the liberal-led

dismantling of moral standards is the real cause of gun violence.

As the old saying goes, 'It ain't the arrow, it's the Indian.

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WHEN YOU ARE driving like an idiot or texting and I call you out on it, swearing at me is not the answer. This self-centered attitude is what is to blame for so many accidents. Just accept you are in the wrong and act

accordingly.

I WAS WATCHING the special on TV on Tiger Woods when he was younger. He was loose and playing great naturally. As he got older, he looked like he was going through a movie of Tarzan. It's a huge change from when he was

FOR ANYONE WHO votes based on facts not fiction, the Iraq War resolution was approved by Congress in October 2003. Obama was in the Senate from 2005-2008, therefore he did not vote against the Iraq War. Facts matter.

HERE'S THE RULE for when two vehicles arrive at an intersection that's a four-way stop at the same time. The driver to the right always has the rightof-way. It's just like the boating law.

OUR MAJOR CITIES and the Middle East are very similar. When the radicals and the violence reach a certain point, all of the decent citizens flee for their own safety.

IS OBAMA A Muslim? Is Obama a

Christian? He is neither. The only religion he practices is looking at a mirror, adoring his image, while believing that he is a God.

RICK, GREAT TO see you after such a long time. Will pass it forward, thank you.

THE NEW NAME of The Fenton Industrial Park should be 'Buffoon Park' in honor of the politicians who really think spending \$33,617 on signage is a good use of the taxpayers' money.

OF GREAT CONCERN is the lack of knowledge behind so many Hot line posts, on all sides. Much knee-jerk attack and defend. Let's start by actually reading our U.S. Constitution fully, the primary law of our land. Keep in mind while reading it — the law is the law.

DOES IT MAKE sense to anyone other than the people who tax us to spend \$34,000 on a new sign for the industrial park that will do nothing to promote business? Seems like maybe they could just stop taxing us to death rather than rent statues and buy signs.

I WANT TO thank St. John's for the wonderful festival they put on each year. It is a family friendly event that has something for everyone. A special thanks to all the volunteers who are the heart and soul of the Applefest.

OWNER OF OLA — you owe it to her to protect her. Allowing anyone to punch, pull and poke at her is allowing abuse no matter the reason. You aren't helping the disabled by standing idly by and taking no action.

A TAX ABATEMENT on the old beanery building? How are other businesses supposed to compete in town? Fire Hall gets their building for free. Quit alienating the business that grew this town.

POPE FRANCIS IS a huge disappointment. His dislike of capitalism and move to socialism is unjust to the hard workers of the world. Does he think all the wealth the Catholic church holds comes from socialism?

RESPONSE TO A question from Sept. 20: The President assumed the position of emperor/dictator in 2012 after being elected for a second term. If he runs again, our spineless House and Senate will likely roll over once again to the tyranny in process.

TO THE HOT-liner who suggests people who do the speed limit on Hickory Ridge, move over and let others pass. Have you been on Hickory Ridge in Oakland County? Having hit three deer in five years has slowed me down to 55 and I'm not apologizing for it.

MORE THAN 22 million of us watched the Republican Presidential debate. It was heartbreaking watching these candidates try to bargain away the rights and safety of pregnant women in return for votes.

BE HONEST WITH yourself. Don't you think it's about time we elected someone who hasn't lived at the public trough for 40 years? Get on the bandwagon and elect Trump.

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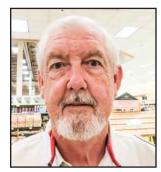
"I don't get the flu shot because normally I get sick after I get it."



"I get the flu shot for work. I work at a hospital."



"No, I don't get the flu shot. I don't get sick that often."



"We get the flu shot every year. It's preventa-

— Doug McInnes



"We don't get the flu shot. I don't trust the government. The people who get it seem to get sick."

> Bobbie Holland Tyrone Township



"I had one flu shot in 1974. Within a half hour, I was so sick I couldn't walk and I haven't had one since."

- Vera Hogan, Fenton

Barry Willoughby Fenton Township - Jenny Armstrong Fenton

— Bret Rashleigh Fenton

Lakeland, Florida

LOOKING BACK

at this week

IN LOCAL HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

5 YEARS

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010

DDA to purchase former Republic Bank site for \$325,000. The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has received city council approval to buy the old Republic Bank site at 120 E. Silver Lake Road. Although the DDA hasn't made formal plans for the property, it intends to use it for a development to revitalize downtown Fenton.

10 YEARS

Sunday, Oct. 2, 2010

Holly police chief resigns. Gregory Hansmeier, the village of Holly's chief of police for the last 14 years, has resigned. Problems in the Holly Police Department surfaced earlier this year resulting in Hansmeier coming under the gun regarding policies, procedures and leadership.

15 YEARS

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2000
Going through! It's finally happening. LeRoy Street, which was closed in dowtown Fenton as part of Urban Renewal in 1975, is being re-opened. The street, first established when it was named for Robert LeRoy, who platted the town in 1837 with William Fenton, will again be open to through-traffic. This move is hoped to alleviate some of the north-south traffic now encompassing Adelaide Street, as well as revitalize downtown businesses.

20 YEARS

Sunday, Oct. 1, 1995

Holly's \$46.5 million bond narrowly passes. The Holly Area School District's \$46.5 million bond issue squeaked to victory Tuesday with just 24 votes deciding the outcome of the election. The money will be used to build a new high school with a swimming pool, an additional elementary school, upgrade technology and other repairs and replacements.

25 YEARS

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 1990
Truck knocks out TV. Some careless expressway work cost residents in Linden, Argentine, Deerfield and Byron a night without cable TV. Fenton Cablevision's Harold McNeill said it took about 3-1/2 hours for service to be restored to about 2,500 customers, after a truck knocked out a cable trunk line on U.S. 23 near Rolston Road.

30 YEARS

buvers.

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1985
Liquor stores busted. Twelve local stores cited for selling to minors in police raids. A dozen reportedly popular booze-buying spots for Fenton area young people were among 44 establishments cited for selling alcohol to minors in a series of undercover buys in Genesee County. The Michigan State Police orchestrated the stings using decoy



PADRE'S CHILI UPDATE

In response to his famous chili recipe, reprinted in the Sunday, Sept. 13 edition of the Times, Fr. David Harvey contacted the office with an update on the ingredients. Since the article was first published in September 2001, a few of the ingredients have changed. For the sake of everyone's health, Fr. Harvey says the amount of salt should be reduced from "a scant (just under) 8 ounces of a cup of salt" to a scant 1/3 cup of salt. "I have also increased the amount of freshly stewed tomatoes to 10 quarts instead of the 5-7 quarts," he said. "Our cooking time has been reduced to about 45 minutes when cooking over a gas fire and with continual stirring."

News brief

LAKE FENTON SCIENCE CLASSES COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR HAITI

The science classes of Lake Fenton teacher Matthew Morgan are collecting a variety of materials to be donated to the country of Haiti. Morgan's sister, Patricia Chandler of Fenton, is an RN at McLaren Hospital and will be traveling to Haiti to volunteer medical services to the people of that country. This is the second time the science classes have come through to help the people of Haiti. The students donated toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and washcloths to compete for a \$20 gift card to Taco Bell. This year, a major donor was Nastassja Delliss, whose mother is Dr. Brenda Chapelle, a dentist in Durand. The local dentist donated more than one hundred items, including toothpaste and toothbrushes. Morgan and Chandler are very appreciative to all those who gave for this worthy cause.

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News brief

FENTON ZONTA OBSERVES NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

To highlight the importance of October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the Zonta Club of Fenton's 21st anniversary, it will host a community-wide awareness rally on Sept. 29 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at FirstMerit Bank, located at 226 West Caroline across from Tim Horton's in Fenton. Anne Kita, crisis counselor coordinator from the YWCA's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services, and Pastor Mark Burnett from the Potter's Wheel Church in Fenton, will address the rally. Rally supporters will place flags on the lawn in recognition of the number of Domestic Violence victims in Genesee County from January 2014 to September 2015. Human trafficking flags will also be placed on the lawn and educational material will be available. Families are encouraged to stop in to collect information, place a flag and network with others in the community. Light refreshments will be provided and donations are accepted.

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DON'T OPEN THAT EMAIL ATTACHMENT - IT IS INFECTED

Russ Ciesielski, interim superintendent at Linden Community Schools, said the district sent out an alert Wednesday afternoon to all parents regarding an email virus to which it became aware. The district's email accounts were compromised and a handful of staff members reported that bogus emails were sent from their accounts. The emails looked like official school emails, however, they were infected with a virus. These emails had an attachment, which, if opened, would spread the virus to the address book of the email account that opened it. Parents and family members who receive one of these infected emails are warned against opening the attachment. Ciesielski said the district has been in contact with Google to determine how the accounts were hacked. Anyone who believes their email account has been affected is advised to change their password immediately and to monitor messages.

On behalf of the General Chairs, Dave and Sara McDermott, Father Dwight, and the parish of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Thank You to the Fenton community for a successful Applefest! The 43rd Applefest is over, but it was certainly one of the best festivals we've ever had! Each year we are amazed at everything we pack into 4 short days. Rides, games, pies, and entertainment...over 50 events in total. The weather was beautiful and smiles were everywhere. A huge thanks to all of our volunteers - without you Applefest would never happen. The volunteers work endless hours to ensure every moment of Applefest is your favorite, and we can't thank you enough for your efforts. We are truly humbled by your dedication. We hope your family enjoyed Applefest **Applefest** as much as ours did. See you next year at the 44th Applefest! Next year is on the calendar! Join us September 15, 16, 17 and 18, 2016 for the 44th Applefest! A special thank you to the following companies for their donations and on-going support: Travel Brokers of Fenton Fenton Home Furnishings JD Michael Salon Cislo Title Company Thomas Appliance The Laundry Goin' Postal Fenton Sulfaro Family Dentistry Auto-Lab Johnny's Restaurant & Pizzeria Uncle Ray's Dairyland EdwardJones - Kevin Messing City of Fenton Verizon Wireless Auto One Vic Canever Chevrolet KC Baran, Attorney Acorn Wealth Advisors Crust – A Baking Company Today's Dental Comfort Macksood's Gerych's Flowers & Gifts Lasco Ford Sears Fenton Hall Chrysler/Jeep Sawyer Jewelers LaFontaine Auto Group Randy Wise Buick Sherwin Williams Fenton

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'Living dead' to walk, dance down city streets

Zombie walks

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Gemma Amendola

Linden High School art teacher,

Linden Arts Council member

■Zombies to invade Linden City October 16 for Linden Arts Council fundraiser

By Hannah Ball

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Zombies with guts and blood oozing out of their skulls with maggots eating at their eye sockets will infest Linden on Oct. 16.

A Zombie Walk, put on by the Linden Arts Council, has residents excited to dress up like the walking dead and walk or crawl through the city.

The walk, led by an old hearse, will start at 6 p.m. at the Fairview Cemetery, because "of course, a zombie walk has to start in a cemetery," said Sue Turpen, president of the Linden Arts Council.

The walk will continue onto Tickner Street into Linden and will go for about four blocks. During the walk, the Linden Dance Academy will perform a flashmob dance of the popular Michael Jackson song "Thriller" at 6:30 p.m.

The council will then show the movie "Night of the Living Dead" in the Linden Fire Hall at 7 p.m., for \$1 admission. Each person will receive a bag of popcorn.

Turpen said they don't know how many people to expect, but "everyone's invited. Everyone can be in this walk. We're trying to express ourselves in different ways and bring people into town."

"Zombie walks are becoming very popular and they are a lot of fun. We just wanted

to get people out there to have a good time," said Gemma Amendola, member of the Linden Arts Council and Linden High School art teacher.

The idea came from the council's art fundraiser last year, a pumpkin painting event, that went really well. "We decided this year to add more to it," she said.

The students at Linden are excited to be a part of it, Turpen said. The city council approved the walk on Sept. 14. Turpen said the students at the meeting were excited about the event. "Everything has been approved," she said.



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Everyone is invited to dress like a zombie, dance to "Thriller," and watch "Night of the Living Dead" in Linden on Oct. 16.

"The city is totally behind it."

The council is also hiring a face painter to do zombie makeup on participants.

The Linden Dance Academy will hold two workshops on Sept. 26, from 9 to10 a.m. and Oct. 10, from 10 to11 a.m. for anyone who wishes to learn the dance. These workshops will be held at the Linden Dance Academy in 15178 South Linden Rd.

Participants are encouraged to attend a zombie workshop at the Linden Dance

Academy Oct. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. to work on costumes and makeup.

The council is also having a pumpkin painting contest for Linden students. After the council delivers 100 to 150 pumpkins to each Linden school, they encourage students to paint them according to the zombie theme.

Pumpkins must be

turned in for judging at the Linden Fire Hall, located at 132 East Broad St., by Tuesday, Oct. 13.

The pumpkins will be displayed in local businesses.

"We hope to get people to do the zombie theme," Turpen said.

Amendola said the purpose of the walk is, "Getting people out there. Linden is a great town. These events just make it more fun. We also want to raise money for the Linden Arts Council so that we can provide more events like this one and include a scholarship or two for art students."



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Oh, deer!

October, November is biggest car-deer crash season

By Vera Hogan

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Dan Shannon's "Buck Pole" is just about ready to go up. The owner of Shannon Auto Collision has been putting it up every year — not to display deer carcasses — but rather the auto parts that died because of vehicle-deer crashes.

Those parts often include bumpers, grilles and other vehicle parts that come off during the collision. The Buck Pole serves as a reminder to drivers that the season is upon us and caution is warranted, and as advertising for Shannon's business, at 1460 Torrey Rd., that has been serving customers for 30 years.

October is just around the corner, making the next two months among the most dangerous when it comes to vehicle-deer crashes.

Shannon said deer season is nearly upon us with bow hunting season first, followed by guns in mid-November.

According to the Michigan State Police, the state's 2 million deer are most active during the spring and fall,

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worth it. 77

Dan Shannon

Shannon Auto

Collision owner

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but vehicle-deer crashes are a year-round problem. Locally, the majority of crashes take place in October and November.

In 2014, Michigan motorists reported 45,690 vehicledeer crashes. As a result of these accidents, 1,072 people were injured and six people were killed. All six

of those who lost their lives were motorcycle riders.

According to michigancrashfacts. org, the majority of vehicle-deer crashes occurred most often in the state's most populated counties in 2014. Oakland County had the highest number in the state with 1,750. Other local counties in-



Dan Shannon, owner of Shannon Auto Collision on Torrey Road in Fenton, will be putting his "Buck Pole" up soon. It won't display deer carcasses, but rather car parts that come off during vehicle-deer crashes.

clude Genesee County, which reported 964 crashes in 2014, followed by Shiawassee County with 760 and Livingston County with 722 crashes.

Vehicle-deer accidents spike toward the end of October and beginning of November, when deer become very

It's the animals' breeding season, farmers are harvesting crops and changing conditions in areas where deer live, the weather is becoming cooler and the animals are more comfortable moving around.

And, when hunters head out to the woods, the deer

head out to the roadways.

"Last year we had 17 car-deer crashes. None of the crashes caused an injury," said Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro.

Aro said the numbers have been pretty consistent over the past three years; 25 in 2013 and 16 in 2012.

"It's too early to look at this year be-

cause the majority of these crashes occur between October and December," Aro said. "They also typically occur in the evening or hours of darkness when the deer move more freely.

"It's important for drivers to remember that if a crash with a deer is imminent they should not over correct or swerve to try and avoid the deer," he added. "This can cause a loss of vehicle control, more damage and possibly injury."

Drivers are advised to brake firmly but maintain control of the vehicle.

See **DEER** on 19A



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cap in order to ensure that no longing substances enter the system.

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- Place and hold the adapter on the reservoir filler

- Place and hold the adapter on the reservoir filler neck to ensure a tight fit. In some cases, the adapter will fit into the reservoir opening.
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 Refill the reservoir to the proper level.
 Repeat Steps 6 and 7.
 If needed, refill the reservoir and continue to pull a vacuum until no more bubbles can be seen in the reservoir or until the fluid level no longer drops. The vehicle will move if started in gear before the Actuator Cylinder is refilled and operational. Start the vehicle the first time in neutral to help prevent personal injury from vehicle movement and see if the transmission will shift easily into gear.
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Last Thursday, Sandy Brickles of Fenton peruses the used books area of the Attic Treasures tent. She and her husband found lots of useful nonfiction books.

43rd annual St. John Applefest another success

■ Proceeds from annual fundraiser help numerous parish ministries

By Vera Hogan

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Mother Nature didn't disappoint last weekend, making it possible for 35,000-plus visitors to enjoy the 43rd annual St. John Applefest in Fenton.

According to Dave McDermott, who chairs the event with his wife, Sara, there were 10,000 to 15,000 people on the festival grounds every day of the four-day event.

"We noticed a lot of people coming back every day of the festival," McDermott said.

While the exact numbers won't be in for another few weeks, this year's event raised about \$375,000, about 40 percent of which will represent actual proceeds after the bills are paid.

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.

There was a first at this year's Applefest. Matthew Brothers and Caitlynn Carr, both

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this year. 77

Dave McDermott

St. John Applefest co-chair

4-year-old son

Fenton High School graduates, became engaged at the Cake Walk Saturday night. It was a surprise proposal planned by Brothers. (See related story in this edition.)

The apple pie contest was again one of the biggest events of the weekend. The first-place winner was Glenna Davis of Fenton. Her pie was pur-

chased by the Michael LaJoice family of 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 Luann Hoyes of Fenton. The Roger Sharp family bought her pie for \$2,700.

The third-place pie was created 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 former UAW leader Cal Rapson.

The winner of the big prize, either a seven-day Alaskan cruise or four-day



Applefest volunteer Sue Taubitz chats with Michael Hayek about apple pies. He wishes they would bake and sell tart apples as well as sweet.

Caribbean Disney 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.

According to Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro, the

entire weekend passed without incident. "Everyone did fine," he said.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELOThe Attic Treasures tent had a variety of items for sale.

PROPOSAL

Continued from Front Page

Corrine Carr, at this year's St. John Applefest Cake Walk.

Both are graduates of Fenton High School; Carr in 2012 and Brothers in 2013. They are college students in the Grand Rapids area. She is a student at the Kendall College of Art and Design, studying interior design. He attends Grand Valley State University in Allendale and is studying criminal justice. He hopes to become a police officer after graduation.

"I decided to propose at the Applefest because we met there three years ago," said Brothers. "Caitlyn wanted to go to the Cake Walk for the past two years, but we missed it two years in a row.

"I wanted a creative proposal," he said. "On Friday the 18th, I went to the Cake Walk and asked them if I could propose to my girlfriend there.

"They were extremely excited and told

SUMMARY

Fenton man

proposes to

his girlfriend

Applefest

at the St. John

Saturday night.

Both are Fenton

grads, attending

High School

college in the

Grand Rapids

me 'yes' and asked how they could help."

Brothers asked the Cake Walk volunteers if they could pull a number and make sure the number they called was the one Caitlyn was standing on, and bring her a custom cake with the box open.

"They said 'yes' and gave me a cake

box so the custom cake would blend in," Brothers said. "I then went to the VG's bakery on Silver Parkway in Fenton and they helped me design the cake with a big red heart on top with white writing that said, 'Will you marry me Caitlyn' on the inside of the heart.'

Brothers picked up the cake on Saturday with his dad, Tim Brothers, and dropped it off at the Cake Walk.

"I told the volunteers that my family and friends were going to all be at the Cake Walk tent at 7 p.m. to participate and watch my proposal," Brothers said.

"I had been wanting to go to the Cake Walk for the past two years but by the time we got there, they were done for the



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO Matthew Brothers arranged a surprise marriage proposal to his girlfriend, Caitlyn Carr, at the St. John Applefest Cake Walk on Sept. 19. She, of course, said 'yes.'

day," said Carr. "So I was excited to be able to do it this year.

"I was completely surprised," she said of the proposal. "I thought I had won a cake and it turned out that it was planned for me to win the whole time.'

Carr obviously said 'yes.'

"We plan on getting married after we are done with school in about two years," said Carr. "We plan to have a rustic, outdoor wedding in the country with all of our friends and family, which I am very excited to plan and design, being an interior designer."

Brothers thanks his family, friends, VG'S bakery, and the Cake Walk volunteers for their part in making his special proposal possible.

"We were so blessed to have our friends and family at our engagement, and to have the help and support of the Applefest volunteers," Carr said.

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News brief

FENTON TEACHER EARNS MICHIGAN EDUCATOR VOICE FELLOWSHIP

Nick Gregory, a social studies and journalism teacher at Fenton High School since 2000, has been selected for the America Achieves Michigan Educator Voice Fellowship as a fellow for the 2015-2016 school year. Gregory joins 100 fellows throughout Michigan in developing skills to significantly impact local students and others statewide. He met recently with other fellows in Grand Rapids to develop action plans and engage in discussions with policy makers and leaders. "I want to have an influence on education policy," said Gregory. "This is a great opportunity to help the students and families I serve in Fenton and beyond." As part of their work, each fellow participates in Educator Voice activities, including the sharing of classroom stories and experiences with college and career readiness, helping parents and our community understand the shift to higher standards. In addition to teaching, Gregory has been a National Writing Project Teacher consultant and a junior varsity basketball coach since 2003. He has exhibited photography related to Detroit and social justice causes since 2011 and loves to travel. He also holds a masters degree in Educational Leadership. For more information on the program, visit www.miedvoice.org.



YOUR SMILE

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

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Spirit week, football games and dances

■ Schools across tri-county area celebrate homecomings with fun, unique themes

By Hannah Ball

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Holly students were pitted against each other, class vs. class, to see who could build the best float resembling districts from the popular franchise "The Hunger Games."

With Holly's killer homecoming theme this year, each class decorated their float to represent a certain district, said Haley Street, who teaches economics and student leadership at Holly High School.

This is most students' favorite week of the school year. It's a time when they can let loose, be silly and enjoy other aspects of school aside from academics," Street said.

The seniors chose District 12 and incorporated fire and coal into their float, showing Katniss Everdeen's district. The juniors picked District One, with a float with luxury goods, reflecting the society of The Capital in "The Hunger Games."

The sophomores picked District Four, with a theme of fishing, and the freshmen picked District 13, with a theme of nuclear activity, emphasizing the hidden district in the series that was said to be destroyed.

The sophomores came out on top this year winning the competition. The freshmen placed second, the seniors placed third, and the juniors placed fourth.

"I was happy with the way the floats turned out this year. Our homecoming was incredibly early, so the fact that our students could pull this off in nine days



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Last week Lake Fenton freshmen worked on their float in the garage of Kristen Calhoun's house in Fenton Township. From left is Chloe Stanton, Jagger Ramey, Grace Rhoades, and Arianna Kile, all 14.

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Holly High School teacher

Haley Street

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is pretty remarkable," Street said.

Homecoming came early for Holly Area Schools this year, with the dance on Sept. 19.

"We started spirit week with a strong showing of school spirit with staff and students dressing in Hawaiian attire," she said. "We've had an even stronger showing for our black and white spirit day."

The school's Powder Puff Game, when the senior and junior girls play football against each other and the boys are the cheerleaders, was on Monday. The seniors won.

"The week itself was full of spirit, a good showing during each spirit day. The

crowning of our king and queen, Javon Barr and Michelle Major, along with a victory against Kearsley were just a few of the week's highlights," Street said.

After Spirit Week, the homecoming parade was on Friday, followed by the homecoming football game. The game on Friday, against Kearsley, coincidentally supported the

theme. The Bronchos played the Hornets, reflecting "The Hunger Games" character Katniss Everdeen's conflict with the deadly genetically-engineered wasps called Tracker Jackers.

Homecoming was early this year, but students were prepared. Street said her students "have been working most of the summer to pull off a successful homecoming" and they're managing their time well. "Since many of my students have participated in this event, they know what's expected of them and are accomplishing tasks without having to scramble at the last minute."

Street said her leadership class and student council are the students who make everything possible for a successful homecoming.

"They work tirelessly to give the rest of the school a wonderful week and also seek to top the previous year. They're the best part of my job as teacher and adviser,"

Thursday: Capital/District Day Friday: Class Color Day LAKE FENTON HIGH SCHOOL

SPIRIT WEEK: Sept. 28 - Oct. 2 **DANCE:** Oct. 3 at 8 p.m. PARADE: Oct. 2 at 5 p.m.

HOMECOMING schedules/themes

FENTON HIGH SCHOOL

SPIRIT WEEK: Sept. 28 - Oct. 2

DANCE: Oct. 3 from 8 to 11 p.m. **PARADE:** Oct. 2 at 4:30 p.m.

POWDER PUFF GAME: Sept. 28

Senior: The jungle

Junior: The beach **Sophomore:** The artic

DRESS-UP THEMES:

Monday: PJ Day

Class Day

PARADE: Sept. 18

Freshmen: The desert

Wednesday: U.S.A. Day **Thursday:** Twin Day

HOLLY HIGH SCHOOL

SPIRIT WEEK: Sept. 14 - Sept. 18

DANCE: Sept. 19 from 7 to 10 p.m.

POWDER PUFF GAME: Sept. 14

FLOAT THEMES: Hunger Games

FOOTBALL GAME: Sept. 18

Senior: District 12

Freshmen: District 13

Monday: Hawaiian Day

Wednesday: PJ Day

Tuesday: Black and White Day

Junior: District 1 **Sophomore:** District 4

DRESS-UP THEMES:

FOOTBALL GAME: Oct. 2 at 7 p.m.

FLOAT THEMES: Around the World

Tuesday: Tacky Tourist/Dress Like Your

Friday: Orange & Black/Crazy Sock Day

POWDER PUFF GAME: Sept. 30 at 6:30 p.m. FOOTBALL GAME: Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. **FLOAT THEMES:** Music genres

Senior: Country Junior: Rap Sophomore: Pop Freshmen: Rock **DRESS-UP THEMES:** Monday: America Day Tuesday: Twin Tuesday Wednesday: Jersey Day

Thursday: Groupie Day

Friday: Blue and White School Spirit Day

LINDEN HIGH SCOOL

SPIRIT WEEK: Sept. 28 - Oct. 2 **DANCE:** Oct. 3 from 7:30 to 11 p.m. PARADE: Oct. 2 at 4:30 p.m.

POWDER PUFF GAME: Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. **FOOTBALL GAME:** Oct. 2 at 6:55 p.m. FLOAT THEMES: Wizard of Oz

Senior: Scarecrow Junior: Wicked Witch **Sophomore:** The Wizard Freshmen: Tin Man **DRESS-UP THEMES:**

Monday: Come in your favorite pajamas

Tuesday: Wacky Twister Tuesday

Wednesday: Twin Day

Thursday: Lions, Tigers, Bears, Oh My **Friday:** Spirit Day (class colors)



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The winning Holly High School sophomore float is explained to the judges last week by Sydney Allemand, 15. Teachers Josh Lamberti, Cathy Hollopeter and Tony Coggins (center) were this year's judges.

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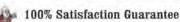
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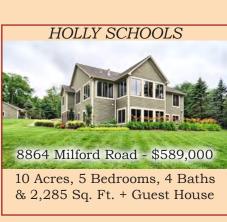


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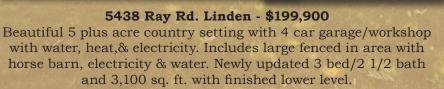














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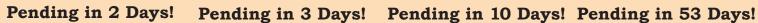






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Alex Reynolds of Fenton Township caught this Bluefish on Sept. 1 from the surf in Cape Hatteras, North Carolina while fishing with his father, Joe.



Trevor Wolford of Linden recently caught this 39-inch salmon while fishing with his dad, Shannon Wolford, on the Betsie River.



HOT LINE CONTINUED

FOR THE GENIUS who wrote, as a Senator, Obama voted 'not to get into the war with Iraq.' For your information, the Iraq invasion was in 2003 and Obama got into the Senate in 2005.

ALMOST 23 MILLION people watched the Republican debate, making it the most-watched show in CNN's history. People are concerned about the direction of our country, the economy, jobs, foreign policy, and they also want to move past a very failed Obama presidency.

A COMPILATION OF government studies now show that of the 11.7 million illegal immigrants, 14 percent committed violent crimes in the United States. This is four times what our president says it is. Now ISIS operatives are coming into the U.S. across the border.

DON'T FORGET THAT Obama still has a lot of time to ruin this country more than he already has. I just hope the Republican senate does something, but it doesn't look like they're capable of anything. Makes me ill.

I SEE THAT Obama's act is to ruin our military. We will have the weakest military force since World War II.

WHEN PEOPLE ARE cutting their grass, why do they feel the need to encroach onto other people's property and mow way over onto the other person's property? I can hardly wait to see the look on your guy's face when you see who we sold the property to.

I WOULD LIKE to thank the young couple who paid for a senior's lunch at Taco Bell on Sunday. It's been a little while, I should have gotten this in earlier, but I was unable. So God bless you. Thank you.

I AM VERY disappointed with the people in Fenton. When my son had a vehicle problem at the corner of Shiawassee and Adelaide, people drove by, honking their horns, swearing at him. A big thank you to the server at The Laundry and a patron who assisted with pushing a pickup truck around the corner.

HE'S A REAL nowhere man, sitting in his nowhere land, making all his nowhere plans for nobody. The Beatles wrote that song in 1966, but it sure describes our current President today.

I'LL HAVE TO admit I never heard of Dr. Carson until he announced his presidency. The more I hear him talk, the better I like him. I can picture a ticket with Trump and him. I think they'd be fantastic. It may turn out that way, I hope.

I'D LIKE TO remind the readers that they're so lucky to have that newspaper in the tri-county area. Ninety percent of the newspapers in the country are extremely liberal. You're very fortunate to have a paper like the Tri-County Times.



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The sights in Michigan during fall are one to behold, with the red, yellow, and orange leaves. Take a day trip to anywhere in Michigan to experience the changing seasons.

Beautiful fall foliage around Michigan

■ Experience Michigan's fall colors with these road trips

By Hannah Ball

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The most noticeable thing about fall is the color of the leaves changing from shades of green to hues of red, yellow and orange.

Pure Michigan designs almost 30 fall color tours so people can best experience the change in seasons. These trails usually visit about three cities or towns that each have attractions like wineries and breweries, hiking trails, markets, lighthouses, and beautiful highway scenery.

One northern trail stretches from Traverse City to Northport to Frankfort with attractions like the Mission Point Lighthouse, and the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, which offer amazing scenery. Visitors can also visit the Gwen Frostic Print Company and the Interlochen Center for the Arts.

Northern Lower Michigan

The Grand Traverse area has more than 250 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline, and spectacular color can be expected, especially at the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

Highways to take: M-37, U.S. 31, M-22, M-115

Best time to go: Late September and mid-October

Western Michigan

To the west, the Grand Rapids, Grand Haven, South Haven and Kalamazoo trails offer many museums, wineries, and state parks. Gull Meadow Farms in Richland is an award-winning apple barn and bakery with over 20 acres of apple trees.

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Lasting Results

Highways to take: I-94, I-96, M-43,

Best time to go: Early to late October

Thumb area

In the thumb, the Saginaw, Bay City, Bad Axe, and Frankenmuth trail has multiple state parks with excellent views. Albert E. Sleeper State Park is 732 acres of forest and beaches on the Saginaw Bay of Lake Huron. Port Crescent State Park, at the tip of the thumb and also on Saginaw Bay, has hunting and fishing opportunities in the 565 acres of forest, as well as beautiful sights.

In Saginaw, attractions like Johnson's Giant Pumpkins embody the spirit of fall with a corn maze, wood carvers, and fresh donuts.

Highways to take: M-25, M-142, M-81,

Best time to go: Early to mid-October

Local

One fall tour closer to home starts in Flint and goes to Brighton and Bloomfield Hills.

The views at the Cranbrook House and Gardens burst with color from flowers. Dodge #4 State Park in Waterford is an excellent spot for colorful views on the shoreline of Cass Lake.

The Pontiac Recreation Area and Drayton Plains Nature Center both offer miles and miles of nature, with forests and ponds.

The cider mills are always full of color in the fall, including the Historic Parshallville Grist Mill & Cider Mill about 8 miles south of Fenton and Diehl's Orchard & Cider Mill.

Highways to take: U.S. 23, I-75, I-96,

Best time to go: Early to late October Pure Michigan offers many other options for fall color tours on michigan.org.

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Local artist to show work at ArtPrize

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Denise Willing-Booher

Local artist

■Her piece will be on display at one of the world's largest art competitions

By Hannah Ball

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One local artist will represent the tricounty area at one of the biggest art festivals in Michigan: ArtPrize in

Grand Rapids.

From Sept. 23 to Oct. 11, Denise Willing-Booher's 2D water coloring work titled "Backlit Leaves" will be displayed in the center city district. It is 46 inches wide and 33 inches tall.

Willing-Booher has attended ArtPrize before, but only as an attendee. It's her first year displaying her work as an artist.

"It is (exciting)," she said. "I'm at the Fifth Third Bank, 111 Lyon NW, in the center city district."

She went to Grand Rapids on Monday to hang up her piece and said simply hanging it up was really fun.

"Everyone there's really excited to see the artwork, they say it's so fun," she said.

Taking place over three square miles, there are 1,550 pieces of art, 1,739 artists, and more than 160 venues in ArtPrize this year. Some artists collaborate and do group works, like dances.

The pieces are divided into one of seven districts.

Art is either 2D, 3D, time-based, or an insulation piece. Willing-Booher said that

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an insulation piece is when an artist creates an art environment in a space. Time-based art is art that changes over time, like dancing, videos, and music.

As the world's largest art competition, ArtPrize draws more than 400,000 visitors to Grand Rapids every year, according to artprize.org.

After she hung her piece, Willing-Booher

said it was really interesting to walk around. "Someone had a wall of old license plates," she said. "Some guy made a sculpted head. Inside, it was electrified and it had corn inside of it and bees that were buzzing. Somebody had six huge photographs hung up."

Artists also submit artist statements with their work. Willing-Booher's statement reads, "Remember laying in a pile of

leaves, the smell and crunch of the leaves under you...looking up at the trees and sky above? I sure do, I loved playing in the leaves in the fall."



Local artist Denise Willing-Booher's watercolor painting "Backlit Leaves" will be shown at ArtPrize starting this weekend until Oct. 11. For people going to ArtPrize who wish to vote for her piece, her vote code is 61891.

On ArtPrize, she said, "I think it's really interesting to see the diversity and I like talking to the artist about their work. Everyone's always passionate about what they do."

When she was hanging up her piece, people stopped to talk to her about her art.

"It's always fun when people are interested in how you did this and what you did. It's really nice when they say they really like it."

ArtPrize voting and prizes

- This year, attendees can vote using the **ArtPrize app** on their cell phones. You have to be in a district to vote by searching the artist's name or title of the artwork.
- There are **two rounds** for voting. Round one ends Oct. 3. After that, the top 20 are chosen. For round two, participants vote for who they want to win out of the top 20.
- About \$500,000 will be given out in awards.
- The **two categories**, public vote awards and juried awards, have prizes for each category: 2D, 3D, time-based, and insulation. The grand prize winners for public vote and juried vote win \$200,000.

Source: artprize.org

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Entering as an artist

- Artists can **enter online** by submitting a picture of his or her work and an artist statement.
- **Include information** about the work, how big it is, and what it is.
- Curator in charge of venues will look at the art and decide what they want to show.
- Artists have to be **18 years or older** to enter.

Maternal Moon Offers Priceless Peace of Mind for New Parents

■ Newborn Nanny Specialist Robin Guyor eases transition, offers exceptional care for new parents

By Sally Rummel

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Having a baby is one of life's most precious and treasured events, yet it can also be one of the most stressful and challenging times for a new family.

Whether you're a stay-at-home mom getting used to a whole new routine or a working parent juggling a busy schedule, Robin Guyor of Fenton, founder of Maternal Moon, can help ease your transition into parenthood.

Maternal Moon is the name of Guyor's service as a Newborn Nanny Specialist, offering her parenting skills and love for babies to local families.

In addition to her Bachelor's Degree in Communication Arts from Michigan State University, Guyor has been trained by Gentle Ventures, an education provider approved by the Newborn Care Specialist Association (NCSA). She has also worked as a volunteer for two hospitals, supporting moms in a parenting program, and assisting nurses with newborns in a special care nursery.

"Sometimes it can be overwhelming, especially when a new mom is completely exhausted and cannot see the light at the end of the tunnel," said Guyor, 48, the mother of two teens. Not only do I promise parents it will get better, I help and support them along the way."

For some families, her services will be taking care of the new baby in the parents preferred way, using techniques to benefit their new parental roles. For others, she will help take care of mom, making sure she has enough rest to care for her newborn. That may mean time spent preparing



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTONewborn Nanny Specialist Robin Guyor.

meals for the family - Guyor has a passion for cooking and baking, and is always willing to lend a hand in the kitchen. In

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addition, she will also perform light housekeeping, such as the baby's laundry and bottle cleaning. She can also bathe your baby.

Guyor understands that you will have many questions when you bring your baby home, and you may find comfort in having someone with you who understands. "I can help parents with anything related to

the baby such as fussiness, feeding, infant massage, swaddling, diapering, colic, etc. These are things that are learned over time, with experience."

She can also begin teaching your baby sign language beginning at the age of 4 months, if parents are interested.

What makes Maternal Moon's services more needed than ever before is the so-

cietal trend toward families that live far apart from one another. "Not everyone has family nearby to help new parents," said Guyor.

Guyor can help for days, weeks or through a baby's first year, depending on the needs of the family. She's available for both short- and long-term assignments, charging an hourly rate of \$22 for her services, with a daily minimum of five hours.

"Each family has different needs and desires," she said. "Every family is different, so I come into every home with a positive spirit and an open mind. I continue to support and assist new parents in a non-judgmental way, intervening only when something has the potential to be harmful, such as a sleeping position. I'm also more than happy to share advice and experiences, if and when the parents want it."

Guyor promises to help you take exceptional care of one of the most important people in your life, your sweet baby.

"Nothing is more rewarding for me than to see new parents gain confidence in their new important role, with just a little help. I love seeing the look on their faces when joy replaces exhaustion and confidence replaces worry. It's simply priceless," stated Guyor.

Gift certificates for Maternal Moon's services are also available for new

parents – a perfect gift for Christmas, a baby shower or from happy grandparents.

To learn more about how Robin Guyor can help your family, call her at (248) 635-1637 or visit her website, www.maternalmoon.com.

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Testimonials:

"I can honestly say that Robin is the most caring and sincere person I have ever met. It was an absolute pleasure to have her as our nanny. She is a tremendous individual who possesses all the skills and TLC necessary to make Maternal Moon the best. I would highly recommend Robin to anyone looking for someone they can count on again and again." — **Kyle**

"My name for Robin is 'Miss Amazing'. I can't imagine life without her. My son (5 months old) absolutely adores her. She has taught me so much. This is definitely her passion, and it shows."— **Julie**

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On June 10, Officer Jeff Browne with the Mt. Pleasant Police Department said, "We are assisting CPS (Child Protective Services) in their investigation. Currently, we have been unsuccessful in finding the mother and/or the daughter."

Hemingway said the child was found and is now in foster care. "She was found in Tampa, Florida," Hemingway said this

week. "The mother said she was on vacation, not fleeing. She was fleeing."

Although she has not yet been charged with a crime, Hemingway said charges may be pending. Latesha has been accused of child abuse and neglect, resulting in the removal

of the child from her care, the attorney added.

Hemingway said the abuse and neglect claims come, in part, from Latesha's making up false accusations against the child's father, and putting her through unnecessary medical procedures to try and support her false claims.

Although Hemingway is no longer on the case, she said Latesha has an Oct. 2 hearing to try and get her child back.

In the meantime, Mary Bigford has a

preliminary examination set for Sept. 28, a settlement conference on Oct. 15 and a jury trial set to begin on Nov. 16.

She is accused of gunning down Lawrence, her granddaughter's father, while he was sitting in his car at the Chase Run Apartments in Mt. Pleasant. He was waiting to exercise his parental right to visit his daughter, who lived in the apartment community with her mother.

Mary Bigford allegedly shot Howard

six times before fleeing the scene. She was apprehended and arrested later in the day.

She has been charged with one count of open murder, one count of firstdegree murder, one count of carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful

intent, felonious assault and a felony firearm violation. On the first-degree murder charge, she faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison without possibility of parole.

Prior to his death, Howard was accused by Bigford and his child's mother of sexually abusing his daughter. Those accusations were investigated and determined to be unfounded by several members of the medical community and child protective service agencies, both in Ohio and Michigan.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I HANNAH BALL

A fire safety officer holds up the dummy baby after "saving" it from the "fire" inside the abandoned house used for training. It took teams anywhere from three to 10 minutes to clear the house.

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"Just like how we would have it on a fire scene," said Dennis Flowers, assistant fire chief of the Linden Fire Department. Senior officers hid the dummies in the building, which used to be a house and a daycare center. The house at 206 East Caroline St., next to the Jack R. Winegarden Library, is now vacant and scheduled to be torn down. The lot will be used for parking.

During the training, a radio broadcast continually alerted everyone of a fire at a residence with people trapped inside.

At one point, a team of two, Dustin Lucius and Dave Siburt, both of the Fenton Fire Department, entered the house. The smoke, made from a smoke machine, was nonlethal, and not nearly as harmful as smoke from a real fire. Still, officers searched the house, crawling around on their knees, as if there were actual flames. The house was a few hundred degrees, and hotter on the second floor.

They ascended the stairs and checked the second story. Along with the smoke, yelling filled the air as they communicated while wearing oxygen masks. An officer sat at the top of the stairs and told the two that they could not go back down that way — the stairs had collapsed.

Since the officers still needed to get out, they took the only exit possible. The window broke easily when the officer smashed it with a hatchet. They climbed down the waiting ladder to safety.

Lucius, 33, said, "It's hot. It doesn't compare to an actual fire though, that's

a lot hotter. You go into a house and you can't see your hand in front of your face. It's full of smoke. It can be a few hundred degrees on the floor, that's why we're crawling. It can be over 1,000 degrees by the ceiling. We try to make it as real as we can."

He said the department trains twice a month. Both he and Siburt agreed the more they train, the easier it is. "Knowing your equipment, knowing your partners," Lucius said. "The more we all work together the better we are with each other working."

Siburt, 34, said, "We do this so that when we do have a real fire, we try not to make mistakes."

Officers also practiced ladder evolution, where two officers went up in the fire truck ladder and practiced spraying the fire hose.

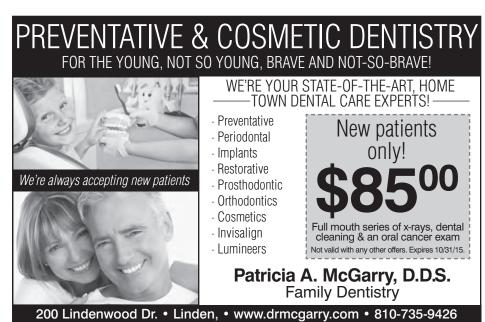


TRI-COUNTY TIMES I HANNAH BALL On the second story, a Fenton fire safety officer leans out the window, preparing the ladder so he and his partner can get out. The stairs "collapsed."



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I HANNAH BALL

Linden and Fenton fire safety officers practice going up in the 110-foot aerial ladder to spray with the fire hose.



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said she was on

vacation, not

fleeing. 77

Jodi Hemingway

Attorney for murder victim

Lawrence Howard, Jr.



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Meet Eric Doyle

- Father
- Teacher
- Coach

By Hannah Ball

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Eric Doyle, 36, grew up and played football in Clio, and is now head varsity football coach at Lake Fenton. He's lived in the Fenton/Grand Blanc area for the past 10 years. He's the high school summer school coordinator, shares his love of reading with his students, and he's taking online courses to get his master's degree in Educational Leadership. His wife, Erin, a teacher at Westwood Heights in Flint, understands his busy schedule. Their 4-year-old son, Easton, who started preschool at West Shore Elementary this year, loves to tag along with dad at practice.

Why did you want to be a coach and teacher?

I was extremely fortunate to have



coaches and teachers
who impacted my
life greatly while I
was growing up in
Clio. Outside of my
parents, they were the
most influential people
in my life. I wanted to
be able to be that influence
for some of my kids, to be

that extension and support system for their parents who wanted the same successes for their sons and daughters that they do and to help them achieve it. I've been blessed with great kids and great families that have allowed me to be a part of their lives.

Out of coaching track, baseball, basketball and football at Lake Fenton schools, what's your favorite?

Coaching is coaching, it doesn't mat-

blessed with great kids and great families that have allowed me to be a part of their lives."

Eric Doyle
Lake Fenton head
varsity football
coach

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Lake Fenton varsity
football coach Eric

Doyle runs individual
offensive plays with
his linemen on Thursday, while son Easton,
4, watches.

ter the season or shape of the ball. I've always viewed the athletic field/court as an extension of the class-room. I love to teach, doesn't matter to me the subject or sport. I played baseball, basketball, and football growing up and have a fondness for all of them, but I do love Friday nights in the fall.

What's the most challenging?
Football, because it requires the most

time and energy. It's truly a year-round commitment.

Tell me about your family. Is your son into sports like his dad?

My wife, Erin, and I are high school sweethearts. We love Michigan State, sports, and spending time with our 4-year-old son, Easton. He shares our love for sports and likes to tag along with dad to practice on occasion.

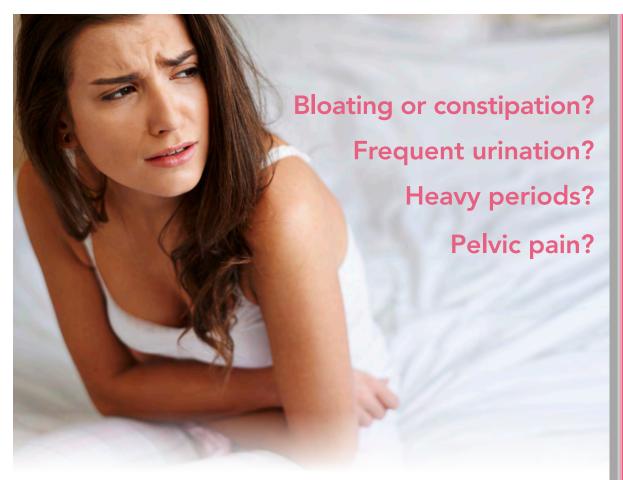
Has anything specific influenced your weight loss?

I've lost 80 pounds since May. My father passed away when I was 16. He was only 42, so that put things in perspective for me. Having my son has been the greatest thing that ever happened to me. I want to be around to see all of the things I'm hopeful he will be able to accomplish. He's a very special boy. I know all dads say that, but I can't wait to watch him grow up. My principal, Daniel Ferguson, helped me get started on this journey to a healthier me and I'm greatly indebted to him for that.

How long have you been coaching? I've been coaching for about 15 years now, the last 10 here at Lake Fenton. I've coached football, basketball, baseball, and track. It definitely keeps me busy.

How do you handle working so much?

It takes tremendous sacrifice on behalf of my wife and understanding on behalf of my family. My wife was the daughter and sister of coaches, so she kind of knew what she was getting into. It takes a very special woman to marry a coach because she really has to share him with so many kids within a community.



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Why men shouldn't write advice columns

Dear Walter

I hope you can help me here. The other day, I set off for work leaving my husband in the house watching the TV as usual. I hadn't driven more than a mile down the road when the engine conked out and the car shuddered to a halt. I walked back home to get my husband's help.

When I got home, I couldn't believe my eyes. He was in our bedroom with the neighbor's daughter. I am 32, my husband is 34, and the neighbor's daughter is 22. We have been married for 10 years. When I confronted him, he broke down and admitted that they had been having an affair for the past six months.

I told him to stop or I would leave him. He was sacked from his job six months ago and he says he has been feeling increasingly depressed and worthless. I love him very much, but ever since I gave him the ultimatum he has become increasingly distant. He won't go to counseling and I'm afraid I can't get through to him anymore.

Can you please help?
— Sincerely, Sheila

Dear Sheila:

A car stalling after being driven a short distance can be caused by a variety of faults with the engine. Start by checking that there is no dirt in the fuel line. If it is clear, check the vacuum pipes and hoses on the intake manifold and also check all grounding wires. If none of these approaches solves the problem, it could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty, causing low delivery pressure to the injectors.

I hope this helps.

—Walter

Source: Reddit.com

Comments:

- HA! Because he only focused on the mechanical issue! I get it!
- Come on, he mentioned grounding wires too. It could be electrical.
- Yeah! She was wanting help with the relationship, but rather got advice about her car!
- HAH! And that's what silly ol' men do!





'Thumbs down' coming to Facebook

SUMMARY

■ Facebook

■ Facebook CEO announced 'dislike' button coming to the site

By Hannah Ball

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A Facebook status reads "I'm so sad to announce the passing of Fluffy : (you were a great dog and will be missed

dearly. We had you for a wonderful 12 years, and now heaven gets you forever. RIP Fluffy."

You want to show support, but how?

'Liking' a status about a dead pet seems backward. You don't like that the family pet has died, but what other option is there besides commenting?

Facebook users soon might have the option to click a 'dislike' or a sympathize button instead of only a 'like' button, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg announced last week in an online streaming Q&A from the site's headquarters in Zucke California, USA Today reported.

In the Q&A, Zuckerberg said Facebook had resisted the creation of the 'dislike' button for a long time, but many users still want it.

The CEO said people need an option where they can show empathy and sympathy, and the 'like' button doesn't always accomplish that.

Facebook feared having a 'dislike' button would encourage more negativity that could possibly discourage people from posting, and that Zuckerberg wanted to avoid up voting and down voting posts.

Instead of only a 'dislike' button, Zuckerberg said people want an option to show empathy.

In this age of online communication, a 'dislike' button could make online bullying easier and more noticeable.

Users might be able to 'dislike' the many statuses and photos of their friends' meals and baby pictures, but they might be able to show sympathy for a loss in the family, like a dead pet.

When looking for input for this story by asking Times' Facebook followers to express their opinion on a 'dislike' button, a few users supported the idea.

Beverly Furno said the button is "Long overdue."

Bob Hitchings said, "Great idea, I'll use it daily."

Andy Butts said, "I think it could be good or bad, depending on the circumstances. It could also cause drama between some people. I would only use it if someone had something bad going on."

Some of the commenters may have used the possible 'dislike' button then and there. One commented "Meanwhile in the real world..."

Another said, "Slow news week."

People may scoff at the 'dislike' button or sympathy button announcement being news, yet they'll comment on Facebook about it, proving it will affect all of the 1.5 billion users.

Social media becomes an online world with that many people feeding into it. People share their lives, post statuses, pictures, and videos, showing many personal things to the world for judgment.

People develop online relationships with people across the world they've never met, and videos of police shootings spread like wildfire with the click of a button or a tap of a finger.

Soon, people might be able to 'dislike all these topics, or at least

be able to show sympathy or empathy. Zuckerberg hasn't announced when the options will be ready for use, but he told CNN they're going to start testing soon.

The power of Facebook

ARAB SPRING

Facebook was instrumental in the Arab Spring, a string of uprisings in the Middle East about four years ago. Over 2 million people used Facebook to connect. Rebel leaders shared news and discussed the revolution. Videos of citizens being shot were shared by thousands and seen by millions.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

President Obama used the Internet, specifically Facebook, to reach millions of young voters during his 2008 campaign against John McCain. More than 5.4 million people clicked the 'I Voted' button on Facebook's official election page. Huffington Post editor-in-chief Arianna Huffington said Obama would not be president if not for Facebook.

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Technical support and customer help used to be communicated over the phone, but with social media and Facebook, most companies have pages where customers can express their like or dislike. News travels fast on social media, and companies don't want bad news to travel. Many will interact with social media users. Businesses also advertise on Facebook, reaching millions of people every day. *Source: mashable.com*



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"If a crash does occur pull completely off the roadway, if possible, activate the emergency flashers and call police," Aro said. "Do not approach the deer or stand in the roadway.

"Typically we don't see injuries to the vehicle occupants in these crashes," he added. "The deer however, aren't usually so lucky."

Damage from deer crashes vary, but the average cost to repair a vehicle, according to Shannon, is between \$3,000 and \$5,000. "If you have an older vehicle, it may not be worth it," Shannon said.

Sometimes the damage is lighter, costing around \$1,500.

Shannon said air bags very rarely deploy in a vehicle-deer crash. When they do, it can add another \$2,000 to \$2,500 to the repair bill.

If a deer is killed as a result of a crash and the driver wants to keep it for meat, a permit can be obtained from any police department.

All motorists should drive defensively as deer can appear at any moment. Motorists should always fasten their safety belts, since this often makes the difference in surviving a serious crash.

According to the Michigan State Police, about 80 percent of the vehicle-deer crashes statewide occur on two-lane roads between dusk and dawn. The most serious crashes occur when motorists swerve to avoid a deer and hit another vehicle or a fixed object, or when their vehicle rolls over.

Remember to buckle up, as seat belts are motorists' best defense in the event of a crash.

MSP tips to avoid deer crashes

- Stay aware, awake and sober.
- Vehicle-deer crashes occur year-round, but be especially alert in spring and fall.
- Signs are placed at known deer crossing areas to alert you of the possible presence of deer.
- Deer are herd animals and frequently travel in single file. If you see one deer cross the road, chances are there are more wait-
- · Be alert for deer, especially at dawn and dusk. If you see one, slow down.
- Don't rely on gimmicks like flashing your high-beam headlights or honking your horn to deter deer.

If a crash is unavoidable:

- Don't swerve. Brake firmly, hold onto the steering wheel, and bring your vehicle to a controlled
- Pull off the road, turn on your emergency flashers, and be cautious of other traffic if you exit your vehicle.
- Report the crash to the nearest police agency and your insurance company.

Hope and happy endings

■Adopt-a-Pet of Fenton on its way toward record year of uniting dogs and cats with adoptive homes

By Sally Rummel

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No matter how sad the situation may be that brings a dog or cat to Adopt-a-Pet in Fenton, Executive Director Jody Maddock always finds hope there will be a happy ending.

"I firmly believe there's someone out there for every single one of the dogs and cats that are here," said Maddock.

Maddock has found that to be true this year, as Adopt-a-Pet has already adopted out 860 cats and dogs, setting this local shelter on course to save 1,000 lives this year.

She shares a recent adoption love story that shows just how special it is when people are willing to open their hearts to the idea of adoption.

Penelope came from north Flint and was "skin and bones" when she was brought through the doors of Adopt-a-Pet for the first time.

"We found out why when she tested positive for heartworm," said Maddock. "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 pals and played non-stop until the day Uncle Buck was adopted."

Uncle Buck was adopted by Kelley Kaye, 25, and her boyfriend Jared Shelton, 24, who met Uncle Buck

SUMMARY

■ Adopt-a-Pet in

Fenton is on track

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than 1,000 dogs

and cats this year.

So far, they've found

adoptive homes for

860 pets.

when Adopt-a-Pet participated in a special adoption event at the Detroit Zoo in May.

Maddock recalls asking the adoptive couple in a joking way if they'd take Penelope, too. Several

months passed and Uncle Buck's new family brought Uncle Buck into Adopta-Pet for a visit, re-introducing him to Penelope. "They acted like long-lost soul mates," said Maddock. "The couple adopted Penelope that day. I think every Adopt-a-Pet volunteer came out to say goodbye and just about cried."

That's just one of the many heartwarming adoption stories that takes place every day at Adopt-a-Pet.

While Adopt-a-Pet adopts out more dogs than cats, cat adoptions have increased about 200 percent, in large part because they've lowered the cost of cat adoption to make it more attractive to prospective families.

Cat adoptions usually cost \$100, but are on special for \$40. Kitten adoptions range from \$80 to \$120.

Puppies, small breeds and pure bred dogs typically cost \$250 to adopt, while adult dogs and larger mixed breeds are \$175. "There's always a waiting list for 'small and fluffy' dogs," said Maddock. "Labs and lab mixes are also really



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Penelope and Uncle Buck became inseparable pals at Fenton's Adopt-A-Pet and eventually were adopted into the same home.

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find that person who

is willing to open their

heart and go through

the hoops to adopt. 77

Executive director of Adopt-a-Pet of Fenton

Jody Maddock

Seniors age 65-plus who are interested in adopting a pet can do so at no charge. "We waive the fee for our senior friends," said Maddock.

All animals are fixed, vaccinated, tested and micro-chipped prior to adoption, according to Maddock.

Most dogs have a typical length of stay at Adopt-a-Pet of three months, at a cost of about \$25 per day.

Cats are often at the shelter for six months or longer, at a cost of \$20 per day. These rates don't include medical care.

"One dog was with us for two years before adoption," said Maddock. "Right now, we have a cat that's been with us for

six years, just recently celebrating his 16th birthday."

Maddock encourages people who might be interested in adopting a pet to stop in for a visit. "We just have to find the right match between a pet and its family. It usu-

ally only takes a couple of hours to get to know the pet and fill out the paperwork. We've got a lot of happy endings here."

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Who said, "If I saw it coming I would have faked an illness?"

Duke college basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski said it after his team lost to Temple 75-70 in 2012 when asked if he saw the loss coming.

Holly volleyball earns first Metro victory

■Bronchos bounce back from first set. defeat Kearsley

By David Troppens

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Life has been a challenge within the Metro League for the Holly varsity volleyball squad over recent seasons.

On Tuesday, life got a little more fun within the league.

The Bronchos captured their first Metro League home victory under first-year head coach Hannah Timm, earning a 22-25, 25-17, 25-9, 25-19 victory against Kearsley at Holly

"It was very important to secure a Metro win early in the season," Timm said. "It has been a goal of ours

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from the beginning to improve every time we take the court, and seeing a win in the books

> just helps remind the girls that hard work pays off. We have struggled in the past in the league. but as a program

we decided a clean slate was what we needed, so we are focusing on taking this season one game at a time and only trying to be better than the day before.'

The Bronchos (1-1, 6-15) started a little slow, losing the first game 25-22, but were able to bounce back after the slow start, capturing the second and third games reasonably easily. The Bronchos locked up the home victory with a 25-19 fourth-set win.

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ISABELLE BROWN

The Holly Bronchos won their first Metro match of the season on Tuesday.



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FENTON TENNIS DEFEATS BRANDON

The Fenton Tigers won all four doubles flights, resulting in a dominating 7-1 Metro League victory against Brandon on Thursday.

The victory puts Fenton in third place at 4-2 entering Tuesday's Metro League meet to be held at Brandon High School.

Three of the doubles flight winners were in straight sets. They were earned by the No. 1 doubles team of Don Doyle and Carn Cislo, the No. 2 doubles team of Joey Perrera and Baylor Hamilton and the No. 3 doubles team of Logan Scarberry and Connor Griffin The No. 4 doubles team of Zach Mosley and Bryce Nakkula had a tough three-set match before winning 3-6, 7-6, 6-4,

In singles action the Tigers had three victors, all in straight sets. They were Nick Campbell (No. 1), Griffin Carr (No. 2) and Kendall Nash (No. 3).

Holly enters the Metro meet in first, followed by Flushing in second and the Fenton Tigers in third. The Metro meet determines 50 percent of the Metro League

Young Bronchos still on top

■ Revamped squad remains undefeated in Metro League play

By David Troppens

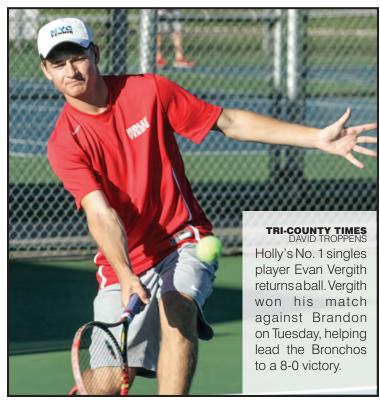
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Holly — What looked like a season the Holly varsity boys tennis team may be in a rebuilding position, has turned into a reloading season.

It's easy to see why some may have thought it would be a rebuilding issue — with 10 lost players due to graduation, the Bronchos were going to be mighty young entering this fall. However, so far, it's worked out just fine.

The Bronchos remained undefeated in Metro dual play, defeating Brandon 8-0 on Tuesday. On Thursday, the Bronchos also defeated Kearsley 8-0 to extend their dual unbeaten streak to 93 matches. Holly recently broke a Grand Blanc's Flint area record of 90 unbeaten duals. During the 93 matches the Bronchos have tied just two matches. Holly enters Tuesday's Flint Metro League meet with a perfect 6-0 dual re-

Holly No. 1 singles player and senior co-captain Evan Vergith



said it was the team's determination during the summer that assured the Bronchos would remain a strong Metro contender this year.

"We always have that great program in the summer — the summer tennis program," Vergith said. "We always try to get as many people out as we can,

and we try to pump each other up so we can get pumped up for the season. This year was really nice because the kids knew we were going to be a young team and a lot of them took the initiative to take that next step to better themselves. It was nice.

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Blue Devils dig themselves out of big hole

Overcome twoset deficit to beat Montrose Rams

By David Troppens

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It wasn't the greatest of

But the Lake Fenton varsity volleyball team had a beautifully exciting finish in its match against Montrose on Tuesday night.

The Blue Devils lost the first two sets and were trailing 17-12 in the third set before making an outstanding comeback. The Blue Devils bounced back from that hole to capture a 23-25, 21-25, 26-24, 25-10, 15-5 Genesee Area Conference Red Division victory.

"The team played 'OK' for the first half of the match, hitting positive, serving 100 percent, serve receiving with only a couple of errors, but mentally we were just not in the match and that cost us," Lake Fenton varsity vol-

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Linden soccer keeps winning despite rebuilding

By David Troppens

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Linden — As the Flint Metro League season began on Monday, the defending champions, the Linden Eagles, remained a work in progress.

But, on Monday, despite being that work in progress, Linden earned a Metro victory.

The Linden Eagles improved to 2-0 in the Metro League by earning a 3-2 victory at home against the Holly Bronchos. Linden upped the record to 3-0 two days later, defeating Swartz Creek 3-1.

"We are working good together," said Linden sophomore Julian Shier, who scored two goals. "All that matters is (we won) and we'll keep working in practice and clean things up. We'll get better."

Really, the Eagles have a pretty solid base on which they are building off of. After all, the Eagles hold a reasonably impressive 7-3-2 record overall this season. But when it comes to Linden soccer, the vision is always on what it takes to win a league crown. This year is no different.

"The important thing is we won the game," Linden coach Kevin Fiebernitz said. "We showed some flashes of doing some good stuff. Right now we still have a lot of stuff we have

to clean up. It's frustrating. We start going then take a couple of steps backwards. That team did a good job. They were organized and played hard."

That other team was Holly. The Bronchos are a team in development as well, and the wins haven't come as easy for Holly. However, the Bronchos show spirit when they play and gave the Eagles a great battle all night long.

Trailing 3-1 late in the contest, the Bronchos did cut the gap to 3-2 on a goal by freshman Kaleb Foglesong. The goal created a pretty entertaining ending to the contest. However, the Bronchos were unable to get the neutralizer. Holly coach Mark Diskin was pleased with his team's effort. He particularly is impressed with his senior class.

"I'm so proud of these seniors. The senior leadership on this team is awesome," Diskin said. "They are very smart soccer players and they are contributing. They made sure the team didn't quit. Lorenzo (Rodriguez), Allen McCarthy and Andrew Hartig — those guys kept the team focused for the second half when we were down 3-1. Those three guys had the confidence we could come back. A couple of calls here or there, it could've been a differ-



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS

Holly's Ethan Postma (left) tries to dribble the ball by Linden's Carson Birchmeier during the Eagles' 3-2 victory against the Bronchos.

ent outcome."

The Eagles jumped to the early lead on a David Fowler goal. Linden worked the ball into the Holly box and Austin Lapham took the initial shot. Rodriguez made the save, but the rebound came to Fowler,

who scored. Linden led 1-0 just over five minutes into the contest. About 15 minutes later, Holly recorded its own rebound goal off a penalty kick attempt by Lucas Sammut to tie the contest. Sammut put in what

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Fenton swim posts strong showing vs. Owosso

By David Troppens

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Apparently the Fenton
varsity girls swim team
remains a very talented
squad.

The Fenton Tigers posted the best times in 10 of the 12 events and earned an official 1-2-3 sweep in three events, defeating Owosso 96-81 on Tuesday. The score was only that close because the Tigers swam the final three events as exhibitions, helping keep the score gap artificially less than it should've been.

The Tigers were most dominant in the freestyle events, earning the top three positions in the 50 freestyle, the 100 freestyle and the 200 freestyle. In the 50 freestyle, Grace Siefker earned a first (27.07), followed by teammates Sabrina Hall (28.00) in second and Madaline Hall (28.07) in third. In the 100 freestyle, Elise

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"During the first set we were battling a lot of nerves," Timm said. "We are a young team and that mental aspect is something we have been working on overcoming all season. So after that first loss, the girls approached the next set with the mentality of 'this one is ours.' They settled in and got the job done. It was great to see them pull it together from that point on."

The Bronchos had a strong night at the service line, with Maddie Meszler leading the squad with eight aces. Katie LaClair followed with six aces. Isabelle Brown set the offense, earning 16 assists. Most of those assists were earned on kills by Shannon Torpey and Juliet Clark, each finishing with seven.

Defensively, LaClair had a huge night as well, earning a personal-high 32 kills from the libero spot. No Kearsley player had more than Hannah Ploof's four kills.

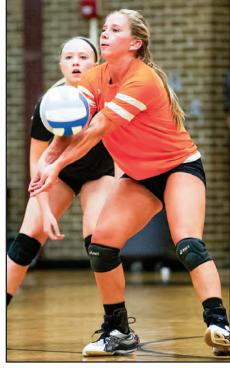
"Communication, without a doubt, was a huge contributor to our win," Timm said. "When we are constantly talking, it keeps the pace of the game quicker, which is where we operate best. We also picked up our offense and hit the smart shots when needed."

Fenton def. Brandon 25-18, 25-23, 25-15

The Fenton Tigers (2-0, 17-7-3) remained undefeated in Metro League play, easily defeating Brandon.

The Tigers' offense was paced by Jessica Warford's 10 kills on 23 attempts. Jessie Eastman had eight kills, while Ali Gundry chipped in four aces.

Linden def. Swartz Creek 25-17, 25-17, 25-9



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SCOTT SCHUPBACH Fenton's Taylor Mowery digs a ball during a recent Tigers' match. Fenton defeated Brandon by a 25-18, 25-23, 25-15 score on Tuesday. The win kept the Tigers in first place in Metro action.

The Eagles remained in a tie for first place in the Metro League with the straight set victory.

Bridget Adams and Breyanna Turnipseed paced the offense with 10 kills each. Emma O'Keefe chipped in eight kills. Emily Pearce was 17-for-19 with six aces, while Morgan Fitch was 10-for-11 with three aces. Megan Klavitter had 27 digs.

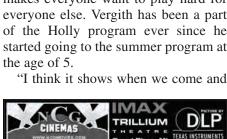


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... I think they've done a really good job with it, personally."

Why does the team step up? As Vergith mentioned, the team spends a lot of time together on and off the court. It creates a family bond. That bond makes everyone want to play hard for everyone else. Vergith has been a part of the Holly program ever since he started going to the summer program at the age of 5.



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play every match. We really are a family," Vergith said. "We went to Traverse City as a team over the summer and went to the sand dunes. It was a lot of fun. The whole team went. It created a lot of team bonding."

The entire Bronchos' squad did an excellent job on Tuesday, with Holly winning all eight flights in straight sets. There was only one match that took over an hour to play. That match was at No. 3 singles where Chase Booten and Tanner Cavender won a 7-5, 6-2 match. Booten and Cavender also are a symbolic vision of Holly's depth. They were a substitute team for the varsity match and still won.

Two Holly singles flights won their matches by 6-0, 6-0 scores. They were Vergith (No. 1) and Connor Caldwell (No. 3). Xavier Glass (No. 2) also won his match 6-2, 6-1, while No. 4 singles player Ben Skubik won 6-2, 6-4.

In the doubles flights, there were no 6-0 sets, but, for the most part, the Bronchos dominated the sets. The No. 1 doubles team of Drew Spak and Joey LaVigne won 6-2, 6-1, while Jacob Cavender and Casen Conzer won at No. 2 doubles 6-2, 6-2. Finally, the No. 4 doubles team of Carsen Cuthbert and Garret VanGilder won 6-1, 6-3.

Holly is looking like a good candidate to be at least a co-Metro League champion once again, a designation they've earned all but one season since the 1993-



94 school year. If Holly wins the meet, the Bronchos will be outright champions. If they take second, they will be no worse than co-champions.

"We'll keep doing what we are doing

right now," Vergith said about the rest of the season. "The Flint Metro League meet is coming up. That's a big next step for us. We'll be doing a lot more practicing for that. And the next step is regionals."

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was the third shot within a span of seconds on Linden keeper Andrew Coppler, tying it up at 1-all. Linden took the lead for good with 5:37 left in the half. This goal was Shier's first of the game off a pass from Lapham.

"There was a wide open net and I just beat the keeper near-post," Shier said. "It felt great because it got our team going."

Early on in the second half, Linden carried most of the play with Rodriguez's strong keeping allowing Holly to stay in the game. But with 35:15 left in the contest, Shier scored his second goal from about 15 yards out.

"It was a great pass and I had a lot of time," Shier said. "I let it rip and it went upper 90. It was a great pass. I'm just happy I finished it off to get the game-winner."

After the Eagles took the 3-1 lead, Holly's offense got back into the attack, eventually scoring on Fogelson's goal.

Both teams had plenty of other chances. Linden hit two crossbar or posts, while

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Holly also hit the crossbar in the first half. That shot was provided by Sammut which created what looked like a rebound goal, but the play was whistled offsides.

In Linden's victory against Swartz Creek on Wednesday, Shier scored another two goals, while Fowler provided one.

"It was pretty ugly, but we got the victory and that's the best thing we got out of it," Fiebernitz said. "We were down 1-0 at the half, but we played a different style in the second half and started sending long balls and going after them. It worked. It's just interesting. We have the talent but we are still trying to find the ability to be consistent. But we're 3-0 in the league and we kind of have an inside track (to the league title)."

Holly bounced back from the loss to defeat Kearsley on Wednesday. Sammut scored twice, while Ethan Postma and Allen McCarthy each scored once.

Linden returns to Metro action with a home contest against Flushing on Monday at 6 p.m. Holly travels to Clio on Monday for a 4:30 p.m. contest.

Area Football Schedules

FENTON TIGERS

Date Opponent Result
Aug. 27 Davison 29-26L
Sept. 4 at Bedford 34-21W
Sept. 11 Swartz Creek 41-20W
Sept. 18 at Ortonville-Brandon42-10W
Sept. 25 at Flint Kearsley
Oct. 2 Clio (Homecoming)
Oct. 9 at Holly

Oct. 9 at Holly
Oct. 16 at Flushing

Oct. 23 Linden

HOLLY BRONCHOS

DateOpponentResultAug. 27 at Berkley29-7WSept. 3 Williamston7-6LSept. 11 at Linden14-13LSept. 18 Kearsley (HC)42-12WSept. 25 at Clio42-12WOct. 2 at FlushingOct. 9 FentonOct. 16 at Swartz Creek

Oct. 23 Brandon (Pink Night)

BLUE DEVILS

DateOpponentResultAug. 28 at Freeland31-13LSept. 3 at Durand57-14WSept. 11 at Montrose49-21WSept. 18 Mt. Morris48-0WSept. 25 Sault Ste. MarieOct. 2 Reacher

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Oct. 16 Corunna Oct. 23 Williamston

LINDEN EAGLES

Date Opponent Result
Aug. 27 at DeWitt 38-14L
Sept. 3 Fowlerville 57-14W
Sept. 11 Holly 14-13W
Sept. 18 at Swartz Creek 32-24W

Sept. 25 Flushing
Oct. 2 Brandon (HC)
Oct. 9 at Kearslev

Oct. 16 Clio

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leyball coach Angie DelMorone said. "We were not working to get runs and being in control of the match.

Lake Fenton trailed in the third set 17-12, but had the game tied at 20-all later. From there, the score remained tight. However, at 24-all, Lake Fenton won the final two volleys, including the final one on a kill, earning the 26-24 victory.

"The critical decision was made by the players. They decided to win as a team," DelMorone said about the time when the squad was trailing 17-12. "We continued to play consistent, but with a new attitude. A few critical reminders to the team and a few position changes with players taking charge of those roles, and we were able to shift momentum."

From there, the Blue Devils (1-2, 10-11) were a completely different team, earning easy wins in the final two sets.

DelMorone said Alyssa Rogers may have had her best match of the year, earning 14 digs.

"She was in control, poised and focused," DelMorone said. "She was working hard."

Reagan Goupil had 18 kills and three blocks while Rhiley Cole had 10 kills and three blocks. Allison vonDaggenhausen had 16 kills.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES I MARK BOLEN Lake Fenton's Rhiley Cole attacks a ball during a recent match. Cole had 10 kills in the Blue Devils' five-set victory against Montrose on Tuesday.



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Cassidy took first (58.06), followed by Siefker in second (59.16) and Breanne Ferranti in third (1:03.45). Finally, Cameron Mathews won the 200 freestyle (2:09.50), followed by Emma Cagle in second (2:17.28) and Rachael Rittichier in third (2:24.55).

Other individual firsts were earned by: Danielle Rushton in the 200 individual medley (2:35.18), Taylor Shegos in diving (233.60), Cagle in the 500 freestyle (6:10.55), Cassidy in the 100 backstroke (1:04.41) and Chelsea Barnett in the 100 breast-stroke (1:23.99).

All three relays also posted the best time at the meet. The 200 medley relay team of Cassidy, Lauren Gruber, Caitlyn Dailey and Siefker opened the meet by winning the 200 medley, while the 200 freestyle relay team of Emma Snedden, Madaline Hall, Danielle Rushton and Ferranti earned its first in 1:54.08. The final first was with the time of 4:26.31 during the 400 freestyle relay. That team was Dailey, Rittichier, Rylie Becker and McKenzie Mead.

Fenton hosted the Genesee County meet on Friday and Saturday. Fenton begins defense of its Metro League championship at Kearsley High School on Thursday at 6 p.m.

PREP REPORT

GIRLS GOLF

▶ County Golf meet: Fenton led the area golf teams, placing sixth at the event with a team score of 369. Linden placed 11th with a team score of 393.

Fenton was led by Molly Gundry's 18-hole score of 90, while Keegan Miller shot a 91. Sarah Cummings followed with a 92, while Madison Shegos shot a 96.

Ashley Robinson led the Eagles with an 87, while Sydney Bond carded a 96. Makena Baldwin shot a 98.

- ▶ Linden 197, Clio 223: The Eagles were paced by medalist Makena Baldwin's 45 at Clio Country Club, followed by Ashley Robinson's 47. Sydney Bond carded a 48, while Isabel Wright shot a
- ▶ Fenton 169, Flushing 189: Sarah Cummings led the Tigers with a medalist score of 40, while Molly Gundry shot a 42. Margaret Berry followed with a 43, while Keegan Miller carded a 44. Fenton's entire starting lineup shot a sub-50 round.
- ▶ Holly 192, Swartz Creek 196: Jenna Pepper captured match medalist honors with a nine-hole score of 39, leading the Bronchos to the Metro victory. Chelsea Bowles shot a 45, while Megan McReynolds carded a 51. Madison Brack capped the team's scoring with a 57. Meg Bryant led Swartz Creek with a

BOYS SOCCER

► Fenton 6, Swartz Creek 0: Liam Adams and Jacob Newblatt led the Tigers' offense with two goals each in Fenton's Metro League opener. Scott Cubr and Adam Gornick also had goals. Newblatt, Jacob Martin, Cubr, Adams, James Kryza and Jared DeGroat each had an assist. In net, John Leaske made

"We did a great job sharing the ball and being creative offensively," Fenton coach Matt Sullivan said.

- ▶ Brandon 1, Fenton 0 (shootout): Brandon made all three of its shootout goal attempts, while Brandon keeper Brennan Swix saved one of Fenton's attempts, earning the Blackhawks the Metro victory.
- Lake Fenton 4, Durand 2: Trailing 2-0 at the half, the Blue Devils (4-0, 6-4) maintained their perfect record in the Genesee Area Conference by scoring four goals within the first 22 minutes of the second half. Ameer Jawhari scored two of those goals and assisted another. Joey Reitano and Nick Reitano scored the other goals. Elijah Bourdeau assisted one of the goals.
- ► Holly 3, Goodrich 3: The Bronchos (3-5-2) got goals from Lucas Sammut, Lorenzo Rodriguez and Jared Halteman, setting up the non-league draw with Goodrich.
- ► Powers 2, Fenton 0: Erich Ruth and Wolfgang Ruth scored goals for Powers in the non-league contest.

VOLLEYBALL

Linden at Goodrich Invitational: Linden volleyball (19-6-2)advanced to the semifinals at the Goodrich Invitational, going 3-2 on the day.

Bridget Adams led the Eagles' offense with 30 kills, while Breyanna Turnipseed had 25 kills. Emma O'Keefe had 15 kills and Allison Conly chipped in 12 kills. Megan Klavitter had 67 digs and 11 aces, while Emily Pearce had 29 digs and seven aces.





CANEVER WINS AWARD

Richard Canever, president owner, received The State Bank Community Contribution to Education Award from the Fenton Education Foundation at the 11th Annual Black Tie Awards Dinner on September 10th. Through Canever's leadership, generosity as a business owner and community activist, hundreds of students have benefited through the Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation's driver training program. Vic Canever Chevrolet has donated the cars used for this program for more than 10 years, thus allowing the program to continue. Canever has also been supportive of numerous athletic programs through his corporative sponsorship of numerous teams and events. According to Patricia Lockwood, chair of the Fenton Education Foundation, "Richard was the unanimous choice of the Foundation board. Through his leadership and community commitment, students of all ages have had opportunities to learn and excel in their career paths."





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