



Swiping vs. inserting – new chip aims to reduce fraud

■ Oct. 1 is the date liability will change for merchants who haven't updated terminals

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Soon you'll be inserting rather than swiping when using your debit or credit card, whether you're shopping at major retailers like Target and Walmart or small businesses that want to

stay ahead of the tech curve.

Beginning Oct. 1, merchants who haven't yet updated their credit card machines to the new EMV (EuroPay, MasterCard, Visa) chip technology will have the liability for fraud shifted

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LAFF trail one step closer

■ 10-foot-wide paved path is for bicyclists, inline skaters, walkers and hikers

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton Twp. — The Fenton Township Board of Trustees, in a 6-1 vote, approved a resolution in support of a non-motorized trail connecting Argentine, Linden, city of Fenton, and Fenton Township.

The trail would be a hard surface, blacktop, 10-foot-wide path for bicyclists, inline skaters, walkers, hikers, strollers and other non-motorized transportation between communities, the Times previously reported.

Victor Lukasavitz, chairman of LAFF (Linden, Argentine, Fenton, Fenton Township), a trail coalition, told the board they're not looking for any money yet.

"We're seeking resolution from your board tonight in support of trails," he said. The cities of Linden and Fenton have already passed this resolution, and Argentine Township passed

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Firebirds bringing top-notch hockey back to Flint



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Fans of the Flint Firebirds celebrate the first goal of the team's first home game of the season, at the Dort Federal Credit Union Event Center (formerly Perani Arena, and the IMA) Saturday night in Burton. The Firebirds are a brand new team for Flint hockey fans and a member of the Ontario Hockey League. See story on page 15.

Hold that door

■ ADA may be 25, but some things still need fixing

By Vera Hogan

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The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) turned 25 years old this summer. Although there have been significant improvements made throughout the years to ensure that people with varying

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While technology has kept up with the needs of handicapped individuals, some aspects of the ADA have not.



One Homecoming dance down, three to go

An isolated incident of inappropriate 'dirty' dancing reportedly took place at Holly High School's Homecoming dance. Fenton, Holly, Lake Fenton and Linden schools have policies in place to address these situations. Page 2

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“Obama, like most presidents is not perfect. But to call the President a Muslim is a foolish statement that demonstrates the lack of acuity by the submitter.”



COMMENT
OF THE WEEK

“The Chinese are taking over America. The number of Chinese students in U.S. universities has risen 75 percent over the past three years to nearly 275,000 — more than any other country. University administrators love the foreigners because they are cash customers paying the full tuition price.”

Dirty dancing won't be tolerated at remaining Homecoming dances

By Vera Hogan

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With three Homecoming dances coming up this weekend — Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden — area parents may wish to have a chat with their teens about appropriate behavior on the dance floor.

Holly held its Homecoming dance on Sept. 19. That event resulted in a few complaints from concerned parents, one of whom expressed concerns in writing to the school administration and Board of Education.

The parent referred to rap music and “bump grind” dancing at school-sponsored events and said many students are appalled at the vulgarity and inappropriate sexual behavior involved, such as boys rubbing up against the girls while “fondling their breasts and buttocks.”

“The liability involved in consider-

ation of sexual harassment lawsuits or the potential for a young female student to be raped is completely unacceptable and I find it ridiculous that these types of dances have been allowed,” the parent wrote.

David Nuss, superintendent of Holly Area Schools, said what occurred at Holly's Homecoming dance was isolated and briefly involved only a few of the 900 students that attended.

“We go through great lengths to instill respectful behavior with our students,” said Nuss.

“We do everything we can to reinforce the morals and values the Holly community supports,” he said.

Prior to each dance, the music playlist is reviewed with a DJ so that any numbers that have the potential to encourage inappropriate behavior on the dance floor are removed in advance.

Nuss said there were many teach-

“Whatever we do, we are not going to condone unacceptable behavior.”

David Nuss
Holly Area Schools
superintendent



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While this dancing at the Holly High School prom earlier this year wasn't “dirty,” chaperones in the future will be watching out for behavior they think crosses that line.

ers and school employees serving as chaperones at the Homecoming dance. Parents do not serve as chaperones at

Holly dances so that no parent is put in the uncomfortable position of chastising someone else's teen, he added.

“We routinely walk the dance floor,” said Nuss. “I've walked with mag pen light. We try not to overdo it. When in doubt, we may flip on the lights.”

Nuss said they want the students to have the freedom to have a good time. “But kids being kids, the minority will test from time to time,” he said. “You've never really lived until you've chaperoned a dance with 900 students.”

Having served as the Holly High School principal for 14 years, Nuss said the issue of inappropriate sexual behavior comes around every three to five years. “So we wrestle with how to reinforce the values some students may or may not be getting at home.”

Nuss said he is proud of the school spirit at Holly. Unlike some school dances in prior years, when students would slip out early and spend the rest of the evening elsewhere, Holly students stay for the entire dance.

Referring to his own children, Nuss said, “My youngest is a daughter and I care greatly about how she is treated.”

Nuss said he and Principal Pete LoFiego will be reviewing protocols, beef up security, and even consider limiting ticket sales, if necessary. Although Homecoming is over for this year, the winter Snowcoming dance usually has about 600 students in attendance, and prom has even fewer since it is only juniors and seniors.

“We go out of our way to make students feel comfortable and safe,” Nuss said. “Whatever we do, we are not going to condone unacceptable behavior.”

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News briefs

Argentine Township Fire & Rescue to host annual open house

Argentine Township Fire & Rescue, at 9048 Silver Lake Rd., will host an open house on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. According to Dan Sturgis, families are invited to come out and enjoy refreshments and multiple games and activities for kids. There also will be extrication demonstrations and a smoke house. For more information, the department's non-emergency number is (810) 735-4911.

Halloween retailers pop in, and then vanish

■ Spirit Halloween in Fenton is one of 1,150 spooky locations in U.S. and Canada

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Empty storefronts that are a skeleton of their former business lives often get resurrected during one of our country's most popular holidays, Halloween.

Whether you like to dress up like a zombie or prefer to hand out candy on Oct. 31, Halloween means big business for retailers, generating about \$7.4 billion in sales.

SUMMARY

■ Spirit Halloween may operate its retail locations just three months a year, but it's no fly-by-night business.

Not long after temporary fireworks stores close up shop, you'll begin to notice these temporary Halloween stores popping up around Labor Day weekend and mysteriously vanishing like a ghost by mid-November.

Spirit Halloween is the largest seasonal Halloween retailer, with about 1,163 pop-up stores across the U.S. It's easily visible in Fenton by its garish orange and yellow plastic sign, hinting at its temporary tenant status in the Silver Lake Plaza.



They've taken over the closed Fashion Bug location's 6,000 square feet, replacing its former women's fashion racks and shelves with today's ghoulish

fashion and all the accessories and props to go with it.

"They've got a permit for three months of use," said Mike Reilly, city of Fenton zoning and building administrator. "They can detail the building and set up racks and displays but can't make any structural changes. They also had to pull a sign permit. The fire chief and I went through the building to see if it's safe for the public. They must be out by mid-November."

While the business is only visible three months a year, it's hardly a fly-by-night operation. Owned by Spencer Gifts, a North American mall retailer with about 600 stores, Spirit Halloween now accounts for about half of Spencer's \$250 million annual revenue.

These stores have been around since

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Dylan McGaffey, 7, of Holly explores the Spirit Halloween store in Fenton last Thursday, activating all of the animatronic decorations. His father, Damien McGaffey, said his son has been to the store 20 times since it opened this season.

1983, when Halloween began to evolve into more of a "party holiday" for people of all ages, not just for children trick-or-treating. The store will be busy from now through Oct. 31, but its busiest day is always the Saturday before

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Alec Schwartz and Dayna Laroche of Tyrone Township look for couple's costumes on Thursday. Laroche said she wanted to avoid the skimpy stereotypical costumes.

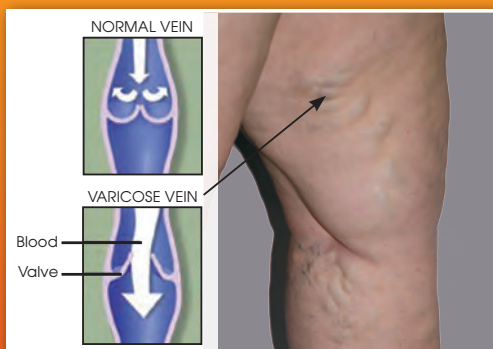


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FROM THE LEFT
NATIONALLY SYNDICATED
Bill Press

Pope Francis takes Washington by storm

There's nothing like being proven wrong by the Pope. While waiting for His Holiness to arrive at the White House Wednesday morning, a fellow reporter asked whether I thought the Pope would say anything newsworthy. Nope, I assured him. He'd speak in Spanish and just utter a few niceties about how happy he was to be in America.

Boy, did I get that wrong. The Pope not only amazed us all by speaking in English, he didn't hesitate to dive right into big, controversial issues — both at the White House and in his address to a Joint Session of Congress the following day.

At the White House welcome ceremony, he started by noting that he was the son of immigrants, and therefore especially appreciated the important role immigrants played in the building of this country: a not-so-subtle call for immigration reform.

Speaking to Congress the next day, he reiterated the themes of caring for the poor, welcoming immigrants, creating an inclusive economy, and tackling climate change.

Veteran Washington reporters say they've never seen anything like the reception for Pope Francis.

Pope Francis has not changed one iota of Catholic doctrine. Francis acknowledges that he agrees with the church's position on contraception, abortion and same-sex marriage. He's against ordaining women or allowing priests to marry. And yet, in two-and-a-half years, he's totally changed the image of the Catholic Church.

Pope Francis steered the primary mission of the Catholic Church — and, indeed, of all people of faith — back to the central message of Jesus in the Gospels: caring for the poor and most vulnerable among us. 'Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me.' (Matt. 25:40)

Unlike so many religious and public officials, Pope Francis is accessible, inclusive, authentic, and nonjudgmental. He comes across more as a friend or brother than a high school principal. For millions of fallen-away Catholics, like this one, he's almost enough to make you want to go back to church.

AS A RECENT passenger in an ambulance speeding me to the hospital with lights and sirens, all I can say is 'thank you' for those who moved over quickly and shame on you for those who did not. You'll understand when it is you.

WHY ARE THE parents of middle school and high school cheerleaders sitting silently by while their daughters are being publicly demeaned by being forced to do 40-60-80 or more pushups when the football team scores? I am appalled that this is allowed.

POPE FRANCIS CHASTISED Congress, and by extension the American people, for not allowing more legal and especially illegal immigration. The Vatican, ironically, has one of the most stringent immigration policies in the world. Americans respect his Holiness, but we are not mindless.

THE HOT LINER who called Trump supporters every printable, bad name, is typical of liberal thinking. If they don't have facts to support their opinion, they should not resort to name-calling.

THIS IS A perfect example of chutzpah coming from a Catholic politician. Nancy Pelosi cited Pope Francis's address to Congress as a reason to justify funding Planned Parenthood. I can't make this simpler and it's guaranteed to work. If Christians want to eliminate abortion, do not vote Democrat.

TO THE COMPLAINT about the beanery tax abatement: it's for property taxes for the building owner, not the business. You seem to think a host of

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businesses were in line to absorb a huge short-term loss and renovate an eyesore. Doubt that's true.

FENTON SURE LOVES tearing down its old, historical buildings.

AND NOW THE Loser Lions are back along with the Timid Tigers, Fleeced Red Wings and the Pussy Cat Pistons. What else is new?

THE REPUBLICAN

DEBATE didn't get such high ratings because people are sick of the current administration and how the country is being run. It got such high ratings because of Trump. Everyone wants to see what idiotic thing that guy will say next.

THE KENTUCKY CLERK took an oath of office to uphold state and federal laws. Kentucky is a part of the United States and has to function within federal law. It doesn't matter what the majority of Kentuckians voted for at this point.

TO THE SENIOR citizen lady walking her dogs on North Bridge Street Thursday morning, Sept 24, your dog left a poop mess on my lawn. Shame on you.

EVERY AMERICAN SHOULD be frightened at the horribly destructive policies of Obama. A hollowed out military, weak foreign policies, massive spending, a huge government, job killing regulations and disastrous healthcare policy has sent this county back years and years. I'm scared. You should, be too.

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FROM THE RIGHT
NATIONALLY SYNDICATED
Cal Thomas

John Boehner, then and now

The announcement by House Speaker John Boehner that he is retiring at the end of October stunned Washington where life is all about grabbing power and holding on to it, often until death they do part.

At a meeting with reporters, Boehner said, 'My first job as speaker is to protect the institution.'

Really? Is that why Ohio voters sent him to Washington in 16 elections and his Republican colleagues elected and re-elected him speaker? Did he take an oath to preserve, protect and defend the institution of the House or the Constitution, which, if followed, offers protection enough?

At a minimum, conservative members want to see their convictions articulated by the leadership and to fight the left with conviction in hopes that getting their positions heard will influence voters. Instead, in too many instances, conservatives have seen their views ignored and the Republican leadership in both houses knuckle under to Democrats out of fear of being called names or getting blamed for a government shutdown.

Former Speaker Newt Gingrich notes that previous government shutdowns over matters of principle worked in Republicans' favor, notwithstanding how they were portrayed by the media. In an email to me, he writes: 'We closed the government twice in 1995 and '96 and became the first re-elected House Republican majority since 1928. Our supporters realized we were serious and rewarded us for the effort. The Republicans closed the government in 2013 and won a big election in 2014.'

In my 2010 interview, Boehner bemoaned the size and cost of big government, saying, 'I came here for a smaller, less costly and more accountable government and that has not been what's happening. We don't need any more programs; we need to undo a lot of programs.'

On Boehner's watch, the debt has increased nearly \$4 trillion, according to figures published by the U.S. Treasury.

The frustration cuts both ways and it is also a major reason Boehner has decided now is the time to hang it up.

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What do you think of a minimum wage of \$15 in Michigan?

streettalk



"I work for a small business and I don't know what they would do. You'd have to add to the prices."

— Karen Fusero
Fenton Township



"It'd be nice but for small businesses, they're gonna have to up their prices. It's good and bad."

— John Fusero
Fenton Township



"It shouldn't go up. It's a vicious cycle. The American people can't afford it."

— Mairin Plew
Fenton



"I don't think it should be \$15. Just think of all the cost of living that's going to go up."

— Ryan Plew
Linden



"Just doing a flat wage increase would increase the cost of things we wouldn't suspect. We need to get more innovative."

— Stephanie Stellahas, Fenton



"I agree the wage should be increased, but not to \$15. It's a starter wage. It shouldn't be a way to make a living."

— Bruce Ramsden, Gaines



METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS

October is the month recommended for people to get their flu vaccines so they are prepared for the 2015-2016 flu season.

It's time to get your flu shot

■ October starts the flu season in Michigan and the U.S.

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The aches and pains, sneezes and coughs of the flu may not have hit you or your family yet, but officials say that season is just around the corner.

The official flu season in the U.S. is October through May, with peak activity from December through February.

"It's too early to tell what kind of a flu season it's going to be," said Mark Valacak, health officer for the Genesee County Health Department (GCHD). "We've been gearing up for it since August with a number of community immunization clinics."

The GCHD offers outreach clinics for flu vaccines and other immunizations, in addition to the walk-in clinic at their Burton branch. Walk-in hours there are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, from 8 to 11 a.m. Afternoon clinics are Monday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m., by appointment only. Late Hours Clinic is Thursday, from 4 to 6 p.m., by appointment only. To set up an appointment, call (810) 237-4540 or go online to www.gchd.us/.

An upcoming clinic was held Tuesday at the Grand Blanc Senior Center. On-site clinics were held at area schools in August, including Linden and Lake Fenton school districts, for childhood and adolescent vaccines.

This is the second year for these clinics,

thanks to a grant from the Genesee Health Plan and the Genesee Community Foundation.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting people against the flu. Vaccination is especially important for people at high risk, including young children and older adults. Children from age 6 months to 8 years may need two doses of the vaccine, given at least four weeks apart, to be fully protected from the flu.

The CDC recommends that people get vaccinated by October, if possible. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body to provide protection against the flu.

Private manufacturers have projected they will provide between 171 to 179 million doses of the vaccine in the U.S.

This year's 2015-2016 flu vaccine is made to protect against the following viruses:

- an A/California/7/2009(H1N1) pdm09-like virus
- an A/Switzerland/9715293/2013(H3N2)-like virus
- a B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus
- a B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus.

Flu vaccines are also available at doctors' offices, retail pharmacies, some schools and workplaces, in addition to local health departments. Most flu shots and other vaccines are covered by insurance.

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TRAILS

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it at their board meeting on Sept. 28.

Lukasavitz said that once they receive support from the communities, they're going to seek a grant from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to develop the trail.

"Our coalition was created to try to establish multi-use trails throughout our

four communities," he said. The coalition has already established a maintenance fund to maintain the trails.

"We're probably one of the only areas in the state that has established a fund

to maintain trails prior to even putting a trail to the ground," he said.

They have a second fund for the development of the trail, including grant matching, engineering, and construction. He said the fund won't cover everything.

"The more money you have to match, the more money you can acquire with a grant," Lukasavitz said.

The coalition is working with an engineer to develop a preliminary budget to develop trail scenarios. From that, they're looking at what grants they could possibly receive.

At the meeting, Fenton Township Treasurer John Tucker spoke in favor of the resolution.

"I like it," he said. "I use them. We're not committing money, we're not committing routes, we're just saying we like the concept. If you never start it, you never finish it."

Robert Krug cast the dissenting vote, saying that Lukasavitz hasn't said what it would cost Fenton Township residents.

"There is a potential, but maybe my great-great-grand children might get to use it," Krug said.

Krug used Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation, a voted on millage, as an

example. Fenton Township residents pay about 73.4 percent of what it takes to run Southern Lakes Park and Recreation.

"The lion's share of the programs are for Fenton and Linden and yet the citizens in Fenton Township are paying for it," he said. "I feel that's the same way it'll work out when it comes to paying for the trails."

Lukasavitz said right now they're not asking residents to pay for anything. "We're trying to assemble a process that will get us as much grant money as possible and without everybody's cooperation and coordination that will not happen," he said.

Mathis asked if the four communities would be splitting the money equally, or if it would be based on the amount of miles. Lukasavitz said he couldn't answer.

"What I'm hoping is that if it came down to Thompson Road, it might be

able to help us with our park, or a dog park," Mathis said.

In November, the LAFF will ask Southern Lakes Park and Recreation to support a similar resolution. They're asking people to help

support the trail using "Yes Cards" that say "Yes, I support trail systems," which acts as a petition showing that a community supports something.

“If you never start it, you never finish it.”

John Tucker
Fenton Township
treasurer

THE TRAIL

Currently, there is not a specific location for the trail. For the Silver Lake Road trail or corridor, they're trying to establish a path from Linden High School to the city of Fenton.

They're focusing on Ripley Road, on the east side of Linden, to Jennings Road, west of the city of Fenton

The coalition is also considering Owen Road and Fenton Road as options.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

MAYBE THIS IS a question for our judge, but what right does the Supreme Court have for sticking their nose into birth control and religion? Where did they come under the rights to do that? They have no authority to enforce the rulings.

WHY WOULD ANYBODY watch the Lions and ruin their Sunday? They're

completely inept. They're coaching is terrible. Joe Lombardi, the offensive coach is terrible. They're just pitiful. And they charge money to watch the game.

THIS IS CONCERNING the article by 'If I Were King,' this Sunday titled 'It ain't the arrow, it's the Indian.' This has to be the most ignorant, racist, uneducated article I have ever read in this newspaper.

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■ Local couple plan missionary trip and soccer match with South African kids

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Two Fenton Township residents hope to spread love and communicate through the universal language of soccer. Sandy and Jeff Haugh are packing to go to Durban, South Africa with approximately 18 other Michigan residents through Key of Hope to help children.

They leave Wednesday.

Sandy Haugh, 39, said she was inspired when a family she knew felt called to South Africa and moved there with their kids. They helped in a poor squatter village where there is mostly poverty and the AIDS rate is very high.

"They think there is no hope and they're there to die," she said.

They created Key of Hope, a missionary organization that aims to help these children. "Now they have over 2,000 kids and 20 people on their team," she said.

She hopes to do something similar, and something more active.

While she and her husband are doing home visits in Durban for two weeks, they will teach children about Jesus, camp in the mountains with the children and they'll also play soccer with them. "Kids there love soccer," she said. "We just feel like it's such an international language, soccer. You might not be able to speak the same language, but it's a great way to love and connect."

Her children have played travel soccer with the Bolton organization



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Jeff and Sandy Haugh of Fenton Township leave Wednesday for a two-week trip to South Africa to help the children living in poverty.

for three years. The Haughes have worked with Bolton and Key of Hope to organize a soccer match as a fundraiser between the Bolton players and the South African children who will be coming to the states for a choir tour.

"It will give hope in general and for the fundraiser to get the kids in school to help them stitch their clothes, help rebuild after fires. Funding here could be huge there for them in many different ways."

At the field in Brighton, at 242 Church on Jan. 2, 2016, the teams

will face off.

"It's fun for the kids," she said. "They come here to connect."

Bolton is also donating shirts.

"It brings awareness for a whole new crowd of people who have never heard about Key of Hope," she said.

“We just feel like it’s such an international language, soccer. You might not be able to speak the same language, but it’s a great way to love and connect.”

Sandy Haugh
Fenton Township resident

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IF TRUMP'S GRASS-roots supporters are ignorant, racist, paranoid, etc., there must have been a mistake in the Hot lines. That title must be wrong. That description describes almost every liberal I know, especially the name calling to such a degree.

■■■
READ THE THIRD chapter of Daniel

in your Bible about the three Hebrews who were thrown into the fiery furnace. They wouldn't bend, they wouldn't bow, and they wouldn't burn. God bless you, Kim Davis.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT, A red-light runner in a foreign sports car blew a red light at South Long Lake Road. I honked at him, he honked back and I flipped him off. The cops got him. Ouch.

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to them from credit card issuers.

Whenever fraud takes place, it has to be determined who is liable for the costs, according to a recent story in The Wall Street Journal. If a customer's card has a chip and the merchant's terminal does not take chip cards, the merchant will be responsible for any fraudulent transactions. If the terminal can accept chips but the card does not have a chip, the bank that issued the card is liable.

Businesses like pay-at-the-pump gas stations have until October 2017 to comply because of the complexity and expense of the changeover.

The U.S. is beginning to shift into this new technology, gradually moving away from magnetic strips in order to reduce card-related financial fraud. Annual costs of credit card fraud in the U.S. is \$8.6 billion per year, according to forbes.com, with the figure expected to rise to \$10 billion by the end of this year.

"It's a liability shift issue that affects the merchant more than the consumer," said Stacey Webb, senior vice president of retail banking at The State Bank. "This October date affects certain types of merchants who are required to comply, while banks can move on their own timeline."

So far, the large majority of chip cards going into the hands of cardholders are coming from larger issuers like Bank of America and Chase, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Smaller banks can convert their cards more slowly, easing into a costly transition.

WebB said The State Bank is currently working on their own in-house debit card

program, and expect the testing phase to take place late in the fourth quarter of this year. "We'll be rolling out our EMV chip technology in January 2016, converting all of our debit card portfolio. We're not waiting for cards to expire to convert them."

The world's single largest user of payment cards, the U.S. is just beginning the changeover process following years of chip usage in Canada, Europe, Latin America and the Asia/Pacific region.

Many small businesses aren't jumping on the bandwagon to beat the Oct. 1 compliance deadline, especially if they have fewer than 500 employees, or have very low levels of fraudulent activity.

Jon Gerych, owner of Gerych's Distinctive

Flowers & Gifts in Fenton, says, "We're looking into it. We're in the process of upgrading our whole POS (point-of-sale) system and will do the changeover all at once."

The changeover completely to chip technology across the total U.S. market will likely take years, experts say.

Jeff Stone, owner of the Sears Home-town Store in Fenton has changed the credit card readers at his Fenton store, as well as his other two Sears stores. This new technology does not come cheaply, however. Stone said it cost him \$400 per new card reader. "We have to keep up with current technology due to the advancements in data theft," he said.

Elections in Fenton is taking a more proactive approach. "We started the changeover a year ago last July, updating all our hardware," said owner Nicole McCurdy. "Right now, we're just waiting for

our new credit card processor."

She said she wanted her business to be prepared for the changes well in advance of the deadline. "We're doing it to stay compliant. We haven't had any fraud problems in our eight-and-a-half years in business. We do our best to stay up to date with technology and stay compliant with government policies. We want to do everything we can to protect our customers."

Questions and answers you may have about new credit card chip technology:

Why are EMV cards more secure than traditional cards?

The magnetic strips on traditional cards store unchanging data. Whoever accesses that data gains the sensitive card and cardholder information necessary to make purchases. Counterfeiters can convert stolen credit card data to cash. Unlike magnetic strip cards, every time an EMV card is used for payment, the card chip creates a unique transaction code that can't be used again.

How do I use an EMV card to make a purchase?

Just like magnetic strip cards, EMV cards are processed for payment in two steps: card reading and transaction verification. However, instead of "swiping," you'll be "dipping" – inserting your card into a terminal slot and waiting for it to process. You'll need to wait to insert the card in the reader until all items in the transaction are rung up, because the transaction itself is part of the coding process. You'll have to leave the card in the reader until you're prompted to take it out. You're going to sign for the purchase, if a signature is required, while the card is in the reader, too.

Will I still have to sign or enter a PIN for my card transaction?

Yes and no. You will have to do one of those verification methods, but it depends on the verification method tied to your EMV card, not if your card is debit or credit. Chip-and-PIN cards operating just like the checking account

debit card you've been using for years. A vast majority of the cards issued today will be chip-and-signature cards, with chip-and-PIN cards coming next. If a terminal doesn't have the ability to accept a pin, it will then step down to accept a signature. There will always be a secondary option.

If I want to use my chip card at a retailer that doesn't support EMV technology yet, will it work?

Yes. The first round of EMV cards are equipped with both chip and magnetic strip functions so consumer spending is not disrupted and merchants can adjust. If chip card readers aren't in place at a merchant where you are doing business, your EMV card can be read with a swipe, just like a traditional magnetic stripe card. Your transaction just won't have that extra level of security.

How does this new EMV chip technology affect online purchases?

It doesn't. This new chip technology is intended to combat card-present fraud in stores, where the physical card is present.

Credit cards by the numbers:

1.2 billion: Estimated number of credit and debit cards that have to be upgraded to chip cards.

12 million: Estimated number of point-of-sale terminals that have to be upgraded to accept chip cards.

59 percent: Percentage of retail locations that will be EMV-compliant by the end of 2015.

301,000: Current number of EMV chip-activated merchant locations.

60 million: The number of U.S. chip card transactions processed in August.

25 percent: Percentage of U.S. debit cards that will be issued as EMV cards by the end of 2015.

70 percent: Percentage of U.S. credit cards that will be issued as EMV cards by the end of 2015.

\$3.50: Average cost for issuing a new EMV card.

\$500-\$1,000: Average cost of an EMV-compliant point-of-sale terminal.

Sources: Javelin Research & Strategy, Aite Group, Payments Source, 2015 PULSE Debit Issuer Survey, Payment Security Task Force, Visa

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

I DON'T LIKE that the new garbage pickup is being added to our water bill. It has already gone up 50 percent since I moved here eight years ago. My income has not increased 50 percent. Could it be placed on our tax bill instead for the year?

THIS IS IN reference to Kim Davis in Kentucky who refuses to do the job she was hired to do. I find it very out of the ordinary that she was married four times, had kids out of wedlock, and had affairs, and then all at once she found Christ. I object to the hypocrisy of this person.

I'M A LITTLE bit disturbed about the fact that Ben Carson, running for president, got in trouble for saying he didn't think a Muslim was compatible to be president. He's right. Muslims are incompatible with Christianity.

SAN FRANCISCO CITY government refuses to arrest and deport illegal immigrant felons, the FBI refuses to follow a judge's orders regarding Clinton's emails, the Kentucky clerk goes to jail for not following a judge's order. As I said before, our government picks and chooses what laws it follows.

IT WASN'T THAT long ago the American public thought it was too dangerous to elect a Catholic president. Yes, the general public consensus was a Catholic would take public policy orders directly from the Pope.

EXXON MOBIL SCIENTISTS testified before congress in 1977 telling congress that they had been monitoring CO2 levels in the ocean on their oil tankers and that they knew that global warming was happening. They told congress that it could cause severe drought and extreme weather.

IN 1954 THE CIA overthrew the Guatemalan government over bananas. Yes, bananas the fruit. They said it was to overthrow a communist government. Their president was democratically elected and we put in place a military dictator. It is important to know history to learn from our mistakes.

REAGAN SAID, 'TEAR down these walls.' Trump says, 'I will build a wall so one day it can be named after me.'

CONGRESS SETS THE budget for departments like I.N.S. They actually cut the budget so the president signed an order prioritizing who should be deported because they don't have enough money to deport everyone. He has deported more than any president in recent history.

REALLY LOVE READING all of the 'Looking Back' items each week. They show just how fast time flies. I completely forgot that Fenton did a study several years ago about a roundabout. Glad that didn't happen.

REGARDING FENTON VOLLEYBALL, 'Cheese' was a great coach, but she left. Contrary to popular belief, Fenton volleyball is alive and well and the girls are doing great. Ask somebody who's still with the program. Don't ask somebody who quit.

I AM GOING to give the person who stole our shade garden at the B&B a chance to return it. The neighbor across the street witnessed it and has your license plate number.

HOW PATHETIC ARE you, who shopped at the Angel Haven clearance sale. You filled your trunk and then drove away without making a donation. That's just like taking food out of a mouth of a little kid. Shame on you.

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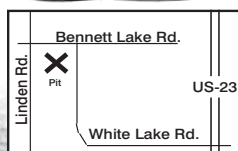


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DIRTY DANCING

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LAKE FENTON

"Lake Fenton requires at least five adults to be supervisors of the dance to which we average about 100 students," said Principal Todd Reynolds. "We don't allow any type of groping or any bending over of any sort. If we see this, students are removed from the dance."

FENTON

Fenton has a number of policies in place to address appropriate dancing. According to Interim Superintendent Doug Busch, "The general concept is students must 'dance face to face and leave some space.'"

Upon entry to the dance, all students are issued a wristband. If the student is found dancing inappropriately, they receive one warning.

"If they dance inappropriately a second time, the wristband is cut and they are escorted to the office with an administrator," said Busch. "The parent is contacted regarding their behavior and possibly sent home

or not allowed to attend a future dance."

The number of chaperones present at Fenton dances varies according to ticket sales. "There are always chaperones on hand in the dance area, parking lot and outside the restrooms," Busch said.

LINDEN

Linden High School Interim Principal Darin Dreasky said there must be at least six adult chaperones for any school dance.

Although there is not a specific reference to "dirty dancing" in the Dance Regulations section of the Parent/Student Handbook, three items speak to the behavioral expectations during all school-sponsored dances.

Any violation of school policy and/or regulation will be dealt with in accordance with the LHS Handbook and may result in suspension from all dances for the remainder of the school year, including the Junior/Senior Prom.

"Students that are observed dancing and/or behaving in an inappropriate manner may be asked to leave without refund."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE PRESIDENT TOOK a bad economy and made it worse. We are worse off now than we were seven years ago. Regarding the military, we are totally unprepared for major military events in the world. We have the lowest levels of soldiers and we have the worst equipment since before WWII.

I'M THE OWNER of the dog that Adopt-a-Pet had for two years. I guess it was two years and three months, and Lucky is as happy as she can be. Just wanted to pass it on.

I ASSUME THE selective law enforce-

ment comment about Obama was a comparison with Kim Davis? The difference that you fail to see is that Kim failed to comply with a court order and was found in contempt. I am not an Obama fan but to my knowledge, he has not been held in contempt of court or violated a court order. Apples and oranges.

TO THE PERSON who said Trump's grass-roots supporters are ignorant racist, uninformed, undereducated underachievers who will forget to vote anyway. My answer is, I voted for the first time in the presidential election when I was 21 and in Korea. I am a Korean vet. I have never missed an election. I am exactly the opposite.

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Stephanie Escue demonstrates how her ADA-compliant sink makes it easier to wash dishes on Tuesday.

ADA

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disabilities enjoy the same rights and access as able-bodied individuals, it doesn't appear to be enough.

Stephanie Escue, 46, of Fenton suffers from second-stage Multiple Sclerosis (MS). She was diagnosed with the neurological disorder in 2006. She was in the first stage, referred to as "relapse and remission." She could still walk, but with difficulty.

Escue said she lost her job because of her disability.

She has been in the second stage, called "secondary progressive" since 2009. Escue has been wheelchair-bound since then and has been able to remain in the second stage with medication. MS has four stages, each resulting in progressive deterioration.

When asked what more can be done to help wheelchair-bound people such as herself, Escue said, "More places should have automatic doors so that we can get in with a wheelchair. Or at least the button we can push to automatically open the door."

Escue, who lives in a Dauner Haus handicap apartment that she loves, says people would be surprised at how many places are not wheelchair-friendly.

"My doctor's office has automatic doors, but some don't," she said. "My physical therapy and neurologist offices

are not wheelchair accessible. It doesn't make sense, you're going to PT because of a handicap."

The large handicap bathroom stalls in public restrooms are "kind of a joke," Escue said.

Getting into the public bathroom will depend on whether the door pushes in or needs to be pulled open (requiring some upper body strength). Getting in and out of the actual stall poses a second challenge.

"If you're in a wheelchair and can't stand up on your own without a second person to help, that bathroom is not going to be used," she said.

Dining out at a restaurant does not offer many choices, Escue said.

She mentioned a few Fenton restaurants that she is unable to frequent, but added, "I can get into the Fenton Fire Hall just fine through the lower level. And they have an elevator so I can go all the way up to the roof."

Many retail stores are wheelchair accessible, but have aisles so small she can't get through if another person is passing her at the same time.

Escue is not bitter or upset, but does keep a running mental list of places where she can and cannot go, something the ADA was intended to alleviate.

She said she gets more upset with rude people, who will stand there and watch her struggle — and not offer a helping

hand.

"Children are way more helpful than adults," Escue said. "They will run toward me to try and help."

The other thing Escue has problems with is getting aide at home. Because she is only 46, she is not eligible for some of the many assistance programs available to those who are 55 and over. She does have a helper come to her apartment in the morning and at night to help her with personal and hygiene needs. Her mother and one of her cousins come over to help a few times a week.

"I'm not the only younger person in a wheelchair that needs help," she said.

Escue has applied to the Valley Area Agency on Aging to get some additional assistance, but has been on a waiting list for more than a year.

Despite the challenges posed when going out in public, Escue enjoys the independence afforded her in her apartment, which is designed to be wheelchair friendly. Escue has perfected her computer skills and relies on the Internet, and TV to avoid boredom. She also enjoys the company of her neighbors, many of whom suffer similar disabilities and have become her good friends.

The Dauner Haus residents in the senior and disability apartments enjoy many activities, including occasional outings, such as trips to the casino, Frankenmuth and more. Escue and some of her disabled neighbors can't go though because the van they use for these trips cannot accommodate wheelchairs. She does not blame Dauner Haus, but wishes there was some way to get a van so all the residents can enjoy these trips.

"They're going to the casino in a few weeks," she said. "I would loooooove to go to that."



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Escue's chair is technologically up-to-date, and affords her different seating positions for comfort.

ADA mandates

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 mandated that disabled Americans have equal access to public transportation as well as places of public accommodation. These places include:

- places of lodging (over a certain size);
- restaurants and bars;
- places of exhibition entertainment, like stadiums and movie theaters;
- places of public gathering, such as convention centers and auditoriums;
- sales or rental establishments;
- service establishments;
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HALLOWEEN

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Halloween, according to Spirit Halloween Zone Manager Bill Clanton, who handles all the stores in Michigan and northern Ohio.

Spirit Halloween Superstores are now located in 48 states and Canada in all major markets.

If you've never been inside a Spirit Halloween store before, you're in for a trick, or a treat.

“They’ve (Spirit Halloween) got a permit for three months of use.”

Mike Reilly
Fenton zoning and building administrator

Planning for each of these stores begins more than a year before they open in each location, with 18 months of design work for their gory and life-like displays, according to a recent Associated Press story.

Employees of Spirit Halloween scout

Inside, you'll find thousands of costumes and accessories, gory displays and even a swamp display of bloody and screaming animated creatures.

for locations throughout the year, finding vacant stores in shopping malls, closed retail giants and even car dealerships.



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Sunny Wilckinson, 8, (left) Logan Edwards, 8, (right) and Jack Horne, 10, try to antagonize this animatronic doll into screaming to life last Thursday.

They've had a presence in Fenton for the past six years, formerly where Family Farm & Home is located today. During the height of the haunting season, the Fen-

ton store will have 20 to 25 employees, some of whom will move on to another seasonal job with Spencer Gifts during the busy holiday season.

Other nearby locations of Spirit Halloween include Flint, Burton, Howell and Waterford.



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Wireless communications

In this day and age, I assume that most people are at the very least familiar with the concept of communicating with others by using a device that is not connected to a wire. For ease of reference, I will refer to what I am describing as 'the cellphone.'

Of course, when I refer to the cellphone, I know that in actuality simple cellphones have been supplemented and probably surpassed by instruments known as 'smart-phones' and 'feature phones.'

I won't attempt to describe all of the features of these instruments and devices as I'm fairly certain that most readers know far more about them than I do. What continues to amaze me about these products is the extraordinarily rapid pace of technological development in this and other related areas, especially in the last 10 years. For a guy who remembers telephone party lines, it's hard to keep up.

For example according to a 2013 mobile operations group study, the United States is the world's largest 4G market and North America has over 250 million unique mobile service subscribers.

By anyone's count, that's a lot of subscribers to wireless services. It has been estimated in a different study that there are over 6 billion cellphone calls per day in the United States alone.

The question raised from a legal standpoint is just who, if anybody, regulates this area. The answer is both the federal government and the individual states.

As to the federal government, the primary regulator is the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). By law, the FCC is charged with ensuring the orderly use of wireless communication devices including licensing, enforcement, regulatory functions and the assignment of frequency bands to carriers. One of its agencies in this regard is the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. An important law in this area is the Wireless Communications Act of 1996.

State law generally governs the contracts between a carrier and user. Additionally the FCC works with state authorities in the placement and approval of communications towers.

For more information, visit the FCC website. To see a report on the economics of wireless communications go to www.gsma.com.



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Experts say it's never too early to teach children how to earn money, create a budget, save, spend wisely and be charitable when possible.

It's never too early...

■ Kids can learn valuable financial lessons as early as 2 or 3 years old

By Vera Hogan

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Kids have an uncanny knack for learning about the value of money — but not the right way.

At a very early age, they know that money can get them the things they want. But how they should acquire that money — besides demanding it from Mom and Dad — is something they don't often learn at home, or at school.

Experts say it's never too early to teach children how to earn money, create a budget, save, spend wisely and be charitable when possible.

According to financial expert Dave Ramsey, the fastest growing group declaring bankruptcy is young adults between the ages of 20 and 24. This statistic makes it clear that children are not being taught money management skills.

The following are some tips to help teach your child money management:

HIT A YARD SALE

Yard sales are usually filled with kids' stuff. Kids will love picking out a book or toy at this "outside store." And older kids will quickly discover that their allowance money stretches much further here than it does at the department store.

VISIT THE BANK

Taking your child to the bank is worth more than just a free lollipop. Watching bank transactions helps kids understand what cash actually is. Let your child be involved as much as possible. Even preschoolers can hand a check to the teller.

As your child gets older, consider opening an account for him, and help him learn to track his savings. Many banks and credit unions have special no-fee accounts for kids, complete with educational materials and online activities.

The State Bank, for example, has offered the "Moola Moola" savings plans to local children for more than 20 years. For more information, visit www.thesatebank.com.

ENLIST YOUR CHILD AS A BILL ASSISTANT

While your kid watches from his booster seat, you swipe your credit card, push a few buttons, pump the gas, and

like magic — no wonder kids think of a credit card as a source of never-ending possibilities.

Break through that kind of thinking by letting your child help you pay the credit card bill. This lets them see the whole picture. Go through the charges and remind your child what it is you're paying for.

Not only will he enjoy being a part of things, but he'll gain a whole new perspective on how money flows.

SHOP AT A FARMERS MARKET

At the grocery store, children don't see any sign of a farmer. Taking them to a farmers market instead is a great way to help them understand the connection between work and money. As your child helps you choose a bunch of carrots and hands the cash to the farmer, he'll get to see the market economy in action.

Explain that the farmer grew the carrots himself, so he gets to decide how much they cost — and the customers then decide if they want to pay that amount. You can also explain that with the money the farmer earns, he can buy supplies to grow more carrots.

CLIP COUPONS

Even if you're not a coupon clipper yourself, it's worth making the effort to teach your child about savings and discounts. He can help identify coupons that might be a good match for this week's grocery needs (even preschoolers can do this, because most coupons include pictures).

Next time you go to the grocery store, let your child be in charge of the coupons. Depending on his age, he can be the "coupon envelope holder," the "product finder," the "tracker of money saved," or all three. Afterward, talk about how much money the two of you saved and how you might use that money.

VOLUNTEER AND DONATE AS A FAMILY

Integral to financial literacy is the understanding that some people have more than others — and that those with more can help those with less. Try shopping together for food and delivering it to a local food pantry. You can also match your child's interests with causes — if he's an animal lover, buy supplies for the local animal shelter or volunteer together to help feed the animals.

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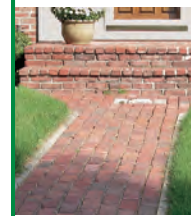
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The Firebirds - Flint's hottest ticket is on ice

■ Organization brings some of the best young players in the world to tri-county's backyard

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At the start of 2015, the idea of Flint being the home of an Ontario Hockey League (OHL) team was pretty much a pipe dream.

Apparently, some pipe dreams come true.

The Flint Firebirds are the area's newest, and arguably the greatest, hockey product ever, which has called Flint its home. The squad, made up of some of the world's elite junior hockey players aged 16 to 20, has athletes certain to be playing in the National Hockey League.

And if Saturday's standing-room-only sell-out crowd was any indication, the Flint area is excited to have such an elite squad playing at the Dort Federal Events Center (previously known as the Flint IMA or Perani Arena). It's certain the Firebirds, who played in Plymouth as the Plymouth Whalers from 1997 until 2014, are excited to be in Flint.

"It's great. It's extremely exciting to be here," said Susana Wight, Flint Firebirds' director of community relations and marketing. "Back in December and January this was just hope, and it came true."

"I've lived in the Flint area 15½ years and I've seen this community go through a lot of things. It's time for Flint to be proud. Flint has gone through a lot through this process and now we have the best possible hockey you can get besides an NHL team coming to our community."

The Flint area has a proud history of professional hockey, which began in 1969 with the International Hockey League's Flint Generals. Recently, Dort Federal Events Central has been the home of the Michigan Warriors, a Tier II junior North American Hockey League. However, the level of junior hockey replacing the Warriors is clearly

SUMMARY

■ The Flint Firebirds are bringing an exciting high-caliber level of junior hockey to the area. The team's first season began on Saturday. The next home games are Oct. 10 and 11.



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The OHL was the starting ground for players like Wayne Gretzky and Steve Yzerman. About 20 percent of active NHL players have come from the OHL. Some of the Firebirds have already been drafted by NHL teams. For example, Firebirds' defenseman Vili Saarijarvi was selected by the Detroit Red Wings in the third round this year's NHL draft.

"Four or five kids on our roster have been drafted by NHL teams," Wight said. "That's impressive. They are going to get pulled up at some point."

THE FAN EXPERIENCE

Wight says the Flint area has already embraced the Firebirds. Saturday's opener, a 3-2 shootout victory against its Michigan rivals the Saginaw Spirit, drew more than 4,000 fans, and Wight said season ticket sales are going well.

"We sold out for the opener 44 days in advance," Wight said. "We are selling (season tickets) like crazy right now. ... The corporate sponsors are coming in almost daily. They want to support the

Ontario Hockey League players work with skills akin to National Hockey League (NHL) players — in fact many will end up in the NHL.

project and understand the importance of this project."

Since the Firebirds field a team of NHL prospects, Wight said the game experi-

ence is at the same level as the NHL for the fans. The arena's first new look is a new LED scoreboard at center ice.

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Carter Rhoades, 9, of Grand Blanc spins his Flint Firebirds flag during the third period on Saturday.

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LESSONS

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Earning money is not only educational but empowering for kids. The good old-fashioned lemonade stand remains a great choice — and has the added benefit of encouraging teamwork. The older kids can handle the money, and the younger ones can hand out the cups. Other money-making ideas for kids include selling outgrown toys and clothes at a flea market, helping to host a family yard sale, and doing chores above and beyond the usual around the house for extra pocket money.

SET A FAMILY SAVINGS GOAL

Agree on a long-term family goal, such as a special vacation for example and start a fund in a jar. This makes the family work as a team by depositing their loose change in the jar, and making saving and collecting the money needed for the trip that much more fun.

PLAY A GAME

Of course, these days it's easy to forget about board games — but a good game of Monopoly or Life, even though they deal in fantasy, help hammer in ideas of earnings, savings, and loss.

(Sources: parent.com and babycenter.com)

Police&Fire report

PARENTS ARGUE OVER CHILD, MOTHER ARRESTED

At 6:20 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25, Fenton police responded to the 400 block of West Ellen Street to investigate a trouble call. Lt. Jason Slater said the caller reported that a mother and father were possibly having a custody dispute over their child. Upon arrival, police made contact with the two adults. The female, a 37-year-old Clinton Township resident appeared to be intoxicated. She was taken to the police station lobby to make transportation home arrangements. At 8:15 p.m., the woman began yelling and smoking in the lobby. Because she was causing a disturbance and blew a .128 on the preliminary breath test, she was arrested for disorderly intoxication. She has a Nov. 16 court date. The father and child were not taken into custody.

CATALYTIC CONVERTER STOLEN

Sometime overnight between Sept. 22 and 23, unknown suspects stole the catalytic converter from a 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier parked at the Silver Lake Hills Apartments in Fenton. The 22-year-old Fenton man who owns the car discovered the theft when he started his car in the morning. He drove it to a local auto service business where an employee discovered the problem. Repairs cost him \$300.

FENTON TOWNSHIP MAN 'CREEPS OUT' STORE EMPLOYEES

At 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22, Fenton police were dispatched to a business in the 700 block of Torrey Road. An employee reported that a white male had entered the business and kept asking for free cigarettes. The clerk explained that they do not give out free cigarettes. Employees watched as the man got into his black Monte Carlo and drove across the street to another parking lot. They said he sat in his car for approximately 25 minutes and watched their business. The employees said they were "creeped out" by the man's behavior and called 911. Police made contact with the 36-year-old Fenton Township man, who was sitting in his car. He denied asking for cigarettes. A computer check revealed the man had an outstanding arrest warrant. He was placed under arrest and lodged at the Flint City Jail pending arraignment on the warrant.

TIRES SLASHED

On Saturday, Sept. 19, Fenton police were dispatched to the 600 block of North Adelaide Street to investigate a malicious destruction of property complaint at 9:45 p.m. A 48-year-old Rose Township man said he parked his 2005 Ford Focus at a grass lot so that he could attend Applefest. The man said he was confronted by three young males who claimed that spot was for them and their pickup truck. When the Rose Township man returned to his car, he discovered that three of his tires were slashed and profanity was written into the surface dirt on his car. The case remains under investigation.

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The Flint Firebirds had a robust, enthusiastic audience for their first home game. Fans were ready to embrace and support this brand new team.

FIREBIRDS

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"It's so crisp," Wight said. "It's going to allow us to have more fun and more engagement with the fans."

There are seven video cameras located around the arena, helping capture action on the ice and fan reaction. Replays are now possible. Also, the lighting is much better. Sometime this season, there are plans to unveil the team's mascot.

"There's going to be something for everyone," Wight said. "Kids enjoy it because they get to see good professional hockey. Families enjoy it because it's family friendly. And we have a corporate platform ... so business can be done."

THE SCHEDULE, PRICES

The Firebirds' schedule is 68 games — 34 being at home — with most of the contests played between Thursday and Sunday. The regular season runs through the third week of March, with a post-season starting after the regular season.

The caliber may be just below the NHL, but the prices are not that of the elite league. Single-game tickets sell for \$12 to \$19.

"A family of four can easily come to the building, get some popcorn and drinks and enjoy a game for less than \$100," Wight said. "We wanted to cater to everyone. We have families who grew up with the Generals when they were kids who are now professionals ... and

want a chance to bring their kids to see that experience. And they get to see future NHL players with a team they can call their own."

The team's next home game is Oct. 10 against Sarnia at 7 p.m., followed by a 5 p.m. contest against Petersborough on Oct. 11.

HOCKEY HISTORY IN FLINT

Here is a list of professional hockey teams who have called Flint home.

- **Flint Generals:** The squad came to Perani Arena in 1969 and the International Hockey League (IHL) team played in Flint until 1985.
- **Flint Spirits:** When the Generals moved, a new IHL team replaced them. The Spirits stayed until 1990.
- **Flint Bulldogs:** The Colonial Hockey League (CHL) brought this team to the IMA from 1991 until 1993.
- **Flint Generals:** These Generals remained in Flint from 1993 until 2000. What was initially a CHL franchise, it shifted to a United Hockey League team in 1997 and an International Hockey League squad in 2007.
- **Michigan Warriors:** The Tier II junior North American Hockey League team came to Flint in 2010. With the Firebirds coming to town, they were forced to move to New York.

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BUSH'S FOREIGN POLICY? What's going on there is terrorists trying to take over the world. They want me dead, you, my children, your children. Wake the hell up.

I AGREE WITH the two or three people who say they're not getting the flu shot because they get sick. That has happened to me the last three years. No flu shot this year.

I THINK THE Zombie Walk in Linden starting at the Fairview Cemetery is disrespectful to those resting in peace there. Start someplace else. Thank you.

MANY MANY THANKS to Caretel for the wonderful Senior Prom they put on for members and their families. It was fantastic. We all enjoyed it so much. Thank you.

MY MORNING PAPER showed a picture of Hillary Clinton and I had to take a double take. The picture they showed looked very much like a young college student. She had a fantastic face-lift or they printed the wrong picture. It won't matter, we won't have to look at her face much longer.

IT'S KIND OF hard for me to believe people like John Boehner. He sucks at the public trough for 24 years. Doesn't get his way, so he quits and says he's going to join the Democrats for whatever reason. I don't know how he got elected every time.

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Holly boys XC captures another weekend meet title

■Bronchos beat out Fenton at Linden Invitational

By David Troppens

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The Linden Invitational certainly had a local flavor during the large school boys race.

All three tri-county area teams which competed in the race, finished within the top three.

The defending Metro League champion Holly Bronchos won their second invita-

tional title in two weekends, taking first place with 57 points. The Bronchos also won their division at the Nike Holly Duane Raffin Festival of Races on Sept. 16. Meanwhile, the Fenton Tigers finished in second (79), while the Linden Eagles took third (114) in the 10-team event.

Fenton's Jacob Lee won the race rather comfortably, with a first-place time of 16:04.43. Following him in fifth was teammate Dominic Dimambro (16:51.38), giving the Tigers two runners done before Holly's second, but the Bronchos were able to get their entire top five within the

top 20, enabling them to win the event.

Holly's Dillon Lemond took second key (16:29.01), while Michael Ponkey finished in ninth (17:21.29) and Blake Staffne placed 10th (17:31.83). The rest of the Bronchos' top five finishers were Emilio Gomez in 16th (17:47.63) and Francisco Valdivinos in 20th (17:54.33).

"The boys did a good job doing what I asked of them," Holly varsity boys cross country coach Rich Brinker said.

"The goal was to win the invite and stay healthy. Michael Ponkey is rounding into shape. Blake Staffne is getting healthy and the same goes for Emilio Gomez. Francisco Valdivinos is just starting to see how good he can be, now that he is a full-time cross country athlete. Looking forward to a great competition with Clio, Fenton and Linden (at the second Metro jamboree)."

The Tigers weren't too shabby
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DILON LEMON

Placed second at the Linden Invitational, leading the Bronchos to the large school title.

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Eagles pull off another thriller

■Linden overcome 13-point deficit, defeats Flushing 21-20

By David Troppens

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Linden — Some call it heart. Some call it mental toughness. Some call it talent.

Call it what one wants, the Linden varsity football team seems to have it.

For the third straight week — and for the second straight Friday trailing by at least 13 points entering the second half — the Linden Eagles overcame a second-half deficit to capture a thrilling Metro League victory.

This time the victim was one of the Metro League favorites, the Flushing Raiders.

The Linden Eagles (3-0, 4-1) overcame a 20-7 deficit with 7:55 remaining in the third quarter earning a 21-20 home victory against the Raiders at Linden High School Friday night. Just a week ago, the Eagles trailed Swartz Creek by 14 points, twice, before capturing a 32-24 road victory.

"We have such a big heart on this
See EAGLES on 22



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN

Linden's Ryan Young makes a diving catch during the Eagles' 21-20 victory against Flushing on Friday night.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Holly's Paris Partee runs downfield in a recent contest. The Bronchos defeated Clio 14-7 on Friday.

Holly sneaks by the Mustangs, 14-7

By David Troppens

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The Bronchos' defense has been outstanding all season long. They played another outstanding game on Friday night during Clio's homecoming contest.

For the third time this season, a team scored just one TD against the squad, leading Holly to a 14-7 Metro League victory.

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Fenton takes second at County meet

By David Troppens
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The Fenton varsity swim team had to compete without its top performer on the squad, but still came out of the county meet with a strong second-place finish.

The Tigers had five county championship performances. Elise Cassidy was a part of three of them. Individually, she won the 100 freestyle (56.01) and the 100 backstroke (1:00.40), also qualifying for the state meet in the backstroke. Meanwhile, she also teamed with Cameron Mathews, Caitlyn Dailey and Grace Siefker to win the 400 freestyle relay in a state-qualifying time of 3:48.42.

Siefker also won a county title in an individual event, earning it in the 50 freestyle (25.76). The final county title was collected by diver Taylor Shegos (394.95).

The Tigers had six other individual top-five performances. They were earned by: Emma Cagle, second in the 200 freestyle (2:11.40)

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Lake Fenton wins battle of Blue Devils

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton — Maybe Eric Doyle explained the battle of Blue Devil teams best on Friday night.

“We had control all night without having control,” the Lake Fenton varsity football coach said.

What sounds like a quote to honor the late Yogi Berra, actually made some sense when discussing Friday night’s game. Lake Fenton never trailed but never had a dominant lead, eventually beating Sault Ste. Marie 42-33.

“It was never comfortable,” Doyle said. “They were a 3-1 team and they beat a couple of Class A teams. They are probably a playoff team. We didn’t tackle as well as we can, but we found a way to get the win.”

The Lake Fenton Blue Devils (4-1) led 14-7 after one quarter, 28-19 at the half and 35-19 after three quarters. Once again, Lake Fenton’s running game was effective throughout the contest. Trent Hillger finished with 225 rushing yards and three TDs on 20 carries. He scored on runs of 1, 4 and 57 yards. He also completed 2-of-4 passes for 60 yards. One was a 25-yard TD pass to Chris Bell on a fourth-down play. Trevor Wright also had a huge day,



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Lake Fenton’s Trevor Wright runs with the ball upfield in the Blue Devils’ 42-33 victory against Sault Ste. Marie on Friday.

scoring on two 80 yard TD runs. He finished with 178 yards on just eight carries.

The Blue Devils return to

Genesee Area Conference Red Division play next week when Lake Fenton hosts Beecher.

“We have a tough stretch of

games coming up,” Doyle said. “The next three weeks will shape up the league race for everyone.”

Tigers’ defense leads Fenton by Hornets, 53-22

By David Troppens

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Has anyone in the tri-county area ever seen a game where a team scored six points on three safeties?

Fans who attended Fenton’s varsity football road game at Kearsley saw it happen Friday night.

The Tigers’ defense scored six points on safeties and also scored a TD on Chase Lynch’s fumble recovery in the end zone, helping lead Fenton to a 53-22 victory Friday night against the Hornets.

“It was a nutty game for sure,” Fenton head coach Jeff Setzke said. “The defense scored three safeties and a touchdown. ... It was wild. Our defense did a pretty nice job. They only scored twice against our defense. But our offense wasn’t sharp tonight. We had a lot of turnovers.”

The Tigers (3-0, 4-1) took a 2-0 lead on the night’s first safety when the ball rolled through the Kearsley end zone, giving the Tigers their two points. A Josh Czarnota 19-yard TD pass to Brendan Mathews followed, making it an 8-0 lead.

Kearsley tied it up with its own 73-yard TD toss and a two-point conversion, but it was another safety gave the Tigers the lead for good.

Leading 10-8 after the second safety, Joe Williams gave the Tigers a bigger lead with a six-yard touchdown run.

Greg Lukas made the first of his five extra-points, and Fenton led 17-8. The lead grew to 24-8 late in the half on Czarnota’s second of three TD passes, converting the 31-yard pass to Zach West.

Kearsley successfully recovered an onside kick to start the second half, and scored on the next play from scrimmage, a 51-yard scamper. The Hornets also made the two-point conversion. Fenton led just 24-16. However, Fenton outscored Kearsley 19-6 the rest of the game.

Fenton scored another TD on the fumble recovery in the end zone, making it a 37-16 lead. Kearsley followed with a kickoff for a score, but Fenton had a TD nine-yard run by Dylan Crankshaw a third safety and a 35-yard TD run by Williams, blowing the game open.

Czarnota completed 13-of-21 passes for 153 yards and three TDs. However, he was picked off twice. West completed five of those passes for 53 yards and two scores. Six other players caught at least one pass.

On the ground, Williams collected 69 yards on 10 carries, while Crankshaw had 53 on eight attempts.

The Hornets managed to complete just 7-of-20 passes for 73 yards, getting picked off four times.

Fenton hosts Clio for homecoming on Friday.



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Lady Eagles take first at their own invite

By David Troppens

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The Linden varsity girls cross country team are currently ranked fifth in Division 2.

The Eagles showed why on Saturday at the Linden Invitational.

Linden posted all five of its scorers within the top 24, leading the squad to a first-place finish of 64 points, just edging second-place Walled Lake Northern (65).

The Fenton Tigers also competed at the event, taking fifth with 138 points. The Tigers tied Flushing's point total, but had its sixth runner perform better than Flushing's sixth, giving Fenton the tie-breaker.

Flushing had the top two runners, but were unable to keep pace after that as the Eagles had their entire starting seven finish inside the Lady Raiders' third runner. Alia Frederick continued her impressive debut season on the cross country team, taking third with a time of 19:43.23.

The rest of Linden's scoring five were: Audrey Steiert in sixth (20:19.34), Taylor Ganger in 15th (20:56.23) and Maya Gossett in 24th (21:32.34).

"The girls ran really good," Linden varsity girls cross country coach Teresa Wright said. "We worked on finishing races this past week which certainly paid off. We did not expect to get fast times because our course does not typically produce them. However, there were three PRs. We also had five girls in the top 25. Overall, everyone was

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | KLARI FREDERICK

Linden's Alia Frederick (right) finished third at the Linden Invitational, helping lead the Eagles to a championship at the event.

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themselves, earning their entire top five finishers within the top 28. Finishing 19th was Luke Chabot (17:52.02), while Nolan Day (17:59.94) and Mitchell Chabot (18:04.45) took 26th and 28th places, respectively.

The Eagles had three runners finish within the top 30 positions. Nick McDonald paced the Eagles by taking sixth (17:14.34), while Kagen Griffith placed 13th (17:33.28). Jack Eck placed 24th (17:59.37).

The three area teams are expected to compete in another tight battle at the second Metro League jamboree at Springfield Oaks Park on Wednesday. The three teams finished second through fourth at the first meet, with Clio winning the first jamboree.

Lake Fenton at Linden Invitational

The Blue Devils made it four strong showings among tri-county boys cross country teams at the Linden Invitational by placing fourth out of 14 teams.

The Blue Devils had three runners finish within the top 30 of the 91-person race.

Thomas Mueller led the Blue Devils, placing third in 17:41.07, followed by Jacob



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SETH NORMINGTON

Linden's Nick McDonald (front) leads Fenton's Dominic Dimambro and Kagen Griffith during one of the portions of the Linden Invitational race.

Fletcher (17:47.99) in fourth. Eric Niestroy gave the Blue Devils three runners within the top 10 by placing 10th (18:29.21).

uber, Dailey and Siefker posted a time of 1:59.16, while the 200 freestyle team of Sabrina Hall, Maddie Hall, Mathews and Danielle Rushton recorded a second-place time of 1:49.10.

"We are swimming much faster than last year at this point, and with Bri Costigan returning this week, we are very excited going into the second half of the season," Fenton coach Brad Jones said.

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and fifth in the 500 freestyle (6:01.66); Mathews, third in the 200 individual medley (2:28.12) and fourth in the backstroke (1:06.42); Siefker, second in the 100 freestyle (57.47); and Caitlyn Dailey, fifth in the 100 butterfly (1:06.0).

Two other relays placed second. The 200 medley relay of Cassidy, Lauren Gr-

PREP REPORT

GIRLS GOLF

► **Fenton 189, Holly 227:** The Tigers were led by match medalist Sarah Cummings, who shot a 44. Keegan Miller followed with a 46, while Madison Shegos carded a 47. Molly Gundry and Carissa Schulz each shot a 52.

Holly was led by Chelsea Bowles, who shot a 48. Meghan Bush followed her with a 55, while Madison Brack carded a 58. Meghan McReynolds shot a 66.

► **Brandon 186, Linden 196:** The Eagles' Sydney Bond shot a 41 at Pine Knob Golf Club, but it wasn't enough to lead Linden to victory. Bond recorded four pars during her round. Makena Baldwin shot a 45, while Ashley Robinson carded a 48. Isabel Wright shot a 59.

► **Linden 201, Swartz Creek 212:** The Eagles were led by Sydney Bond's match medalist score of 47 at Spring Meadows Country Club. Ashley Robinson shot a 49, while Isabel Wright carded a 51. Payton Leedle shot a 54.

BOYS SOCCER

► **Fenton 5, Kearsley 0:** Liam Adams scored two goals and Jared DeGroat, Chase Coselman and Jacob Newblatt had one each in the Tigers' victory. John Leaske and Nick Melero shared time in net for the shutout. Jacob Martin had two assists, while James Kryza, Michael Fabatz and Connor Horgan had one each.

► **Clio 4, Holly 1:** Lucas Sammut scored Holly's (1-2, 3-6-2) only goal in the loss.

► **Linden 1, Pinckney 1:** Linden's Julian Shier scored the Eagles' only goal in the draw. In JV action, Linden won 4-0. Jordan Einfeldt, Jacob Welch, Cam Hawkins and Devin Pierce all had goals.



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team and we have great team chemistry," Linden senior Kevin Bates said. "We come together and play hard the entire four quarters. We never quit."

"Mentally, we got tough. With these kids there is no quit," Linden co-head coach Denny Hopkins said. "They will play hard until the end no matter what, and that's huge. We've been on them since day one that you have to finish every play and you have to finish every game. It has to be four quarters. You can't play just a half and decide that's it. ... They are resilient. That's probably one word to put on it. They are very resilient."

The resilient Eagles find themselves tied with rivals Fenton atop the Metro League with a 3-0 conference mark. Meanwhile, Flushing (2-1, 3-2), who was expected to finish second in the league, are now looking up at the Eagles in the standings.

"We have great team chemistry and great depth," senior Bailey Davis said. "Nobody gets tired. We stay mentally tough throughout the game."

The Eagles' mental toughness was tested on Friday for sure.

Linden opened impressively, scoring on the game's first possession. The Eagles drove 77 yards in eight plays, scoring on a 19-yard wide receiver screen pass from Aaron Sarkon to Ryan Young. Davis' first of three extra-points gave

the Eagles a 7-0 lead.

However, as the half continued, the tide slowly turned to Flushing's favor. The Raiders got their first score on a possession that started on the last play of the first quarter at its own 27. Eight plays later, quarterback Garrett Oginsky scored on an eight-yard keeper. Jake Matus converted the extra-point and the game was tied at 7-all with 8:35 left in the half.

Linden was forced to punt on its next possession after a sack, a small gain and an incomplete pass. The snap on the punt sailed over Davis, who ran it down and punted the ball, somehow, to the Flushing 47. On the ensuing play, Flushing tried a reverse, but the ball was fumbled to the ground. Appearing to be on the ground with both knees on the grass, a Flushing player pitched the ball to Oginsky who tossed it downfield to Austin McKenzie for a controversial 53-yard TD play. Linden trailed 14-7 with 7:04 left in the half. Linden was forced to punt on its next possession rather quickly again and with the half running out, Flushing put together another drive. This one ended with a 35-yard field goal by Matus. Linden trailed 17-7 at the half.

The second half didn't start any better for the Eagles. Flushing opened the half with the ball and drove to the Linden 20. Matus converted a 38-yard field goal, raising the gap to 20-7 with 7:55 left in the third quarter.

However, from that point on,

it was all Linden. The Eagles responded with a 55-yard eight play drive that was capped by a 31-yard screen pass for a TD from Sarkon to Bates. Bates followed two lineman blocks, easily sailing into the end zone. The extra-point cut the Linden deficit to 20-14 with 5:04 left.

Flushing was forced to punt after three downs on its next possession, and the Eagles followed it with what would be the game-winning drive. First, it looked like the drive stalled when the Eagles were facing a fourth-and-10 on the 50. However, Davis completed a pass on a fake punt to a wide open Ryker Rivera for a first down at the Flushing 13.

"Coach called it," Davis said. "We saw the left side was open and Ryker had been playing a good game, so we chose him. We've been practicing it every week and it worked out."

Three plays later the Eagles faced a third-and-12 play from the Flushing 15 when Sarkon hit Davis with a 15-yard TD reception. Linden led 21-20 with 14.9 seconds still left in the third quarter.

I just told coach I could beat the kid on a corner," Davis said. "Sarkon threw it hard, I made a good catch, I looked it in and scored."

Linden's defense made the lead hold. Flushing drove to the Linden 30 on its next possession, but an incomplete pass ended the drive on downs. Flushing got the ball back one more time and moved it to the Linden 34 with a first down.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN

Linden's Aaron Sarkon runs down field during the Eagles' 21-20 victory against Flushing on Friday night.

However, a fumble recovery by Cade Dickson ended the drive. Linden's offense took care of the final 5:41 on the clock, recording three first downs, enabling the clock to expire.

The Eagles opened the season a young team. Hopkins thinks the team is starting to believe in itself, but also is starting to believe in the coaching staff.

"I don't know if this sounds right but they are starting to believe what we are telling them — if you do this, this will happen," Hopkins said. "If you don't do it, bad things will happen. And the young kids are finally starting to

realize that coach isn't that crazy." Offensively, Sarkon ran for 43 yards and completed 15-of-28 passes for 220 yards and three TDs. Seven players caught passes, led by Young's six catches for 117 yards and a score. Davis had four catches for 46 yards and a score.

Defensively, Bates finished with six total tackles and a fumble recovery. Aaron Steedman and Avery Jacobs had five total tackles each. The defense held Oginsky to just 10-of-20 passing for 140 yards.

Linden hosts Brandon for homecoming on Friday at 7 p.m.

HOLLY

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The Bronchos (3-2) never trailed. Holly scored first on a one-yard TD run by Paris Partee. The TD was set up by Adam Tooley's 49-yard punt return on the previous play. Amy Scruggs made the first of her two extra points and Holly led 7-0.

Clio tied it up in the third quarter when Kane Williams scored on a 44-yard TD run with 9:50 left in the half, tying the contest up at 7-all. However, Holly retook the lead with 3:55 left when Tooley scored on a three-yard TD run.

Holly's offense probably could've scored more points but it hurt itself by having a couple of drives stall deep in Clio territory. The Holly defense had a big stop itself when it forced a fumble by

Williams deep in Holly territory.

Offensively, the Bronchos collected an impressive 329 yards, including 259 of that on the ground. Barr finished with 85 yards on 12 carries, while Paris Partee had 76 yards on 12 attempts. Garrett Stapleton completed 3-of-4 passes for 70 yards. Tooley caught all of those passes.

Defensively, Christian Diaz had seven solo tackles, four assisted stops and a fumble recovery. Bryce Jacopec finished with six total tackles, while Matt Barnett and Adam Tooley had five each. One of Tooley's stops was for a loss. Landon Hooper also had two tackles for loss.

Holly returns to Metro League action at Flushing in a pivotal contest for both squads in terms of earning the six wins needed to automatically qualify for the playoffs.

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pleased with their performance and are looking forward to the (Metro League) jamboree on Wednesday."

The Tigers had four runners inside Flushing's third and had four runners finish within the top 30 of the 99-runner race. The Tigers were paced by Cam Tiemann, who took ninth (20:33.42). The rest of Fenton's top-30 runners were Abby Lee in 17th (21:04.64), Emma Lane in 25th (21:36.50), and Emily Battaglia in 28th (21:54.71).

Both teams compete in the second Metro jamboree on Wednesday at Springfield Oaks County Park. Linden won the first race with Fenton placing second.

Lake Fenton at Linden Invitational

The Lady Blue Devils posted a strong third place out of 15 teams at Linden.

Four of Lake Fenton's runners placed in the top 30 in the 84-runner race; two were in the top 10. They were Alexis Cash in fourth (21:07.18) and Lydia Horski in fifth (21:08.49). Lake Fenton's other top-30 performers were Rachel Learman in 21st (23:24.97) and Aranda Jabiro in 30th (24:58.74).

Holly girls cross country at Jackson Invitational

The Holly girls placed 13th at the event in the D1 race, competing against many ranked foes.

Sophomore Lauren Hackett medaled for the second consecutive year, placing 24th out of 140 runners. Sophomore Chloe Konopitski posted a career-best time of 21:32.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2015

Notice is hereby given that the Fenton City Council will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Monday, October 12, 2015 for the purpose of considering a Commercial Facilities Exemption Certificate Application for Skypointe Ventures.

The public hearing will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 301 South Leroy Street. The purpose of the public hearing is to accept public comment on the Commercial Facilities Exemption Certificate Application for Skypointe Ventures, after which the City Council will consider taking action to approve or disapprove the Application. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

Written comments concerning the Application may be submitted at the above address prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available at the City Clerk's office.

Comments and questions may be directed to the City of Fenton Clerk, Renee Wilson, at 810-629-2261.

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Joan Iris Forg t (Perdakjian)

1928-2015
 Joan Iris Forg t (Perdakjian) - age 87, passed away peacefully on September 23, 2015 in Petoskey. She



was a longtime resident of Holly, and visited the Petoskey area since she was a child

up until her death. Joan adored Northern Michigan, and also enjoyed gardening, antique shopping and spending time with family. Joan was preceded in death by her husband, Gerard; and one son. She is survived by two daughters; a niece; several grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. A service and interment will take place on September 30, 2015 at 1 PM at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey.

Honey W. Messer - Lemaster

1947-2015
 Honey W. Messer-Lemaster - age 68, of Manistique died September 23, 2015 at her home. She was born



January 13, 1947 in Manistique and was a graduate of Manistique High School. She

continued her education at Northern Michigan University where she received her Bachelor's degree in early elementary education and later received her Master's degree in counseling from Oakland University. Honey was employed as a fourth grade teacher at the Holly Elementary School in Holly until her retirement. On January 12, 2006 she married James E. Lemaster at Indian Rocks Beach, Florida and they made their home in Manistique. Honey was the foster mother to several children and enjoyed gardening and traveling. Honey is survived by her husband, James E. Lemaster of Manistique; foster daughters, Susan Davis of Clarkston, and Jane Bannister of Summerville, OR; step children, Donald and Kelly Jo; 10 grandchildren; one great grandchild; sisters, Sandi, Sharlot and Diane; and her brother, Kirk. Services were held on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at the Messier-Broullire Funeral Home in Manistique. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery at Manistique. Memorial donations may be directed to the Manistique Area Schools Scholarship Foundation, c/o Manistique High School, Cedar and Main Streets, Manistique, MI 49854. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mbfuneral.com.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your moodier side might emerge this week. But the dark period should pass in time for the party-loving Lamb to go on a happy gambol with some very special people this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Yet again, you show your skill at being able to indulge in your love of the arts this week while still taking care of practical matters, including some still-unfinished business matters.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A potential change might appear to be what you've been looking for. In any event, consider both the negative as well as the positive possibilities before making any sort of decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Relationships continue to dominate your aspect this week on a mostly positive level, with just a few problem areas you can smooth over. Also, try to be flexible about travel plans.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You love being on center stage, and while you absolutely purr at the sound of all that praise, be careful not to take on too many commitments at the expense of time spent with loved ones.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might feel that you need to get involved in a matter concerning a friend or relative. But while the issues appear to be cut and dried, they might not be. Get more facts before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A suggestion about a policy change could create heated reactions. Keep your mind open and resist joining in with naysayers unless they can show a real basis for their position.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While potential career changes warrant your interest, don't ignore current job responsibilities. A personal relationship also can benefit from more of your attention.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Don't guess at what the facts might be if you hope to make the best decision possible. The wise course is to ask direct questions and act on the answers you get.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your efforts involving that pesky problem should soon show positive signs of being resolved. This would allow you to shift some of your focus in another direction.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) While you enjoy well-deserved praise for getting a difficult job done, there's no time to relax. A new challenge looms. Expect more support from a once-strong critic.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might still have explaining to do about your decision, but support grows as you continue to make your case. You also might want to start making plans for the upcoming holidays.

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KING FEATURES

ACROSS

- 1 Chances, for short
4 Taxi
7 Walk through mud, maybe
12 Shell game need
13 Gorilla
14 Anorak
15 Attempt
16 Greenish-blue deposit on copper
18 "— Impossible"
19 Put forth
20 Eats
22 Schedule abbr.
23 Oil job
27 Mornings (Abbr.)
29 Inspiring horror
31 Supermarket section
34 Playing marble
35 Fodders for mills
37 Speedometer stat
38 A piece
39 Old card game
41 Deuce topper
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54 Type units
55 Intention
56 U-shaped river bend
57 Witness
58 Thickness
8 Trail the pack
9 Hockey legend
10 Tackle moguls
11 Owns
17 Schlep
21 "America's Most Wanted" host
23 Frivolous
24 "Born in the —"
25 Luncheonette order, for short
26 Pupil's place
28 Citi Field athlete
30 Knock
31 Census
statistic
32 Playwright Levin
33 [Uncorrected]
36 Punch
37 Illinois city
40 Fairy tale baddies
42 Summarize
43 Cyber-message
44 Delicious
45 Concoct
46 Being (Lat.)
48 Way back when
49 Limit, for short
50 Mac
51 Id counterpart

DOWN

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2 — Amboy, N.J.
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5 Pinnacles
6 Jaunty chapeau
7 Skewer

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