

How \$15 minimum wage would affect local businesses

■ Cheap wages or higher cost of living?

By Hannah Ball
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Fast-food workers in New York were successful in campaigning to get their minimum wage increased to \$15 an hour. The expense of living is much higher in the big city than it is in Fenton and Lin-

den, but what would happen if that wage was adopted nationwide? Mark Rummel, owner of Mancino's of Fenton, said the price of everything would rise and stores would reduce **See WAGES on 19A**

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO Sydney Pellom (right), 18, and Katrina Huotari, 17, work the Uncle Ray's Dairyland window last May. Summer jobs like these may be affected by a minimum wage increase.



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Argentine man jailed, girl-friend charged for break-ins

■ Nine car offenses over two weeks; state trooper's handgun still missing

By Sharon Stone
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Matthew Hibbard, 34, and his girlfriend, Jamie Leach, 37, both of Argentine Township have been charged with multiple offenses related to nine reported car break-ins. The alleged crimes occurred between June 19 and July 1.



Matthew Hibbard



Jamie Leach

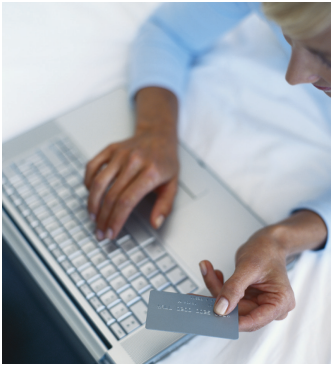
In addition to a cellphone, a GPS device, a credit card and miscellaneous items, two handguns that Argentine police learned belonged to a visiting Arizona state trooper, were reported stolen.

Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen said Det. Doug Fulton investigated the larcenies from automobiles (LFA).

Allen said one of the victims whose car was broken into, had outdoor surveillance cameras. Upon viewing the video footage, Fulton recognized Hibbard entering a vehicle. With him was a woman, later identified as Leach, who also appeared in the video.

During the early morning hours of July 1, Fulton parked his patrol car near Hibbard and Leach's home on Evergreen Drive and waited to see if they would leave and drive somewhere. They did.

The chief said Fulton initiated a traffic stop to talk with Hibbard. Fulton learned **See BREAK-INS on 18A**



Online purchases will now include 6-percent sales tax

Michigan's new 'Main Street Fairness' law took effect Thursday, Oct. 1, requiring 6 percent sales tax to be paid on all online purchases. **Page 5A**



Schools won't tolerate 'dirty dancing'

Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden Homecoming dances will be held Saturday night. Administrators outline rules in place to prevent inappropriate dancing. **Page 11A**

TOUGH ENOUGH FOR POWDER PUFF



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO Junior Jordanah Martinsen (center, red jersey) charges down field during the third quarter of the Linden High School's Powder Puff game Thursday night. She is pursued by senior Andreanna Villanueva (in black). The brisk weather didn't freeze the enthusiasm for the homecoming tradition, and the seniors won the game 42-24. See more photos at tctimes.com

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“I just phoned Fenton City Hall to see how I can get reimbursed for all the orange and green garbage tags I have. I was told that there would be no reimbursement as it would be ‘too complicated.’ It doesn't seem that tough to me. I hand over \$30 of tags and they hand me back my \$30.”

“People are fleeing states like California, New York and Vermont by the thousands due to outrageous taxation. The new Internet tax will only hurt Michigan in the long run. No new taxes.”

“If the geese flying over our homes each day were like politicians, they would never get south because they wouldn't be able to work together for the common good. Their teamwork benefits all, not just a few. Conclusion: the geese are smarter than our politicians.”



COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“To those complaining about old buildings being torn down. Sometimes things just wear out and become unsustainable, the same as humans. Structures become obsolete for reasons of safety, accessibility, heating and air conditioning, fire safety and dozens of other reasons. It's a good thing.”

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Saturday Traditional Worship6:30 pm
Sunday Traditional Worship.....8:30 am
Sunday Education Hour9:45 am
Sunday Contemporary Worship 11:00 am
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Sunday School..... 10:00 am

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Coffee Hour 11:00 am
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Sunday Morning Worship..... 11:00 am
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Sunday School..... 10:30 am
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Children's Sunday School..... 10:30 am
Fellowship 11:30 am

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Don't miss FALL AT THE CIDER MILL

Each local cider mill and orchard has its own character and flavor to enjoy

By Sally Rummel

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If you haven't yet been out to the tri-county area's maze of cider mills and orchards, you're missing out on one of autumn's greatest pleasures.

It's the season when fresh warm "who can stop at one" cinnamon sugar doughnuts go down easily with a cup of hand-pressed cider, made onsite with fresh Michigan apples.

The cider mill/orchard experience is more than just about cider and doughnuts, however. It's all about

embracing and enjoying the season when Michigan shows its true colors of autumn hues, bright sunny cool days and the bounty of the harvest. The sights, smells and sounds of the entire fall experience are just minutes away at your local cider mill and orchard.

Which one to visit first depends on your own mood and personality. Each local cider mill and orchard has its own character and flavor in the fall line-up. They're all worth a visit.

Families enjoy the ideal fall weather last Sunday at the Parshallville Cider Mill, for the first busy weekend of the year. October officially kicks off the busy cider mill season in the tri-county area.



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"People come from a long way to visit here," said Sandy Detleff, owner of the cider mill with her husband, Jack. "We're a National Historic Site. Our site along Ore Creek makes it very beautiful, too. People love sitting near the water while enjoying their cider and doughnuts. We make them fresh here at the mill every day."

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An aphorism is a statement or saying that is both efficiently presented and either witty or wise or both. Aphorisms are important because they succinctly state complex philosophical ideas in a way that most people instantly understand. Their ease of recall also increases their value.

The above headline is my favorite aphorism. Below is something for everyone. Authors have been deleted in the interest of impartiality.

To wit:

- **Children begin** by loving their parents. Then they judge them. Then they forgive them.
- **If you could kick** the person in the ass responsible for most of your troubles, you wouldn't sit for a month.
- **Try to look** at everything as though you were seeing it either for the first time

or the last time.

- **Those who refuse** exposure to what they don't agree with, are doomed to a life of blissful ignorance.

- **What you tolerate**, you encourage.

- **Children must** be taught how to think, not what to think.

- **Live as if** you were going to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were going to live forever.

- **Many of us** are more interested in making others think we are happy, than we are in actually being happy.

- **The wise does** at once

what the fool does at last.

- **If I'd known** how many problems I was going to run into before I finished, I can't think of a single project I would have started.

- **Good judgment** comes from experience.

A lot of that experience comes from bad judgment.

- **The mediocre teacher** tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.

- **It is a life** poorly lived that knows neither victory nor defeat.

- **Do not indoctrinate** your children. Teach them how to think for themselves, how to evaluate evidence, and how to disagree with you.

- **We all face** great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.

- **He didn't know** it couldn't be done, so he went ahead and did it.

- **Unless one has** loved an animal, a part of one's soul is never awakened.

- **Adversity weakens** the weak and strengthens the strong.

- **A life spent** making mistakes is not

only more honorable, but more useful, than a life spent doing nothing.

- **Triumphs without** difficulties are empty. It is difficulties that make the triumph. It is no feat to travel the smooth road.

- **Be more** concerned with your character than your reputation.

- **The smallest** good deed is greater than the grandest intention.

- **Always kiss your** children goodnight, even if they're already asleep.

- **Americans will** cross the ocean to fight for democracy,

but won't cross the street to vote in a national election.

- **Some people who** desperately yearn for endless life, don't even know what to do with a rainy afternoon.

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WHY NOT TAKE the ridiculous money for a roundabout study and put it toward a reward to find the monster who left that dog to die by the dumpster. Come on Fenton, make us proud. Someone has to know who the owner is.

AS I DROVE from Fenton to Flint on Wednesday, the gas price at the Speedway and Sunoco on Owen Road was \$2.59, and when I got to Flint, the price was \$2.15. Why the price gouging in Fenton?

SOME FACTS LEFT out of the King's gun violence load; it's been declining for over 20 years (40 percent), it was rising in the 'good old days' he cited. King, please consider writing about something positive. People would like to hear some good news for a change.

WHERE IS THE discipline at Fenton High School? Students should be taught that there are rules of conduct at school and with school activities. If the rules are not followed, there should be consequences. Minimizing the behavior and forcing an insincere apology is not a punishment.

WE WILL NEVER know who you are, but our family would like to thank you so much for buying us dinner at Mega Coney Island Monday night. The card along with dinner meant a lot to us.

God bless you and we will pay it forward the same way you did.

READING THE CONSTITUTION is futile. It's not what you and I read, it's what's interpreted by an unelected, mostly divided, Supreme Court. I can explicitly read 'right to bear arms,' but where can I explicitly read that abortion and gay marriage is a Constitutional right? So why bother?

I'M SEEING A pattern, men in pickup trucks being very aggressive tailgaters. Enough, please. Back off and stop jeopardizing those of us trying to obey the laws. Some of us actually allow enough time to get from point A to B. Are you really in such a hurry you'd kill someone?

YES, CLIMATE CHANGE is happening. However, we are still retreating from the ice age, not due to some liberal babble.

MANY THANKS TO the four Linden councilors who voted against an oppressive law that would have dictated where I can park a car on my private property. For those who voted in favor, shame on you.

MY DAD, WHO is almost 80, and delivers the Times, stopped at the car wash in Argentine today to spray 50 miles of paper route dirt off his van when the owner insisted that Pops sit in his van while he washed it for him. 'So shines a good deed, in a weary world.' Thank you.

WOW, ONE MORE time. The Supreme Court rules if laws are constitutional. Last I knew, religion, equality, rights, etc. were in the constitution. They don't write laws for the president to sign.

I UNDERSTAND THERE are groups in the world that hate Americans and want to kill them. The question is do you know why? It's much deeper than religion. If you don't know the whole history then you will never understand how to solve the problem without more death.

SO, WHY AREN'T the Republicans forcing the group that made the Planned Parenthood tapes testify before Congress?

WHY ARE FENTON Township elected officials complaining about the township paying for more than their fair share of SLPR and doing nothing about it?

I SHOWED THE press release from Exxon Mobil confirming that they knew and admitted climate change to my climate-change-denying friend. All he said was, 'It's always about money isn't it.' I couldn't deny him on that.

MURPHY AND BRIDGE Street residents in Linden, I hope you attend the public hearing on a rezoning request. It's a bad idea. Why rezone this residential parcel to commercial when we have empty storefronts downtown? I sure don't want this in my backyard.

TO THE 'TRUMP grassroots supporters' writer, you really should wait until the drugs wear off before commenting on anything.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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"Charter. I don't want a dish. Where we live, it's Charter or nothing."

Barb Eltringham
Tyrone Township



"We just stream. We have Hulu Prime and Netflix. I would say we watch Netflix the most."

Erin Dennis
Fenton



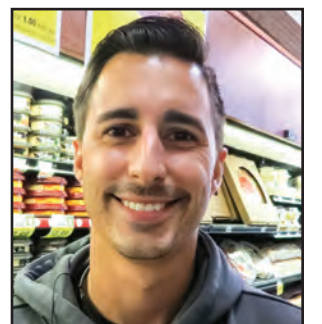
"Charter. It's what's there. I think I prefer it to the alternative. It seems to be a better channel lineup."

John Wiley, Fenton Township



"We use Netflix and then ABC12. Because of our grandchildren we watch Netflix a lot."

Cindy Truax
Goodrich



"Cable and I stream online. I use Google Play and Chromecast. You can watch, buy and rent."

Ryan Crang, Linden

Michigan Internet sales tax now in effect

■ Online purchases will now cost you 6-percent more

By Vera Hogan

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The taxman always gets his money — so it shouldn't come as a surprise that effective Thursday, Oct. 1, Michigan's new "Main Street Fairness" law took effect and big name online retailers, including Amazon, started collecting the 6-percent sales tax.

According to the Michigan Department of Treasury and freep.com, the state's sales tax on goods purchased online isn't new. But until now, buyers many times had to self-report that tax, if the retailer didn't automatically charge it.

Many people were not aware of that and failed to calculate their sales tax for Internet purchases when they filed their income tax. Approximately 117,000 people reported untaxed online purchases on their 2013 tax returns, paying \$6.7 million in sales tax. State officials estimated that represented only 2.5 percent of what was really due.

Some big name retailers had already been collecting sales tax for online purchases or on the phone. Now, Internet retailers with any physical presence in Michigan must collect that state sales tax at the point of sale.

Amazon has a fulfillment center in Brownstown Township. Officials said the tax would apply to Amazon and Overstock, among others.

Ebay has protested online tax sales, claiming any attempt to impose Internet sales tax collection places heavy burdens on small Internet-enabled businesses that struggle enough as it is to compete with big box retailers.

According to ebaymainstreet.com, "Sales tax legislation needs to be fair to businesses of all sizes."

Ebay claims Internet sales tax legislation could force small businesses to collect and remit sales taxes in up to 9,600 jurisdictions nationwide.

"It's fundamentally unfair to treat a small online business the same as a mega-billion dollar retailer with teams of tax attorneys and accountants," according to Ebay.

Amazon has reported it would begin collecting sales tax in Michigan on Thursday and said, "As analysts have noted, Amazon offers low prices with or without sales tax."

See **SALES TAX** on 19A

“It is important for individuals to understand that this is not a new tax; Michigan's tax on these types of sales has been on the books for more than 80 years.”

Nick Khouri

Michigan State Treasurer (michigan.gov)

SUMMARY

■ Michigan's new "Main Street Fairness" law took effect Thursday, Oct. 1, requiring 6-percent sales tax to be paid on all online purchases. Shoppers are reminded to keep their receipts for online purchases to determine whether sales tax was charged on the transaction.



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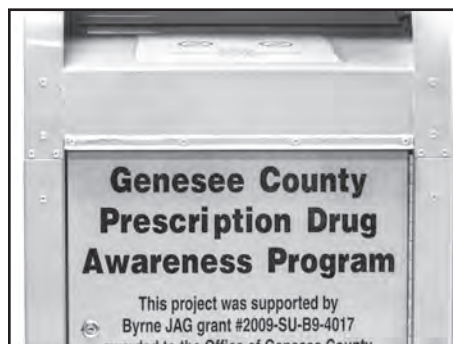
Police drop boxes keep old pills out of wrong hands

■ Holly and Fenton police stations are safe options for disposal of drugs

By Hannah Ball

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Flushing old prescription pills is not the best option to get rid of expired or unnecessary medication, nor is simply leaving them in the cabinet. They take up space and other people could potentially steal them.



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Flushing pills or leaving them in the cabinet when no longer needed is not the best option. These drop boxes allow for safe disposal of unwanted drugs.

“They prevent the drugs from being diverted to illegal use or pollution of our ground water when they are flushed down the toilet.”

Rick Aro

Fenton Police Department chief

According to the Food and Drug Administration, “take back” programs are the best option.

Many police stations, including Holly and Fenton police departments, have a drop box in their front lobby so people can safely dispose of their old prescription medication.

Holly Police Chief Mike Story said they take any type of prescription medication pills. They don’t take any glass bottles, inhalers, or anything encapsulated in metal, like aerosol.

They also don’t take vitamins, pills like aspirin or supplements.

Anyone can come in from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and drop them off.

“We just ask them to dump them into clear plastic,” he said. Pills must be put into a plastic bag, which the department can provide.

The bin in the front lobby is easily identifiable, Story said. It holds about 40 gallons and sits right in front the clerk’s desk in the lobby.

“It’s got all kinds of markings on it. The clerk directs them on it,” he said.

The departments ask that people sign in when dropping off pills. Once the bag is full, they take it to the incinerator.

At the Fenton Police Department, the prescription drop box was installed in January 2013.

“It looks like a U.S. Mail Drop Box like you see in front of the post office,” said Police Chief Rick Aro. They accept pills, capsules, and tablets, but not needles, liquids, patches or packaging like boxes.

“The boxes provide a safe way to

See **DROP BOXES** on 15A



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The new entrance on Torrey Road that leads to Torrey Hill Intermediate is full on Thursday after school. Superintendent Wayne Wright and Principal Kathleen Conover stand outside, directing traffic. Conover held a sign that read “Driveway full, use Lahring entrance.” Traffic was cleared out in 10 minutes.

Controversial Torrey Road school traffic addressed

■ Complaints decrease as school officials monitor second entrance to Torrey Hill and West Shore

By Hannah Ball

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Lake Fenton — Students at West Shore Elementary and Torrey Hill Intermediate can now get to school through two access points, but the recently completed entrance caused some trouble.

The access point on Torrey Road was constructed over the summer to ease traffic for the Lahring Road entrance and the intersection of Lahring and Torrey roads.

Parents driving and dropping off their child at school took advantage of it.

During the first two days of school, traffic on Torrey Road was so backed up it had residents complaining.

“Every day so far there has been the need for police presence,” one Torrey Road resident wrote. “The parents are parking out on Torrey Road and blocking driveways on Torrey Road, and stopping the traffic going both directions. Myself and others included cannot get out of our driveways because parents are in front of them.”

There are “no parking” signs on Torrey Road, but as long as the drivers are in line, they’re technically not parked.

Police were called to help with the situation.

“This has created a very dangerous situation for all involved,” the resident wrote.

Superintendent Wayne Wright said there was traffic and complaints, but it’s not dangerous and traffic has gotten better.

He said only the first two days had a lot of congestion and the complaints stopped after that.

He’s been out on the road, directing traffic and telling parents to use the Lahring Road entrance when necessary for better traffic flow.

“We forced people to use Lahring. We’ve sent voicemail messages to tell people when cars are at the end of the road, they must go to Lahring. We’ve di-

rected traffic the last couple days,” he said. “The traffic is not as dangerous coming out of anyone else’s driveway. On Friday and Monday, there was zero backup.”

He said no one’s driveway has been blocked since and there was no backup on Wednesday and Thursday.

“Police were out on Wednesday because one neighbor called and was upset people were on his driveway,” he said. “I guarantee no one’s called since.”

“We have made it much safer for people who only have children at Torrey Hill,” he said, adding that if a parent only has a child at Torrey Hill Intermediate that they should use Torrey Road. If a parent only has a child at West Shore Elementary, they should use the Lahring Road entrance.

“We are still working to make sure we have a plan where there’ll be no back up on Torrey Road,” he said.

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Wayne Wright

Lake Fenton superintendent

Torrey Hill Intermediate School Principal Kathleen Conover stood outside after school directing traffic with a sign that reads, “Driveway full use Lahring entrance.”

The sign seems to be working. The new

entrance is full, but traffic is still flowing on Torrey Road.

“Now that they’re all getting the hang of it, they know to take Lahring Road,” she said.

Before the new entrance, she said parents would call, saying the one entrance is a safety hazard. Parents love the driveway now. “Everyone I’ve talked to said ‘thank you, thank you,’” Conover said.

Misty Julian, who has one child at each elementary school, said the new entrance is great. “It’s lessened up my time getting in and out. I think it’s a great thing,” she said. “People just need to adapt to the change and get used to it.”

Janet Johnson, who has one child at Torrey Hill, said only having one entrance was “not as safe and more congested.”

“There’s no need for me to use the blocked up lanes. If you’re only at Torrey Hill, it’s nice. You can stay away from blocking up the lanes for the West Shore parents,” she said.



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Fenton mayor, council seats only items on ballot

■ Mayor Sue Osborn unopposed, three council seats up for grabs

By Vera Hogan

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Fenton voters will have the opportunity to focus on the Fenton City Council candidates and find out where they stand on issues of importance.

There are no other items to vote on locally in the Nov. 3 elections, and no county or state proposals to decide.

Mayor Sue Osborn will be running unopposed for another two-year term. She has served on the Fenton City Council since 1985 and is completing her 18th year as mayor.

Three council seats are up for grabs, with four people vying for one of them.

After 24 years on the Fenton City Council, Cheryl King has decided not to seek re-election.

"I love this city, I love the people and have enjoyed serving them, and thank them for their support," King said. "But now it's time for someone else to take over."

Councilman Les Bland and Councilwoman Pat Lockwood, the two incumbents, are seeking re-election to four-year terms.

Newcomers Cherie Smith and Nancy Draves are hoping voters will elect them to serve on the council for four years.

Osborn said previously that she is seeking re-election in order to see to the completion of downtown projects and the replacement of the Silver Lake Road bridge.

Lockwood said, "I am looking forward to continuing to be part of the team, helping with the city and helping the residents."

Bland said he is running again because many

MEET THE CANDIDATES

City of Fenton voters will have a chance to meet the candidates and ask questions during the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce's "Meet the Candidate's Night" on Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. The event will be held at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, 150 South LeRoy St.

Voters are encouraged to send their questions in advance by emailing info@fentonchamber.com, or calling 810-629-5447.



Sue Osborn



Nancy Draves



Les Bland



Cherie Smith



Pat Lockwood

people have asked him to.

"I wasn't going to run again, but I have a lot of people who want me to do it because of my knowledge of the city," said Bland, who served as the director of the Department of Public Works for 41 years before retiring.

Smith has served on various boards and commissions for the past 17 years, as well as fund-raised for the Beautification Commission and Parks

Board. She also is an active participant in many city events and activities.

"I feel I have much more to give and would like to bring a more personal understanding to residents," she added. "I feel it's important to listen to residents' concerns and work toward resolutions. I want to help residents feel empowered by being informed."

Draves is a member of the Fenton Library Board and the city's Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

"I have toyed with the idea for a long time," said Draves of running for council. "I have been asked over the years if I would do it and have always said 'no'. But I care about Fenton. Fenton has been good to us and I want to give back."

Draves said earlier this summer that she has recently moved from a very big house to a smaller home, giving her more time to commit to community service.

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Interviews with candidates running for the Fenton City Council will be published on Sunday, Oct. 25, in advance of the Tuesday, Nov. 3 election.



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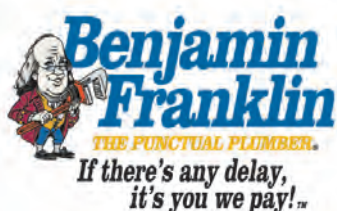
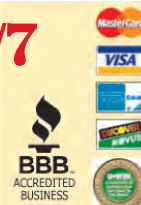
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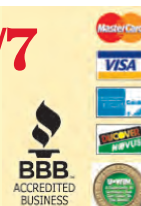
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Parshallville founded by Isaac Parshall

■ It's a little town
rich in history

By Vera Hogan

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Some Parshallville residents have often been fond of saying, "Our population is 34, and that includes the cats and dogs."

While Parshallville is a thriving unincorporated residential community today, with far more than 34 residents and pets, it once boasted a grist mill, cider mill, a blacksmith, Baptist church, a cemetery, Methodist Episcopal church, a school, general store and a post office.

The grist mill became a cider mill, appropriately called the Parshallville Cider Mill, which is still in operation today and remains one of Livingston County's most popular tourist attractions. The churches have been converted to private residences and, of course, the cemetery remains.

Parshallville lies in the northwest corner of Hartland Township and the southwest corner of Tyrone Township in Livingston County.

According to "fun facts" on parshallville.com, there is a house in Parshallville that lies within two townships. You can literally travel from Hartland Township to Tyrone Township simply by walking into another room.

Ore Creek winds its way north through the village and eventually flows into the Shiawassee River.

Isaac Parshall of Livingston County purchased the 59.52-acre tract of land on which Parshallville is located for \$300, from William Chapman of Washtenaw County. According to Livingston County records, the deed is dated May 12, 1836.

Parshall, who was born on Feb. 5, 1798 hailed from Chemung, New York, and was the eldest of 17 children. He married Seraphina Luther on April 13, 1825. There are no known children from this union. Both are buried in the Parshallville Cemetery.

Some other fun facts about Parshallville are that local kids used to spear fish at the grist mill water wheel. Crayfish were caught at night by the kids using flashlights. "It was an eerie sight seeing the lights below the dam," according to parshallville.com.

The Purple Gang, notorious

Prohibition bootleggers from Detroit owned a farm in Parshallville on Allen Road. It was common knowledge amongst the locals that the mobsters stayed at the farm, which was one of

many hideouts in rural Michigan. Chicago mobster Al Capone was rumored to have visited the farm.

"Dogpatch" was once a nickname for Parshallville. People would come to drop off their unwanted dogs, creating a population of strays. The name was a reference to the satirical comic strip "Lil' Abner," that appeared in newspapers from 1934 to 1977, featuring colorful citizens of fictional Dogpatch, Kentucky, and set in the Appalachian hills.

Local folklore has it that Charlie White, a descendant of Parshallville pioneer and early settler Alfred White, was Parshallville's first and last moonshiner.

When a member of the community died, the owner of the old party/grocery store would put a cigar box on the counter for people to donate money for the family. When the box appeared, everyone knew someone had died.

The Parshallville Schoolhouse became a general store when the Hartland school district consolidated, selling it in 1922 to Charlie White. He sold it in 1946 and it continued to operate as a general and implement store by several owners until the early 1970s.

At one time, you could actually buy a refrigerator in downtown Parshallville. The hardware store, which had been located on Allen Road near Linden Road, sold home appliances as late as the 1960s.

Michigan born Mark Farner, Don Brewer and Mel Schacher formed a band in 1969 called Grand Funk Railroad. In 1976, they recorded their album Good Singin' Good Playin', produced by Frank Zappa, at their Parshallville Road recording studio, known as The Swamp.

In February 1938, Ore Creek flooded, washing away the dam and Parshallville Road. A swinging footbridge temporarily replaced the road so residents could cross the creek to get to their homes. On April 18, 1975, heavy rains caused a flash flood that again wiped out the Parshallville dam and Parshallville Road, cutting the village in two.

Christy Borth, a reporter for the Detroit Free Press and a correspondent for Time magazine, moved to Parshallville with his wife Evangeline in 1936.

Sources: livingston.migenweb.net and parshallville.com

CIDER MILL

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Heirloom apples are another huge draw to the historic cider mill. "We have a variety of heirloom apples from a local orchard that dates back to the 1600s, all the way up to current varieties," said Detleff.

Weekend visitors enjoy the music presented by "The Sundowners" every Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m., now until early November. Apple pies are always a huge seller from the Parshallville Bake Shoppe.

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"We added a zip line last year," said Andrea DeVisser, assistant manager. "New this year is Spicer's Winery in a brand new building for winetasting and private parties."



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"The next two weekends will feature craft shows and pony rides," said Nick Diehl, fourth-generation owner with his parents, Mike and Chris Diehl. The orchard has been family owned since 1948. "Call ahead during the week to make sure we have hot doughnuts ready," said Nick. "We press cider two or three times a week, and that's a fun process to watch."

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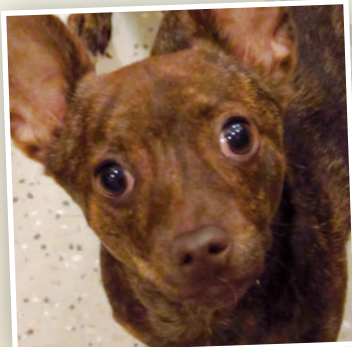
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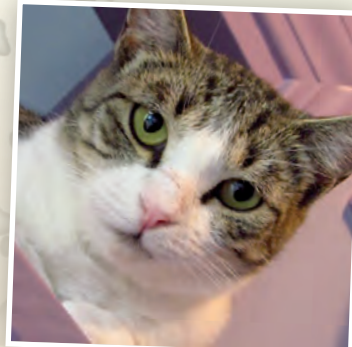
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The Linden Hotel has a rich history, first as a destination restaurant on the way to Lansing for the elite of Flint and Detroit. The establishment had 11 rooms for overnight lodging up until 1998.

Linden Hotel turns 175 this year

■ It's the oldest continuously working business in Genesee County

By Sally Rummel

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Back in the days of Prohibition and the Great Depression in the 1920s and early '30s, The Linden Hotel was called the "House of Plenty" and was better known than Frankenmuth is today.

"It was on the main route from Detroit to Lansing, so a lot of politicians ate here," said Linden Hotel owner (since 1993) Jack Furry. "Nearly any evening, one could dine with the elite of Flint or Detroit."

SUMMARY

■ The Linden Hotel celebrates its 175th year in business in 2015, owned by the Furry family since 1993.

This is just one memory in time of this 175-year-old business, built in 1840. Its original location until 1954 was where the Beacon & Bridge gas station stands today, at the corner of East Broad and East Bridge streets.

"The Linden Hotel is the oldest continuously working business in Genesee County," said Furry. "We offered overnight lodging as recently as 1998, with 11 rooms and a community bath for just \$10 a night."

Today, that space has been remodeled into The Crow's Nest, a bar/lounge area for the 21-and-older crowd. Below, the restaurant is still well known for its hospitality and large portions of homemade lunch and dinner entrees, plus homemade desserts.

"We're best known today for our fish and chips, burgers and spaghetti," said Furry, whose wife, Rosann, still makes the secret spaghetti sauce. "We also run specials like stuffed green peppers, pigs in a blanket, liver and onions and meat-loaf. All our soups are homemade, too. Everything is made from scratch, even our salsa."

Three generations of Furrys run the business, including Mike Furry, Sharon Flowers and Karen Stroud. "We'd love any old photos that the public might have of the Linden Hotel," said Furry.



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This historic photo of the Linden Hotel is from the collection of town-wide photos on the Linden Hotel website.

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Area high schools won't tolerate 'dirty dancing'

■ 'Bumping and grinding' not going to happen

By Vera Hogan

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"Dance face to face and leave some space." That's the general rule for students dancing at Fenton High School events, according to Interim Superintendent Doug Busch.

With three Homecoming dances taking place 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 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."

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 who 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 teachers and school employees serving as chaperones at the Homecoming dance. He added that 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.

"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."

Busch said upon entry to the Fenton Homecoming dance, students are issued a wristband. If students dance 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.

Lake Fenton High School Principal Todd Reynolds said, "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."

At least five adult supervisors are present at Lake Fenton High School dances, which average about 100 students.

Darin Dreasky, interim principal at Linden High School, said there must be

at least six adult chaperones for any school dance.

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, said Dreasky.

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

“Dance face to face and leave some space.”

Doug Busch
Interim
Superintendent
Fenton schools

Life-saving technology now in 'the palm of your hand'

■ Smartphone apps can provide medical info to emergency responders

By Hannah Ball

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Looking at a cellphone while driving can take a life, but an iPhone can also help save one.

All iPhone 4s and later, and the iPod Touch, fifth generation or later, come loaded with the Health app that can be very helpful if someone is in an accident and is unconscious or uncommunicative by the time they reach the hospital.

All users have to do is go in the Health app, enter their information, and click the "show when locked" option. "Medical ID" will appear on a lock screen so it's accessible even when the phone is locked.

The app may contain as much of the person's information (name, date of birth, medical condition, organ donor status, blood type, medical notes, allergies, and medications) as the phone owner enters. All this information is accessible on the lock screen, so the phone doesn't have to be unlocked.

Dianne Duby-Krein, a registered nurse at Hurley Medical Center, said it's a "very good" idea.

"I tell all of my patients that they should have something in their wallet



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Medical professionals need to know important medical information like blood type, allergies, and medications, but that information isn't always accessible.

that says 'this is my blood type, this is my medicine, in case they were in a car accident or they couldn't talk,' she said.

Ambulances take people to the emergency room million times each year, according to emergencystandard.org.

This information could be life saving if someone was taken to the emergency room with life-threatening conditions and nurses needed to know his or her blood type and what allergies that person has.

It also lists an emergency contact to alert someone of who to call if the owner of the phone needed help and couldn't speak.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Joe McFatridge with 4 Seasons Outdoors grabs a chainsaw on Monday at Lake Fenton High School, as his crew dives into the big job of clearing the brush around the retention pond at Lahring and Jennings roads.

Lake Fenton High School gets outdoor 'facelift'

■ Dale and Jan Hagerman fund improvements to retention pond and sign areas

By Sally Rummel
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Dale and Jan Hagerman of Fenton Township have always kept a close eye on their community. As residents in the Lake Fenton area for more than 53 years, their children and grandchildren have attended Lake Fenton schools.

When they noticed that the natural area around the retention pond and sign at the 10-year-old Lake Fenton High School had grown out of control, they contacted Superintendent Wayne Wright and offered to help fix up the area.

"We contacted Jeremy Burton of Four

"We've always wanted to do something to improve its appearance."

Dale Hagerman
Longtime Fenton Township resident

Seasons Landscaping in Grand Blanc, a long-time family friend, to see if he could help," said Dale, now 88.

The Lake Fenton Board of Education held a special meeting last Tuesday, where a site plan for the project was approved. There will be no cost to the school district.

Four Seasons Landscaping began this week to clear out deadwood from the pond. They will be re-shaping the edge of the pond, so the area will be approachable by students and may include the addition of benches in the future.

The scrappy wooded area by the sign is also being worked on. "It's full of debris," said Burton. "Now you'll be able to see

the pond and the school from both intersections of Lahring and Jennings roads. We'll be adding boulders and mulch and flowers to the sign area, most likely in the spring."

The site plan includes the planting of 15 Colorado blue spruces and 15 Bradford pear trees around the pond area, and the addition of a lily fountain in the pond.

"We're hoping to do as much as possible this fall," said Burton. "It'll take a month or so, depending on the weather. We may have to do the plantings in the spring. It's all weather dependent."

For Dale, cleaning up this eyesore is an important legacy he and Jan want to leave for the Lake Fenton area. "We've always wanted to do something to improve its appearance," said Dale. "Now we found out it was in our budget to be able to do it."

SUMMARY

■ The landscaping in front of Lake Fenton High School on Lahring Road in Fenton Township is getting a facelift, thanks to the efforts of Fenton Township residents Dale and Jan Hagerman.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THERE'S GOT TO be something crooked about Canada being able to bring their truckloads of garbage over and dumping it in our country. It's kept quiet. No politicians want to talk about it. I got the answer. Charge them a high fee.

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■■■
IS THE LITTLE guy with the mustache who's on the show The 5 on Fox News every day, the one who would arrive at the Middle East two days after the fighting and then stand there with a helmet and vest and talk like he was there with all the action?

■■■
I'VE BEEN READING about shutting the government down. I would love to see the government shut down. It would probably save us trillions of dollars.

■■■
IF THE TRI-COUNTY ever decided to expand and move their location to Tampa, they would literally put the Tampa Bay Times and Tampa Tribune out of business in a few years. That's two of the worst newspapers I've ever read. They'd make a fortune.

■■■
GREAT STORY ON the ADA. After 25 years, it's difficult to imagine why so many businesses do not make it easier for those in a wheelchair to enter their business. Apparently, there is no enforcement of this law.

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Keith D. Green

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Essays could lead to college scholarships

■ **Fenton VFW Post 3243 seeks essays from high school and middle school students**

The time is here again for the Scholarship Programs for the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The first contest is the Voice of Democracy, which includes a written and recorded essay. To take part in this competition, students in ninth through 12th grade need to write and submit an essay, with the theme of "My Vision for America," accompanied by a voice recording of the essay on a CD or a flashdrive.

The recorded essay must be three to five minutes in English. No music, singing, or poetry or any sound effects are allowed. Entrants cannot identify themselves. The application must be completed and turned in with the recording and the typed essay. The essay will be judged on originality, content, and delivery.

The deadline is Nov. 1. Interested applicants may pick up the application at the VFW Post at 1148 North LeRoy St. or by calling Bonnie Pray, VFW Auxiliary scholarships chairman at (810) 516-6721.

The student who earns the top honors at the local Post level, followed by the District and State levels, will be invited to attend the National Competition in Washington, D.C.

The second Scholarship Program for students in sixth through eighth grade is the Patriot's Pen Essay program. Applications are available at the Fenton VFW Post. The theme this year is "What Freedom Means To Me."

The deadline to have the typed essays in to Pray is Nov. 1. The essay length must be between 300 and 400 typewritten words. The application explains the rules for the entries. The top winner after the Post level, District, and State, will then compete for National Prizes.

News **briefs**

STANDING FOR LIFE

Right to Life of North West Oakland County is holding its Standing For Life on Sunday, Oct. 4 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. A Life Chain will take place at North Saginaw Street (North Holly Road) at Grange Hall Road. Participants will be a spokesperson for life without saying a word. The Life Chain is sponsored by North West Oakland County Right to Life. Be a spokesperson for life at all stages and ages. Make the invisible visible. Hold a poster on streets of Holly and join like-minded passionate people. Pray, protest silently, peacefully. Staging and parking will be at Kerton's Lumber.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I FOLLOWED POLITICS for 70 years and there's only one big difference in world leaders. A lot of them, the leaders are doers. A lot of them, the leaders are talkers. You look at history, Truman, Kennedy, Reagan, all doers. Look at Carter and Clinton and especially Obama, they're talkers.

FIVE DOLLAR ICE cream cone? You're living in Fenton. If it's a dollar for it, nobody would buy it.

THE FIRST TIME I saw Trump I liked him. I think he's fantastic now. He gets in front of the microphone and he tells you exactly what he's going to do for this country and I believe him.

I WAS READING and 70 percent of women voted for Obama. Why, I'll never know.

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New ordinance would require road completion prior to issuing building permits

■ Construction on unfinished Fenton Township private roads could halt

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton Twp. — The Board of Trustees was expected to hold a second reading on Sept. 21 for a proposed ordinance that would require private roads to be finished before landowners could acquire building permits for property on that road.

But, a civil engineer, Brian Shaltz of Field to Finish, brought up a few concerns and the second reading was rescheduled for Oct. 5.

The proposed ordinance would require roads to be completed before any building permits could be issued for properties on that private road. The proposed ordinance states the roads must be finished before Oct. 1 of each year.

Shaltz raised concerns about the township dealing in private matters, and how the ordinance would affect builders. He also questioned the fairness of the ordinance, asking about people who live farther down an unfinished private road

who wish to build a shed or deck but won't be able to obtain a building permit.

"It could not be working in the township's favor," he said.

Shaltz also pointed out that some subdivisions have several owners, and some subdivisions aren't at full capacity, so the burden of an unfinished road isn't fair to those few residents.

"This ordinance does say if you're in Liberty Shores, if you're in a condominium, or if you're in a development that's approved by the township with private roads, you're (the township) going to intervene to the point where now you're stopping the building permits. However, someone on Ripley Road or Jennings Road, because those roads are public, they can still get building permits," Shaltz said.

Shaltz said it would deter people from buying a house in certain areas with pri-

vate roads.

Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said there's a problem with developers not finishing private roads. "When a developer develops property, he knows all the different things

he has to do," Mathis said. "If he does not do it, he shouldn't have the right to be able to sell property and not give the people a road for fire protection, police protection. We protect our developers too, but our residents come first."

Mathis confirmed that, in order to get a building permit, the

road must be finished to that phase of the house. A finished road must have a top coat of asphalt.

Clerk Robert Krug said not all developers are ethical.

"There's also builders who have built homes and haven't finished the completion of the home, but I don't think the township wants to get into telling some-

“When the engineers and developers are saying it's probably the best thing you can do, you go ahead and take a shot at it.”

Bob Krug
Fenton Township clerk

PRIVATE ROADS

There are currently 173 private roads in Fenton Township, according to Tom Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk of Fenton Township. Most of these driveways have water access. The proposed ordinance will affect the private roads that have not been completed.

THE THREE RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS THAT WOULD BE IMPACTED:

- Liberty Shores (off Ripley Road, Silver Lake and Rolston roads)
- Landings at Cranes Cove (off Lahring Road, west of Torrey Road)
- Stony Brook (off Lahring Road, west of Linden Road)

one 'go finish a roof,'" Shaltz said. "What I'm alluding to is there might be a better way to approach this."

Shaltz suggested an escrow account or other type of accounts residents can pay into as a guarantee for the road.

He said builders resist escrow accounts. "When we ask the builders for escrow, they said 'if we have to do that, then we're not going to build,'" Krug said. Krug said the township hopes that this ordinance will force developers to finish the road in phases instead of all at once.

A finished road with the top coat will ensure runoff water drains correctly, and the sewer systems work. "It withstands better," Krug said. "It maintains integrity of the basecoat."

The three engineers on the planning commission and two other developers agreed it was a good idea, Krug said.

"We felt that was less abusive to both developers and residents and the best way to help developers," he said. "When the engineers and developers are saying it's probably the best thing you can do, you go ahead and take a shot at it."

Trustee Shaun Shumaker said developers should be allowed to sell the lots even if the road is unfinished. "We can do something more profound than this to make sure he or she fixes the road. I don't think this is going to do it," he said.

Shaltz told the board they should leave the matter in the hands of the private road associations. "It's not just the building permits, it's not just the homeowners," Shaltz said, adding that the ordinance would also affect builders, like people who construct roofs and basements. "There's a whole lot of economics involved in this."

He also questioned the board about the Oct. 1 of each year cutoff date, because asphalt plants close Nov. 15.

"It's going to be more case by case but by having this in the ordinance, it gives us some control and it gives the developer at least an idea of where you better be by Oct. 1 of each year," Krug said. The board said they're willing to be flexible with developers and builders.

The second reading for the ordinance will take place Oct. 5 at the Fenton Township Board meeting.



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The Founders Society is a support arm of the Flint Institute of Arts, whose general purpose is to implement and assist FIA programs and exhibitions through fundraising and other related activities.

SUMMARY

■ A proposed ordinance for Fenton Township would halt construction on unfinished private roads. Landowners wouldn't be able to obtain a building permit until their phase of the private road was complete.

MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON RECENTLY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. With one click, you can approve or disapprove of key votes by your legislators using the VoteSpotter smart phone app. This report was released Friday, Sept. 25.

**House Bill 4166: Require ap-
proval of county promotions tax**
To revise a law that allows counties to impose a 0.5 mill property tax without a vote of the people, for trade expositions, tourism promotion or to advertise the county's "agricultural advantages." The bill would change the law to require voter approval for such taxes, with a renewal vote required every five years.
Passed 35 to 2 in the Senate
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

**Senate Bill 65: Repeal ban on for-
profit nursing home hiring doctors**
To allow for-profit nursing homes to employ a physician, dentist or other member of a medical "learned profes- sion." Under current law, only non-profit nursing homes may have a doctor on staff, while for-profits are restricted to engaging doctors on a contract basis.
Passed 69 to 35 in the House
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Twp.) ☒ YES

**Senate Bill 64: Replace detailed
nursing home regulations with "best
practices" guidelines**
To repeal sections of the extensive regulatory regime imposed on nurs- ing homes, and instead establish that patient care policies, compliance procedures, outcome measures and more should be based on nationally recognized, evidence-based guidelines or best practices (rather than detailed regulations promulgated by government agencies).
Passed 67 to 37 in the House
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Twp.) ☒ YES

**Senate Bill 144: Repeal inspection
requirement for stands selling "low-
risk foods"**
To give local health departments the option of requiring an "in-office consul- tation" rather than a facility inspection of a "temporary food service establish- ment" that serves only "low-risk foods" as defined in the bill (examples include precooked hotdogs, popcorn, or ice cream).
Passed 89 to 16 in the House
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES
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DROP BOXES
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dispose of prescription drugs that are no longer being used. They prevent the drugs from being diverted to illegal use or pollution of our ground water when they are flushed down the toilet," Aro said.
People can drop off prescription medication any time of the day. The lobby is open 24/7.
He wants to remind people that they do not take liquids. When someone does leave liquid in the box, the staff has to clean it up and it takes away from their normal duties.
"If everyone will take a moment to remove the drugs from packaging and remove the restricted items, it really helps us out," he said. "I want to encourage our residents to use this resource and dispose of their prescription drugs, especially the highly abused drugs like Oxycodone, Adderall, Soma, and Vicodin."
The Argentine Police Department and Linden Police Department do not have drop boxes.
The FDA urges everyone to read the disposal instructions on the bottle of the medication or package it comes in. Some medications are not safe to flush.

Pretty in pink



Abbey Hetes, a staff member at Elections, models a Santa Fe-inspired dress with fringe detail and bell sleeves, at last Sunday's second annual Power of Pink Fashion Show at Elections. A total of 109 guests viewed six models "on the runway," including three staff members and three breast cancer survivors. One hundred percent of the proceeds benefitted the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, totaling \$989.

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She said the app would be helpful if someone was in a coma. Medical professionals could learn quickly that person is diabetic and create a treatment accordingly.

"That's information that people should carry around, especially if people have any allergies, or anything pertinent," she said.

However, she does worry about Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) laws.

No one's supposed to be able to see

someone else's medical information and medical professionals can't disclose it, according to HIPAA laws.

Duby-Krein wonders if the app could violate those laws.

"If a stranger looks at your phone and picks up and he can get into it, then I don't know," she said. But, nonetheless, she "tells people to carry something like that."

The Health app also tracks your fitness because it can record the amount of steps you take, flights of stairs you climb, body measurements, nutrition, and how much sleep you get.

SUMMARY

■ Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden Homecoming dances will be held Saturday night. Administrators outline rules in place to prevent inappropriate dancing.

"I tell all of my patients that they should have something in their wallet that says 'this is my blood type, this is my medicine,' in case they were in a car accident or they couldn't talk."

Dianne Duby-Krein
Hurley Medical Center nurse

Health app for iPhones

Open up the Health app on your iPhone. Click the Medical ID option. Enter your information like blood type, emergency contact, organ donor status, allergies, and medications. If you lock your phone, you can choose to display the Medical ID button on your lock screen so it's accessible even when the phone is locked.

Health apps for Androids

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL
Rx Care Pharmacy technician Ashley Schoonover (left) is pictured next to full-time pharmacist Khushboo "Kay" Patel and technician Tina Drew. Co-owner/manager is Bill Modi, pictured in back.

Rx Care Pharmacy puts the 'care' back into pharmacy services

■ New pharmacy is small enough to know its customers while offering full line of services

By Sally Rummel

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Free local delivery of prescriptions and the ability to provide custom compounded medications are just two of the reasons you may want to learn more about Rx Care Pharmacy in Fenton.

Located next to The Skin and Vein Center at 305 North LeRoy St., Suite A, the two offices share the same entrance but are totally separate businesses, according to co-owner/manager Bill Modi. Rx Care Pharmacy is part of a family owned small group of pharmacies with other locations in Michigan and Florida.

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THE KIDS WOULD say ROFL (rolling on floor laughing) when it was reported that Hillary received spam on her server. If Hillary is not indicted for crimes, and secures the Democratic nomination, tragically the same glib electorate who voted for Obama will vote for her.

■■■■ **PRESIDENT OBAMA IS** utterly disgraceful. Inviting anti-Catholic and anti-Pope groups to the White House while the Pope visits. Never before have I seen such disrespect for a world leader.

■■■■ **DETROIT TIGERS BOAST** about having the most Latinos on their team in the American League. With the record they have, perhaps they should consider buying American again.

■■■■ **THE MASSES ARE** incurably ignorant. During a visit to the ER I overheard a gentleman leaving with his 91-year-old mother, say we have been here two-and-half hours without being seen. My retort, 'this overcrowded waiting room is directly related to Obamacare.' He says, 'no it doesn't, they (hospital employees) just don't care.'

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News briefs

METER READING TO CONTINUE TEMPORARILY AT HOMES WITH NEW SMART METERS

Consumers Energy reports that meter reading will be done for a couple of months at homes where new smart meters have been installed, according to Terry Dedoes, Consumers Energy spokesperson. This is being done to ensure the accuracy of the newly installed meters. In the event that the meter reader suspects a dog lives at the home, meter readers have a process in place to call those customers to ensure that they can safely read the meters.

BREAK-INS

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that the two were on their way to a pawn shop in Flint. They were in possession of stolen items.

Hibbard and Leach were taken to the police station for questioning. The police chief said Leach confessed to breaking into a car. When asked about the trooper's gun, Leach told police the gun was in their car. Fulton located a gun, however, the firearm he found was not the one belonging to the Arizona state trooper. The chief said Leach was apparently confused about the guns. Police also recovered a cellphone, reported stolen by a Fenton Township resident.

Working on a lead, police searched the area around the Shiawassee River and McCaslin Lake Road, looking for the trooper's gun.

A diver did locate the trooper's badge, identification and some equipment, along with the purse of the trooper's wife, but no handgun.

The couple told police they sold the trooper's gun to a drug dealer in Flint. The one recovered from their car was a second firearm, reported stolen by a Fenton Township resident. That gun was returned to the owner.

Police have not located the trooper's gun. If it does end up at a pawn shop, the business will quickly learn it is stolen property through their computer system.

Hibbard was originally arraigned July 3 in Genesee County District Court. Charges included three counts of larceny from an automobile (LFA), larceny of property between \$1,000 and \$20,000, larceny of firearms, breaking and entering of a vehicle to steal property and larceny from a building.

Hibbard's case was bound over to Genesee County Circuit Court on Aug. 5. In a plea agreement, he pleaded no contest to three counts of LFA and the other charges were dismissed.

On Aug. 17, Hibbard was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail and 36 months probation.

Leach was arraigned Thursday, Oct. 1 on charges of receiving and concealing firearms, and breaking and entering of a vehicle to steal property less than \$200.

LOOKING BACK

at this week

IN LOCAL HISTORY

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5 YEARS

Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010

Christmas, Sunday liquor sales bill passes House, Senate. Governor Granholm has yet to approve it. A Fenton man was recently tailgating prior to a Sunday Detroit Lions football game. There was only one problem, there was no beer — a staple of the tailgating experience. If Gov. Jennifer Granholm signs a bill recently passed by the Michigan House and Senate, this problem may be eliminated.

10 YEARS

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2005

Dog exhumed from backyard grave for autopsy. The buried remains of a 3-year-old Chocolate Labrador that was fatally shot in July, were dug up last Tuesday and transported to Michigan State University so an autopsy could be conducted. A nearby resident has been charged with fatally shooting the dog on his property, which is a four-year felony.

15 YEARS

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2000

Resort owner says casino will bring big bucks. A public hearing will be held by the Tyrone Township Planning Commission on Nov. 2 to discuss the request of Jim Soldan, owner of Pine Ridge Luxury Resort, to rezone his property to special use-casino. "Tyrone Township does not have a lot of money," said Soldan. "The gambling industry is no longer a criminal activity, it's social."

20 YEARS

Sunday, Oct. 15, 1995

Loose senior center finalized. After a two-year search, the Loose (low-see) Senior Citizen Center is a reality. Papers were signed on Oct. 4 with everything finalized last Wednesday. The building and grounds, a 13-acre site, of the Linden Free Methodist Church was purchased for \$275,000.

25 YEARS

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 1990

Drug-free zones? The Holly Board of Education is considering being the first local district to implement a drug-free zone. By adopting the policy, state law would double sentences and fines for anyone caught dealing drugs within 1,000 feet of a Holly school.

30 YEARS

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1985

Chief says don't sell eggs to kids. Devil's Night is coming. The annual pre-Halloween festivities have prompted Fenton Police Chief Ted Glynn to warn store owners against selling large quantities of eggs to young people. It's a well-known fact that young people who buy lots of eggs near Halloween usually don't intend to eat them.

WAGES

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the size of their unskilled labor force by at least 50 percent.

"Raising pay scales dramatically will cause prices of Big Macs, Whoppers, salads, smoothies, sandwiches, pizzas and drinks to jump 25 percent and more. Is that really what customers want?" Rummel asked.

With a higher minimum wage, restaurants and stores would phase out minimum wage workers, he said.

"Mancino's locations are installing on-line computerized ordering systems. People will fill out their own order form, then type in or scan their credit/debit card numbers, and will have much less interaction with human workers," he said.

Mancino's is only one example.

University of Michigan Economist Chris

Douglas echoed those concerns. He said businesses would automate away from minimum wage workers and would replace them with machines. "Which is bad for workers because a minimum wage job is better than no job at all," he said. "You start to see this trickle in more and more, but certainly if the choice is automate or raise prices and risk alienating consumers, they're just going to automate more."

Airlines have done this, said Douglas. Passengers use computers to get their tickets and often don't interact with anyone until security.

Many minimum wage jobs are one adaptation away from disappearing.

Stores would have to raise their prices in order to pay employees, and that would be hard on businesses.

"The problem is a Big Mac's not worth much more than what it's priced at," Douglas said. "A Big Mac isn't worth

\$5 to most people. Consumers would respond by just not going there anymore."

Brian Edwards, operations manager of Taylor Hardware Inc. in Fenton said, "I think we would give it our best to accommodate, but the price of everything would skyrocket."

He said after six months of paying minimum wage workers the higher amount, they would re-evaluate and see where the store's at. "Not that I'm against it, but it would definitely raise the price of everything in the store," he said.

Many proponents of a higher minimum wage claim the current wage isn't enough

to live on. Minimum wage jobs are meant for unskilled workers though, Douglas said, and most minimum wage workers are teenagers.

Teenagers usually don't need to make a living wage because they normally aren't

a sole provider.

The unemployment rate for teenagers trying to find a job is 20 percent.

"You would destroy the teenage labor market. It's going to be more difficult to find a job. They also don't have the skills to justify that kind of wage," he said. "If a business has to pay \$15 an hour, that person needs to produce more than \$15 an hour. It's not a well-targeted program to help poor people."

Rummel said there are students at the store who make \$10 an hour and more because they have demonstrated skills and abilities. Skilled workers who already make \$15 would expect to earn more with a minimum wage increase.

"Should those wages double, to reflect the difference between their abilities and those of unskilled, starting workers? If some workers get a big pay raise, all workers will expect one," he said.

“Raising pay scales dramatically will cause prices...to jump 25 percent and more. Is that really what customers want?”

Mark Rummel

Mancino's of Fenton owner

SALES TAX

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According to the state treasury department, shoppers who make purchases online, by telephone or catalog on or after Oct. 1 are being reminded to keep their receipts to determine whether sales tax was charged on the transaction. Residents making remote purchases on or after Oct. 1 will owe use tax if the sales tax wasn't collected by the "remote" seller.

"It is important for individuals to understand that this is not a new tax; Michigan's tax on these types of sales has been on the books for more than 80 years," said State Treasurer Nick Khouri, via michigan.gov. "The new provisions simply mean that various online and remote sellers, that will now be deemed to have some presence in the state, will begin collecting tax on the sales they make into Michigan."

Due to provisions within the Revenue Act prohibiting disclosure of taxpayer information, the state treasury cannot disclose the names of sellers that will be

required to collect and remit sales tax.

Since the 1930s, Michigan's Use Tax has required individuals to pay tax on goods they buy through mail-order, television shopping networks, and now, online.

Maintaining receipts from remote purchases can ensure taxpayers know which transactions were subject to sales tax and to what transactions the use tax would apply.

Purchases subject to the Use Tax include appliances, books, clothing, computers, DVDs/CDs, electronics, furniture, pre-written computer software, and tobacco products.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/taxes and click on the Sales and Use Tax tab.

Law changes and effective dates vary from state to state. For information on Internet, or remote sales tax laws in other states, visit www.nolo.com/legal.

Sources: michigan.gov/treasury, freep.com, ebay-mainstreet.com, detroit.cbslocal.com.

Fenton Fire Department invites community to open house

By Sharon Stone

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The city of Fenton Fire Department will be hosting its annual Open House on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 12 to 4 p.m. The open house is FREE and is a family fun event with many activities for kids and adults.

This year's national theme is "Hear the Beep When You Sleep."

Some activities include:

- A visit from the University of Michigan Survival Flight Helicopter (approximately 1 to 2 p.m.)
- Stop Drop and Roll
- Stay low and go
- Two ways out and home escape plans
- Identifying home hazards
- Working smoke alarms
- Learning about fire tool safety
- Tour the station and trucks
- Bounce house
- Visit with our firefighters and Sparky the Fire Pup

Children will have the chance to enter into a prize raffle by visiting certain stations throughout the day. Kids will also have an opportunity to spray a real fire hose and practice their skills at putting out a mockup fire as well as challenge their parents at a race of putting on fire gear.

The women's auxiliary with the fire department will also be hosting their bake sale and have hot dogs, chips and drinks for purchase.

The fire station is located at 205 East Caroline St. in downtown Fenton.



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Fenton Tigers capture share of Metro girls golf crown

By David Troppens
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Last season the Fenton varsity girls golf team saw its string of two straight Metro League titles fall when Flushing won the crown.

This season, the Tigers returned back to the top of the Metro, this time as co-champions with the Lady Raiders.

Fenton placed second at the Metro League Meet held at Fenton Farms on Wednesday, posting a team score of 349, 13 strokes behind meet champion

Flushing's score of 336. However, Fenton won the preseason meet and also went undefeated in dual play. Those results were worth 50 percent of the final standings score, so the two teams ended up tied for the league crown.

Linden placed seventh at the meet, but finished sixth in the overall standings. Meanwhile, Holly placed sixth at the meet and finished seventh overall.

"It was a good day," Fenton coach Kurt Herbstreit said. "It was kind of funny. This was the first year we've

done the preseason meet at 25 percent, the duals at 25 percent and the postseason worth 50 percent. That was a new formula. If it was last year, we would've won it outright. But we'll take the co-title. My hats off to Flushing. They shot a 336 and that is a really good score."

Fenton was

led by Molly Gundry's 45-39-84, while Keegan Miller carded a 43-43-86. Sarah Cummings recorded a 44-45-89. Margaret Berry and Carissa Schulz tied for fourth with each shooting a 90. Madison Shegos was just one stroke behind with a 91.

"Winning the title was definitely won of our goals," Herbstreit said. "We had six girls at 91 and under and that is pretty incredible."

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Sports



MOLLY GUNDRY
Shot an 84 at the Metro League Meet on Wednesday.



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Devils fall short of GAC crown

■ LF loses 1-0 contest to Goodrich Martians

By David Troppens
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Lake Fenton — At the beginning of the season, expecting the Lake Fenton varsity boys soccer team to have a chance at winning the regular season Genesee Area Conference regular-season title seemed like a tough task. After all, the team included eight freshmen

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Lake Fenton's Ben Polehna (left) battles with a Goodrich player for the ball in Lake Fenton's 1-0 loss.

and just one senior on the squad.

But that's what the Blue Devils did on Thursday — compete for the regular season title. However, Goodrich was able to score the only goal in a defensive-minded contest, resulting in a 1-0 loss for the Blue Devils.

"I thought we played a great game, but that one mistake killed us," Lake Fenton player Ameer Jahari said. "We are a lot younger than everyone. We take hits but we keep battling through."

Goodrich scored the game's only goal with 25:03 left in the second half on a penalty kick goal by Ty Hergenreder. After that, the Blue

Devils (5-1, 8-5) battled to get the game-tying goal against a strong wind in their face, but were unable to do so. Lake Fenton did put together a few good chances, particularly in the final two minutes of the contest when they had three shots on target, but none of the shots made it in between the Goodrich pipes.

"I thought we were right in there," Lake Fenton's first-year varsity boys soccer coach Sam Jawhari said. "It was one bad call — that's it."

"What has made me the most proud of this team is that they've come together as a team. They love each other. The camaraderie is just

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Tigers in mix of Metro race, defeat Mustangs, 1-0

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Fenton — John Leaske had no time to think about it.

The Fenton senior keeper just had to react, and pray he got to the ball.

With 45 seconds left in the Fenton Tigers' home varsity boys soccer contest against the Clio Mustangs, Clio earned a free kick. Dayton Sokolowski took it and sent a ball headed to the top left corner of Leaske's net. It

looked like Clio had it's equalizing goal. But Leaske made sure it didn't happen.

Leaske stepped and jumped, making the save on the shot that was curling away from him, enabling the Tigers to come out with the 1-0 Metro League victory.

"I saw it coming in," Leaske said. "You pretty much have to go all for it. You have to sacrifice your body for it, so that's what I tried to do — to get it at least away from the corner of the goal.

When it was coming in, I was thinking, 'Just get this away, get this away. It doesn't matter where it goes as long as it doesn't go in the net.'"

It didn't and now the Tigers find themselves right in the middle of the Metro League race, just two points behind first-place Linden, who has played one more game than the Tigers.

Fenton opened the game with a strong wind at its back. And it looked like the wind was going


to be a huge factor for Fenton as Fenton's Liam Adams scored just 4:12 into the start of the game off an assist from Connor Horgan.

"I saw the opportunity," Adams said. "I was glad I was there and tucked it away."


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SCOTT SCHUPBACH
Fenton's Liam Adams scored the Tigers' only goal in a 1-0 victory against Clio on Wednesday.






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Holly tennis remains on top of Metro

By David Troppens

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Sometimes history never changes.

That seems to be the case when it comes to the Metro League's boys tennis championship.

For the 22nd time in 23 years the Holly Bronchos proved to be the dominant squad in the Metro, winning the Metro League meet on Wednesday, and capturing the league crown overall. Fenton took third at the meet and finished third overall.

Holly had seven flights make it to the finals and had five win titles. Evan Vergith capped his Metro career by capturing the No. 1 singles title, with a 6-1, 6-1 victory against Fenton's Nick

Campbell. Vergith also won his opening round match 6-0, 6-0. Last season, Vergith advanced to the No. 1 singles title match but lost.

Three doubles flights won championships for Holly, all beating Flushing squads.

Jake Cavender and Cason Konzer (No. 2) won their crown 6-2, 6-2, while the No. 4 team of Garrett VanGilder and Carson Cuthbert won by a 6-3, 6-3 score. The No. 3 doubles team of Ethan Postma and Jack Terry were forced to go three sets, winning their title match 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.

Holly senior Connor Caldwell also capped his Metro career with a singles title, beating a Flushing for 1-6, 6-2, 6-4 in the



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The Holly varsity boys tennis team captured the 2014 Metro League title on Wednesday after winning the Metro League meet.

final.

The Bronchos have won three consecutive Metro crowns. The only one Holly hasn't won in the 23-year stretch was during the 2012 season when the Bronchos

forfeited a flight at the Metro meet due to a rule infraction, dropping them from the Metro League championship. Holly rebounded to crush the field and earn a regional title a week later.



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DAVID TROPPENS

Eric Niestroy placed 17th at the second GAC jamboree on Tuesday.

Devils teams take third at jamboree

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton cross country program had distinct goals entering the Genesee Area Conference season, and two jamborees into the season, the squads goals remain intact.

The Blue Devils hosted the second jamboree on Tuesday with both teams placing third in their races.

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Eagles shock Raiders, remain perfect in league play

By David Troppens

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Those who were waiting for the first definitive proof that the Linden varsity volleyball team is a true contender for the Metro League crown, got some quality evidence on Tuesday night.

The Linden Eagles defeated the defending Metro League champion Flushing Raiders by a 20-25, 26-24, 25-22, 25-14 score at Linden High School. The win places the Eagles (3-0, 21-6-2) in a tie for first place with the Fenton Tigers with four matches remaining in the Metro League season.

"It was a huge win for us last night," Linden coach Cori Mason said. "This is just a super hard working team and a really nice group of young ladies who get along both on and off the court. As a coach, you can not ask for more than that."

The Eagles started a little slow, losing the first set 25-20, but Linden won each of the final three sets and progressively by larger scoring margins. After being pushed to win the second set 26-24, the Eagles won the third by three points and then dominated the fourth set by 11 points.

"I think the kids played really tense to

start the night," Mason said. "Unfortunately I don't break down stats per the game, but I would be willing to bet we hit for a negative percentage in the first set. We also missed a ton of serves."

"I think the kids' confidence grew over the course of the night as well and they started to believe winning was a real possibility."

The Eagles had a balanced offensive attack. Bridget Adams and Breyanna Turpinseed had nine kills each, while Alexis Harden and Emma O'Keefe had eight kills each. Morgan Fitch finished with 17 assists,

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Blue Devils improving with experience, defeat Durand

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Lake Fenton — As a four-year senior varsity player on the Lake Fenton volleyball program, Autumn Beardsley has seen her share of tough times.

But that's changed this season.

The Blue Devils are more confident. And when they hit a snag, they have proven to the mental strength to fight through some of those situations and capture a win.

Consequently, the Blue Devils are a better team. They are winning more sets and more matches. And, likewise, the matches are enjoyable to watch.

Beardsley and the Blue Devils had a strong showing on Tuesday night when the squad defeated Durand rather easily by a 25-16, 25-17, 25-13 score at Lake Fenton High School.

"We've been doing really good," Beardsley said. "We've improved a lot over the last two seasons and we are working hard to get to districts."

"I think our players are older and more experienced now. We were young and we've played together more. It's way more exciting and we're winning games."

"They are playing hard and they are doing a lot of the things I have been asking them to do, and we're controlling the ball better than we have in the past," Lake Fenton coach Angie DelMorone said. "They'll tell you this — this is not last year's team at all. There are players who were on last year's team who are on this year's team, but they've matured and are



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Rhiley Cole bumps a ball during a recent Lake Fenton match. Lake Fenton defeated Durand on Tuesday.

different players."

At the match's start, the Blue Devils clearly struggled. A service error, two hitting errors and another botched play put Lake Fenton down 4-0 with not a single reason for a positive thought during the

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Tigers surprise Metro jamboree field

■Lady Eagles take first again at second league XC event

By David Troppens
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Two jamborees into the Metro League season, one thing has been settled during the boys cross country season.

We have learned that nothing has been settled.

The Fenton Tigers, who finished third at the first Metro jamboree, won the second jamboree held at Springfield Oaks County Park on Wednesday, by defeating second-place Holly by one point (46-47). Clio, who won the first jamboree, placed third with 54 points. This means the three teams will enter the final Metro League meet on Oct. 21 tied for first place.

"The guys ran a smart race," Fenton's first-year cross country coach Jesse Anderson said. "They didn't win it until the last quarter-mile, so I'm very proud of how they attacked the course the last two miles and passed guys until the end.

"I haven't seen a Metro competition like this. The top three teams put their entire top five in the first 18 finishers. It's so fun to watch unfold. I didn't know we actually won until another coach told me."

Jacob Lee won his second jamboree this season (16:07.2) and was followed by Holly's Dilon Lemond (16:19.2). Fenton's Dominic Dimambro placed fourth (16:21.9), while Andrew Bond placed sixth (16:34.0). One of Fenton's big keys was the rest of its pack making significant gains. Luke Chabot placed 17th (17:36.6), while Nolan Day placed 18th (17:36.9). Both moved up eight places since the first jamboree.

"Nolan Day ran a textbook race," Anderson said about his freshman. "Dom and Andrew both improved a position from the first jamboree, which we obviously needed. Andrew came in before any second runner on any team, and that was a huge advantage for us."

Holly has placed second at each jamboree, so the Bronchos also are tied for first. After Lemond, the rest of Holly's scorers were Michael Ponkey in eighth (16:54.1), Blake Staffne in ninth (16:56.0), Emilio Gomez in 13th (17:13.8) and Francisco Valdovinos in 15th (17:26.2). At the first meet, Holly's top five finished within the top 20, so the Bronchos also showed some improvement despite remaining in second.

Linden placed its entire scoring five within the top 22 places, but amazingly was only able to place fourth in the competitive Metro

League event.

Nick McDonald led the Eagles by taking seventh (16:51.8), followed by Kagen Griffith in 12th (17:13.1). The other Linden scorers were: Chase Morse in 19th (17:38.4), Jack Eck in 20th (17:40.4) and Ryan Crutchfield in 22nd (17:46.4).

Girls jamboree at Springfield Oaks County Park

Not much changed from the first jamboree in the girls' standings. Linden won the race with 41 points, while Fenton placed second (59). Flushing was third (72) followed by fourth-place Holly (84) in the eight-team event.

Linden had its entire scoring five within the top 16. Alia Frederick placed second (18:37.3), just getting edged by Flushing's Jessi Lindstrom (18:37.0).

Audrey Steiert followed in fourth (19:19.8), while Taylor Ganger (19:55.6) and Jordan Holscher (20:03.1) finished in ninth and 10th places, respectively. Maya Gossett finished Linden's top five in 16th (21:05.3).

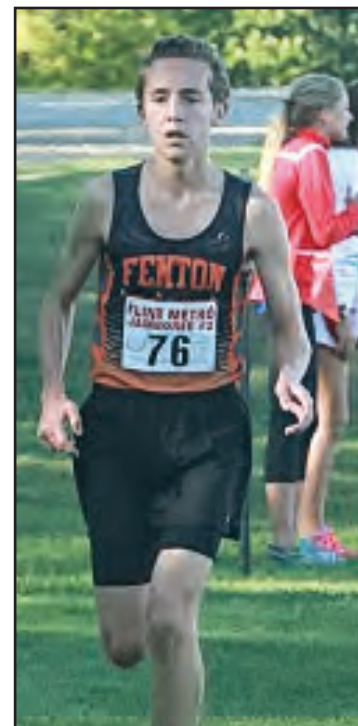
The Fenton Tigers remained within striking range of at least a co-Metro title by taking second. Fenton's top five finished within the top 17 places.

Jenna Keiser was seventh (19:42.6), immediately followed by Cami Tiemann in eighth (19:48.4). The rest of the top

five were Abbey Lee in 12th (20:34.7), Emily Battaglia in 15th (21:01.1) and Emma Lane in 17th (21:20.6).

"I'm happy with how the girls fought," Fenton coach Jesse Anderson said. "We improved a huge amount and ran smart and strong. We hoped to do better points-wise, but Linden ran an excellent race."

The Lady Bronchos had three in the top 14. They were Lauren Hackett in fifth (19:23.7), Maggie Schneider in sixth (19:36.5) and Chloe Konopitski in 14th (20:55.9). The other two Holly scorers were Maris Humphreys in 25th (22:37.3) and Katelyn Sparynski in 34th (23:32.8).



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(Top) Fenton's Jacob Lee won the Metro jamboree boys race, and helped lead the Tigers to a first-place finish. The girls race (immediately above) begins. Linden won the girls' event.

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stretch. However, the Blue Devils didn't wilt.

A block kill by Beardsley was followed by three straight service points by the senior. During the run, Allison vonDaggenhausen collected two kills while Hannah Garty had one, quickly tying the game at 4-all.

Lake Fenton took the lead for good at 12-11 on a kill by vonDaggenhausen and dominated from that point in the first set. A strong service run of four points gave Lake Fenton a 21-15 lead late in the first set and pretty much locked up the opening-game win. A tip kill by Beardsley proved to be set point.

The Blue Devils trailed 8-3 early in the second set as well. However, a kill by Rhiley Cole gave vonDaggenhausen the service, and she went on another strong run, collecting 11 straight points, and putting the Blue Devils up 15-8. From there, it was only a matter of time before Lake Fenton locked up the second-set victory.

In the third set, the Blue Devils trailed early 2-0 and were still tied 5-all before a Durand error gave the Blue Devils the lead. An ace by Garty was followed with a Cole kill and a Goupil kill, putting the Blue Devils up 9-5. Later in the set, a kill and a block kill by Beardsley raised the Lake Fenton

lead to 13-6. Once the Railroaders were trailing by that many, they became mentally derailed as the Blue Devils cruised the rest of the way to the victory.

The Blue Devils had to ride through a couple mini-slumps at the start of each game, but proved they were easily up to the task each time.

"We are mentally stronger," Beardsley said. "We all know each other a lot and we know how each other plays. We know what we want to do."

"That's where the maturity level of the team has changed," DelMorone said. "They understand things like that are going to happen, we are going to lose points, but they play through it. And if somebody isn't doing their job, then somebody is going in. We have a little more depth than we used to have."

Rhiley Cole led the Blue Devils with seven kills and four blocks, while vonDaggenhausen had six kills, nine aces and 12 digs. Goupil had five kills.

Lake Fenton vs. Mt. Morris, Montrose

The Blue Devils lost to Mt. Morris 25-15, 25-9, 25-5 and to Montrose 18-25, 25-16, 25-27, 25-23, 18-16 on Thursday.

Autumn Beardsley had 21 kills and four blocks, while Alyssa Rodgers had 16 assists and 14 digs.

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awesome. I remember saying we have a young team, and hopefully they'll start gelling together. Well, they are gelling together."

Lake Fenton enjoyed the wind advantage in the first half, but while they had

some good scoring chances, the Blue Devils were unable to score. That meant the Blue Devils had to play defense in the second half against the wind. Lake Fenton's defense, led by keeper Andrew Argon, did just that. However, the penalty kick was called on a tackle attempt in the box, setting up the only goal.

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while Miranda Fowler had 16 assists.

The Eagles' defense was strong at the net and in the backrow. Megan Klavitter had a strong defensive contest with 35 digs, while Turnipseed had 15 digs and five blocks. Harden contributed 14 digs, while Adams had four blocks. On the service line, Fowler led the Eagles with three aces on 21-of-22 serving.

The Raiders also played a solid defensive game with Alyssa Davis earning 31 digs and Sam Yancho collecting 27 digs.

"Overall, the match was very competitive and I can't take anything away from Flushing," Mason said. "They were super scrappy."

But the Eagles proved to be a bit more scrappy, earning what is one of their biggest Metro League dual victories in recent memory. Linden had never won a Metro League crown, and now are four matches away from earning the first. However, it will be a challenge. Tuesday's Metro foe will be Brandon, and the Blackhawks have just one league loss. Linden also had a road trip to Kearsley and a home match against Clio before the squad caps the Metro season with a road match against Fenton. The

Tigers have won seven of the last nine Metro crowns.

Fenton def. Kearsley 25-9, 25-16, 25-20

The Fenton Tigers keep on plugging along, improving to 3-0 in the Metro League after the victory against Kearsley.

"Against Kearsley we came out real fast in game one," Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger said. "Shealyn Mandle served eight consecutive points with three aces that allowed us to jump out to a large lead. In games two and three we tried some different lineups but continued to play quite well."

In what was a quick match, Jessica Warford still managed 13 kills on just 19 hitting attempts. Mandle had six kills on nine attempts and collected four aces. Nina Lombardi had 20 assists.

"Our setters and middle hitters have been working much better together over the last couple week and it has made a big difference in our offense," Eisinger said. "Middles Jessie Eastman and Chloe Itoni have been hitting at a much higher percentage, both around 50 percent, which helps open things on the outside."

With Linden's victory against Flushing that means the Tigers (21-9-4) are tied with



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Breyanna Turnipseed digs a ball during a recent match. Linden defeated Flushing on Tuesday.

area rival Linden for the Metro League.

Clio def. Holly 17-25, 23-25, 25-9, 25-19, 15-4

Katie LaClair broke a school record by recording 44 digs in the match. Shannon Torpey had nine kills, while Isabelle Brown had 18 assists.

DEVILS

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The Goodrich Martians edge the Lake Fenton boys for second place by taking second with 88 points, five less than Lake Fenton's 93 points. The Blue Devils will enter the third GAC meet with a chance to at least tie for second place.

Meanwhile, the Lake Fenton girls improved from fourth to third from the first to second jamboree. The Blue Devils scored 108 points, a decent distance behind first-place Goodrich (35) and New Lothrop (56), but 11 points ahead of fourth-place Montrose.

"The boys entered the season with the goal of finishing as the No. 2 team. That is still our goal," Lake Fenton coach Chris Sobczak said. "The girls were looking to improve on last year's finish. They are on their way to doing that and are shooting for a third-place finish at the final jamboree."

Both teams had two runners within the top 10 and three in the top 20. The boys were paced by Jacob Fletcher who

placed sixth in 17:39.46. Not far behind him was Thomas Mueller in eighth (18:11.31). The rest of Lake Fenton's boys' top five runners were Eric Niestroy in 17th (18:45.55), Jackson Chenett in 34th (19:56.22) and Robert Shoults in 41st (20:17.80). The boys cut down the gap between them and Goodrich by 29 points since the first jamboree.

"They are starting to realize the physical adaptations of their training and mentally accepting that the hard work is paying off," Sobczak said. "The four and five runners on the boys team are steadily making improvements, working on closing the gap between them and our No. 3."

The girls moved up from fourth to third, led by Lydia Horski and Alexis Cash. Horski placed seventh (21:17.35), while Cash took eighth (21:30.47). The rest of Lake Fenton's top-five performers were Rachel Learman in 20th (23:27.29), Meara Baxter in 37th (24:58.68) and Aranda Jabiro in 40th (25:14.31).



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Alexis Cash (front) and Lydia Horski (left) begin the GAC girls jamboree at Lake Fenton on Tuesday. Lake Fenton placed third at the event.

GOLF

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Holly placed fifth at the meet with a team score of 389. Chelsea Bowles led the team with a 44-40-84, while Jenna Pepper carded a 47-47-93. The final two scorers for the Bronchos were Megan Bush with a 104 and Madison Brack with a 108. Bowles 84 represented an 18-stroke improvement from her score during the preseason Metro meet.

Linden struggled to a seventh-place finish, after taking fourth at the first meet. Makena Baldwin led the Eagles with a 46-49-95, while Payton Leedle carded a 46-50-96. The final two scorers for Linden were Sydney Bond with a 100 and Ashley Robinson with a 105.

Fenton's Miller, Gundry and Cummings finished as the tri-county area's only first-team all-league selections. Earning second-team nods were Shegos, Baldwin, Bowles and Pepper.

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TIGERS

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However, while the Tigers enjoyed most of the possession, they were unable to score another goal. That meant the Tigers, and Leaske, had to make it through the second half without allowing a goal against the stiff wind.

The Tigers accomplished their task, but not without some thrilling moments. About a minute before Leaske's best save of the game, he had to make a save off a head-flick attempt. In all, he made eight second-half saves.

"It was one of the most amazing feelings ever because you know your hard work is going to be worth it in the end," Leaske said about having to compete against the stiff wind in the second half. "If they scored just one, it would've been tied and would've completely changed the outcome of the game."

But it didn't and now the Tigers are 3-1 in the Metro with control of their own destiny for a possible league title.



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