

# Murder-suicide details emerge

SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS  
HUSBAND SHOT WIFE,  
THEN HIMSELF

By Sharon Stone

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A Springfield Township couple found shot to death in their home Sept. 13 has been ruled a murder-suicide, according to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. Killed were Carolyn Wyatt, 64, and her husband, Michael Wyatt, 66.

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Carolyn Wyatt

Regarding the home being rigged to explode:  
“The potential could have been there. There were sources of ignition.”

Sgt. Christopher Cole  
Oakland County Sheriff's Office

# Gas prices expected to spike up to 30 cents this week

■ Maintenance, unplanned repairs at 12 refineries the reason for increase

Motorists may be doing a double take at the pump in the next week as gasoline prices in the Midwest begin to spike as refiners shut down for maintenance or unplanned repairs, crimping gasoline supply.

“If I was paid every time I mentioned a refinery issue, I could have retired years ago,”  
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# HALLOWEEN CLASSIC CAR SHOW IN HOLLY

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The last Holly Car Show of the year was also the biggest in eight years, said co-organizer Bob Allsop. The Clarkston Area Lions Club hosted the weekly event, and went through 1,165 doughnuts and 55 gallons of cider for the Halloween event. There were also 21 spooky car awards and 12 costume awards.



# Fenton City Hall is not able to 'refund' garbage tag costs

City of Fenton residents are encouraged to use, sell or give away their unused garbage tags because refunds cannot be issued by City Hall.

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# Accessorizing Fenton Streetscape

Along with new trees, flowers, and bushes, downtown Fenton will also receive new bike racks, benches, and garbage cans.

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# Controversial Zombie Walk will not start in Linden cemetery

President of the Linden Arts Council and the Linden mayor diffuse the controversy over the "disrespectful" start of the Zombie Walk in downtown on Oct. 16.

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“Don't get me wrong, Streetscape is a wonderful project, but am I the only one who notices that there are a lot fewer parking spots in Dibleville than before?”



“The probability of Donald Trump becoming the Republican presidential candidate is the same as Foster Childs winning the Nobel Prize. In other words, zero.”



“Can someone at the Fenton post office please explain to me why my business gets no mail on Tuesdays. It's been this way for the past six months and it never use to be. What is going on?”



COMMENT  
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“The prices at gas stations in Fenton are in line with all other communities. If you like the Flint prices so much, maybe you should move there. You'll find housing is much cheaper there also.”



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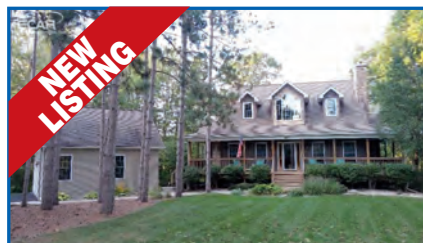
11131 Oakwood

**Breathtaking views** from almost every room of this 3800 sf country estate. The Shiawassee River winds and turns through almost 1000 feet of frontage. Foxes, Eagles, Deer... wildlife galore. The 4 bedroom home has an amazing master suite complete with sitting area and fireplace as well as a huge dining room and picturesque family room.

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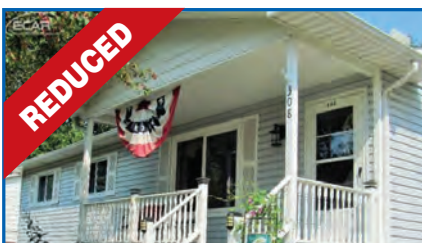
#### HOLLY

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**Beautiful home** with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths on the Shiawassee River. Nice yard with perennial gardens. Babbling stream with waterfalls leading to pond. Bathrooms recently updated, gorgeous travertine marble tile flooring throughout. Yard has park like setting with apple and peach trees, raspberry and blueberry bushes.

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# Substitute teaching can be a full-time career

■ Local 'guest teachers' find sub work to be rewarding and challenging

By Sally Rummel

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At 5:30 a.m., Caryn Kelly is always on her computer, logging onto her Aesop account to find out if she's working that day.

Aesop is the automated substitute teacher placement system that is used by all school districts in Genesee County, replacing the old manual phone calling system to find last-minute substitutes or subs for long-term absences.

Through Aesop, substitute teachers can request certain schools or districts, block out days from their available schedule and sign up in advance for posted positions.

Kelly is a substitute teacher at Fenton Area Public Schools and she learned early last Thursday that she would be teaching in the sixth-grade classroom of Carrie MacCaughan, from 7:35 a.m. until 2:11 p.m.

"I generally work every day," said Kelly, a certified elementary teacher who has been a "guest teacher" for Fenton schools for seven years. She had previously taught full time for 10 years in Hazel Park, Dearborn and Swartz Creek, leaving only because her last position at St. Mary's Queen of Angels in Swartz Creek closed. She then stayed home to raise her daughter, Amber, now 13, an eighth-grader at AGS Middle School in Fenton.

Now she finds herself subbing almost every day of the week. "I actually have to turn work down," she said. "My job is very consistent."

While subbing used to conger up images of unruly students taking advantage of an opportunity to goof off, most substitute teachers take their role in the classroom very seriously.



AGS guest teacher Caryn Kelly filters through her class Thursday morning. She takes her job as a "sub" very seriously, working almost every day of the week.

"I enjoy helping children and supporting the teachers' efforts while they are away from their classrooms," said Kelly. "I want to make sure that the students under my care don't lose a day of instruction in their teacher's absence."

Linda Foreman of Tyrone Township has been teaching for 30 years, but she doesn't have her own classroom or know from day to day where she will be teaching.

She's a career substitute teacher, creating a lifelong professional position from the "bits and pieces" of other teachers' absences.

absences.

At age 67, Foreman is more selective about the jobs she takes today, choosing to spend most of her time at Holly High School, where she enjoys the challenge of connecting with teens and also teaching math, her favorite subject.

An occupational therapist by degree, she began teaching after being a room mother in her son Carl's kindergarten classroom at State Road Elementary in Fenton in 1985.

"I never really thought of being a teacher when I was choosing a career," said Foreman. "Once I realized how much I enjoyed the kids and the classroom, I had already gotten my master's in OT."

Now she's one of Holly Area School's

See **SUBSTITUTE** on 10A

**“Three boys in the class told me I could just sit in the office all day, but that’s not how I do things.”**

**Linda Foreman**  
Substitute teacher since 1985

## WHO CAN BE A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER?

In the state of Michigan, substitute teachers have to complete at least 90 semester hours at a regionally accredited four-year college or university. In order to obtain substitute teacher certification, he or she must also provide a completed application and letters of recommendation.

"There is nothing prohibiting an individual from being enrolled in college and a substitute teacher at the same time," said Russ Ciesielski, interim superintendent for Linden schools.

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# TV news promotes mass murders

The Federal Bureau of Investigation defines a mass murder as four or more murders occurring during the same incident. There have been approximately 62 mass murders in America since 1982.

In every instance, the mainstream media instantly elevated the murderer(s) to celebrity status and the number of deaths the perpetrator caused was presented to the viewers as if it were a sporting world statistic. The grim-faced announcers, using their patented 'grim news' voice, report the massacre as the 'third worst mass murder in America' or some other relativity reference that would generally be more associated with sports standings.

The disturbing coverage protocol of the mainstream media is a huge factor in

encouraging additional mass murders. They put all the focus and attention on the perpetrators of the crime, dissecting every aspect of their futile lives and their heinous crimes, as if their actions were completely and logically understandable under the umbrella of being a 'loner,' 'outsider' or religious fanatic.

The victims? They are an afterthought in the mainstream media. Can you recall the name of even one victim of a mass murderer other than Sharon Tate? Likely not. Many of us can name the POS (use your imagination) who slaughtered 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012, but I'll bet the farm no one reading this can name even one victim. Why? Because it doesn't sell. Americans want details about the killer(s),

not the victims.

Savvy news honchos long ago noted the American public's fascination with reality shows — even in their lowest form. For God's sake, 'CHEATERS,' a reality show in which suspected relationship cheaters are confronted live (in the act), is in its 16th year. And, murder is the ultimate reality show. The OJ murder trial drew the highest TV ratings in history.

Mass murders are like the proverbial accident on the side of the highway, where audiences across America simply can't keep themselves from looking.

But, I digress. The mainstream media, primarily the TV network news conglomerates, help perpetuate the alarming escalation of mass murders by ensuring the perpetrators accomplish their goal of being famous. Social misfits who crave fame know they simply have to slaughter as many innocent people

as possible and their name and face will fill the TV screens across the country for weeks. Their name will go down in history. They will be... (drum roll please) a STAR!

That is the problem, and it is complex.

Here is the solution, and it is simple. Never mention the perpetrators names. It really is that simple. Do whatever else you wish, but never mention their names.

Of course, that will never happen. Rating points out-trump everything, including children's lives, in the network world.

I'll leave you with a quote from the late Steve Jobs: 'When I was young I used to think the TV networks had conspired to dumb us down. But when you get a little older, you realize that's not true. The networks give us exactly what we want.'

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**“The OJ murder trial drew the highest TV ratings in history.”**

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**HEY BLONDIE,** in the white suburban and the vehicle behind her, did you get a good lesson? There's a school. Jennings Road is not an expressway.

**WE WERE IN** Detroit for the USA soccer team and our car was broken into. They stole everything including a work computer. We tried contacting the Detroit police four times. After the fourth call they did give us a police report over the phone. People in Fenton should beware when they go down there.

**GOT TO LOVE** it. Crosses all over the truck showing how Christian they are, and you drive like a jerk. It's not even Sunday, you're not late for church.

**THE LIONS DID** it again, snatched defeat from the jaws of victory.

**WHY WOULD ANYONE** complain about Chinese students at our universities? Their tuition dollars help to support these schools. Hopefully, some of these students will take good impressions of the U.S. back to China. Others will settle here and help our economy. Most Chinese are hard-working people.

**BETWEEN CLINTON AND** Obama, you turn on the TV and it's like looking at the funnies. They jump on any tragedy that happens. They are about gun control. They can't change the constitu-

tion, the right to bear arms. Look at what their ideas have done in eight years.

**I DON'T SUPPORT** any increase in taxation, but it is only fair that online purchases be taxed at the same rate as our hometown businesses assess. It is in the best interest of all concerned.

**YOU READ, 'RIGHT** to bear arms.' I read, 'well regulated militia.' The meaning of both, together must be interpreted, that's what courts are for.

**TO MAKE LIBERALS** happy, they are demanding we ban guns like other industrialized countries have done. However, instead of taking away our Constitutional

rights, liberals should make themselves happy and move to those promised lands. Then everyone will be happy.

**TRADE AGREEMENTS, LIKE** NAFTA, are designed to create government control of trade. It's not free trade. Henry Kissinger said that NAFTA 'is the most creative step toward a new world order.' Global government is the true goal of these agreements. Establishment leaders of both parties support these goals.

**OH, CHIHUAHUA MAN,** you make our days bright when we see you walking that teeny tiny little sweetheart on our morning drive. That little dog brings smiles to everyone in the car.

### REGARDING THE LINDEN

Zombie Walk beginning at Fairview Cemetery: I make an earnest plea to all participating to start outside the cemetery. Please honor what is sacred. Fairview is the final resting place for our loved ones. A cemetery is not the place for a party. Please consider others' feelings.

**ISN'T 'GUN FREE** Zones' a Democrat idea? The majority of feel-good laws/rules/regulations that liberals advocate have become monumental failures. Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and hoping you get a different result.

**I READ YOUR** story about 'cutting the cable' in Sunday's paper. I didn't see the free solution mentioned; the best quality HD is available by receiving over the air TV with an antenna.

**EXITS 78 AND 79** resurfacing are great. Why isn't exit 80 resurfaced?

**I HAVE NEVER** lived in a house with air conditioning and have gotten along just fine.

**ARE YOU KIDDING** me? Some low-life druggie gets only a year in county jail for stealing stuff from people's cars including guns, and driving around with them concealed? No wonder criminals keep breaking the laws. Bring back the chain gangs. Oh wait, that might hurt somebody's feelings.

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## What do you consider bullying?

Question asked to AGS Middle School students

## streettalk



"People who are picking on other people and taking their stuff and pushing them around."

— Jack Doyon  
Sixth grade



"People who talk behind everyone's back. If they're in a group and won't let anyone in."

— Madison Canada  
Sixth grade



"People who are really mean to people and push them, ruin their things, and steal their stuff."

— Austin Firby  
Sixth grade



"Abuse or physical violence. Something that shouldn't happen but does."

— Addie Wright  
Sixth grade



"Something offends someone without being funny. Anybody that sits and watches someone being bullied is a bully."

— Madelynn Thomas  
Seventh grade



"People trying to gain friends. They don't know any other way. The way they find friends is a way people don't see as friendly."

— Brody Stack, Seventh grade



## Police&amp;Fire

## report

**TWO VEHICLES BROKEN INTO**

On Sept. 29, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office received two larceny from auto complaints in Fenton Township. Dep. Geno Gaticka said two residents living in the 1200 block of Lake Valley Drive reported that items were taken from their vehicles. The first complaint, a college student reported that \$200 was stolen from a wallet. Their bookbag was stolen, rummaged through and recovered from underneath a nearby pine tree. With the second complaint, the victim reported that a purse, containing cash, credit cards and license was stolen. Neither vehicle showed any signs of forced entry. There is no suspect information.

**MAN ARRESTED FOR OUTSTANDING WARRANTS**

Wednesday, Oct. 7, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office learned that a resident in the 14000 block of Eastview Drive in Fenton Township had an outstanding arrest warrant. Deputies checked his house, located the man in his late 20s and arrested him. He was lodged until he was arraigned on the warrant.

**PEEPING TOM IN HOLLY**

Just after 8 a.m. on Oct. 1, Holly police responded to a home on Winifred Street to investigate a "peeping Tom" complaint. A 32-year-old female resident exited her shower at 7:30 a.m. and when she was drying off, she noticed a man holding a white cellphone at the window, pointing it at her. She immediately covered up and yelled for her husband to check outside. Her husband did not locate the peeping Tom, but he did find shoe prints under the window. Police also observed shoe prints atop the air conditioning unit below the bathroom window. The case remains under investigation.

**SCRATCHES FOUND ON CAR**

On Sept. 30, Holly police responded to a home on Mary Ann Drive to investigate a malicious destruction of property complaint. The complainant said she noticed a series of scratches on the right side of her Chevrolet Spark. She did not know who caused the scratches. The car was parked in the parking lot in the 800 block of East Maple at 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 29 when the damage took place. There are no suspects.

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**Ethan Acker**, 9, of Linden shot his first doe with a compound bow in Byron on Oct. 1.

## News briefs

### LINDEN MASONIC LODGE OPEN HOUSE

The Linden Masons will be holding an Open House at the Linden Lodge at 119 North Bridge St. in Linden for the general public on **Saturday, Oct. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m.** There will be refreshments served. John E. Porritt, PM, Sec. said the purpose of the open house is to let people know who they are and what Masons are all about.

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**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Six bike racks by Dero Company will be placed in downtown Fenton, encouraging residents to travel by bike when exploring the city.

## Accessorizing Streetscape

■ New benches, bike racks, and garbage cans will decorate downtown Fenton

By **Hannah Ball**

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Not only will downtown Fenton be decorated with trees, bushes, and flowers, many accessories have been chosen for the Streetscape project.

A bike rack, new garbage cans, and a silver bench will also be part of the downtown landscape.

The six new bike racks called "Bike Hitch" by Dero Company cost \$880 each. The 21 new trash cans, called "Scarborough" by Landscape Forms cost \$1,633 each. The 38 shiny new benches called "Plainwell" by Landscape Forms cost \$2,667 each.

Alan McComb construction engineer for OHM Advisors, the engineers for Fenton City said, "You should sit in them because they're very comfortable."

The benches and trash cans are already set. There are approximately 20 new benches and 10-12 new garbage cans in downtown Fenton. They were set about two weeks ago.

"They were adjusted in the field



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Twenty-one new garbage cans by Landscape Forms are in optimal locations to ensure residents throw trash away.

accordingly to the desire to the city. We assembled and placed them in locations where they were marked. The city came by and approved the sites," McComb said.

These furnishings are fastened down so they don't blow away and no one can take them.

"The locations where they're at optimize the view for the pedestrians when they come downtown," McComb said.

The garbage cans were set in high traffic areas where they would be the most useful.

The bike racks haven't been set yet because of last minute changes. The old streetlights will be converted into environmentally friendly LED lights.

"The project is moving forward," he said. "What I've heard from passers-by, everybody's really pleased with the project."

In the next two weeks, the landscapers will start to plant the trees and flowers. They will start on Shiawassee Avenue heading east on Adelaide Street, and will move up LeRoy Street.

The city's Beautification Commission and Downtown Development Authority chose these items in late 2012, when plans for Streetscape were underway, according to Mike Burns, assistant city manager for Fenton.



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Twenty-eight new benches, called "Plainwell" by Landscape Forms, were set in locations so residents can have a wonderful view of downtown.

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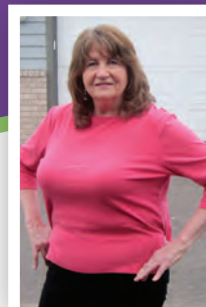


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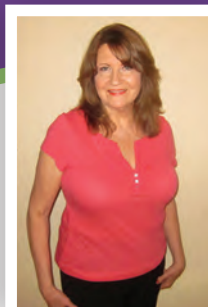
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## 'Meet the Candidates'

■ Fenton City Council hopefuls address a variety of issues

By Vera Hogan

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**Fenton** — The Streetscape project, partnering on initiatives with neighboring communities, the condition of roads, concerns about a drug problem in the city and the new trash collection system were among the many topics presented to Fenton City Council candidates during the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce's "Meet the Candidates" forum Tuesday night.

The most talked about group during the evening, however, and what it has, can and should do for the city was the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

The forum, organized by the Chamber's Political Action Committee, whose members are Patrik Welty, Will Stiverson and Dr. Leon Ingham, was held at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. It was well attended by many residents, business owners and community leaders.

The candidates running for four-year terms on Fenton City Council in the Nov. 3 election are incumbents Les Bland and Pat Lockwood, and newcomers Cherie Smith and Nancy Draves.

Mayor Sue Osborn, who is running unopposed, was unable to attend the Chamber's forum due to illness.

Welty started the round of questioning by asking candidates what the DDA should undertake next, now that the Streetscape project is nearing completion.



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The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce's Political Action Committee members are (from left) Patrik Welty, Will Stiverson and Dr. Leon Ingham. Chamber President Shelly Day is pictured in front.

Smith said Fenton is one of three cities in the state of Michigan that have a split DDA. The local DDA district includes the downtown, a portion of Silver Lake Road and all of Silver Lake Village on the west side of the city.

"I would like to see them continue funding downtown activities, but would also like to see them focus some attention on Silver Lake Village," she said.

Smith said Silver Lake Village is very dark at night, making it difficult for people to walk safely to their homes and businesses. The DDA could, for example, help by funding some lighting along the parkway since it is in the district.

Bland agreed that Silver Lake Village is dark and in need of lighting. "There's not enough signage either," he added.

Lockwood said Silver Parkway is the most heavily traveled road in Genesee County. "We need more special events there. People love special events."

Silver Lake Village is in the DDA district, with a significant amount of tax dollars going into the DDA coffers.

Lockwood said the DDA should be supportive of a couple events out there. "There are wonderful stores out there with wonderful people," she said.

Draves said the DDA could spend some money on downtown parking and restoring the library.

Regarding the Fenton Community and Cultural Center building, Smith said she would like to see more cultural activities, as well as art and cooking classes.

"Many young people didn't grow up with a cooking mother," said Smith.



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Rudy Mora, a 50-year resident of the city of Fenton, attended the candidate's forum. Mora has spoken many times against the city's new trash collection system.

Smith said she would also like to see more youth activities in the building such as dancing. "This building is a gem and we should use it to its fullest extent," she added.

Bland said activities should be considered for people of all ages. "We're not done yet," he said. "An endless amount of things can be done in this building for children, adults and seniors. I don't think there's a limit. We just gotta work and get it done."

Candidates also answered questions about the poor condition of roads and drug problems in the city.

"Whose roads aren't bad," said Lockwood, adding that inroads have been made when possible, such as the State Road project last year. Bland referred to the bridge replacement project over Silver Lake Road, which will take all of next summer to complete.

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# Controversial Zombie Walk will not start in Linden cemetery

■ Organizer: I was smart enough to not have it start there

By Hannah Ball

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There have been some complaints about the starting location of Linden's upcoming Zombie Walk on Friday, Oct. 16.

It's planned to start at the corner of High Street and Tickner Street, but the proximity to the Fairview Cemetery has some people saying the location is disrespectful to the people buried there.

One Hot line read, "I think the Zombie Walk in Linden starting at the Fairview Cemetery is disrespectful to those resting in peace there. Start someplace else. Thank you."

The walk's location and date were approved by the city in September in a unanimous vote, said Mayor David Lossing.

President of the Linden Arts Council Sue Turpen said the controversy is a miscommunication issue.

"It was never going to start in the cemetery. It's starting at the northern entrance, at the corner of High and Tickner Street," she said.

Turpen said most people complaining don't live in Linden. They only have loved ones buried at the cemetery. She said she has spoken with those people. She said, "There was never, never, never any intent to disrespect anyone."

"We have no plan to be in the graves of the cemetery. I was smart enough to

not have it start there," she added.

Lossing said "We have followed up with any citizen who was concerned" and they have corrected "the mistaken impression about the starting location."

"We are doing a rolling road block to protect the participants as they 'zombie' down Tickner Street to the open space downtown, which will then have a Michael Jackson thriller dance routine," he said.

The rolling roadblock will consist of police cars protecting the walkers.

"I think it's going to be a fun event," he said. "It'll be fun to see how people become 'zombified.'"

Walk: 6 p.m. Linden Dance Academy performing a flash-mob dance of the popular Michael Jackson song "Thriller":

6:30 p.m. The movie "Night of the Living Dead" shown at the Linden Fire Hall: 7 p.m. Admission is \$1."

**“There was never, never, never any intent to disrespect anyone.”**

**Sue Turpen**  
Linden Arts  
Council president

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**THANK YOU TO** the gentleman driving the Fenton Towing truck, who saved me from a potential danger when a car was following me while I was running. You were my saving angel that day. You are a silent hero.

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**THE PARENT WHO** disliked the dirty dancing at high school dances is correct. However, do not dignify rap as music — it is talking to a beat. Calling it music insults the music world and the music program in the schools.

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## News briefs

### YMCA CAMP OHIYESA'S HARVEST FESTIVAL

The YMCA Camp Ohiyesa in Holly is hosting its Harvest Festival on **Sunday, Oct. 25 from 2 to 6:30 p.m.** to raise funds for the betterment of the camp. Camp Ohiyesa is a non-profit organization and hopes to raise much-needed funds by the end of November. Spend a relaxing afternoon with friends and family while enjoying camp thrills and autumn chills.

#### ACTIVITIES:

**2 to 5 p.m.** — Zip line, Alpine tower, canoeing, candle making, petting zoo, hay rides  
**5 to 5:30 p.m.** — Haunted bog walk

**5:30-6:30 p.m.** — Campfire w/ songs, skits and S'mores  
Other activities include a petting zoo, bake sale, face painting, basketball, soccer and disc golf. There is no admission, but donations are encouraged. YMCA Camp Ohiyesa is located at 7300 Hickory Ridge Rd., Holly. For more information, call (248) 887-4533.



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## SUBSTITUTE

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most “experienced” subs. Many of her assignments have been long-term, including one year subbing in a special education classroom and 12 weeks in a wood shop/drafting class. One year, Foreman actually subbed 186 days in different districts with varying schedules, exceeding a regular school calendar of 180 days.

“I once even subbed for an Auto Body Repair class housed at Linden Middle School,” said Foreman, smiling at the memory. “Three boys in the class told me I could just sit in the office all day, but that’s not how I do things. I read up on the subject and even worked on the whole side of a car with the kids.”

For Foreman, giving her students 100 percent of her effort is how she does everything in her life. “It’s an ethical thing with me. I can’t do a job halfway. If something’s a challenge, I do much better.”

## SUMMARY

■ Some substitute teachers make a career out of “guest teaching” at local school districts.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

AGS guest teacher Caryn Kelly instructs her sixth-grade math students Thursday morning. She is filling in for teacher Carrie McGaughan.

## DAILY RATE OF PAY:

- Fenton Schools: \$75 per day
- Lake Fenton Schools: \$77 per day, with an increase if an individual subs for the same teacher for a number of consecutive days.
- Linden Schools: \$80 per day
- Holly Schools: \$90 per day

## GAS

Continued from Front Page

said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.com. “The fact of the matter is the nation’s refineries aren’t getting any younger. With falling gasoline demand, refiners tend to use these situations to perform maintenance. In some cases, they’ve been working on resolving unplanned issues.

“Currently some of the region’s largest contributors to gasoline supply are seeing some of their capacity temporarily reduced as they carry out this work.”

Statistics from the Energy Information Administration (EIA) show that Midwest refiners used just 87.0 percent of their capacity in the most recent week, down over 10 percent from early September, when they utilized 98.3 percent of their capacity. Twelve refiners in the region are currently undergoing work: three in Illinois and Ohio, two in Minnesota, and

one in Indiana, Kansas, Oklahoma and Kentucky. The work varies in scope at each refinery and may last several weeks or longer.

A gain in crude oil prices this week is adding insult to injury and a combination of higher oil prices and reduced gasoline output due to the aforementioned issues will lead retail gasoline prices to rise as much as 10-30 cents per gallon over the next week in a handful of states. Those states include North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky.

While the pain at the pump may stick around for a few weeks, gasoline prices will remain far below their summer peak price. It is widely expected that over the next several weeks, refiners will finish seasonal planned work and resolve unplanned shutdowns as well, which will then lead to prices falling as we near Thanksgiving.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

WITH ALL THESE shootings in schools, colleges, and theaters, the suggestion of stricter gun laws is only the tip of iceberg. Why not get to the heart of the matter and provide adequate help for the mentally ill? More and better hospitals should be a start.

FOR THE PERSON who almost caused a head-on collision on Lobdell Road Monday morning, take the cellphone out of your ear and pay attention to where you’re going before you kill somebody.

IS OUR CITY so strapped for money that they will not reimburse the people who have extra rubbish tickets? I’d like to know who made that decision.

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# Fenton City Hall is not able to 'refund' garbage tag costs

■ Use them, sell them or give them away...

By Vera Hogan

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Some city of Fenton residents are under the false impression that refunds will be issued for unused garbage tags now that the new rolling cart system is about to be implemented.

"We extended the bag and tag program to allow residents to use their tags," said City Manager Lynn Markland this week.

The same information was reported in July, prior to City Council approval of the new trash collection system. Officials said at that time that the new system would begin on or shortly after

Oct. 1, allowing enough time to provide education on the new program and give the public a chance to use the tags they

have already purchased.

This information also was relayed to residents at the two informational meetings, held at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center in September.

"We have suggested to those who believe that they will have unused tags leftover to share them with their neighbors, family and/or friends," said Markland.

"Our system is not set up to provide cash refunds over the counter," he added.

"The city is audited annually and we must submit that audit to the Michigan Department of Treasury annually," Markland said. "We have very tight cash controls, and check and balance systems as are required."

"With the amount of notice we have given,

I would expect that most would have used their tags by Nov. 1, when the new program begins," he added.

**"We have suggested to those who believe that they will have unused tags leftover to share them with their neighbors, family and/or friends."**

Lynn Markland  
Fenton city manager

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**PLEASE LINDEN CITY**, do not have the zombie walk starting at the cemetery. It is disrespectful to the dead and their families who are in sorrow. From a mom in sorrow, my son is buried there.

**UNLESS YOU DISREGARD** the Second Amendment and confiscate all firearms, how do you keep criminals from acquiring guns?

**KUDOS TO THE** Lake Fenton teacher who donated her time, money and effort to help the students and big cheers to all the overpaid administrators who really pitched in and helped her out. Good job.

**SNYDER THE DICTATOR**. People vote down a bill, he vetoes it, and passes it just like Obama, a dictator who does what he wants, not what the people want. The people of Flint shouldn't pay their water bill. Everyone in Flint is poisoned with lead and bacteria.

**OBAMA'S TRACK RECORD** on immigration is abysmal. He refuses to defend our borders and ignored U.S. laws. He allowed millions to enter our country illegally and he supported sanctuary cities. Many of the criminals who came across were murderers and rapists. Almost one-third of all federally sentenced criminals are illegal aliens.

**OBAMA HAS COST** this country \$18 trillion, and counting, in debt. This is the Democrat payoff to failed Obamacare and giveaway programs like failed energy plans, food stamps and disability scams. He has hurt the common man, and has chased jobs, money and companies out of the United States.

**IN THE NEWS** this week was the fact that 100,000 New Yorkers lost their insurance due to Obamacare. Now they are scrambling to find something else. You could summarize it by saying Obamacare stole our health, Obama economics stole our wealth.

**READ THE DIRTY** dancing article. The parent referred to rap as 'music.' Rap is talking to a beat and that is not music.

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD HAS** spent millions of taxpayer dollars on parties, travel, lucrative salaries. It has sent millions overseas to benefit non-Americans, and spent \$22 million to lobby Democrat congressmen. All this to help justify setting up a baby-killing butcher.

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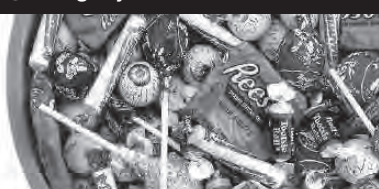


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# Are schools' anti-bullying programs effective?

■ Area school counselors said it's hard to know for sure

By Hannah Ball

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Area schools have implemented anti-bullying programs, but are they actually effective in helping the students?

"It's hard to say what isn't happening," said Fenton AGS Middle School counselor Tamara Hall

The school has two anti-bullying initiatives helping to ensure every student has someone to eat with at lunch.

The Student Leadership Team helps new students by giving tours, find classes, and eating lunch with them.

Anti-bullying is one of the team's main initiatives.

The entire school is reading "Bystander," a book that focuses on being a bystander and how important intervening is in bullying situations. For the last few years, the school has used suggestions from teachingtolerance.org, a website that supplies schools with anti-bullying programs.

One program is a "Mix It Up Day" at lunch where students are assigned a lunch table so they speak to different kids.

"It definitely takes kids out of their comfort zone," Hall said. "This age group tends to get very clique-y, very easily. It teaches them there are people in the school they have stuff in common with that they never knew."

In November, the school will be doing a program called "You Can Sit With Us," which implements different strategies for standing up to bullies.

Hall said about 15-20 kids every year tell her they're being bullied. Although, that number doesn't include the amount of complaints teachers and administrators receive.

"As soon as a student tells an adult the situation, we follow up immediately and interview the other party and assess what needs to happen in preventing that," she said. Sometimes the student will be assigned a mentor.

Students and parents can also report bullying online.

"A lot of times, kids are afraid to report in fear of retaliation," Hall said. "What

keeps bullying at bay is making sure kids aren't loners.

"Every middle school has problems with bullying. Kids are uncomfortable with who they are and they tend to defer that feeling onto others rather than themselves. Being different seems to be threatening, that's where bullying seems to be launched."

She said she can't say if the school's programs have been effective in stopping bullying.

"In society, there's been an increase in aggression and being intolerant. I don't think our kids can be expected to be different from our culture," she said.

"Has there been an improvement, yes, but

not necessarily because of teaching tolerance. That's just a piece of the puzzle."

One thing that's made a difference is the school's commitment to keep a positive culture. She said in the seven years she's worked in that building, she "(has) seen an improvement in the culture of the school and that means things are more positive and safer."

Sue Hinton, counselor at Linden Middle School, said the school does a good job at preventing bullying. She

gives presentations in sixth grade social studies classes.

"A lot of the message is you're the bystander, you have the power to do something. If someone intervenes, the bullying goes from 38 seconds to 10 seconds long," she said.

For at least six years, the school has invited a speaker to talk to students about bullying. Speakers include Omega Man, who taught the students to T.H.I.N.K. if what they're going to say is 'True, Helpful, Inspirational, Necessary, or Kind' before they speak.

Another national speaker, Brook Gibbs, focused on resilience and personally doing something about being bullied.

The Michigan State Police do presentations on cyberbullying and sexting every year.

The school also educates their students on bullycide, Hinton said, which is suicide as a result of bullying. The school conducts pre- and post-surveys at the beginning and end of the year to find out who's being bullied, and meets with the affected students.

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Volunteers from the Fenton Rotary Club build a ramp at the Adelaide Street home of David and Sue Carman. The club has been building decks for local citizens in need for about six years.

## Rotary Club helps Fenton couple with mobility issues

By Vera Hogan

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**Fenton** — Getting safely in and out of the house is going to be much easier for one Fenton couple, now that the Rotary Club has installed a brand new handicap ramp at their Adelaide Street home.

“We learned we could get help from the Fenton Rotary through a church contact,” said David Carman, who has owned and lived in the house with his wife, Sue, for the past 37 years.

The Fenton Rotary has been building ramps for about six years, according to Rotarian Tom Bertschy, the president-elect for 2015-2016.

“We build them in the Fenton, Holly, Linden and Lake Fenton area,” he said.

Each deck costs anywhere between \$1,000 and \$2,000, depending on the size of the deck and individual requirements. “We budget \$2,000 per

year for ramps,” said Bertschy.

Carman, 73, said he and his wife, Sue, 71, have a variety of ailments that have resulted in the need for wheelchairs, walkers and canes.

**“We learned we could get help from the Fenton Rotary through a church contact.”**

**David Carman**  
Fenton homeowner

“We have a helper, a friend who picks us up and takes us to appointments,” said David. “She helps us with grocery shopping and things, too.”

Prior to his retirement, David was the Lake Fenton industrial arts teacher for 30 years. “I am also a 20-year veteran driver’s education teacher.”

Although he and his wife are very grateful to the Fenton Rotary Club for their new deck, David is saddened that age and health issues prevent them from being able to do things they once could.

Despite that, David said, “I have the most beautiful, loving, caring wife,” he said. “I just adore her. She’s the sweetest person in the whole world.”

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**WHILE WE ALL** sit around straining at a gnat, the little things, we let camels, the big things, walk by. Our world is in turmoil. Our country is in turmoil and chaos. Open your eyes to the real problem. Let’s talk about them instead of a garbage can.

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## MURDER-SUICIDE

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Deputies with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office went to the couple's home on Shaffer Road for a welfare check on Carolyn. Dispatch advised deputies that a caller said he hadn't heard from her since earlier in the morning, something he found to be very unusual.

When they arrived, deputies saw two vehicles parked in the driveway blocking access to the home. Deputies looked through a window and saw what appeared to be two deceased individuals, later identified as Michael and Carolyn Wyatt, lying on the floor in a pool of blood.

Deputies gained access to the home and immediately noticed a strong smell of gas. While checking the interior, they spotted ignition sources staged so that the home might ignite or explode. There were several small open gas cans left in the house. The natural gas line had been purposely disconnected and left on, and several kerosene lanterns were left burning.

## SUMMARY

■ Family holds funeral for Carolyn Wyatt of Springfield Township. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office believes her husband, Michael Wyatt, fatally shot her before shooting himself on Sept. 13.

Deputies shut the natural gas off to the home and put out the burning lanterns. They also evacuated neighboring homes until the area was rendered safe. The OCSO Forensic Crime Lab, OCSO Special Investigations Unit (SIU), and an investigator from the Medical Examiner's Office responded to assist with the investigation.

The Medical Examiner's Office reported that Carolyn Wyatt died of multiple gunshot wounds, and that the manner of death was homicide. Michael Wyatt died of one self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, and the death was determined to be suicide. A note was recovered from the home.

The officer in charge, Sgt. Christopher Cole, said Tuesday that Carolyn's out-of-state family held a funeral for her in Clarkston, however, he was unsure of what funeral arrangements were held for her husband.

Although the case is still considered active, Cole said the sheriff's office is calling it a murder-suicide. "It's a tragic situation," he said. Cole will meet with the Domestic Violence Review Team next week to go over the case. He said this is done anytime domestic abuse is suspected.

Cole said, the couple is believed to have had financial and marital issues. When asked, Cole said he was not at liberty to reveal the contents of the note recovered from the scene.

Regarding the possibility of the home being rigged to explode, Cole said, "The potential could have been there. There were sources of ignition.

"Fortunately, it didn't ignite. I don't think that's what he (Michael) planned. There was natural gas involved. Our guys were pretty alarmed when they smelled gas.

"From the evidence, it looked like that's what he was trying to do. He failed."

## News briefs

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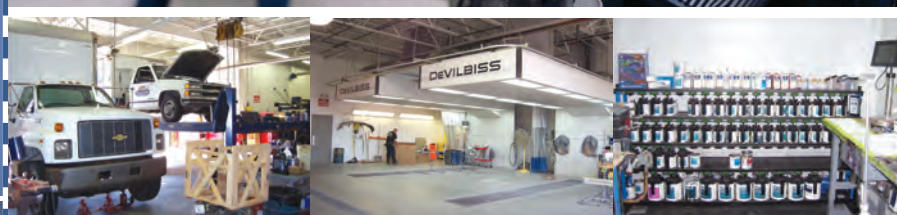
Jason Baird, 16, of Linden won first place in his Cruiser class in the Eastern Championship Final at Derby City Nationals, in Louisville, Kentucky, held Labor Day weekend. He also took third place in his Expert class. Baird rides for OFR C-Yaa Factory Bicycle Team.



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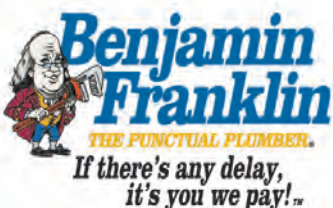
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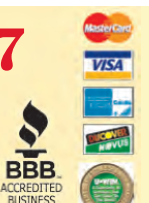
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## Fashion and footwear 'star' at Elections

■ New video provided by the Times highlights boutique

By Sally Rummel

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Elections brings the latest trends in women's fashion, footwear, jewelry and accessories to Fenton, through the doors of this popular boutique, located at 495 Fenway Dr., Suite 1.

From athleisure wear and denim to casual career pieces, Elections carries brands including Bobeau, Nordstrom's number one fashion line, as well as an eclectic mix of junior/missy styles from Lucky Brand, Karen Kane, Tribal, Lisette, Columbia, Blu Pepper, Umgee, Ryu and more.

"We're proud to be the exclusive area Bobeau retailer," said Elections owner Nicole McCurdy.

Denim continues to be a huge seller, from upscale brands by Cookie Johnson, Big Star and Miss Me, to an affordable line of Lee Jeans. "We have a fit and price point for just about anyone," said McCurdy.

Elections has taken a huge step into footwear, with shoes and boots from Sketcher Athletic, Sorel, Columbia, Bear Paw, Steve Madden, Born, Caterpillar

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What makes Elections such a popular shopping destination for women is more than just what they sell; it's the experience of personal service and interaction with customers that creates a dynamic relationship.

"We always have something going on that draws our customers in," said McCurdy. "There's always a reason for customers to stop in."

Coming up is the fourth annual Pink Party on Thursday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., with 20 percent of all sales donated to the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center. "So far we've raised over \$10,000 for U-M Cancer Center, all in Jon's

(Jon Bergeron) memory," said McCurdy. McCurdy was married to Bergeron until his death in 2011 from Melanoma.

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**Nicole McCurdy**  
Owner of Elections of Fenton

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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**I READ A** book once written about 3,000 years ago and it told of this war going on in Syria. It even goes as far as telling us that Damascus' world will be destroyed.

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**WHAT DOES THE** USA and Greece have in common? For five years, the Greek

government warned the people that they were broke. Well, our government has been warning us longer than that. There are severe consequences coming.

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**BULLYING**  
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Students can also use the bully hotline to report bullying.

When asked if bullying is decreasing, Hinton said, "I believe so, but I don't know if the speakers' messages, the education and the response from our assistant principal is all a result of why bullying is going down," she said.

She attributes the decrease on the focus of being proactive and giving the bystander the power.

"We take it very seriously," she said. "The students do announcements and they always have an anti-bullying message."

She said the decrease is caused by a combination of all the programs.

Jennifer Tews, counselor at Lake Fenton Middle School, said they don't have a program specifically labeled anti-bullying. They do, however, teach character education three times a week in homeroom, which focuses on dealing with bullying, not being a bystander and tolerating each other's differences.

The school hosts speeches on dealing with bullying every year.

Last year the school had a presentation from Okay 2 Say through the Michigan Attorney General about dealing with bullying.

This year the high school is hosting Keenan West, who works with Okay 2 Say. He'll give a speech to the high school students and middle school students on Oct. 13 at 9 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend,

Students and parents can also report bullying anonymously online on the Lake Fenton district website.

Tews said bullying exists in every school, and it's hard to track the amount of bullying. "Most of our students here are pretty good about speaking up for themselves," Tews said. "We have a lot of adults that the kids feel comfortable reporting to."

She said bullying seems to be declining. "They're more equipped to deal with it. They are aware of it and we have people standing up to it, teaching kids to respect one another," she said, adding that kids nowadays can better handle bullying as opposed to five to 10 years ago.

"A lot of things can be resolved by just getting the two parties together. When one realizes how badly they hurt the other party's feelings, they are sincerely sorry and they stop," she said.

If Tews can't resolve the issue, the case goes to the school's behavioral specialist.

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All candidates agreed that there is a drug problem in Fenton, not just marijuana but heroin as well.

Bland said, "We're all naïve if we don't think there is a drug problem. I would like to see the police department and schools set up a program to deal with it."

Candidates agreed that single-parent families contribute to the problem, with mothers who have to work and not know what their children are into.

Smith said, "We also need to make parents aware, and make grandparents aware. Every medicine cabinet is a plethora of drugs."

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**COLLECTING WATER AT OCT. 23 FOOTBALL GAME TO HELP FLINT**  
Janice Schuchaskie of Fenton will be collecting water during the Oct. 23 Fenton v. Linden football game to help support Flint Community Schools. The game will take place at the Fenton football field and Schuchaskie, whose son is on the Fenton junior varsity football team, will store the water in a truck. Schuchaskie is collecting this water with the Fenton Athletic Boosters. There's no limit to how much water they'll take.

The controversial garbage program change in the city was also a topic of questioning.

Smith said it is no secret how she feels about this. "I believe in the pay-as-you-throw method, pay for the trash that you generate. The more you recycle, the less you will throw away."

The other candidates support the new rolling trash bin system coming Nov. 1, and said they believe it will save residents money in the long run.

Draves said she recycles a lot and worries that the 95-gallon recycling container, which will be picked up every two weeks, is not going to be big enough for all her recyclables.




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# Linden's Moros earns his chance to play

■ Senior's physical disabilities doesn't keep him off football team

By David Troppens

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If one goes to a Linden varsity football practice one can experience a pretty nifty one-handed catching display by Jakob Moros.

The Linden senior, who has served as the varsity football

team's manager all four years he's been at the high school, is a master of the fluent one-handed catch. If the ball is thrown to the side, he's adept at reaching out to catch the ball reaching out with his left arm and swooping it back into his body. He's also able to adjust just as well if the ball is thrown right toward his helmet, dragging down another ball tossed in that

direction.

Moros isn't hotdogging it with his one-handed catches. He catches the balls this way out of necessity. Due to a stroke he suffered when he was born, Moros' physical abilities with his right arm and leg have been

significantly reduced. He's able to swing his right arm, but not able to use it to catch a ball. He's unable to make a first with his hand.

But he's so good at making the one-armed reception, when the senior had a chance to suit up in his first varsity football game during Linden's 28-27 homecoming victory against Brandon, Moros

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**JAKOB MOROS**

Senior is enjoying his time practicing and playing with the Linden football team.

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## Wohlfert to be inducted into Greater Flint Hall of Fame

By David Troppens  
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When the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame inducts its class of 2015 with its induction banquet on Dec. 5, there will be a Fenton flavor to the event.

That's because ex-Fenton varsity wrestling coach Duane Wohlfert will be among those inducted. News of Wohlfert's induction was released on Wednesday at a press conference involving the 2015 class.

Wohlfert, who passed away in 2006, was Fenton's first wrestling coach, and was the varsity mentor from 1965 until 2000. He led the Tigers to a 547-178-20 record, recording Class B team state titles three times.

"Duane was a rather humble, yet fun-loving guy," said Ken Wensel, athletic director at Fenton

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## Fenton's attack overwhelms Clio

■ Tigers remain in first place in Metro with easy victory

By David Troppens

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**Fenton** — Senior Nina Lombardi loves setting for the Fenton varsity volleyball team.

Anyone who witnessed the Tigers' home match with Clio on Tuesday night understands why. The Tigers showed how potent and diverse their attack can be in a dominating 25-13, 25-9, 25-14 victory against the Lady Mustangs at Fenton High School.

"Yeah we do," Lombardi, one of Fenton's two primary setters, said. "I think we are doing better than we did last year. I think our outside hitters, our middle hitters and our backside hitters are all doing a great job. They are keeping the ball in and just killing it this year. Setting them up feels great because to see them slam them is just amazing."

No less than seven Fenton players recorded at least a kill against Clio, but the two biggest hitters were Jess Warford and Cassidy Curtis. Warford



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Fenton's Chloe Itoni attempts a kill in the Tigers' 25-13, 25-9, 25-14 victory against the Clio Mustangs on Tuesday.

left Clio's defense in tatters, collecting 14 kills on 24 hitting attempts. Meanwhile, Curtis had 10 kills. Kiley Aldred, the Tigers' other primary setter, finished with 14 assists.

"There is no question we are more diverse (than last year).

We have six hitters," Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger said. "We can hit all the way across the net. We don't rely on one person. When someone is struggling, we can go somewhere else and that's big."

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## Two tri-county golfers headed to state meet

By David Troppens  
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None of the tri-county girls golf teams were able to qualify out of the Division 2 Heather Highlands regional, but two golfers did qualify for the state meet individually.

Holly's Chelsea Bowles shot an 80 and Fenton's Molly Gundry shot an 86, both earning individual positions to the D2 state meet.

The top three teams qualify for the state meet and the top three individuals not on the teams which qualified earn state bids.

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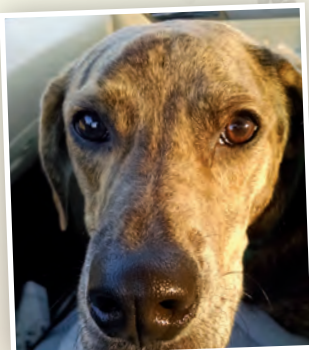


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The tri-county area's two state-qualifying golfers are Holly's Chelsea Bowles (left) and Fenton's Molly Gundry (right).

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# Tigers, Eagles win 1-0 Metro verdicts

■ Fenton enters rivalry contest tied for first place

By David Troppens

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As if the Fenton-Linden rivalry thing isn't enough, it looks like this year's Metro League battle between both varsity soccer teams is going to have a little bit added meaning.

That's because when Fenton hosts Linden for their 6 p.m. Metro contest on Monday, there will be serious Metro League championship connotations connected to the game.

With Wednesday's 1-0 victory against Flushing the Tigers have assured themselves of at least a share of the Metro League crown if they defeat the Eagles in regulation. Meanwhile, Linden still has a shot at winning the crown if the Eagles defeat Fenton, however, they'll need some serious help from the Holly Bronchos.

Fenton enters the final day of the league season tied atop the standings with Brandon with 16 points based on the Tigers' five regulation league victories and one shoot out loss. Brandon earned its 16 points with four regulation wins and two shoot out victories. Linden, who defeated Clio 1-0 on Wednesday, have 15 points based on the Eagles' five regulation wins and one regulation loss. This means if Fenton or Brandon win their final regular season game in regulation, both can do no worse than earn a co-championship, pending the results of the other team's Monday game. Brandon travels to Holly on Monday.

Linden's best chance to win a title would be to earn some sort of win against Fenton and then hope the Bronchos can defeat Brandon. No matter how Linden wins, they'll need help from Holly to earn at least a share of the crown.

Regulation wins are worth three points, while shoot out wins are valued at two points. Shoot out losses are worth one point.

The Tigers' victory was a tight one. Chase Coselman, who scored two goals in a 4-1 victory against Holly on Monday, provided the game-winning goal on a Scott Cubr assist about halfway through the second half against Flushing.

"Scott Cubr and Chase Coselman were dynamite again last night, accounting for the game-winning goal," Fenton varsity boys soccer coach Matt Sullivan said. "They give us so much energy every time they step on the field. They are 'the bar' that we all try to reach every day in terms of effort, attitude and intensity."

The Raiders were kept off the scoreboard primarily due to Fenton keeper John Leaske's 11 saves. It marked Leaske's seventh clean sheet of the season and the second time in three Metro contests he has recorded double-digit saves to lead the Tigers to a key 1-0 Metro win. A week earlier he led the Tigers to a 1-0 victory against Clio, including making a diving save in the final minute of the contest to preserve the regulation victory. Sullivan credited Leaske and the defense in front of him for the shutout.

"John was solid last night, but Michael Fabatz, James Kryza and Connor Horgan were the stars of the defense



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Fenton's Adam Gornick (front) tries to dribble by Linden's Dante Minatel in an earlier contest this season. Fenton and Linden play each other in a Monday contest which will determine if either team earns at least a share of the league crown in 2015.

last night," Sullivan said. "Those three played their tails off under a lot of pressure."

Linden, whose only Metro blemish

was a 2-0 loss to Brandon, remained alive in the Metro battle by earning its own 1-0 victory on Wednesday, this one

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## PREP REPORT

### GIRLS SWIMMING

► **Holly 101, Lansing Everett 68:** The Bronchos posted the best time in every event en route to the victory.

Three swimmers won two individual events. They were Lexi Kivari in the 200 freestyle (2:34.25) and in the 100 freestyle (1:08.63), Allie Spiteri in the 200 individual medley (2:56.29) and in the 100 breaststroke (1:24.35), and Alex Karakuc in the 100 butterfly (1:13.61) and the 100 backstroke (1:16.34). Others winning one individual event were: Emma Ford in the 50 freestyle (29.18), Hannah Muth in diving (142.30), and Cynthia Ferguson in the 500 freestyle (7:01.72).

Three relays posted the best times at the meet. They were the 200 medley relay team of Karakuc, Spiteri, Ford and Ferguson (2:19.82); the 200 freestyle relay team of Karakuc, Hannah Ehrhart, Kivari and Ford (2:02.78); and the 400 freestyle relay team of Ferguson, Toni Morse, Ehrhardt and Kivari (4:50.88).

### MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

► **Fenton eighth-grade 8, Swartz Creek 6:** Fenton's Ethan Pyatt scored the Tigers' only TD in the fourth quarter, leading the squad to the come-from-behind victory.

Fenton recorded a safety in the first quarter to capture a 2-0 lead, but Creek took the lead in the second quarter with a TD. The 6-2 lead held until Pyatt's scored.

► **Fenton seventh-grade 40, Swartz Creek 6:** Fenton's Dylan Davidson, Brandon Miller, Gannon Welch and Zander Fulton all scored TDs in the Tigers' victory. Charlie Hudzinski also had an interception return for a TD. In fact, the Tigers had eight picks, led by Camden Veres' three interceptions. Charlie Hudzinski had two interceptions while Garret Langford and Marcus Berkley had one each.

### BOYS SOCCER

► **Holly 2, Davison 1:** The Bronchos scored two early first-half goals and held on from there to defeat the Cardinals. Andrew Hartig scored the first goal off a pass from Lucas Sammut for the game-winning goal. Ethan Postma scored Holly's (5-9-1) first goal. In net, Lorenzo Rodriguez made 12 saves.



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# Fenton swimmers split vs. area rivals

By David Troppens

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**Fenton** — The Fenton varsity girls swim team always puts together a solid non-league schedule to get their swimmers a chance to compete against some of the state's strongest athletes.

On Tuesday, the Tigers faced off against the area's largest program, Grand Blanc, in pursuit of that annual challenge.

The Tigers lost to Grand Blanc 118-67, but did defeat the third team at the meet, Flint Powers, by a 107-69 score.

The Tigers had three individuals earn outright first-place performances. Taylor Shegos won the diving competition (295.05), while Caitlyn Dailey took the top spot in the 100 butterfly (1:06.98). Finally, Elise Cassidy took the top spot in the 100 backstroke (1:03.62). Cas-



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Fenton's Cameron Mathews posted a time of 3:21.62 in the 200 individual medley during the Tigers' meet with Grand Blanc and Flint Powers on Tuesday.

sidy also recorded one of Fenton's two outright runner-up performances in an individual event. She earned it in the 100 freestyle (59.24). The other was recorded by Cameron Mathews in the 100 backstroke (1:10;45).

One relay finished in second — the 400 freestyle relay team of Sabrina Hall, Breanna Terranti, Danielle Rushton and Rachel Rittichier earned that honor with

a time of 4:12.91.

Five others were in third overall. Emma Cagle earned two of them, one in the 200 freestyle (2:12.08) and the other in the 500 freestyle (6:04.39). The others were earned by Mathews in the 200 individual medley (2:31.62), Maddie Hall in the 50 freestyle (27.47) and Chelsea Barnett in the 100 breaststroke (1:27.74).

## WOHLFERT

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High School from 1974 to 1985. "He was a guy that was a champion of the underdog, whether it was coaching or teaching. He had a real desire to help kids that didn't have a ton of self confidence in themselves or that weren't part of the 'in' crowd. Duane found ways to befriend them and to support them. He tried to build their confidence. He was great at building a rapport with them and making them feel good about themselves. He was able to do that in the classroom and in the wrestling room."

Wohlfert also guided the program to 16 Metro League titles and 11 regional championships. His wrestlers won 14 individual state championship titles. He had 60 All-State wrestlers and two high school All-Americans. He was honored into the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1994 and also was part of the 2010 class into Fenton's Athletic Hall of Fame. He was named into the Michigan Wrestling Association Hall of Fame in 1991. Finally,



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Ex-Fenton varsity wrestling coach Duane Wohlfert will be inducted into the Greater Flint Athletic Hall of Fame on Dec. 5.

he was named the state's coach of the year, three times (1971, 1984 and 1991).

"He was a hard working guy who was always in the corner of the kids," Wensel said. "He had a lot of rapport not only with the kids, but with the parents."

Wohlfert was a talented wrestler himself, earning All-American status in 1961 while wrestling at Michigan State University at 157 pounds. He also played one season of football at Michigan State University.

## MOROS

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left a bit frustrated when he dropped the pass.

"At practices I do good," Moros said. "I just don't know what happened. I ran too soon at the game. It just rolled off my arm."

No matter the result, just the fact Moros was given his opportunity to compete with the Linden varsity football team may have been the team's season highlight. And no one wanted to be on the field more than Moros.

"It felt good to be out there with the team," Moros said. "I was just disappointed that I dropped it."

"He has been waiting for that moment for only about four years," Linden co-head coach Denny Hopkins said.

Moros has spent his high school career as the team manager. Being able to play probably didn't seem realistic due to his physical issues. Along with his right arm's physical ailments, his right leg has four screws and a rod in it. His knee has been rotated 30 degrees. He once spent about four months in a wheelchair.

But, his passion has always to get on the field and compete. And through a conversation with Brandon head football coach Tim Pizzala, the Eagles were given their chance to have Moros compete. Hopkins told Moros he was going to get a chance to play in the contest a week earlier during the team's postgame victory huddle against Flushing. Hopkins asked Moros if he wanted to suit up. Looking a little shocked by the question, he said he wanted to.

"I was in shock," Moros admitted when asked about suiting up. "I've been waiting four years to suit up."

"We've talked about it the last couple of years," Hopkins said. "His dad asked if we were considering it and I said 'Yeah, we've contacted a few opponents and we didn't hear back from them.' Tim Pizzala said he was fine with it and said he'd do anything we wanted to do, and I'm grateful for him. His kids were wonderful."

Moros' play came late in the first half. Linden threw a wide receiver screen to him. Moros appeared to have it at first, but then the ball slipped through his arm on to the ground.

"We threw it to him right in front of our bench," Hopkins said. "They announced it — 'Now, at wide receiver for Linden, No. 22 Jake Moros.' Everyone was cheering. We threw it to him and he bobbled it. But the defensive back picked it up, handed the ball to him and gave him a big hug."

Moros' varsity football days aren't over just yet. He was practicing with the team last week, preparing for another chance to play during senior night against Clio on Friday. The results were not known at press time. However, Moros regardless of what happened against Clio, Moros is loving his time on the practice field.

"It feels great practicing with the team," Moros said. "It feels great to be out there catching the balls with the team."

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## TIGERS

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Earlier in the year we couldn't do that. Our setters and our middles struggled a little bit early in the season, but we've solved that. They've been playing extremely well the last few weeks."

Clio forced a lot of volleys in the first set, but struggled trying to stay close to the Tigers. A kill by Erin Kaye put the Tigers up 18-8 in the first set, and the Mustangs couldn't ever seriously cut into the gap. Curtis scored the 25th point with a kill.

Clio was tied at 3-all in the second set, but the Tigers blew it open during an Ali Gundry service run. By the time Gundry finished at the line, Fenton led 11-4. From there, the Tigers completely dominated, outscoring Clio 14-5 the rest of the set.

Clio was within 13-8 in the final set, but a kill by Curtis and consecutive aces by Chloe Idoni helped the Tigers blow the set open. The Mustangs never seriously threatened the Tigers' lead after that.

"A lot of it comes down to the energy we bring," Eisinger said. "Sometimes it's hard to bring the energy when you are beating someone like this, but they did."

The Tigers' defense and passing was just as impressive as their offense. Taylor Mowery finished with 21 digs and was 100 percent on service reception opportunities, helping the Tigers set up their offense. Curtis had seven digs.

The Tigers are tied with Linden for first place in the Metro League at 4-0. They are 22-9-4 overall. Lombardi likes where the team is at.

"Our defense is amazing," Lombardi said. "We work on it every single day — passing, setting and hitting every day. We are getting a lot better. I think we are working hard on it. We are definitely not at our full potential yet, but we are hoping to climb there. I think we are getting there."

**Linden def. Brandon 25-22, 24-26, 24-26, 25-16, 15-13**

The Eagles (4-0, 22-6-2) remained in a tie for first place in the Metro



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Fenton's Cassidy Curtis (right) attempts a kill during the Tigers' victory against Clio on Tuesday.

League with the victory.

Allison Conly led the Eagles with 11 kills, while Breyanna Turnipseed had 10 kills. Megan Klavitter provided 21 digs and three aces, while Emily Pearce had 11 digs and four aces.

**Flushing def. Holly 25-10, 25-22, 25-17**

The Bronchos played a solid defensive match, but it wasn't enough to defeat the defending Metro League champions.

Katie LaClair led the defense with 22 digs, while Juliet Clark had 15 digs. Katie Bartholomew led the defense at the net with five blocks.

Offensively, Clark had five kills, while Bartholomew and Shannon Torpey had four kills each.

"The Bronchos played with great intensity and hustle, and plan to build on this," Holly varsity volleyball coach Hannah Timm said.

test with his 16th goal of the season off a pass from Andrew Hartwig, tying the contest at 3-all with about four minutes left. In the shoot out Lorenzo Rodriguez and Sammut made their PK kicks, leading the Bronchos to the thrilling victory.

Trailing 3-0 early in the first half, the Bronchos cut the gap to 3-1 on Sammut's first goal. In the second half, Sammut scored two more times, setting up the shoot out.

Also helping out matters was the strong defense provided by Holly defenders Allen McCarthy and Adam Herdman.

After Gundry's 86, Keegan Miller followed with a 91 and Madison Shegos carded a 92. Sarah Cummings capped the team's score with a 93.

Holly placed fifth with a team score of 380. After Bowles, Jenna Pepper carded a 93 and Megan McReynolds carded a 97. Madison Brack shot a 110.

Linden placed seventh with a 411. The Eagles' scorers were Payton Leedle with a 97, Sydney Bond with a 98, Makena Baldwin with a 99 and Isabel Wright with a 117.

## Area XC teams post strong efforts at recent meets

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The Holly varsity boys cross country team has some pretty solid depth.

That depth was on display at the Coaching Legends Invitational on Saturday as the Bronchos placed six runners within the top 30, recording a second-place team finish.

Holly finished 12 points behind first-place Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

The Lady Bronchos also competed and placed 11th.

The Holly boys were paced by Dillon Lemond's seventh-place finish in 16:05.7. Also finishing in the top 20 were Blake Staffne in 14th (16:55.2), Michael Ponkey in 16th (16:56.3) and Francisco Valdovinos in 20th (17:08.1). The rest of the team finished within the top 36. They were Emilio Gomez in 21st (17:09.0), Samuel Schneider in 30th (17:41.7) and Jacob Alvarado in 36th (17:55.0).

The Holly varsity girls were paced by Lauren Hackett, who finished a strong third with a time of 19:13.2. Her time moved her to the fourth-best time in Holly history, and the race marked the second consecutive race she ran a career-best time. Chloe Konopitski also finished well, placing 24th in 20:38.2. It marked the third straight race she has posted a career-best time.

**Linden, Lake Fenton at County Meet**

The Linden girls placed third out of

19 teams, while Lake Fenton finished 12th overall. In the boys' event, the Eagles placed fifth, while the Blue Devils took 11th.

Linden earned its third by placing its five scoring runners within the top 30. Taylor Ganger placed ninth (19:56.4), while Jordan Holscher was in 11th (20:09.1). The rest of the top five runners were Maya Gossett in 22nd (20:59.5), Kristina Lachowicz in 25th (21:08.8) and Meghan Hitt in 29th (21:20.8).

Lake Fenton's girls were led by Alexis Cash in 19th (20:56.1). The rest of the Lady Blue Devils were Lydia Horski in 54th (22:27.5), Rachel Learman in 58th (22:33.6), Aranda Jabiro in 86th (24:08.4) and Meara Baxter in 87th (24:11.1).

Linden's boys were able to get their starting five into the top 45. Nick McDonald led the squad by taking eighth in 16:49.0. He was followed by Kagen Griffith in 23rd (17:16.1), Jack Eck in 32nd (17:30), Chase Morse in 42nd (17:47.5) and Ryan Crutchfield in 45th (17:53.2).

Lake Fenton had a pack of three finish below 18 minutes. They were Thomas Mueller in 31st (17:29.0), Jacob Fletcher in 34th (17:36.0) and Eric Niestroy in 46th (17:56.4). The other runners making up Lake Fenton's top five were Jackson Chenett in 89th (19:27.2) and Vincent Nagel in 104th (19:52.6).

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against Clio. David Fowler scored the game's only goal off a Tyler Ziccardi assist. Andrew Coppler and Jay Howard shared time in net, teaming up for the shutout.

**Holly 4, Swartz Creek 3, Shoot out**

The Holly Bronchos overcame a 3-0 deficit to win the Metro League contest in a shoot out.

Holly's Lucas Sammut, who finished with three regulation goals, tied the con-

## GOLFERS

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The state meet will be held at Battle Creek's Bedford Valley Golf Course starting on Friday.

The co-Metro League champion Fenton Tigers came close to qualifying for state, shooting a fourth-place score of 362. The Tigers missed tying Bloomfield Hills Marian's third-place performance by five strokes.

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