

# Red Fox Outfitters gets five years tax-free

■ Abatement allowed to encourage redevelopment

By Vera Hogan

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Red Fox Outfitters is only one step away from receiving a 100-percent tax abatement under the state's Community Redevelopment Act.

On Monday, the Fenton City Council approved a five-year tax abatement, saving Red

Fox from having to pay a total of \$62,328 in property taxes.

The act allows for tax abatements for up to 12 years.

Councilman Dave McDermott favored  
**See RED FOX on 7**





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## Former area couple die in car crash

■ Joshua Francis and Amy Gil remembered by family and friends

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Local family and friends are mourning the deaths of Joshua Francis, 25, and his girlfriend of seven years, Amy Gil, 31, who died early Sunday morning, Oct. 11 as a result of a vehicle accident.

According to Michigan State Police, the couple's vehicle struck a tree on Hill Road in Gaines. The crash occurred at 12:40 a.m. on Hill Road, west of Elms Road.

Francis, a Lennon resident and 2008 graduate of Linden High School, was driving the vehicle, according to MSP. He was

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Joshua Francis and Amy Gil in 2013.

## Young residents learn to fight fires



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Jovi Wensley, 4, of Fenton sprays a fire hose at a house that is on "fire" with firefighter Bud Kelley at the Fenton Fire Department Open House on Saturday. **See story on page 6.**

## School resource officers at Linden and Holly rarely have incidents

By Hannah Ball

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**Argentine Twp.** — Argentine Police Officer Ken Engel takes his gun and handcuffs to work every day, like any other officer. But his office at Linden High School is a little different.

As one of two school resource officers, Engel, 50, patrols Linden schools on a part-time basis. The other SRO is Paul Brooks.

"I do a lot of scolding, don't do much ticket writing. I think I wrote my first ticket this year," he said.

The SROs patrol morning traffic and

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Argentine Township Police Officer Ken Engel is one of two student resource officers for Linden Community Schools.

## Nearly \$48,000 earmarked to improve systems for Fenton

By Vera Hogan

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The city of Fenton is taking care of its house.

On Monday, the Fenton City Council approved close to \$48,000 in various expenditures.

**Police Department**

Police Chief Rick Aro asked for \$4,995 to install a bi-directional amplifier (BDA) at the police department. The BDA amplifies the 800 MHz radio signal used by the police and fire radios, according to Police Chief Rick Aro.

"Currently our hand-held radios and some cellphones have poor reception in part of

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“Am I missing something here? This is twice I've seen someone claim in the Hot lines that our country has existed for 400-plus years. The original 13 colonies were established in 1776. That's 239 years.”



“Why is it the city of Fenton cannot buy back unused tags, but they can already bill the new garbage rates and we don't even have the new containers yet?”



COMMENT  
OF THE WEEK

“Last year the acorns were 4 inches deep on my lawn. This year there is very, very few. Conclusion? For certain, we are going to have the mildest winter in years.”



# Tiny houses were result of economic times

■ Great Depression, World War II and post war saw greatest need for affordable homes

By Vera Hogan

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It was either feast or famine in Fenton and the surrounding communities when it came to the sizes of homes being built — and when.

Fenton, Holly and Linden all boast a number of large historic homes, many of which were built by pioneers in the 1800s as a status symbol, and to accommodate big families, which were common back then.

Then there are the smaller homes, some of which are downright tiny, reflecting more difficult years from the late 1920s through the mid-1950s.

Three factors united these houses and this period of time. One was the need for low-cost housing during a succession of desperate economic times, starting with the Great Depression of the 1930s, which devastated millions of people around the world. When the stock market crashed in October 1929 so did the hopes of Americans throughout the United States.

Living from day to day became a struggle for most Americans as they attempted to find ways to survive. The way people thought about everyday needs had to change, including housing. World War II and the post-war housing shortage were also major contributors to change.

While three bedrooms would be con-



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The 590-square-foot home, owned by Rachel Fairless and her family, was built in 1940. It has been completely remodeled and is currently for sale.

sidered a luxury, most of the small homes feature one or two bedrooms — and most had only one bathroom.

Although the trend in housing during the last few decades has been “the bigger the house the better,” tiny houses of late have also become very popular.

There are many benefits to living in a small house. One is the annual taxes are much lower, as are utility bills.

Smaller houses require fewer furnishings and seem cozier to many. There is a debate about whether it is easier to clean a small house versus a large one. Some say every room in a small house is lived in therefore it requires more frequent tidying than a large house, where many of the rooms are rarely used.

Rachel Fairless of Rose Township and her husband are the owners of a tiny house in Tyrone Township. It is considered a beach bungalow built in 1940, and features approximately 590 square feet of living space.

“Everyday life is a vacation because you have this charming space.”

Rachel Fairless  
Tiny house owner



“It sat there vacant for years and years,” she said. “We kept driving by it and when it went up for auction, we decided to buy it.”

“My husband did most of the renovations, turned it around and made it adorable,” Fairless added.

The two-bedroom, one-bath home, located at 10520 Locus Drive, has a view of and access to Runyan Lake. It also features a large outside deck, a shed with upstairs storage, and a sandy beach within walking distance of the house.

“It has a welcoming crawl space,” Fairless added. “I have my limits to where I’ll crawl into. You don’t have to hunch so far down that it’s uncomfortable.”

Although it was appraised for \$92,000, according to Fairless, the couple has decided to sell the home for \$84,900.

“It is seriously cute,” said Fairless. “There are so many pictures listed online. People drive up here from Ann Arbor on a Sunday afternoon just to see the bathroom and kitchen.”

Although they currently live in Rose Township, Fairless said she and her family are Fentonites through and through.

See **TINY HOUSES** on 6

## Police&Fire report

### MAN HANGS AROUND STORE FOR SEVERAL HOURS, IS ARRESTED

Just after 4 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4, Fenton police responded to a grocery store on Silver Parkway to investigate a report of a man hanging around for several hours. An employee saw him open a package of tin foil, rip off a sheet and then stay in the restroom for nearly an hour. When police arrived, they saw the man, identified as a 35-year-old Fenton resident, wandering near the entrance of the store. Police suspected he was under the influence of something. A computer check revealed he had an outstanding arrest warrant out of Livingston County. Police discovered a prescription bottle on the man, however, the pills inside did not match the label. Police confiscated the bottle and pills since they might have been a controlled substance. His vehicle was impounded and he was turned over to Livingston County deputies to take care of his warrant. Fenton police will present their case to the prosecutor. Lt. Jason Slater warns residents that prescription medications must be kept in their correct container.

### WOMAN PAYS FOR PORTION OF MERCHANDISE

At 6:45 p.m. on Oct. 3, Fenton police responded to a grocery store on Silver Parkway to investigate a retail fraud complaint. The loss prevention employee said a woman and a small child were in the store at 10:20 a.m. The woman was observed at the self-check counter and allegedly paying for only some of the items. The employee asked the woman to come back in as she loaded things in her vehicle. The employee told the woman that they would review the surveillance video to see if she concealed any items. The video revealed that the woman concealed items, including red Solo cups, and a light bulb that had been removed from its package. This is when Fenton police were called. The woman said she did not have enough money to pay for everything. She has a Nov. 30 court date for retail fraud.

## Fenton Village Players presents

By Ivan Menchell  
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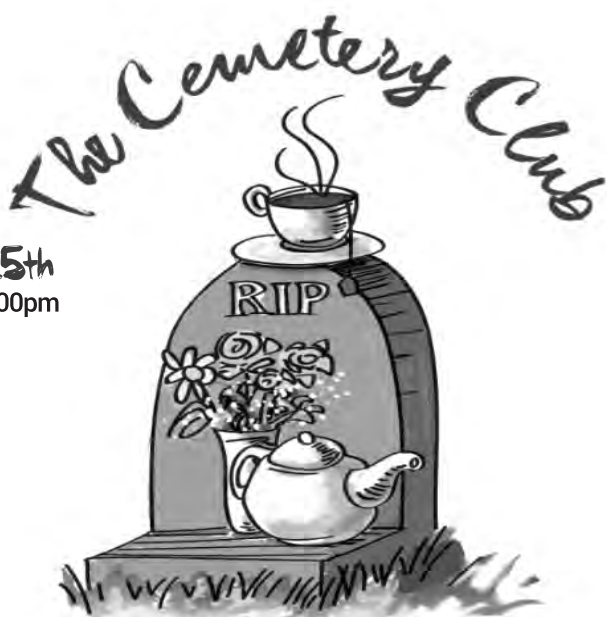
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In makeup and full-on zombie gore, dancers from the Linden Dance Academy perform for residents of Caretel Inns, in preparation of the Zombie Walk on Oct. 16.

# Halloween

*isn't just for kids anymore*

■ New trends for kids and adults are taking over this haunting holiday

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Halloween used to be a one-day holiday on Oct. 31, widely anticipated by kids who'd pick out plastic masks with their parents at local discount stores, then spend from dusk to dark nighttime hours racing from house to house with pillowcases full of candy.

You'd stay out as long as you could, without anyone but your mom telling you it was time to come home.

School parties were another day you could wear your costume, and enjoy

gooey cupcakes with orange and black frosting and any other sweet treats brought in by eager moms.

Concerns about razor blades in apples and pins and needles in candy became urban legends, and tampered with the whole safety idea of trick-or-treating at the houses of strangers.

Fenton resident Renae (Alderman) Jeffers, 58, recalls trick-or-treating at the corner of Poplar and North roads at a home where the family handed out little cups of Vernors, to quench the thirsts of busy trick-or-treaters. "Can you imagine anyone allowing kids today to go into a person's home and actually take a drink from a stranger?" she said.

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The Linden Arts Council did the dancers' zombie makeup to create bloody wounds, sores and decaying flesh.

## Residents get 'Zombified'

■ Linden Dance Academy teaches Michael Jackson's 'Thriller' for flash mob

By Hannah Ball

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**Linden** — The Linden Dance Academy, and a few non-dancer residents, learned to shimmy, shake, look dead, and drag body parts last Saturday for the Zombie Walk, which will be held in downtown Linden this Friday, Oct. 16.

This was the second workshop for anyone to learn the Michael Jackson "Thriller" dance for the flash mob during the walk.

It's a short routine, only about two minutes long, but the dancers "are focused and willing to practice," said Danielle Sorum, owner and dance teacher at the Linden Dance Academy.

She said the workshops have been going "really well. It's been really interesting to work with the general public and to alter a few of my ideas as well as the original Michael Jackson choreography to slow it down so anybody could enjoy the dance and the choreography comfortably and not feel out of control with the tempo."

The academy put a tutorial for the dance on their Facebook page, which can be found by searching "Linden Dance Academy" on the site.

Anyone can watch and learn the choreography and participate in the flash mob, taking place at 6:30 p.m. The walk starts at 6 p.m. at the corner of High Street and Tickner Street.

Sorum said they're expecting at least 100 people for the walk and about 40 for the dance.

"We're really thrilled to be a part of the Linden Arts Council to help support the arts and make it visible in the community and make it accessible to anyone, experienced or inexperienced so that they can freely express themselves in the way that they choose," she said.

After the workshop, part of the group got "zombified" by the Linden Arts Council. They painted on blood, dead flesh, and infected wounds, and then performed the "Thriller" routine for the residents of Caretel Inns of Linden.



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FROM THE LEFT  
NATIONALLY SYNDICATED  
**Bill Press**

### Carly Fiorina: The worst of the worst

Even many Republicans walked away from the second 2016 debate on September 16 with the same question: 'Is this really the best the Republican Party has to offer?'

Frankly, it was hard to imagine any one of the Republican candidates on stage taking possession of the Oval Office. But, by far, the worst of the worst, yet the one the media seemed to fall in love with, was the failed CEO Carly Fiorina.

The only job she's qualified for is prevaricator in chief, not commander in chief. Indeed, her whole campaign is a lie, starting with the notion — blindly spread by the media — that she, like carnival barker Trump and brain surgeon Ben Carson, is some kind of political outsider.

That's simply not the case. Fiorina's no newcomer to politics. In 2008, she was a frequent face on national television as economic adviser to Republican presidential candidate John McCain. She served as chairwoman of the Republican National Committee's 'Victory '08 Committee.' She later lobbied to be the party's vice presidential nominee, but lost out to Sarah Palin.

Fiorina's entire campaign is based on an even bigger lie: that she's the former, tough but effective, CEO of Hewlett-Packard. But the truth is — she drove that company into the ground before she was fired.

But Fiorina's biggest whopper came in the last debate, where she, the one woman on stage, angrily took on the role of chief attack dog against Planned Parenthood. Who among us didn't cringe as she declared: 'I dare Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama to watch these tapes. Watch a fully formed fetus on the table, its heart beating, its legs kicking, while someone says, 'We have to keep it alive to harvest its brain.'"

There's only one problem: That tape doesn't exist. If it did exist, we'd have seen it over and over on cable television. It's like Michelle Obama's famous 'whitey' tape from 2008. That tape doesn't exist.

It's universal. On the left and on the right, people have learned this about Carly Fiorina: You can't believe a word she says. And that's the truth.

**PAVE THE STREETS** and sidewalks in Dibbleville with gold, but don't give residents refunds on unused tags. What is the message, city of Fenton?

THANKS TO ALL who made the Beanery and the surrounding area a beautiful sight in Fenton. It just goes to show what a little thinking and hard work can do for an historic landmark and the city of Fenton, instead of tearing down the town.

OKAY, YOU NORTH Bridge Street residents in Linden, you got your wish. There's a cop sitting there for a speed trap waiting for all you. Drive carefully, people.

I'M READING THE article about domestic violence. All they mention is women. Men get abused too, you just don't hear about it and no one cares because we have no rights.

I'M A LIFETIME resident of Fenton. I'm a grandmother of seven. God made us all to be creative and I love rap music. I believe it's OK, any type of music you like, except music that has evil words.

DO YOU THINK our leader will go down to Arizona or did they shoot enough in Arizona to get his attention? It keeps him out of the capitol and anything that does that is good. I'm sure he'll be telling us on camera.

THE PROBLEM WITH domestic violence is men are victims, too. But it doesn't matter. She can beat you with a frying pan and you're still going to jail.

CHERIE SMITH WAS the only candidate against the new trash system.

## Hot lines

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She's got my vote.

THE SECOND AMENDMENT says keep the right to bear arms and maintain a well-regulated militia. Militia means any free male between ages 16 and 60, not clergy and not female. Well-regulated meant well-trained.

THIS MORNING I heard a preacher on TV saying that the Bible says 'the pride goes before the fall.' It does not. It

says 'pride goes before destruction and a hardened spirit before the fall.' Every time I see this, I want to tell them to teach it right.

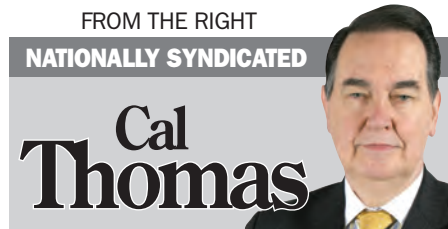
BE THANKFUL THERE'S someone in this world who's going to see the throat cutting, murderous ISIS demons get what they deserve. Be thankful for Putin.

WHY A ZOMBIE Walk? What is this world coming to? Good thing to have your children participate in. Yikes!

THE MORE I think about it, I am still in favor of increasing the minimum wage, even for first-time workers. High school and college workers need that extra money to help pay for their expenses. Employers are going to use automation as an excuse not to pay people more money.

WAKE UP AMERICANS, H.W. Bush, Clinton, Biden, Carter, Cheney, Gore, Kerry and McCain are past or present members of the CFR. This organization controls our government. This organization gives Americans a choice of two candidates and we get to pick one. Carson, Trump and Cruz are not controlled by this organization.

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FROM THE RIGHT  
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**Cal Thomas**

### The new Hillary

Hillary Clinton is borrowing from Richard Nixon, a man she worked to impeach while a staff member of the House Judiciary Committee in the early 1970s. Like Nixon, whose handlers successfully fooled a majority of voters by trotting out a 'new Nixon' after his election defeats in 1960 and 1962, Hillary Clinton is trying to change her public image with voters, a majority of whom finds her 'Unlikeable,' to borrow from the title of Ed Klein's new book.

In an interview with Newsmax TV, Klein said of the Democratic presidential frontrunner, 'There's something always behind what she's saying, and ... there's a calculation about her. You can't get elected president of the United States if 57 percent of people think you're a liar, untrustworthy — and they do.'

During the 1992 campaign when Bill Clinton ran for and won the presidency, CNN was referred to by critics as the 'Clinton News Network' for what they perceived to be the cable network's uncritical boosting of his candidacy and its over-the-top criticism of President George H.W. Bush. Maybe NBC will come to stand for 'Nothing But Clinton.'

'Today' show co-host Savannah Guthrie recently 'interviewed' Chelsea Clinton, a former NBC correspondent. Do you think that might have been NBC's attempt at buying influence and access to the Clintons? You're such a cynic. Guthrie asked Chelsea these hard-hitting questions about her mother: 'What's she like as a grandmother? I mean, paint us a picture of Hillary Clinton at home, hanging out, talking baby talk. ... You say she sings. Does she have a good voice?'

At least 'SNL' has the excuse of being produced by the network's entertainment division. The news division and Guthrie committed journalistic malpractice with questions like that.

For that reason, the forthcoming Democratic debates should include one well-known conservative journalist, as was the case in the second Republican presidential debate when Hugh Hewitt of the conservative Salem Radio Network was a panelist.

There is no 'new Hillary,' any more than there was a 'new Nixon.' It's all a cover-up, like Watergate.

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## How smart is your dog?

## streettalk



"He's a puppy so he's still silly. He bounces off the walls and runs into the door."

— Amy Kurtz  
Linden



"Very smart. He gets the paper, sits for treats, he speaks, he shakes, and he usually stays in the yard."

— Tawana Bingham, Fenton



"I suppose pretty smart."

— Genelle Fahey  
Fenton



"Really smart. She does a lot of tricks. She gets in a lot of trouble because she tries to steal everything."

— Roland Miller  
Holly



"He was smart. When he remembered, he did sit and sometimes he did howl if you told him."

— Jacqueline Ballard  
Fenton Township



"Not the smartest but very friendly. She, a cocker spaniel, thought she was as big as a bear and would chase them."

— Rachel Windy, Holly



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**AS A BUSINESS** person, you may want to realize people will usually ask for more money than they expect to get. Also, years ago, businesses would cut down on workers and then pile more work on the remaining ones to save money. Ask for \$15, you may get \$12.

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**BAD DRIVER, FIRST**, ignore the printed message on your right-hand mirror, but not the optical illusion it projects. Next, cut into the right-hand lane to catch the off-ramp you almost missed due to your texting. Now check your rear view mirror for half a peace signal.

**TINY HOUSES**

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"We do all of our business in Fenton and attend all events," she said.

"In the 60 days it took to make the house fabulous, we got to know the neighbors," Fairless said. "We brought the kids, they pitched in. When we finished remodeling, we knew we were going to miss our temporary neighbors. They are all very friendly."

"Living there would remind me of being on vacation," said Fairless. "Everyday life is a vacation because you have this charming space."

Paula Herstein, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Professionals in Fenton, just sold a one-bedroom, one-bath house for \$67,000 with fellow agent, Lisa Ryan.

Located in the heart of the city, the home features 640 square feet of living space. It was built in 1940 and sits on a half an acre.

"It's very affordable, less than anything you can rent in Fenton, including utilities," said Herstein. "The heat bills will be low because there's not that much space to heat."

Herstein said these homes are not much smaller than living in an apartment. When you're in your own house, at least you don't have all the rules and don't have to pay extra if you have a dog, she added.

Tiny houses obviously aren't for everyone, but another perk for some people may be that due to lack of space, adult children and their families will just have to find a home of their own.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

University of Michigan helicopter pilots teach children about helicopter safety. No one was allowed in the helicopter, but attendees peered inside.

**Fire up for firefighters**

■ Fire departments open doors to foster healthy relationships with community

By Hannah Ball  
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**Fenton** — A University of Michigan Survival Flight helicopter takes off at the Fenton Fire Department on Saturday, creating wind strong enough to make hats fly away and topple little kids.

As one of the features of the annual Fenton Fire Department open house, children and parents were able to talk to the pilots before their departure, letting them look inside the copter without getting in it.

Parents brought their children to learn what it means to be a firefighter. The kids went through various stations like exploring a fire truck, learning how to stop, drop and roll, and how to army crawl. A favorite among children was using a fire hose to put out a "fire."

"It's been awesome," said Tania Trevillian, a Fenton resident who brought 6-year-old daughter, Samantha.

She loves that the kids can get hands-on experience. "You're taught it at school and at home, but to actually do something, it makes a huge difference," she said.

Once they completed certain stations, children received awards like a mock firefighter badge. They could also receive a prize after completing every station.

"The community loves it," said Matt Everhard, Fenton's fire prevention specialist. He and firefighter Dustin Lucius coordinated the event. "We get nothing but compliments," said Everhard. "They look forward to it every year."

He said the department tries to create new learning experiences every year, so there were two new stations. The first new station let children challenge their parents to a race of putting on firefighter gear.

The second new station took place in the vacant house next to the Jack R. Winegarden Library, where firefighters conducted training last month.

The department challenged parents and children to find 10 fire hazards in a room. Kids saw the obvious ones — a rag over a burner, a shirt draped over a lamp, but even parents had trouble finding all 10.

"The adults are even learning a lot from the house. They're not able to find all the hazards either. It's an eye opener for

them," Everhard said. "They don't think to look up and see the detector that's not working, or the TV, how it's half plugged in, which could cause a spark."

Children also enjoyed exploring the big red fire trucks and sitting in the front seat.

Natalie Lemon, 6, attended with her family and sat in the fire truck.

"I love it. It's cool for the kids to get to know what they're supposed to do, and the parents," said her mother, Danielle Lemon of Fenton.

Lemon said the fire hose was Natalie's favorite station, where firefighters would help kids spray the hose.

One little girl, Jovi Wensley, 4, sprayed the fire hose with fireman Bud Kelley. Her mother, Sarah Wensley, said it was her favorite station.

"My kids have enjoyed it. It's a nice event for the community," Wensley said.

Everhard said talking to the children and educating them is "great." The event helps foster healthy relationships between the firefighters and community.

"It's all of us coming together and making it work," he said.

In addition to Fenton Fire Department's open house, families and community members also took part in fire department open houses held over the weekend in Fenton Township and Argentine Township.

**Unsung heroes**

When the entire department works to make the open house successful, this includes the wives of the firefighters, who have formed a group called the Fenton Fire Department Auxiliary. "They're a huge part of our organization," said Matt Everhard, Fenton's fire prevention specialist.

"They're the unsung heroes. During fires, they'll come and bring us anything we need whether it's water or coffee or Gatorade."

The group puts on a bake sale for the open house, fundraising to help community families in need during holidays.

"One thing we do is buy Christmas presents for families," said Lindsay Shook. The open house is their biggest fundraiser of the year.

"We couldn't put this on without them," Everhard said. "They're just as important as the firefighters when it comes to things like this."

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### An update on the Escape from Alcatraz

In recorded history, there have been a number of famous or infamous figures who have died, but for whatever reasons and in spite of overwhelming evidence of their deaths, some people refused to accept the fact.

Names that come to mind that are probably familiar to most include Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1908), John F. Kennedy (1963) and Elvis Presley (1977).

It is human nature to not want to accept death but it's pretty clear that these men are all dead and they should be allowed to rest in peace.

However, from a legal standpoint, there is another type of case or situation where a crime has been committed, but the suspect(s) not yet found. In such cases, the files generally remain open. One of these cases involves an escape from the Alcatraz Island Federal Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay, California.

Alcatraz has had a storied history, including when it was a federal prison from 1933 through 1963 and housed some of America's most violent criminals. Escape was considered impossible, although over time a total of 36 prisoners tried in 14 separate attempts. All were either killed, drowned, or remain missing and presumed drowned.

The most famous escape attempt was on June 11, 1962 when inmates Frank Morris and brothers John and Clarence Anglin were able to actually leave the prison building and float away into the San Francisco Bay in an improvised rubber raft.

The bodies were never found but the F.B.I. presumed that they had drowned in the bay. Their escape attempt was depicted in the 1979 Clint Eastwood movie Escape from Alcatraz.

Since they were never found, their prison escape cases remain open. A History Channel documentary that aired this past Monday raised the possibility that the Anglin brothers may have successfully escaped from Alcatraz and fled to Brazil. If still alive, they would now be in their 80s.

It appears additional investigation will be conducted. The cases will remain open until they are found or reach their 100th birthday.

There is an old expression in the law that the wheels of justice grind slow but they grind exceedingly fine. This could be an example of just that.

## Amid Flint lead water crisis, LF chips in



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Lake Fenton High School students gathered 120 cases of bottled water for Flint Public Schools in just a few days. From left are Student Council members Sianna Hobson, Crystal Abdallah, Sydney Thompson, Miranda Bibb and Daniel Caverly, who spearheaded the student and staff effort. The city of Flint's residents and schools are amid a water crisis, after studies showed elevated lead levels have made the water unsafe to drink.

## CRASH

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pronounced dead at the scene.

Gil, also of Lennon, who attended Linden and Fenton schools, was taken to the hospital where she later died from her injuries.

Michigan State Police said Tuesday that the cause of the crash remains under investigation. Additional details will not be available until a later date.

According to Francis' obituary, "He loved God, family, friends and cars, pretty much in that order."

He obtained a degree in high performance auto technology in 2011 and was employed as a Team Lead Dyno Tech at G.M. Powertrain, a job family said he loved very much.

They also said, "He had quite the sense of humor. Joshua loved working on cars and was a skilled mechanic. He was fun, loving and loved to spend time with family and friends."

Although he did not know Gil well, a

friend of Francis said, "He was an awesome kid, always able to put a smile on someone's face. He was super nice, super funny and just a good honest kid."

According to Gil's obituary, "She worked for Sears in Flint at the Genesee Valley Mall. Amy was very artistic and loved to draw. She enjoyed classic cars, snowmobiling, camping and mud bogs."

Gil was described as a very supportive caregiver for her mother, Debra.

Funeral services for Francis are being held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 16 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Linden. Visitation will be held from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15.

Funeral services for Gil will be held an hour earlier, at 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 16, also at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel.

A combined time for sharing for Francis and Gil will be held 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15.

## RED FOX

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giving them a 12-year abatement, while Councilmen Les Bland and Scott Grossmeyer thought seven years would be appropriate. Councilman Cheryl King, however, lobbied for the five years, saying it goes along with the city's five-year fiscal plan. Mayor Sue Osborn and City Manager Lynn Markland agreed with the five years. "They can always come back and apply again after five years," King said.

The next step is for Skypointe Ventures, Inc. to submit all paperwork to the Michigan Department of Treasury by no later than Oct. 31.

Following an Oct. 8 public hearing on establishing a Commercial Redevelopment Act District for the Red Fox property, the council voted unanimously to establish the district.

According to Assistant City Manager Mike Burns, the abatement is allowed under Public Act 255 of 1978 to encourage the replacement, restoration and new construction of commercial property by abating the property taxes generated from the new investment for a period of up to 12 years.

According to the state's Application for Commercial Facilities Exemption

Certificate, completed by Bryce Moe of Skypointe Ventures, Inc., the estimated cost to rehabilitate the former Fenton Bean Company building into Red Fox Outfitters is \$1,950,000.

The new retail outlet is expected to open in time for the 2015 holiday shopping season.

Since this would be a restored facility, the additional school operating tax and State Education Tax would be exempt on the new investment. Land and personal property cannot be abated under this act, Burns said.

"The city has never provided this type of abatement," Burns told council on Oct. 8.

"It's an excellent tool," Burns said of the Commercial Redevelopment Act. "But we have to be very careful of how we allow this."

"We are essentially giving up revenue," he added. "In the case of Red Fox Outfitters, we are getting a municipal parking lot that we don't have to pay for. That's a significant gift from them."

A tax abatement possible through the Commercial Redevelopment Act is different from the Industrial Facility Tax Credit. Besides the fact that it is a different type of business and use, the IFTC only allows for a 50-percent tax abatement.

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## HALLOWEEN

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Today, Halloween has become a month-long celebration rather than just a one-day holiday. It ranks second only to Christmas in the amount of money spent on home décor and generates \$7.4 billion in sales, according to the National Retail Federation.

While trick-or-treating is still popular in some communities, municipalities to between one-and-a-half and two hours limit. Neighborhood trick-or-treating has at least been partly replaced by community events, including “trunk-or-treats” held at area churches in their well-lit parking lots, or hay rides and fall harvest events.

Fenton also has a decades-old tradition of trick-or-treating at local businesses during its popular “An Event So Good It’s Scary” event set this year for Friday, Oct. 30 from 1 to 6 p.m., partnering with Fenton United Methodist Church for a full afternoon of kids’ Halloween crafts and activities.

Since the late 1970s when Halloween gore hit the Hollywood movie screens, adults and teens have embraced Halloween like never before. Today, bars, private parties, haunted houses, zombie events, weekend getaways and more are on the calendar for many young adults — many of whom would rather party than hand out candy from their home or apartment.

A decade ago, fewer than three out of 10 costumes purchased were for adults. At Spirit Halloween in Fenton, a sales associate estimates that it’s about a 50-50 split between kids’ and adult costumes.

Halloween parties and costume



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

Dancers from the Linden Dance Academy prepare for their performance of “Thriller” by Michael Jackson for residents of Caretel Inns of Linden on Saturday.

contests have become traditions at many local bars and restaurants.

The party will be big on Mill Street in Fenton with the second annual “Nightmare on Mill Street” on Friday, Oct. 23 from 8 to midnight, with proceeds benefitting the Fenton Firefighters Charities.

The Fenton Moose Lodge holds its annual Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 24, and The Fireplace Bar & Grille in Fenton Township welcomes costumed adults for its annual Halloween Party and costume contest on Saturday, Oct. 31.

The Corner Bar in Fenton Township will be holding its inaugural Halloween party and costume contest with popular

live band Rook playing at 9 p.m.

Even popular travel destinations get into the Halloween spirit. Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio plans Halloweekends now through Sunday, Nov. 1 and The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island finishes its season with Halloween at The Grand.

For school kids still excited about their upcoming holiday parties, they are still a tradition in area schools, although the treats have been tamed in response to many of today’s food and nut allergies. “We still do parades and parties,” said an office staffer at West Shore Elementary in the Lake Fenton school district. “Now we’re more concerned about safety, and that costumes aren’t gory or scary.”

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## OFFICERS

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popular events like Homecoming and football games.

While he patrols the entire district, he said there's more of a need to watch the high school because they're teenagers.

"Everybody's got to remember you're dealing with 16- and 17-year-old kids. We want them to be adults but they're not. We make mistakes as adults," he said.

Argentine Township and the school district have worked very well together to have an officer at school every day.

Engel said his main goal as an SRO is educating kids. Students even made a video about sexting and he provided information on the laws of child pornography.

"I don't need to write you a ticket to educate you," he said.

He'll sometimes visit classrooms and talk to the students about the law, MIPs, drugs, alcohol, preliminary breath tests, parties, sexual assault, and car accidents. "Not every child understands in the state of Michigan you can't consent to sex unless you're 16. The hypothetical is you could have a 17-year-old boyfriend and be 15 and you just got him convicted of a 15-year felony," he said.

One of the biggest problems he deals with is social media.

"With the phones we have today, nobody is sheltered," he said. "The biggest problem we have, and this is the same thing with adults, is social media. Anytime we have a problem, we want to put our business on social media. Younger people are watching it and paying more attention to it than adults do."

Problems often exist between people online, adults included. Engel will make suggestions like "Don't react, delete them. Is it even true? Wait a week, someone else will do something," he said.

"We've brought a couple in here, and



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Student Liaison Officer Mike Houck assists during a fire drill at Patterson Elementary School in Holly last Tuesday.

I've told them 'we're asking you to stop. If you don't stop, when you do cross the line it will be dealt with harshly,'" he said.

If they hear rumors about a fight, the teachers and Engel will walk around that area more. "If you don't hear about it, we're not going to stop it," he said. Engel urges students to come to him and the staff if they have an issue.

The number of fights decreased in the three years an SRO has been posted at the district. (See sidebar)

Engel doesn't take credit for the decline, though, saying the students are the ones who've changed.

While students are friendly with him now, it took a while for them to get used to him. "I try to be very friendly with them, but that's a fine line to walk."

It's important students see him as a friend so they'll open up to Engel. Most students and parents have a very positive reaction to his presence at the schools.

Engel said SRO's presence here has "a calming effect. There was nothing wrong with Linden schools before we got here. We're hoping to make things feel safer and better. They're just a good resource, they're a deterrent."

## Linden's budget

The program started in the 2012-2013 school year, costing the district about \$23,000 in the 2014-2015 school year and \$26,226.04 this school year.

## Fights and SRO's at Linden

2012-2013: 10 fights

2013-2014: six fights

2014-2015: four fights

## Does school attire include guns?

Superintendent Ed Koleda didn't want them to wear their police uniforms, but he wanted them to dress nicely. Engel, who's on the Swartz Creek school board and has worked for the Flint Police Department, agreed.

He doesn't wear a uniform for the same reason detectives don't wear uniforms. No one would trust him.

"Everyone's intimidated by that uniform. They're either intimidated by it or mad at it," he said. "I don't believe we need that gun belt. You know he's a police officer."

"I have a set of handcuffs and extra bullets and gun. Hopefully that's all I need. Hopefully, I don't need any of it."

## Holly Area Schools SRO

Michael Houck began his job as a SRO January 2014.

"Most of them (the kids) are good," he said. "I know Matt Hogan, who did the job before me. He seemed to have a good rapport with the kids."

Holly schools has had a SRO for more than 20 years, the Times previously reported.

Houck also coached basketball, base-

ball, and was the band booster president.

"A lot of kids already know me," he said. "Now that my kids are out of school, the kids still know who I am and what I'm about. They come in my office, ask me questions."

He has a friendly relationship with the students. They'll give him a high-five or a fist bump when they see him walking down the hall.

"Nobody wants to associate with the cops but I think they know what I'm about," he said. "I didn't want to come across as I'm going to be everyone's buddy but I didn't want them to not like me and to not talk to me."

As the liaison officer for the entire district, he oversees fire drills and lockdown drills. If a student is in trouble, he'll offer the law enforcement perspective.

"I'm there for a little bit of guidance at all levels," he said.

Houck patrols the after-school varsity football games.

Holly schools and Holly police work very well together, he said.

"I'm in constant communication with the principals. If there's something major going on, I always try to fill the superintendent in. Communication is key and I think that we have a lot of that," he said.

While there aren't many incidents, he's had to step in between a few fights before, and even cuffed one student for assaulting another.

"It sends a message to the kids. We don't just walk around, we do the part," he said. "We try to make this a safer environment for everyone."

Students who get in fights on social media is a big problem Houck deals with, along with students who have family problems.

He offers advice to keep problems from escalating.

"I like to think of myself as a guidance counselor, too," he said.

## SYSTEMS

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our building," Aro said in his request. "The structure of our building, like many others, impairs the 800 MHz signal. This equipment would solve that concern."

Aro said similar equipment was installed in some local schools to improve communications.

The BDF will be purchased from Blumerich Communications. The company has installed BDAs throughout the county and has a significant amount of experience working with this equipment.

## Water Treatment Plant

Stephen Guy, head of Fenton's Water Treatment Facility asked to hire Turner Electric to do an Arc Flash hazard analysis engineering study and energized testing of

the electrical system at the water treatment plant for a cost of \$12,232.

"The arc flash engineering study will consist of visual inspection to verify each electrical panel wiring configuration and calculation of the incident energy in each panel that has the potential to arc," said Guy in his request. "Labeling each panel with the proper arc flash sticker that determines personal protective equipment (PPE) to be worthwhile work is being performed in that panel."

The energized testing will include removing each cover using infrared technology to look for hot spots and ultrasonic testing to look for vibration of the equipment, he added.

Guy also obtained approval for boiler maintenance agreement on a regular basis.

"Last winter from the mid-point to the end of the season the boilers seemed to be less effective heating the plant than any year prior," said Guy. "Since the boilers now have 11 years on them, they can use more than once per year inspections."

The City Council agreed to a three-year inspection agreement with The ATI Group at a cost of \$1,500 per year.

## Assessing Department

The City Council approved another two-year agreement for assessing services (2016-2017) with the city of Grand Blanc. According to City Manager Lynn Markland, the city has been providing assessing services to the city of Grand Blanc for the past two years.

"We also provide assessing services to the city of Linden," Markland said.

The new two-year agreement calls for the city of Grand Blanc to pay a fee of \$45,000 for each year of service. The city of Linden current pays \$20,000 for Fenton's assessing services. The reason Linden pays less is because they have fewer commercial and residential properties than Grand Blanc.

Because of its workload, the assessor's office also gained approval to hire Landmark Appraisal Company to appraise 100 commercial properties in 2016 for a total fee of \$6,000.

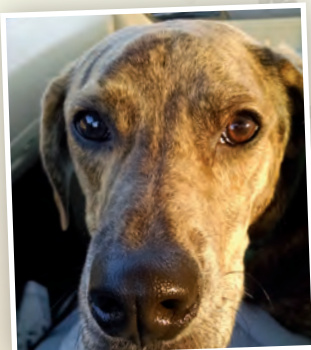
## City Council Chambers

Markland received approval to spend \$20,048 on the replacement of the City Council Chamber emergency exit doors.

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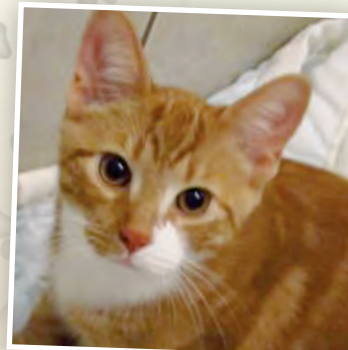
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# Eagles stay perfect in Metro League, stomp the Hornets 33-7

By David Troppens  
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The Linden Eagles have made the first round of the playoffs a set part of their regular season schedule for more than a decade.

On Friday night, they made sure the varsity football team has plans for the 14th straight year when the playoffs begin.

The Eagles (5-0, 6-1) scored four touchdowns in the second quarter, leading Linden to a 33-7 road victory against Flint Kearsley on Friday night. The sixth victory means the Eagles are locked into the playoffs. The Eagles also took an-

other big step toward possibly winning the Metro League crown. Linden remains in a two-way tie with Fenton for first place in the Metro. Both teams are 5-0 in league play, and will close the

**CADE DICKSON**  
Photo by: Mark Bolen

regular season with a contest at Fenton High School on Oct. 23.

On Friday night, the Eagles were tied at 7-all after Kearsley's Josh Roberts scored on a two-yard TD run. However, Linden scored three more times before halftime began. Cade Dickson caught a 68-yard pass from Aaron Sarkon. Bailey Davis made the second of his three

extra points, putting the Eagles up 14-7. Later, Sarkon hit Nolan Hill with a five-yard TD pass, raising the gap to 20-7. Finally, Josh Abernathy recovered a fumble and returned it 46 yards for the Eagles' fourth TD of the quarter. Davis' extra point gave Linden a 27-7 lead heading into halftime.

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## Eagles win rivalry thriller, 1-0

### ■Linden finishes in second in Metro League

By David Troppens

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**Fenton** — In a game that had Metro League championship possibilities around it, the Linden and Fenton varsity boys soccer teams fought as one would expect two rivals to on Monday night.

But when the night ended, Linden won the battle, but neither team was able to leave with a Metro League title.

The two-time defending Metro League champion Linden Eagles got a first-half goal from David Fowler and then played strong defense to assure the goal would hold up, earning a 1-0 victory against Fenton. However, the Brandon Blackhawks won their contest

1-0 against Holly on Monday, assuring the Blackhawks won the crown. Linden needed Brandon to do no better than win in a shoot out to earn at least a co-title.

Still, beating Fenton is always grand when you are an Eagle.

"It's kind of hard to explain," starting defender Trevor Varner said. "It feels so good. I haven't lost to them on varsity so it's nice to keep the streak going for the seniors because they have never lost to them. It was nice keeping it going."

The only goal was provided by Fowler with 20:33 remaining in the opening half. He took a pass from Trystan Hughes-LeFavour, dribbled a step and then scored.

"I saw Trystan on the wing and I was open on the side," Fowler said. "I just yelled 'switch' and he found me. I had a good touch and I saw the keeper over there, so I put it on the other side."

Until that point, Fenton had dominated the first half. The Tigers had a 10-3 shot edge and had seven corner chances in the first half, but were unable to score against the Eagles' defense and keeper Andrew Coppler. In the second half, Jay Howard played in net and saved Fenton's only two shots on net during the half. Linden's starting defense of Dante Minatel, Varner, Zane Arnold and Carson Birchmeier played a strong game all night long.

"We talked about making sure we protect everyone's rear end a bit," Linden coach Kevin Fiebernitz said. "It was a great win. We battled."

We've had games where everything we shot went in and tonight was not that kind of night," Fenton coach Matt Sullivan said. "I thought it was a great soccer game both ways."



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Fenton's Isaac Moore (with ball) tries to shield the ball from Linden's Tyler Ziccardi in the Eagles' 1-0 victory Monday night.



## Tigers remain tied for first, defeat Bronchos

By David Troppens

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**Holly** — The Fenton varsity football team has two things it wants to do every game offensively.

"We need to get our 80

plays and average seven yards a carry and I think we'll be good from there," Fenton's junior running back Dylan Crankshaw said.

The Tigers (5-0, 6-1) came close to those lofty standards

against the Holly Bronchos' (3-2, 4-3), collecting 287 ground yards and another 182 yards through the air, resulting in an impressive 35-19 road victory against Holly on Friday.

"We wanted to be physical and get after it, block hard and run hard no matter how many guys they had in the box, and I think we did that," Fenton varsity head coach Jeff Setzke said.

Crankshaw ran for 156 yards and two TDs on 30 carries, while starting quarterback Josh Czarnota had 86 yards and a TD run on 18 carries. Shane Kolinski had nine carries for 45 yards. When the Tigers were asked to throw the ball, Czarnota did so, completing 10-of-14 passes for 182 yards and two touchdowns.

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Holly's Evan Vergith was the No. 1 singles regional runner-up for the Bronchos.

# Bronchos qualify for state meet

By David Troppeps

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Holly's varsity boys tennis regional was made much tougher than past seasons with the addition of Midland Dow to the region.

It didn't matter. The Bronchos qualified for the D2 state meet anyway.

Dow dominated to capture the regional title, but the Bronchos were easily the second-best team at the regional, by placing seven flights in the finals and taking second with 23 points, 13 ahead of third-place Flushing.

"We definitely had our ups and downs this season, which is expected with such a young team," Holly varsity boys coach Will Sophiea said. "We played our very best tennis of the year on Saturday. We

held our seeds at every flight and outplayed our seeds ad No. 1 doubles and No. 3 singles. We even played Dow tougher than we had earlier in the season.

"It was a great day for the entire Holly tennis program and our coaches are extremely proud of the way the team rallied around another."

Fenton had one flight make it to the finals and placed fourth overall.

Holly's Evan Vergith was the No. 2 seed in the No. 1 singles flight and came within one match of winning a regional title, losing to Dow's Varun Shaker 6-1, 6-2 in the finals. Prior to that match, Vergith won both of his matches in straight sets, never losing more than two games in a set.

All four Holly doubles flights made it to the championship match, but ran into

tough Dow foes, making them have to settle for runner-up honors. They were Andrew Spak and Joey LaVigne (No. 1 doubles); Jake Cavender and Cason Konzer (No. 2 doubles); Ethan Postma and Jack Terry (No. 3 doubles); and Carsen Cuthbert and Garret VanGilder (No. 4 doubles).

Two other Holly singles flights participants made it to the finals. Connor Caldwell (No. 3 singles) and Ben Skubik (No. 4 singles) were those runner-ups.

Fenton had one runner-up performance. Griffin Carr cruised to the final in the No. 2 singles flight before losing to Midland Dow's Michael Szabo in the final.

Holly, Fenton and Grand Blanc will host the D2 state meet, starting on Friday and concluding on Saturday.

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Both TD passes were to Zach West. One was a 19-yard TD pass into the end zone with 9:57 left in the third quarter, putting the Tigers up 28-13. The second was the one that nailed the coffin shut when West caught a 26-yard TD reception in the end zone, raising Fenton's lead to 35-13 with 7:20 remaining in the game.

The Tigers' first possession took just nine plays to drive 65 yards, with Fenton taking a 7-0 lead on Czarnota's five-yard TD run with 7:30 left in the opening quarter.

Holly matched the Tigers' offense on its next possession. Set up by a 52-yard kickoff return by Alex Mazzone, the Bronchos started their possession at the Fenton 38. Holly quarterback Garrett Stapleton hit Bryce Jacopoc for a 32-yard, setting Holly up at the Fenton 4. Two plays later, Collin Dallwitz scored on a one-yard run. Amy Scruggs made the extra point, tying the game at 7-all with 6:05 left in the first quarter.

Holly's defense stopped Fenton on its second possession and Holly regained possession at its own 46 after a punt. Two plays later Peyton Bilbia ran around the right side for the night's largest TD play — an 84 yard run. Holly led 13-7 with 4:54 remaining in

the opening quarter.

The Tigers' offense answered back with a nine-play, 59-yard TD drive of their own. Set up by Crankshaw's 20-yard run to the Holly 3, Crankshaw scored his first TD on the next play from three yards out. Fenton led 14-13 after Greg Lukas' second of five PATs and took the lead with 1:56 left in the opening quarter.

"I saw a little gap and I punched it in there," Crankshaw said about the TD run. "My head got hit, but I still got in there, wiggled in there and it felt really good."

Both teams had offensive drives stall on their opposition's side of the field during the early portions of the second quarter. Fenton drove to the Holly 18, but a five-yard penalty and two incomplete passes thwarted that scoring drive. Holly drove to the Fenton 29, but Fenton's Peyton Coffman broke up a pass attempt on fourth down. After that break up, the Tigers ran 13 consecutive run plays, eventually scoring on Crankshaw's second TD run of the game, this one from four yards out. Fenton led 21-13 with 1:53 left in the half.

Holly responded, moving the ball to the Fenton 8, but consecutive batted down passes in the end zone by Alex Marshall ended the threat. Fenton led 21-13 at the half.

"It wasn't like we didn't move the ball.

We had close to 400 yards total offense," Holly varsity football coach Ryan Culloty said. "We put the ball in the end zone three times, but we probably should've got it in another two more times. It was one of those things. They did a good job limiting our possessions. We had nine possessions during the game and six of them were in the first half."

The Tigers scored on their first drive of the second half on a 19-yard TD reception by West from Czarnota. Holly's offense tried to respond, and did move the ball to the Fenton 7, facing a fourth-and-3 play. However, the pass attempt to Adam Tooley was incomplete in the end zone.

The Tigers eventually ended any chance of a Holly comeback with West's 26-yard TD catch with 7:20 remaining. Holly responded with its own 81-yard, 16-play drive, capped by Tooley's two-yard run, but the Tigers still led 35-19 with only 2:26 remaining.

West caught four Czarnota passes for 71 yards and two scores, while Kevin Lack caught three for 60 yards.

Stapleton completed 16-of-31 passes for 188 yards. Tooley caught nine passes for 94 yards. Javon Barr caught six for 60 yards. Holly's running game garnered 193 yards. Bilbia had 108 of those on nine carries.

## PREP REPORT

### VOLLEYBALL

► **Linden splits matches:** The Eagles lost to Goodrich and defeated Davison. Allison Conly led the Eagles with 10 kills and two blocks, while Breyanna Turnipseed had eight kills and 14 digs. Emily Pearce had eight aces and also had 12 digs. Megan Klavitter had 38 digs.

### GIRLS SWIM

► **Fenton 100, Holly 77:** Fenton's Elise Cassidy and Rachael Rittichier won two individual events. Cassidy had the top time in the 200 freestyle (2:09.31) and the 100 backstroke (1:21.96). Rittichier posted the best time in the 100 butterfly (1:11.26) and the 100 backstroke (1:12.84). Other individual firsts were earned by Taylor Shegos in diving (243.85), Meagan Mallard in the 200 IM (2:55.28), Danielle Rushton in the 50 freestyle (28.51), Breanne Ferranti in the 100 freestyle (1:02.51) and Emma Ford in the 500 freestyle (6:38.36). Also earning firsts were the 200 medley relay team of Rittichier, Mallard, McKenzie Mead and Madaline Hall (2:14.58); the 200 freestyle relay of Sabrina Hall, Grace Siefker, Haylee Skank and Emma Cagle (1:53.23); and the 400 relay team of Cameron Mathews, Cassidy, Caitlyn Dailey and Siefker (4:08.25).

Holly's Alex Karakuc earned a strong time of 1:13.31 in the 100 backstroke.

## LEAGUE

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There was only one score in the second half. It was Sarkon's fourth TD pass of the contest, and second one to Davis. Davis caught a 14-yard pass for the score and a 33-7 lead. Earlier in the second quarter, the pair hooked up for the Eagles' first touchdown of the contest. It came on a 26-yard pass from Sarkon.

Sarkon had a big night throwing the ball, completing 15-of-26 passes for 210 yards and four scores.

The Eagles finished the game with 304 yards total. Sarkon's biggest target was Davis with nine catches for 119 yards and the two scores. Cade Dickson had two catches for 72 yards, while Jacob Cox caught two passes for 34 yards.

Linden intercepted three passes. Ryan Young and Brandon Versola had one each. The recipient of the third interception wasn't reported.

Joshua Abernathy and Zackary Brown had two tackles for loss each. Brown had seven total tackles, as did Skyler Stites. Avery Jacobs, Hunter Michael, and Dickson had six total tackles each.

### Goodrich 35, Lake Fenton 0

Goodrich's Thomas Hart ran for four touchdowns, leading the Martians to a 35-0 Genesee Area Conference Red Division victory against Lake Fenton's varsity football team.

Hart scored on runs of 12, 7, 3 and 2 yards, collecting three of them during the first half. Goodrich led 28-0 at the half. The Martians' other TD was a 46-yard completion from Landin Mitchell to Eric Hildebrand.

Goodrich's defense was strong against the Blue Devils' usually potent ground attack, holding Lake Fenton to just over 100 yards rushing. Trent Hillger had 81 yards on 13 carries, while Remington Clements had 26 on three carries.

Hillger and Clements combined to complete just 4-of-13 passes for 17 yards and two interceptions for Lake Fenton (3-2 in the Genesee Area Conference Red Division and 4-3 overall).

The Blue Devils need to win their last two games in order to assure a spot in the state playoffs. Lake Fenton begins that quest on Friday with a home game against first-place Corunna.

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When you arrive, go to the family, and express your sympathy with an embrace or by offering your hands. Don't feel as though you must avoid talking about the person who has died. Talking can help the grieving process begin. If you were an acquaintance of the deceased but not well-known to the family, immediately introduce yourself. Do not feel uncomfortable if you or the family member becomes emotional or begins to cry. Allowing the family to grieve is a natural healing process. However, if you find yourself becoming extremely upset, it would be kinder to excuse yourself so as not to increase the strain on the family.

Source: thefuneralsource.org



## Obituaries Times

### Joshua James Francis 1990-2015

Joshua James Francis - age 25, of Lennon, died suddenly on Sunday, October 11, 2015. His longtime girlfriend Amy Gil also passed with him. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Friday, October 16, 2015 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery, Linden. Visitation will be held 4-7:30 PM Thursday. A combined time for sharing for Josh and Amy will be held 7:30 PM Thursday. Joshua was born February 15, 1990 to proud parents Bradley and Christina Francis. He loved God, family, friends and cars, pretty much in that order. He was a 2008 graduate of Linden High School where he also wrestled. He graduated from U.N.O.H. in 2011 with a degree in high performance auto technology. Joshua worked as a Team Lead Dyno Tech at G.M. Pontiac Powertrain (which he loved very much.)



He had quite the sense of humor. Joshua loved working on cars and was a skilled mechanic. He was fun, loving and loved to spend time with family and friends. Both he and his girlfriend Amy will be sorely and sadly missed by family and friends.

Surviving Joshua are: Parents, Bradley and Christina (Freeburg) of Gaines; sister, Jessica Francis of Waterford; grandparents, Ralph and Lois (Goodrich) Freeburg of Fenton, Wilma (Sturgis) Francis of Fenton; many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Condolences, prayers and love to the Gil family and a special thanks to all of our family and friends who have shown us the light of God's love, comfort and hope during these dark times. Tributes may be shared at the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

You might be growing impatient with a situation that seems to resist efforts to resolve it. But staying with it raises the odds that you'll find a way to a successful resolution.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Travel and kinship are strong in the Bovine's aspect this week. This would be a good time to combine the two and take a trip to see family members for a pre-holiday get-together.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

A colleague could make a request you're not comfortable with. If so, say so. Better to disappoint someone by sticking with your principles than disappoint yourself if you don't.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

The Moon Child's ability to adapt to life's ebbs and flows helps you deal with the changes that you might confront at work or at home, or both. Things settle down by the week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)

It's a good week for Leos and Leonas to get some long-outstanding business matters resolved. Then go ahead and plan a fun-filled family getaway weekend with the mate and the cubs.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

A possible workplace change seems promising. If you decide to look into it, try not to form an opinion on just a small part of the picture: Wait for the full image to develop.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

A newcomer helps keep things moving. There might be some bumpy moments along the way, but at least you're heading in the right direction. You win praise for your choices.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)

You could be pleasantly surprised by how a decision about one thing opens up an unexpected new option. Also, assistance on a project could come from a surprising source.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

With more information to work with, you might now be able to start the process that could lead to a major change. Reserve the weekend for family and friends.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

This could be a good time to begin gathering information that will help you turn that long-held idea into something substantive. A personal matter might need extra attention.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

That new challenge might carry some surprises. But you should be able to handle them using what you already know. That new supporter should be there to lend assistance.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

Someone might be trying to disguise his or her true motives. But the perceptive and perspicacious Pisces should have little or no problem finding the truth in all that foggy rhetoric.

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

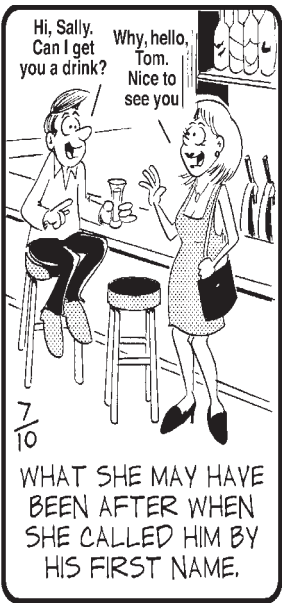
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

KING FEATURES

ACROSS

- 1 Health resort  
4 Actor Lorenzo  
9 Massachusetts cape  
12 Paintings et al.  
13 Put into law  
14 Japanese sash  
15 Captain's subordinate  
17 Pal of Larry and Curly  
18 "— Got a Secret"  
19 Enlarged a hole  
21 1964 Burton/O'Toole movie  
24 Indonesian island  
25 From — Z  
26 Pigpen  
28 French subway  
31 Addition results  
33 Hearing organ  
35 Ladder rung, e.g.  
36 Shout-out from the bleachers  
38 Small barrel  
40 Corrode  
41 Caspian feeder  
43 Cavalry

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47 Actress Hagen  
48 Rd.  
49 Fuss  
54 Pitch  
55 Wickerwork willow  
56 That girl  
57 Type measures  
58 Transmits  
59 Cut the grass

- 5 Bening or Funicello  
6 Crazy  
7 Tart in tone or temper  
8 Rill  
9 Group of legislators  
10 Reed instrument  
11 Conked out  
16 "Ferd'-nand" cartoonist  
20 Pub orders  
21 Wild party  
22 Needle case  
23 Many subway riders

- 30 Chooses  
32 Aching  
34 Picked up where you left off  
37 Former Philippine leader  
39 Crocs' kin  
42 Slack  
44 Cudgel  
45 Loathe  
46 Actress — Rachel Wood  
50 60 secs.  
51 Doctrine  
52 Discoverer's call  
53 Fresh

DOWN

- 1 Pouch  
2 In favor of  
3 \$ dispenser  
4 Fall fallers

- 27 Tibetan bovine  
29 Back

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DVD RELEASES

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