Six-story 'Riverview' project coming to Fenton

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There were audible gasps and cheers each time Michael LaJoice revealed a new part of his and wife Ashleigh’s plans for the property at 225 West Caroline St.

An audience of more than 50 people packed the VanGilder Room at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center for a Thursday morning press conference.

The property, which once housed the Topps produce

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Michael LaJoice
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Precautionary measures already in place

By Hannah Ball
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In the wake of seven high school football players, who suffered fatal injuries during games in seven weeks, families of players naturally worry about their sons.

Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) follow the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) guidelines to ensure all student athletes, including football players, are safe while playing sports.

“Injuries have always been a problem,” said Athletic Director Michael Bakker. He said the MHSAA changed a few football guidelines last year that aimed to limit the amount of hits players take during practice.

“We also continue to impress upon our trainer and coaches the importance of quality tackling and techniques,” said Bakker. “They aim to reduce the amount of hits during practice as opposed to games, because tackling happens more during practice.”

Football players who regularly sustain brain injuries can develop chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), which is a brain degeneration, according to forbes.com.

“We have a full-time athletic trainer, who is at all practices, contests and away football games,” he said. “Coaches have gotten to that point of ‘when in doubt, they sit them out.’”

See SAFETY on 16A

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SUMMARY

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Michigan High School Athletic Association and Fenton improvements

Last year, the MHSAA published these guidelines for football practices aimed to limit helmet-to-helmet contact.

• During the first week of practice, players can only wear helmets the first two days, shoulder pads can be added on the third and fourth days, and full pads cannot be worn until the fifth day.

• Prior to the first regular game of the season, schools cannot schedule more than one collision practice in a day, which is defined as live, game-speed, player-versus-player contact in pads.

• After the first regular game of the season, teams cannot have more than two collision practice days in a week.

• Football practices cannot exceed three hours.

• Players are restricted from targeting opponents and illegal helmet contact with defenseless players, which is a player not involved in a play, a player receiving a kick, and a player on the ground.

Fenton schools follow these guidelines:

Fenton Area Public Schools Athletic Director Michael Bakker said they have “extensive” testing for students when an injury is suspected.

“We work with a number of doctors who have more extensive training. We’re communicating with them to find the best course of rehab for those student athletes, and not letting them back on the field until they’re 100 percent,” Bakker said.

Student-athletes must have one physical a year, which can be a normal doctor physical or a sports physical. Bakker said there hasn’t been an increase in injuries.

“I think we know more now. We know the signs and the symptoms of certain injuries that weren’t diagnosed before,” he said.

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Insightful definitions of common words

As much as I would have enjoyed skewering the CNBC moderators who embarrassed all of America with their silly, irrelevant and juvenile questions to Republic candidates in the latest debate, I would rather take a week off from politics and, instead, provide some humor with these funny, yet accurate, definitions of common words.

To wit:
• Foot: a device used by parents to find Lego pieces in the dark.
• Ashkhole: a person who regularly asks for advice, yet always does the opposite of what you tell them.
• Tomorrow: the ideal time to do everything you had planned to do today.
• Babysitter: a person who gets paid $10 per hour to watch another person’s TV, while eating another person’s food, while another person’s kid(s) sleep.
• Secret: something you tell everybody not to tell anybody.
• Immature: a word boring people use to describe fun people.
• Make-up: an assortment of items such as lipstick, eyeliner, blush etc. which make the mother look more attractive but make her young daughter look like a ‘tramp.’
• Diet soda: a drink you buy at a convenience store to wash down a half-pound bag of peanut M&Ms.
• I’ll pay you back: a secret code meaning ‘you will never see this money again.’
• Chicken: the only animal you eat before they are born and after they die.
• Dad: a man who has pictures in his wallet where his money used to be.

Muffin: a reasoning process whereby you can justify having a cupcake for breakfast.

• Lecture: the art of transferring information from the pages of a text book to the notepad of a listener with zero retention in the minds of either.
• Etc.: an abbreviation that compels others to think you know much more about a particular subject than you actually do.
• Argument: a discussion that occurs when she’s right, and continues until he realizes it.
• Philanthropy: false concern for the needy exhibited by aging billionaires in poor health.
• Grandparent: people who think your children are wonderful, yet tell the parents they’re not raising them right.

We the democrats have one campaign promise this year— we’ll give you something for nothing.

We are very concerned about Fenton Township’s sewers as officials say they can’t handle Kleenex. The fact that the system can’t handle Kleenex doesn’t seem right as our new sewer system isn’t that old and our bill went from $85 to $25 per quarter to pay for it. What is going to happen when the housing market gets better and some new subs are built?

I cannot be the only person who thought the officiating at the Linden vs. Fenton game for the championship was a sham. Why can’t we get the best of the best officials to be sure the game is called fairly? Linden definitely didn’t get a fair shake and it cost them the title.

Is our news controlled? These are a few of the names in media who have belonged to the CFR (Council on Foreign Relations). This organization controls our government, Brokaw, Cronkite, Reasoner, Walters, Sawyer, Couric, Schieffer, Lehrer, Williams, Krauthammer, Huntley, Stephanopoulos, Rather, Rose and many more. You decide.

Thank you Tri-county times for putting the lost and found in your paper.

See HOT LINE throughout Times.

Should we get rid of Daylight Saving Time?

“I want to keep Daylight Saving Time. I don’t want to fall back. Just let it go. Indiana doesn’t fall back. When we spring forward, we’re even with them.”
— Jim Dasky, Tyrone Township

“I think it’s good. I look forward to it because otherwise it’s too dark early in the morning.”
— Carol Larsen, Fenton Township

“I wish we’d just leave it alone. I don’t see the need to mess around with that. Some parts of the country don’t do it. I would just leave it the way it is.”
— Wayde Johnson, Tyrone Township

“I don’t bother me. I don’t really care either way.”
— Shaun O’Connor, Fenton Township

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter
Area man faces three counts of criminal sexual conduct

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Lyle Healey, 72, of Fenton Township was arraigned Oct. 22 in Genesee County 67th District Court on three counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct.

The charges stem from an alleged incident on Sept. 15, 2006 involving an individual under 13 years of age.

Det. Sgt. Mark Holland of the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department said it has taken the better part of two years to file charges. He said the suspect’s wife ran a daycare when the alleged incident took place several years ago. He added that Healey is deaf, which created a few obstacles.

Holland said they are confident in this case, and the daycare is no longer operating.

The judge ordered a $25,000 (10 percent) bond on each count. Healey remains in the Genesee County Jail.

Healey’s defense attorney, Nicholas R. Robinson, said these charges are from accusations made nearly a decade ago. “Had it been a strong case, it would have been much sooner,” Robinson said. “That makes me very suspicious of the allegations.

“False allegations do not age like wine. I will demonstrate his innocence.”

Police & Fire report

GAINES WOMAN CAUGHT SHOPLIFTING IN FENTON

Just before 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 24, Fenton police responded to a retail store on Owen Road to investigate a retail fraud complaint. Loss prevention employees had a 25-year-old Gaines woman in custody. The employees said they observed the woman conceal $89 worth of merchandise in her purse and then leave the store without paying for the items. A loss prevention employee escorted her back inside and called police. The woman told police she wanted the items but did not have the money to pay for them. She has a Dec. 21 court date for retail fraud.

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Flint water crisis — can it happen here?

Fenton administrators offer insight into safety of city drinking water

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Weeks of daily news stories about the water crisis in the city of Flint have some local residents wondering, “Can it happen here?”

In order to keep Fenton residents informed and educated about the quality of city water, Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland, Department of Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki and Stephen Guy, water treatment facility superintendent, provided the following information.

The EPA issued the lead and copper rule in 1986 with implementation date of 1991. Lead that is in a domestic water supply can come from two different sources, corrosion of household plumbing systems, such as solder from pipe joints or from lead found in household fixtures, or erosion of natural deposits.

“According to our annual Water Quality Report, if present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children,” said Guy.

“Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing,” he added.

The city of Fenton is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components.

“When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking,” Guy said.

“If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested,” he added.

Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps residents can take to minimize exposure is available from Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Two components cause lead in drinking water. One is lead in piping materials and the other is corrosive water.

In the lead and copper rule, tier 1 sites are most likely to leach lead into the water. Single-family homes with lead-soldered copper piping constructed after 1982 are tier 1 sites.

The city of Fenton uses sites meeting these criteria as sample sites. These sites are sampled and tested every three years as required by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

The test results are well below the action levels set by the rule and are published in the annual water quality report.

In the case of corrosive water, the city of Fenton uses corrosion control methods to make the water less corrosive.

Corrosive effects in a water system are usually from acidic conditions developing in a system. The city of Fenton raises the pH of its water during the softening process and sends the finished water out at elevated pH levels.

The operation is such that a stable water is produced by keeping a positive Langlier saturation index, which is an approximate indicator of the degree of saturation of calcium carbonate in water. A slightly positive index deposits calcium carbonate instead ofleaching material from the pipe.

Also, a water inhibiting Orthophosphate is fed to help coat the pipes to keep material from leaching from the pipes.

The best thing for a consumer to do to combat any potential material leached from pipes is to run the water for one or two minutes prior to using it for drinking or cooking.

“The infrastructure in Fenton is old but when the plant was built (2004), a lot of old pipes were replaced,” said Guy. “Also, during the recent and ongoing Streetscape project older water mains and sewers were replaced.”

Water mains do get sediments and rust build up inside them over time and it is possible for the water to pick this up. To combat this deposition and sediment the city flushes water mains every fall.

Presently, the city pumps water from four groundwater wells from between 70 and 100 feet deep and treats it by softening.

In 2013, the city conducted a search for new well sites to try to locate a source of water that was less hard than the current source, which would have made it more cost effective to treat with a potential softer finished product.

The city located three potential sites for wells beginning with the current well field but at a deeper location.

This was the most economical location but the water that was found was very low quality and of very little volume.

The second site was in the north end, but was dismissed due to the small size of the lot, and the difficulty and cost of bringing the pipe to the water plant.

The third site was at Silver Lake Park, but the cost of piping to the present well field is excessive and the source is in the same underground aquifer.

“At present the well capacities are sufficient to meet demand without finding another source,” said Guy.
‘Controversial, irrational and annoying’ time change is here again

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With fall comes the end of Daylight Saving Time and more daytime sunlight.

We set our clocks an hour ahead on March 8 and it ends at exactly 2 a.m. on Nov. 1, when we set the clocks back an hour.

Contrary to popular belief, DST was not meant to help farmers. Many of them lobbied against it.

Daylight Saving Time (DST) is meant to save energy and have more sunlight during the day, according to timeanddate.com.

DST first originated in ancient civilizations when people would adjust their schedule to the sun’s. Benjamin Franklin wrote an essay in 1784 suggesting that people get out of bed earlier to use the sunlight to reduce the need of candles at night.

Germany was the first European country to implement DST in 1916. America implemented it two years later when Woodrow Wilson signed it into law to support World War I. The initiative was sparked by the “Father of Daylight Saving Time” Robert Garland, an American industrialist who encountered the idea in the United Kingdom.

It was repealed seven months later, but some cities still used it, causing much confusion for train and bus schedules.

Former U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt instituted year-round DST in 1942, which was also known as “War Time DTS” because it was implemented 40 days after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

The policy was changed numerous times throughout the year, amidst confusion and manufacturing trends that depended on daylight.

Now, in America DST begins the second Sunday in March and ends the first Sunday in November. Hawaii and the Navajo nation in Arizona are the only parts of the U.S. that don’t recognize DST.

Smartphones and computers should automatically adjust to the time change, but don’t forget to turn your other clocks back one hour on Sunday and enjoy an extra hour of sleep.

Source: timeanddate.com

Truck hits train, alcohol suspected

On Saturday, Oct. 24, at approximately 1:15 a.m., troopers from the Michigan State Police-Metro Post were dispatched to Munger Road, just west of Milford Road in Rose Township after a vehicle struck a train. Further investigation revealed that the male driver was driving a 2004 Chevy pick-up truck and traveling east on Munger Road. He was unable to stop in a sure clear distance and struck a moving train, according to the police report. The truck went off the roadway, and rolled over in a ditch. The driver, identified as a 22-year-old Highland resident, was treated for non-life threatening injuries at a local hospital. During the investigation, a blood draw was taken and MSP is awaiting the results. It appears that alcohol may have been a factor in this crash and the driver was not wearing a seatbelt. There was minor damage to one of the train cars.

City meter readers to get new devices

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The Fenton Water Department has gained City Council approval to purchase two new handheld meter reading devices for $7,500 each.

Currently, there are four meter reading devices being used by three water department employees.

“Two of the readers are of an older, outdated model and both have issues,” said Dan Czarnecki, director for the Department of Public Works.

Czarnecki said the two meters are about 10 years old. One of the readers does not work properly causing misreads and lost information, he said.

The second reader will not keep a charge even after changing the batteries.

The remaining two units are newer and work well, Czarnecki said.

The new devices will have the latest technology for reading the different type readers in the system, he added.

“It also performs radio reading and would be used for programming the new meters when installed,” Czarnecki said.

The new device comes with integrated GPS to help acquire accurate location information when a reader is installed.

The new devices also have a camera to record additional location information, which helps to document installation and location for future needs.

The $15,000 for the two new reading devices was not a budgeted item, but Czarnecki said he spoke with the treasurer and they will be able to fund the devices.

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Cryotherapy

A 24-year-old Nevada woman was found dead, her body inside a cryotherapy chamber on Oct. 27, in a salon in Nevada, according to CNN.

Chelsea Ake-Salvacion, the salon manager, was only supposed to be in the chamber for about three minutes, but her “rock-hard solid,” body was found 10 hours later when the salon opened.

Cryotherapy is a treatment involving exposing a person’s body to extremely cold temperatures for a short period of time.

It’s speculated to help with pain management, athletic recovery, detoxification, and many other ailments, according to Rejuvenice-Ake-Salvacion’s employer.

Ake-Salvacion had spoken to a newspaper about the benefits of cryotherapy a few days before, and died before her comments were published.

She wanted to relax after a long day, reports said. Even though the chambers are also supposed to only be used with supervision, Ake-Salvacion was alone when she closed the salon and used the chamber.

The cause of death was ruled as “operator error,” not a machine malfunction. Reports said she died in seconds.

What is it?

The person steps into a cylindrical tank that covers the entire body except the head. It’s advised to wear gloves and booties to avoid frostbite. It pumps air as cold -166 F to -316 F, depending on the temperature.

Is this treatment effective?

Studies have been done on cryotherapy finding that it helps reduce inflammation, muscle soreness, joint pain, and lower levels of creatine kinase, which is linked to muscle injury.

Advocates say while cryotherapy is similar to athletes taking ice baths after a hard workout, it’s better because it’s not as shocking or uncomfortable.

It’s said to make the brain pump more blood to the core of the body, and when the treatment is over, the blood flows back to extremities, boosting white blood cells.

However, many researchers say there isn’t enough information to determine whether or not cryotherapy is helpful, or if it’s more beneficial than an ice bath.

History

Ice baths have been used since the ancient Greeks, but cryotherapy was only introduced a few decades ago. It was first introduced as a treatment for rheumatoid arthritis and cancer, and precancerous skin lesions. Now, cryotherapy chambers are used by salons and athletes wanting relief from sore muscles.

Sources: cnn.com, staff.co.nz

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I DO NOT mind if you bring your kids into my neighborhood to trick or treat, but please do not be so lazy and clog our streets by following them house to house in your car. It creates a safety issue. Park and walk with them.

THE MINIMUM WAGE: Hot line responder may be having a breakthrough. My grandma paid 10 cents for a pound of butter. Prices go up because materials, wages, everything goes up in our system. So why hasn’t minimum wage been indexed to inflation to keep up so people can stay off government assistance?

WHAT DOES IT say about your values when you care more about the cost of a hamburger than the cost and affordability of health care for all Americans?

ONE FAST-FOOD giant said paying a minimum $15 would increase their food cost by 7 percent. That is 93 percent less than doubling it. That doesn’t even mean that consumers would pay an additional tax to the consumer. Competition, technology improved efficiencies could offset that cost.

HOLLY SEVENTH-DAY: Adventists Church would like to thank all of our Holly residents who continue so generously to our cause to help the needy. May God bless you for your kindness.

SO, JOE GRAVES says he won’t support increasing taxes to pay for the roads. Then he turns around and votes for a gas tax increase and 40 percent increase on our registration tax, according to michigan.gov. In the Midweek paper — a $600 million increase. I see that Lansing has defied the almost 70 percent of the voters who said ‘no’ to Prop 1, and any tax increase. Spin it anyway you want, a tax is a tax.

WHEN, WHEN WILL they be done? I have to add an extra half hour to get around Fenton.

I WANT TO thank the lady who hit my car at the dollar store on Silver Lake Road. You put it in gear, backed up, and hit it and took off. There were witnesses.

TO THOSE WHO question Obama’s credentials to be president, his credentials are common sense, high intelligence, and an ability to do the right thing in spite of total opposition. His agenda has kept us out of land wars, created new jobs, decreased the deficit, and cleaned up the Bush Cheney mess.

Chelsea Ake-Salvacion was found dead in a cryotherapy chamber in Nevada on October 27.

Turquoise, trainer at the salon, spoke up. "She was the best..."
Seminary bricks to become available soon

Because so many individuals have requested an opportunity to purchase bricks from the demolished old seminary building on High Street, city officials are looking into the idea. They are working on a plan to have the Department of Public Works remove the bricks that are in good condition to another location, where they can be sold or auctioned off to those desiring a souvenir from the historic structure. Firm details will be available at a later date. The final clearing of the rubble at the demolition site is expected to take place in mid-November.

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Police & Fire report
HALLOWEEN DÉCOR STOLEN
On Oct. 26, at 9 a.m. Fenton police responded to a business in the 500 block of North LeRay Street to investigate a larceny complaint. Several Halloween decorations were stolen from the south and west side of the building. Police have no suspects.

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"People want to work in a vibrant downtown area. They want to walk downtown during lunch and participate in evening activities immediately after work," he said.

But getting people from other parts of the city and outlying areas to shop and dine in the downtown area is going to require some decent parking options.

City administrators have often said that available parking does not mean "park right in front of the store and run in." Parking is going to have to walk at least a short distance to their destination.

The city was able to acquire 50 additional municipal parking spaces adjacent to the new Red Fox Outfitters, located in the newly remodeled Fenton bar and set to open by Black Friday.

The installation of new on-street parking pads (also known as stalls) throughout the downtown, are on the same parking spots available before Streetscape started.

"The on-street stalls are in the same locations as we had parking in the past," said Assistant City Manager Mike Burns, who is also the Downtown Development Authority director. "We added stalls at Mill Street, next to the post office, on Elizabeth Street in front of St. Jude's, which is the dirt from before and on the north side of Shiawassee between Adelaide and LeRoy."

Burns said the pavers are permeable, which is different than a normal paver. This is a storm water retention tool that allows rain water to go directly into the ground rather than run off into the storm sewer," he said. "It is an environmentally friendly component of this project."

One area of concern brought up by a couple of Times Hot line callers are the three new parking stalls on Mill Street. Those concerned fear someone is going to get hurt while getting out of their car, or have damage done to their vehicle, when drivers not aware that when turning onto Mill Street from South LeRoy, they only have the immediate use of the one left lane. It goes back to two lanes once a driver has passed the parking pads.

Police Chief Rick Aro agrees that it is tight when turning onto Mill Street from South LeRoy. "The original intent in making it tight was to reduce speeds," he said. "I am not aware of any problems there, but the hope was to make it safer."

Hot Line Continued

IF, AS HILLARY said security requests were fulfilled, why did four men die? Security that they were asking for was soldiers with weapons, not sandbags. The soldiers who finally arrived, that had been told to stand down, say they could have saved them had they been allowed to leave when they wanted to.

HEY, TRI-COUNTY, the local newspaper is becoming more like the Flint Journal. Do we really have to have on the front page who murdered who, etc. We get enough of that on TV. How about keeping it a good newspaper on what is great about living here. Anybody feel the same?


INCREASING the minimum wage will increase the cost of living for everyone, so minimum wage earners stay in the same place, while everyone else buys less. Everyone else buying less means fewer minimum wage jobs. To live better, learn more and get a better job.

IT SEEMS our government VA cannot afford new wheelchairs for our vets so a local business donates 14 to the Ann Arbor VA, yet we can afford to bring in 250,000 so-called Syrian immigrants. I wonder how many will be located to the Hamptons.

WHAT EVER HAPPENED to states’ rights? One judge and his own opinion can make you do something in the state you don’t want to do it in.

AN INTERESTING DILEMMA. The eventual Republican nominee has 13 viable, intelligent candidates to select as a vice presidential running mate. They will have been vetted in the public eye over numerous debates. The Democrats have who? Can you imagine the clown show if Hillary picked Bernie Sanders?

I AM DISAPPOINTED in the lack of team spirit at our Fenton football games. It is sad when the opponent’s fans and cheerleaders overpower the home team. When cheerleaders ask who won after the game, you know we have a problem. Come on fans, our Tigers need to stay pumped up. Have some team spirit.

MICHIGAN VOTES, WEDNESDAY, Oct. 28, demonstrates perfectly how the Lansing politicians play us with the shell game. With one hand, they give us a tax break (homestead tax credit) while with the other hand take back three times as much (gas, diesel and registration taxes). Result, a $400 million tax increase.

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**Senate Bill 414:** Roll back income tax if state revenue rises
To potentially roll back future income tax rates if the amount of revenue deposited into the state “general fund” in a given year grows faster than inflation, starting in 2019. Since the legislature controls which revenue goes into this fund, any future income tax cut would still be largely at the discretion of each legislature, as under current law. This is part of the latest House road funding package.
Passed 61 to 45 in the House
- Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) **YES**
- Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Twp.) **YES**

**House Bill 4480:** Don’t disparage one parent for protecting child from other
To establish that in determining the “best interest of child” in child custody and visitation cases, a court may not “consider negatively” actions taken by a parent in self defense or to protect a child from “the child’s abusive parent.”
Passed 76 to 28 in the House
- Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) **NO**
- Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Twp.) **YES**

**Senate Bill 326:** Establish B-24 Liberator as symbolic “state airplane”
To establish that the B-24 Liberator flown by the U.S. Army Air Force and Navy in WW II shall be deemed the “official airplane” of the state of Michigan. The B-24 was a sophisticated four-engine bomber produced in huge numbers by the Ford Motor Company on an unprecedented mile-length assembly line at the purpose-built Willow Run plant in Wayne County.
Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate
- Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) **YES**
- Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) **YES**
- Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) **YES**
- Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) **YES**
- Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) **YES**

**Senate Bill 329:** Establish B-24 Liberator as symbolic “state airplane”
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Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate
- Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) **YES**
- Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) **YES**
- Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) **YES**
- Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) **YES**
- Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) **YES**

**Senate Bill 421:** Make it a crime to not pull over for ambulance
To make it a crime subject to 90 days in jail to not yield the right of way and pull over at the approach of an emergency vehicle with its flashing lights and siren activated. Under current law, this is a civil offense subject to fines of $100 to $250. Also, to authorize up to 15 years in prison if the failure to yield costs the life of emergency personnel, and two years if it causes an injury.
Passed 38 to 2 in the Senate
- Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) **YES**
- Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) **YES**
- Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) **YES**
- Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) **YES**
- Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) **YES**
Don't put away those clubs yet

Local golf courses will remain open as long as the weather cooperates

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Instead of using a scheduled closing date for fall, local golf courses use the weather to gauge the last day of the season.

At Tyrone Hills Golf Club, Jon Hamilton, assistant professional, said how long they're open into the fall and winter depends on the weather. “We could stay open all year theoretically,” he said. “If it’s playable, you can play out here.”

When winter comes, they put the golf carts in storage, but there’s no immediate plan right now to do that.

People are welcome to walk the course in December and January, Hamilton said they might stay open until December this year.

“It’s conceivable that this year we could be open possibly until December. If the carts will still be here at that point, I don’t know,” he said.

One year, the course was open until December 21 because it was a mild fall.

“They’re saying this winter might be kind of mild. We’re almost into November right now,” he said.

“If we have 5 feet of snow on the ground, we’re closed. If you want to play and it’s playable, you should come out and have it,” he said. “It’s definitely nice right now. The course is in great shape.”

Steve Murphy and the maintenance team blow leaves off the course every day.

“If you don’t keep up with the leaves, it’s a pain. They do a really good job. We’ll be doing that until the snow falls,” he said.

Tyrone Hills Golf Club offers lower golfing rates when the weather gets colder.

“Right now we’re in our fall rates,” he said.

It’s $15 to play nine holes, and $20 to play 18.

Spring Meadows Country Club doesn’t have a set date for the last day of golf either.

“We play it by the weather,” said Jeff Zielinski, Spring Meadows’ golf professional.

“We traditionally run carts until mid-December, weather depending, and we never close our golf course over the winter months,” he said.

Members can walk around the course in December and January. Zielinski said the weather hasn’t been very good for walking the last couple of years.

“We don’t close unless the weather is bad,” he said. This summer, there was golf every day on the course. Toward the end of the season, they offer specials to their members.

Just like the other courses, Fenton Farms Golf Club’s last day of golf also depends on the weather. Nick Traywick, assistant golf professional, said there isn’t a set date.

“Whenever it’s nice out, we’ll be open. There’s no last day per se. We shoot for mid-November to close down but there’s no set date,” he said. Traywick has even golfed in February when temperatures were in the 50s.

The cost to golf drops toward the end of the season. The rates will drop from $15 for nine holes, to $20 for 18 holes.
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THE SEVEN WHO DIED IN SEVEN WEEKS

Seven high school football players have died in the past seven weeks. Injuries sustained while playing football contributed to their deaths.

Andre Smith — In Chicago, Smith suffered a blow to the head while playing football during a kick return play, according to usatoday.com. He was blocked, fell to the ground, and walked to the sidelines. He was taken to the hospital and died early morning of Oct. 23.

Camron Matthews — In Texas, Matthews collapsed on the sidelines after suffering an aneurysm during the game. He died Oct. 17 in East Texas Medical Center, according to nbcsports.com.

Roddick Williams — This tuba player and lineman in Georgia collapsed on Sept. 22 shortly after a football practice, according to cnn.com. His death was heart related according to the coroner.

Kenny Bu — In Seattle, Bu suffered a traumatic brain injury sustained during a football game on Oct. 2. He died Oct. 5 at the hospital, according to theguardian.com.

Evan Murray — In New Jersey, Murray sustained a hit during a football game on Sept. 25. He walked off the field and went to the hospital where he died from massive internal bleeding due to a lacerated spleen, according to theguardian.com.

Ben Hamm — In Oklahoma, Hamm died Sept. 19 from injuries he sustained during a game on Sept. 11. He suffered a bad hit and was in a medically induced coma to lower the pressure in his head, according to usatoday.com.

Tyrell Cameron — In Louisiana, Cameron played in a game on Sept. 4 when he had a collision with another player during a punt return and collapsed. He died in a hospital the next morning, according to cnn.com.

“Having an athletic trainer on staff is wonderful, but unfortunately we can’t stop everything from happening.”

Another factor is following the guidelines.

“We have to rely on officials to make sure they’re enforcing those rules. Our officials do a pretty good job across the board,” he said.

Smelis stressed the importance of kids speaking up when something doesn’t feel right to “make sure they’re aware of little things so they don’t become big things. In sports, especially with football, we have the societal push of ‘we have to play through pain.’

Although, that’s not always what’s best for the kids. “We know the benefit of athletics from a physical standpoint. They get so much physical benefit,” he said.

Smelis has treated about 10-15 concussions that occurred in all Fenton sports this school year, which he said is average. They try to stay ahead of the curve with head injuries.

Most of the injuries he treats are sprains, strains, and contusions.

“We know injuries are going to happen,” he said, adding that it’s important to identify those injuries, treat them, and do follow-ups. “There’s risk in everything we do but we want to minimize that risk.”

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**Volleyball district action starts Monday with Linden-Holly**

**Fenton-Linden could have a finals rematch at Grand Blanc High School**

By David Troppens
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The Fenton varsity volleyball team captured a Flint Metro League title on Tuesday by defeating area rivals Linden in both teams’ final league match.

If the Linden Eagles have anything to say about it, they’ll get a second chance to beat the Tigers during this week’s Class A district tournament being held at Grand Blanc High School.

But for Linden to get another chance, both teams will have to advance to the championship match.

The Eagles will have to win two matches in order to get to the final, while the Tigers have one semifinal contest. Linden opens up against another tri-county foe, Holly, on Monday at 6 p.m. at Grand Blanc High School. The winner of that match will face the tourney hosts, Grand Blanc, during Wednesday’s 7 p.m. semifinal match.

In Wednesday’s first semifinal contest, the Fenton Tigers, who are aiming to win their fourth straight Class A district crown, compete against the Brandon Blackhawks. The winning teams in Wednesday’s semifinal will face off in Friday’s title match at 6 p.m. at Grand Blanc High School.

The Eagles defeated Holly in three sets during the regular season, but lost in four sets to the Lady Bobcats in last year’s district tournament, so Linden should be looking to avenge that loss. Fenton defeated Brandon in straight sets during the season.

**Class B tournament at Flint Powers**

Lake Fenton’s Class B tournament run won’t start until Thursday’s 5:30 p.m. semifinal.

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District 2
Friday’s Games
Bay City John Glenn (5-4) at Orchard Lake St. Mary’s (7-1)
Ortonville-Brandon (6-3) at Linden (7-2)
Nov. 6 or 7 game
District semifinal winners

Division 4, Region 3
District 1
Friday’s Games
Lake Fenton (5-4) at Co-runnna (8-1)
Powers Catholic (7-2) at Goodrich (7-2)
Nov. 6 or 7 game
District semifinal winners

Note: For Friday night’s results involving any of the four tri-county area schools, go to tctimes.com or check Wednesday’s edition of the Tri-County Times. Good luck to all the area football teams.

Tigers capture league crown

**Fenton defeats Linden in battle for title in four sets**

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Fenton — The Fenton Tigers are back on top of the Metro League again.

After a one-year absence from the top, the Fenton varsity volleyball team capped an impressive undefeated Metro League championship season by defeating their area rivals, the Linden Eagles, in four sets to capture their seventh title in eight seasons and first under second-year coach Jerry Eisinger.

With a large crowd in attendance for both teams, the Tigers won the winner-take-all Metro title game against the Eagles 25-19, 25-17, 22-25, 25-16 at Fenton High School.

The biggest Fenton star was outside hitter Jess Warford. The junior finished the match with 25 kills on 38 hitting attempts, making just one hitting error the entire match.

When Warford was in the front row, everyone knew what was coming. There wasn’t any tipping, dinking or anything like that. All she presented was an outstanding vertical jump resulting in a kill that usually went down to the court at no less than a 45 degree angle.

Linden’s defense was able to dig some of her potent attacks, but not nearly enough, typically allowing the Tigers to gain early leads in sets while Warford was on her game.

Linden’s Bridget Adams (center) tries to get the ball by Fenton’s block, provided by Chloe Ideni (left) and Cassidy Curtis.

**Barcome is one top gun**

**Fenton resident has harvested three major kills in less than a year**

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Adam Barcome is quite the accomplished hunter.

And, recently, the Fenton resident has been on a hot streak when it comes to his hunting harvests.

On Sept. 25, 2014, Barcome proudly displays a four-point buck he shot this fall.
Holly swimmers improving, beat Swartz Creek

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“The Holly varsity girls swim team has been improving throughout the season.

Now the Lady Bronchos have something to prove it within the Metro League. They have earned a victory.

The Bronchos were in a heated dual with Kearsley/Clio, but Holly earned firsts in five of the last six events, winning a 109-75 Metro League win against the Hornets.

The Bronchos won eight of the events overall, including seven individual races. The top individual performer was Lexi Kivari, who won two events — the 200 freestyle (2:30.42) and the 100 freestyle (1:08.29). Others winning one individual event were Emma Ford in the 500 freestyle (6:38.75), Lydia Brauher in the 200 individual medley (2:46.71), Alex Karakuc in the 100 butterfly (1:12.15), Sydney Diller in the 100 backstroke (1:16.57) and Sky Kelly in the 100 breaststroke (1:22.56). Holly’s final first was recorded in the 400 freestyle relay where Ford, Kivari, Toni Morse and Cynthia Ferguson combined to win the race with a time of 4:43.50.

Holly varsity swim coach Danielle Gray is pleased with the progress her team has made this season. Many were new to swimming at the start of the season.

“The girls have been training hard and working diligently on their mechanics,” Gray said. “It’s really nice to see everything falling into place. They are gaining confidence and their competitive sides are starting to show. I’m thrilled with their performance on Tuesday.”

The Bronchos also had four firsts in second-place performances. Ford took second in the 200 freestyle (2:30.43), while... See HOLLY on 19A

Tigers working hard, remain in first

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“The Fenton varsity girls swim team is back to competing in dual meets.

The squad is probably happy that is the case.

Last week the Tigers experienced what is an annual tradition with any swim program called Hell Week. It doesn’t have anything to do with ghosts, goblins or ghoulies.

What it does have to do with is a lot of swimming. Yardage is increased tremendously in an attempt to strengthen the swimmers for one final push toward the end of the regular season. Fenton experienced their last week. This week the Swartz Creek/Flushing co-op were the first squad to compete against the Tigers since their Hell Week. Fenton won the meet easily 134-51 in what was a battle of unbeaten Metro League squads.

“Hell Week went very well,” Fenton girls varsity swim coach Brad Jones said. “We were able to get in a great week of training without any meets last week. That was by design. I am feeling very good going into the taper and hope to get at least a couple more state cuts at the league meet.”

During a typical week the Fenton swim team usually has two morning practices involving lifting.

However, during Hell Week all 10 practices — two each weekday — only involve swimming.

“I can’t put a total on it, but our yardage... See TIGERS on 20A

Holly Hoopla brings enthusiasm to Bronchos’ basketball

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Ask Holly varsity boys basketball coach Lance Bayliss why his Holly Bronchos have won two straight Metro League titles and completed last season with a Class A district tournament and he’ll probably be able to give you a list of reasons why it happened.

However, one of his responses probably will have something to do with the community’s excitement for the sport as well. And if one wants to see evidence as to how much Holly is embracing basketball, Monday’s Holly Hoopla may symbolize the start of that evidence.

The Holly Hoopla, hosted at Holly High School’s gymnasium, is the day of the Holly Hoops’ youth programs host their sign-up for the upcoming recreation season. However, the night is much more than a sign-up, it’s a celebration filled with fun.

“The big thing is we bring everyone together,” Bayliss said. “We know everyone is not going to be a basketball player, but we want everyone to have fun. That’s the main aspect of it. But if a few years down the road some of them become varsity basketball players, that’s the icing on the cake. We are really here to make sure they have fun.”

Many students ranging from kindergarten to sixth grade signed up for either the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation’s Holly Hoops program or the Co-Ed Broncho Basketball League. While signing up, they experienced the Holly hoop band, the Holly dance team and Anthony Coggins announcing during the event. The students also honored Holly High School’s varsity football team for qualifying for the state playoffs.

“We want to get the community excited about the football team,” Bayliss said.

Children ranging from second grade and younger signed up for a structured instruction clinic, which will be held at Davisburg Elementary School starting on Jan. 9, 2016. Meanwhile, the older students will compete in the Broncho Basketball League. Bayliss said there are usually about 50 children in the Holly Hoops Clinic. He said the league usually has as many as 14 teams with about 10 players on a squad. The League season is on Saturdays at Holly Middle School starting in January.

All those who signed up on Monday received a free basketball with a checkered design on it.

“This is what we call our high school version of Midnight Madness,” Bayliss said.

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Some of the Holly Hoopla participants show off the free basketballs they earned while signing up for Holly youth basketball programs on Monday at Holly High School.

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Brooke Adam's tie-up at 12-11 started a rally which Fenton eventually won, 12-8. Morgan Fitch's point, however, did not end its troubles, as another service error followed for the Eagles. A pair of kills from Warford, however, helped the Tigers claim the next point, 12-10. Fenton would not go down without a fight, however, as they replied with a pair of points. The Eagles would not let that happen, however, as a pair of kills from Adams and a service ace from Morgan Fitch ended the set at 16-12.

The second set began with a block from Linden's block, although Adams quickly got that point back. A service error from Fenton allowed the Eagles to win the next point, 1-1. Adams had a strong first point, although a kill from Breyanna Turpin would give the Tigers the next point, 2-1. Fenton would not go down without a fight however, as they would grab the next point, 2-2. The Eagles would not let that happen, however, as a pair of kills from Adams and a service ace from Morgan Fitch helped them win the next point, 3-2. A kill from Broome would give the Eagles the next point, 3-3. Fenton would not go down without a fight, however, as they would win the next point, 4-3. The Eagles would not let that happen, however, as a pair of kills from Adams and Morgan Fitch helped them win the next point, 5-4. A pair of kills from Fitch would help Fenton grab the next point, 5-5. The Eagles would not let that happen, however, as a pair of kills from Adams and a service error from Fenton helped them win the next point, 6-5. A pair of kills from Fitch helped Fenton grab the next point, 6-6. The Eagles would not let that happen, however, as a pair of kills from Adams and a service error from Fenton helped them win the next point, 7-6. A service error from Fenton allowed the Eagles to win the next point, 8-6. A pair of kills from Fitch would help Fenton grab the next point, 8-7. The Eagles would not let that happen, however, as a pair of kills from Adams and a service error from Fenton helped them win the next point, 9-8. A pair of kills from Fitch helped Fenton grab the next point, 9-9. The Eagles would not let that happen, however, as a pair of kills from Adams and a service ace from Morgan Fitch helped them win the next point, 10-9. A pair of kills from Fitch helped Fenton grab the next point, 10-10. The Eagles would not let that happen, however, as a pair of kills from Adams and a service error from Fenton helped them win the next point, 11-10. A pair of kills from Fitch would help Fenton grab the next point, 11-11. The Eagles would not let that happen, however, as a pair of kills from Adams and a service ace from Morgan Fitch helped them win the next point, 12-11.

Emma O'Keefe, earning the Eagles the third-set victory. "They out-played us for sure," Linden coach Cori Mason said. "We missed a lot of key serves. We kind of shot ourselves in the foot a bit. Hats off to Fenton. They are a great volleyball team. We hope to see them again next week (in districts)."

After Warford's 25 kills, Eastman dominated. "It feels great. It feels wonderful," Eisinger said. "It was so much fun."
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come was part of a black bear hunting group. Barcome got the kill shot and harvested his first black bear. Then last April, Barcome harvested a wild turkey. Finally, on Sept. 29, he harvested a deer.

His dad is pretty impressed with his hunting. He’s been going on hunts with his father for about four years. He’s only 10. Hunting has hardly begun. He’s been hunting for a few years but this was definitely his successful year,” Barcome said. “He’s been sitting with me since he was 5 years old. He’s been going out in the woods, sitting and learning and has definitely worked his butt off to be able to earn these animals. He helps do all the work. He helps set up the blinds and helps clear the field for turkey hunting.”

The back bear came first. It weighed 225 pounds and was harvested in the Grayling area. “It was so cool, especially the size of it,” Adam Barcome said. “And then he climbed the tree.”

The turkey came next, but it took some luck. It happened on a school day, and the pair almost left early because they had to get Adam to school for a math test. It weighed 25 pounds. “It walked right by our turkey blind. It was probably about two feet away and we could hear it walking right by us,” Adam said. “We could see its head through the window.”

The deer was harvested during this year’s youth hunt. It was a four-point, weighing 120 pounds. “That was very exciting. He came really close to us,” Barcome said. “It was probably about 10 feet away (from our two-man stand). It was probably about 20 feet away (when he shot it).”

The family eats what it harvests. Adam said bear “tastes very good.” Adam also plays baseball and football. His father wishes more children took time to learn about hunting.

“I coach baseball and football and there was only one other kid on the teams besides Adam who hunted,” Jeff Barcome said. “We want to try to get the youngsters involved.”

Adam thinks he’ll be a hunter for life, but he particularly enjoys being with his hunting partner.

“We enjoy just spending time with my dad (while hunting),” Adam said. “We are sitting side-by-side during all these hunts,” Jeff Barcome said.

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age is certainly up during Hell Week.” Jones said. “Depending on the team it varies. But we certainly up it a couple thousand yards a day.”

The Fenton varsity girls swim team has won or shared the Metro League crown every single season the Metro League has recognized a conference champion, and, once again, the Tigers are the overwhelming favorites to capture this season’s title. Tuesday’s meet was evidence of that fact.

Fenton recorded the first-place finisher in every event and took the top three positions in three of the nine individual events. Two swimmers — Cameron Mathews and Elise Cassidy — won two individual events. Mathews took the top spot in the 200 individual medley (2:29.65) and the 500 freestyle (5:43.93), while Elise Cassidy took the top spot in the 100 freestyle (58.15) and in the 100 backstroke (1:03.79).

Other individual firsts were recorded by Emma Cagle in the 200 freestyle (2:13.55), Grace Siefker in the 50 freestyle (26.26), Taylor Shegos in diving (265.20), McKenzie Mead in the 100 butterfly (1:09.77) and Chelsea Barnett in the 100 breaststroke (1:25.15).

All three relays earned first-place nods as well. The 200 medley relay team of Cassidy, Maddie Hall, Caitlyn Dailey and Siefker earned one (2:03.66) as did the 200 freestyle relay team of Hall, Danielle Rushton, Mathews and Sabrina Hall (1:50.67). Finally, the 400 freestyle relay team of Dailey, Mathews and Cassidy ended the meet with a first (4:04.62).

Five other Fenton swimmers earned individual seconds, finishing runner-up to teammates. They were Cagle in the 500 freestyle (6:02.01), Siefker in the 100 freestyle (59.66), Breeanna Ferranti in the 200 freestyle (2:17.53), Dailey in the 200 individual medley (2:36.43) and Rushton in the 100 butterfly (1:10.78).

The win means the Tigers are 4-0 in Metro action and will enter the league meet in first place. Another positive at the meet was the return of past state meet qualifier Bri Costigan, who has been out due to a hand injury. She swam in the 400 freestyle relay and the 100 freestyle. She has been running on the girls cross country team, helping the team take second at district play a year ago with a three-set victory.

“She ran cross country to stay in shape while her hand was healing,” Jones said.

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If the Blue Devils win Thursday’s semifinal, the district title match is slated for Saturday at 10 a.m. The Blue Devils will face either Durand, tourney hosts Powers or Corunna.
Leading the new Corner Bar in Fenton are owners Elizabeth and Justin Knight, and Chef Justin Trombley, in back.

Corner Bar & Grill offers neighborhood gathering spot

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If you enjoy going out to a friendly spot to enjoy a drink and casual, delicious comfort food, you just may find a seat waiting for you at the Corner Bar & Grill, next to Mancino’s in Fenton Township.

Open since Aug. 1, owner Justin Knight, a native of Colorado, is an experienced bar owner who always seems to come back to this career that he loves. “My wife (Elizabeth) wanted to move back here to Fenton,” said Knight. “This is the place I find my passion. People come here, sit back and let go of the stresses of their week.”

In addition to a diverse selection of craft beers from Michigan, Colorado, California and Oregon, the Corner Bar features six drafts on tap, nitro line beer and a large variety of cans and bottles. “We also make a good Moscow Mule and Smoked Manhattans,” said Knight.

Food is also a passion for Chef Justin Trombley, who turns out popular dishes like fried brussels sprouts, a beefwich with jalapeno au jus, fish tacos, a jalapeno cream cheese bison burger, plus rosemary fries and hand-crafted house pub chips. “We also have specials, like our parmesan-crusted feta dip served with grilled pita and a little sea salt,” said Knight. “Watch for our weekend brunches on Saturday and Sunday at 9 a.m., coming soon.”

Live music begins every Saturday night at 9 p.m., with different musical genres on stage every week — from hard rock to punk, and classics to Elvis. “We’re trying to bring music back to the bar scene,” said Knight.

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During a Thursday morning press conference, Michael LaJoice explains the new development slated to go where the old Topps Fruit Market had been located. Jillian Partio with LaJoice Properties helps by pointing to the illustration he is describing.

RIVERVIEW

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market and Wash King laundromat, was purchased by the LaJoice in June of this year.

The building, considered a blight in the city, came down in August.

Although LaJoice said he won’t be at liberty to reveal the actual names of businesses until the end of this year, he did explain what kind of businesses they are.

Chassé Ballroom & Latin Dance Studio will be one of the main businesses on the development, named “Riverview,” Chassé will occupy 22,000 square feet of space on two floors. New will be the addition of a daycare center for customers and employees, as well as showers and locker rooms for students and staff.

A second main business will be a food market, designed after the Whole Foods and Fresh Thyme concept. The second floor of the market will feature a café, serving organic and fresh foods and salads. These will occupy 18,000 square feet of the building.

The third main business will also occupy two floors, with the first floor featuring a steak, seafood and Italian food restaurant. Over the restaurant on the second floor will be a dueling piano bar for music and dancing entertainment. These will occupy 12,200 square feet of the Riverview building.

LaJoice said, if approved, he plans to remove the existing foot bridge over the Shiawassee River and install a new one closer to Caroline.

Riverview will also feature space for four to six retail units.

LaJoice further wowed the audience when he announced there would be 53 condo units built on the fourth, fifth and sixth floors of the tiered Riverview project. The condos will overlook the Shiawessee River. There will be studio, one-, two-, and three-bedroom condos available.

“...on the need for condos and four or five Realtors we’re working with have lists of people who want condos,” LaJoice said.

“Parking has always been my main concern, so in the building there will be a four-deck parking garage featuring 370 parking spaces,” he added.

The top two decks will be dedicated for employees and residents.

Riverview is expected to bring 200 new jobs to the city.

The building is designed with “cut throughs,” leading from one section to another to promote walkability.

Pending all approvals, LaJoice said he plans to break ground on the project in February or March of next year. He anticipates it will take 18 months to complete.

The total cost of the project is not yet known. “We’re still working on that,” said LaJoice.

Mayor Sue Osborn thanked the LaJoice for their commitment to the city of Fenton. “This is really a ‘wow’ project,” she said.

City Manager Lynn Markland said, “We’re looking to build a vibrant, walkable downtown, where people will want to live, work and play.

“This project accomplishes exactly what we’re looking for,” he said. “We can’t wait to get it started.”

The new property is being designed by NORR Architects and built by Schonsiek, Inc. of Wixom.
Hartland grad wants to save the Lions

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Lying life as a Detroit Lions’ fan isn’t easy.

Transplanted Detroit Lions’ fan Jeff Tarnowski, who currently lives in Golden, Colorado, knows it as well as anyone. So Tarnowski, who has Hartland ties, has a way to change the Lions’ luck.

He wants to own the team.

Tarnowski went to a GoFundMe.com page on Tuesday in his quest to raise enough money to buy the Detroit Lions from the Ford family. His goal is to raise $1 billion. The idea came up while watching Sunday’s 28-19 Lions’ loss to the Vikings.

“When you sit around watching the game with your buddies everyone has the comment, ‘If you pay me $1 million I’ll strike out.’ Everyone has ideas on how to do things better. During Sunday’s game with the Vikings it was one of those things that was said and I decided to put my money where my mouth is, but then I decided I didn’t have $1 billion. So, I started it out as a joke. My buddies thought it would be fun. I threw it out there to see what would happen.”

What has happened is Tarnowski, who is a 1999 Hartland graduate, has had $2,370 raised by 138 people as of noon Friday, a tad short of his ultimate goal.

“The goal is to raise $1 billion so I can own the team, so I’m a little short,” Tarnowski said. “That’s the goal. I don’t want to fire the Fords. I just want them to sell the team to me.”

Tarnowski states the following with his “Let’s Buy the Lions” plea — “Let’s face it: The Detroit Lions need a new owner. I’m not going to rant. We all know the situation. Somebody needs to do something about this monstrosity. I am willing to make that sacrifice for all of you before this Honolulu Blue blood is no longer inherited by our offspring.”

The Lions have been owned by the Ford family since William Clay Ford purchased the team for $6 million in November of 1963. Since then, the Detroit Lions have been the laughing stock of the National Football League. Forget going to Super Bowls — since the Ford family has owned the Lions, the organization has won just one playoff football game (1991) and has accomplished the worst season in NFL history by going 0-16 in 2008.

Since 2001, the Lions have posted 12 losing seasons. They are well on their way to the 13th losing mark this season, holding a 1-6 mark.

If the Fords decide not to sell the team or if Tarnowski falls a bit short of his goal, he does have a plan for the money he raises. He’ll give the money to Detroit charities.

‘It’s been about a decade since Tarnowski lived in Michigan, but he remains a loyal Detroit sports fan. He says some of his greatest memories involved going to the Lions’ games on Thanksgiving Day before going to his grandma’s home for dinner. He still tries to go to at least one Lions’ game a year, and watches all the games with other transplanted Lions’ fans in Colorado. He says he listens to Detroit sports radio on the Internet.

“A lot of transplants get together, wear our jerseys every single Sunday,” Tarnowski said. “A bunch of us go do a Tiger weekend every year. … When you go to a Wings and Avalanche game (in Denver), we don’t even consider it a home game for the Avalanche.”

Tarnowski said he’s having fun with the attention he’s received.

“I’ve had my share of support, likes and shares (on Facebook),” Tarnowski said. “I’ve also had some hate mail. It’s received a lot of exposure.”

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News briefs

VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOV. 3

The Fenton City Council elections will be Tuesday, Nov. 3. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. All city of Fenton voters cast their ballots at the St. John Activity Center, 600 North Adelaide St., Fenton. Mayor Sue Osborn is running unopposed for another two-year term. Four are seeking to be elected to three open Fenton City Council seats. City Council terms are for four years. Those running are incumbents Les Bland and Pat Lockwood, and newcomers Nancy Draves and Chenee Smith.
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