

Mild winter weather predicted

■ There's some truth to old wives' tales, says local meteorologist

By Hannah Ball

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Many believe nature can alert people to the severity of the upcoming winter weather.

People believe superstitions like if a dog howls at the full moon, there will be an early snow, or if squirrels bury their acorns deep, it's going to be an intense winter.

More moss on the south side of a tree

signifies a severe winter, as does when rabbits habitually take shelter in brush piles, according to naturealmaac.com.

"I just sort of smile about those things," said J.R. Kirtek, meteorologist at ABC12. "Nature always has a way of letting us know what's happening. You can't entirely dismiss that, but I think there's a

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Local man to run equivalent of four marathons in four days

■ Hoping to raise \$100k for veterans with 100-mile run

By Sharon Stone

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This Friday, Nov. 6, Steve Holmes, 60, of Millington, formerly of Swartz Creek will undertake his grueling task, "The Great Smoky Mountain 100-mile Run."

Holmes will run 100 miles in four days through the Great Smoky Mountains (with a 25-pound backpack of daily essentials) not only to try to raise \$100,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project, but to also change how everyone thinks about Veterans Day, according to his director of communications, Kerry Morgan of Linden.

"We give presents on Valentine's Day, Easter, birthdays, Christmas, even Halloween, but what do we do on Veterans Day for those who have given the most for us," asked Holmes.

With his goal of handing

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Local developers bringing new life to blighted properties



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Contractors work on roughing in the walls and ceiling of a new apartment being built inside "The Gray Lady" in Holly.

■ Seminary, Action Auto, old Topps property most recent examples of improvement

By Vera Hogan

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"Bittersweet" may be the one word that best describes the changes taking place in Fenton and Holly when it comes to dealing with blighted properties.

While no one likes to see historic buildings torn down, sometimes it is for the safety of all to do so, and it will be exciting to see what happens on those now vacant properties.

Most recently, those properties include the old Action Auto site at Silver Lake Road and LeRoy Street, and the old Baptist minister's home at High Street and State Road.

While concrete plans for the Action Auto property, owned by the Hagerman family, have not yet been revealed, given the new life they've breathed into the former Fenton Bean Company building with Red Fox Outfitters, the news can only be good.

The site of the now demolished Baptist minister's home is owned by the city of Fenton. Once the rubble is cleared, city officials will begin discussing ideas for its future use or sale.

Probably the most blighted property in Fenton was the site of the former Topps produce market and Wash King Laundromat. The exciting new "Riverview," project, revealed by Michael and Ashleigh LaJoice last week, will bring that property back to life with housing, entertainment, retail, dancing, parking and more when it is completed in about two years.

In January 2014, the city of Fenton knocked down the former Fenton Area Resource and Referral (FARR) building at 112 Mill Street, near the Fenton Post Office. The building vacant for several years became damaged by water and became blighted.

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\$10 million skilled nursing and rehab facility opens in Fenton

■ Will serve as a 'bridge' for patients between hospital care and returning home

By Sally Rummel

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WellBridge of Fenton, a 100-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility on the corner of Eddy Lake Road and Pine Creek North, plans to open its doors this week to offer a preview for its first residents.

"We've received our initial licensure from the state of Michigan," said Executive Director Ryan Michelson. "Wednesday (today) will be our first admission of 'sample' residents, giving

us the official 'green light' to open. It takes 10 residents living here for six to 10 weeks before being certified to accept additional residents."

WellBridge, a Michigan-based

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“Only in Fenton could people who have never built anything nitpick a fabulous design for a fabulous building being constructed on a blighted site with private funds.

Thank you, Mr. LaJoice, for helping improve our community, please keep up the good work.”

“Hey Governor, Senate and House, here's a novel idea.

Instead of spending all your time trying to figure out a way to raise our taxes to pay for roads, why not cut wasteful programs like free school lunches and hundreds of other illogical social give-a-ways?”

COMMENT
OF THE WEEK

“Just saw some of the new toys for kids. Try not to become ill when you start seeing toy commercials for the Christmas season that reflect the changing landscape of the degenderizing of our once great country.”

Linden's 'Ladies Night Out' is this Saturday

■ Businesses are offering specials, gift baskets, and raffles

By Hannah Ball

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Linden's Ladies Night Out this Saturday will give residents the opportunity to experience specials from Linden businesses, take pictures in a photo booth, and win gift baskets and prizes.

"In Linden, it's been a pretty well-received event. This year we decided to have a small committee to get more people involved," said Kevin Begola, owner of Bridge Street Exchange and event organizer.

Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Linden Fire Department and the event starts at 6 p.m.

The first 250 people to register will receive a reusable designer bag. The fire hall and Masonic Temple will host vendors from around the area. Begola said it's a good step in the right direction to get more businesses involved.

Serendipity Day Spa will have wine tastings as well as discounted spa services, and Bridge 117 Cafe and Market will offer sample tapas for \$1.50 to \$3.

Tracy Sims will read guests' fortunes with a 15-minute Tarot Card reading for \$15, and the Linden Arts Council will sell hand-decorated ornaments for

Christmas trees.

Attendees can try coffee from a Linden roaster, the Mason Jar Coffee Company. For \$2.50 a cup taste blends from Mexico, Ethiopia and Peru.

At 8:30 p.m., 15 gift baskets will be given away at the Crow's Nest. Attendees must collect signatures from all participating businesses to be entered into the raffle to win a gift basket,

All the businesses will be open during the event, and many are having specials and sales. Bridge Street Exchange is offering a free gift with purchase special, and Serendipity is offering services at reduced prices, to name a few.

Begola said they're hoping for 400 to 600 people. "I wouldn't say this is a small event. It's a pretty well-received event and this year with it being on a Saturday, it opens up

for more people to come," Begola said. Men are welcome at the event.

"It's a fun night for women to get out and kick start the holiday shopping and go out and have fun with their friends," he said.

Ladies Night Out

- Fenton's Ladies Night Out is Nov. 13 at 4 p.m.
- Holly's Ladies Night out is Nov. 13 starting at 5 p.m.

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Kevin Begola

Bridge Street Exchange owner, Linden Ladies Night Out organizer

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Backpack program coming to Fenton

■ Shards, Delivering Hope, initiate local weekend food program for hungry students

By Hannah Ball

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Most would say kids going hungry in the Fenton area is not a problem. Tony Shard of Shard Marketing and Branding and Kristen Sobanski of Delivering Hope would disagree.

On Thursday, Shard, along with volunteers from Delivering Hope, filled backpacks full of food delivered by the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan for hungry students in the Fenton school district. The effort is part of a Backpack Program that aims to feed students when they're not at school.

"My son goes to Fenton school district," Shard said. "To think there were kids in my own child's class who can't eat. You just don't associate that with Fenton."

Shard and his wife Margie Shard, who is president of Shard Financial Services, Inc. in Fenton, have been active with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan for the past five years, but this is the first year they partnered with Delivering Hope to bring the Backpack Program to Fenton.

Kristen Sobanski, president of Delivering Hope, said her research showed that 20 percent of students at Fenton Area Public Schools are eligible for government-assisted food programs at school.

"I was shocked myself. The awareness isn't out there," Sobanski said. Her two children will go to Fenton schools.

"To be eligible for a family of four, their annual income is just over \$31,000," she said. "That's not a lot. The government has a lot of programs but it just doesn't stretch far enough."

She created Delivering Hope over the summer, aiming to feed children's minds and bodies by developing this food program and hopefully a scholarship program in the future.

"You can put so much effort toward education but if their basic needs aren't met, you aren't going to get that same impact," she said.

At World of Wonder, the Food Bank



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Delivering Hope volunteer Kristen Dean and her daughter, Emma, 4, help fill backpacks and grocery bags with food on Thursday, Oct. 29 at World of Wonder.

of Eastern Michigan provided two breakfasts, two lunches two dinners, snacks, mac and cheese, Campbell soup, Kind bars and more to fill 48 backpacks. Volunteers, including Shard and Sobanski, helped pack them. Teachers determine which students should be in the program.

The Food Bank provided funding for 24 backpacks, and Delivering Hope funded the rest.

More backpacks are still needed. Students are on a waiting list, hoping to be accepted into the program.

“People don't connect Fenton with starving children and that's a huge misconception.”

Tony Shard

Shard Marketing and Branding

and that's a huge misconception. We don't realize what's going on at our doorstep. It happens in the same classroom as your children."

People can donate at deliveringhopeforkids.org, or by contacting Sobanski at kristen@deliveringhopeforkids.com or (248) 890-3799.

Organizers are also holding a drive to collect cereal for these children. Donations can be dropped off at Uncle Ray's Dairyland, Lafontaine Use Car King, The State Bank and VG's.

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Emily Rath (standing) leads her Saturday chalk paint class at Pigeon in the Parlour in Holly. Chalk paint can be used to add texture to wooden furniture, or enhance or change the existing color with no priming or sanding. "I'm just giving you the basics," she said. "You go and explore with it." Seated (from left) are Carol Bingham of Davison, Tiffany Miller of Linden, Mary Thatcher of Waterford and Bridgette Beck of White Lake.



Finding your 'inner artist'

■ Adult coloring books and social painting classes fuel a trend toward mainstream art

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How many times have you colored in a coloring book with your kids or grandkids, and secretly enjoyed every minute of picking out your own colors and creating your own art?

That love of creativity has fueled a trend of adult coloring books that are now so popular they are topping the Amazon best selling book lists.

If you're a person who prefers to "stay within the lines" in finding your own art talent, you may enjoy selecting among more than 100 adult coloring books that Karen Piacentini sells at her downtown Fenton store, Fenton's Open Book.

"We've got about 100 different adult coloring books in stock, from the popular Secret Garden book

that started it all a couple of years ago to coloring books with different themes or intricate designs," said Piacentini. "We've had them for a couple of years, but now they've become really popular. We sell four or five every day."

Picking up coloring books to channel one's inner artist is just one example of today's trend toward mainstreaming the art of "art."

Even if you have never picked up a watercolor brush or done more than a "doodle" in your life, you can learn to express yourself through art and channel your own creativity.

"I believe anyone can be an artist," said Jean Horcha, president of the Lakes Area Arts Council in Fenton. "Take your time, study it and have the drive to do it."

Another local artist and teacher, Laura Legant of Holly, believes that art is inside everyone. "Art is just expressing who you are."

In its most simple form, art is the expression of human creativity and imagination, typically in a visual form like painting or sculpture primarily for its beauty or emotional power.

People who say they have no

artistic skill have probably not tried any art since they were children in school at art class. Today, a lack of experience doesn't matter; in fact, it binds friends together who can learn a new skill and have fun while doing it.

Legant advises a new artist to find a piece they like in a coloring book and copy it with their own style. "Give yourself permission to start," she said. "Use Sharpie pens, watercolor pencils or gel pens. Take a class."

She owns Inspirations Arts & Crafts Workshop in Holly, and encourages people to come in on Sunday afternoons from 12 to 4 p.m. to pick out a canvas and start to paint or make a ceramic piece.

Another avenue for budding artists may be found in chalk painting classes for painting furniture.

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“Art is just expressing who you are.”

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Bill Press

Air goes out of Jeb Bush balloon

Once again, the media got it wrong. That big blimp circling out of control over Pennsylvania farmland this week? It wasn't an Army experiment from Aberdeen Proving Ground, after all. It was the Jeb Bush campaign, leaking air as it made one final, desperate pass over a key battleground state before crashing and burning.

But Bush wasn't the only loser in the latest GOP dust-up. Oddly enough, there were two big losers, before we even got to the candidates.

The first big loser was the American people. Consider: This is only the end of October. Yet we've already suffered through four presidential debates, three by Republican candidates and one by Democrats.

Second big loser? CNBC, which never should have been trusted with hosting a presidential debate. Any local television station could have done a better job.

The night's big winner? Hands down, Marco Rubio. Young, articulate and smart as a whip, he always seemed the most likely to break out of the pack, and finally did. Wednesday night's performance catapults Rubio into the top tier.

If Rubio had a great night, Donald Trump had an off night. Ben Carson had an even worse night. All those people who tuned in especially to get their first look at the candidate who recently soared to first place in the Iowa polls must have been scratching their heads and asking: Who? What? Why?

Yet all of the above fared better than Jeb Bush, for which Wednesday's debate was, or should be, the end of the line. His campaign was hurting, anyway. Bush was never able to connect with voters. He quickly sank to single digits in the polls and was forced to cut staff salaries just last week.

But his big mistake came in challenging Rubio for missing so many votes in the Senate. When that exchange was over, Bush looked like a washed-up old boxer beat to a pulp by a rookie.

For a while, Jeb Bush was the establishment favorite. His campaign had everything going for it: experience, tons of money, big-name endorsements and universal name-recognition. In the end, all it lacked was a candidate.

I'M CALLING ABOUT the gas tax and registration fees and taxes they're proposing in Lansing. We're one of the biggest gas tax states in the U.S. If Snyder thinks taxing people is going to keep us here, we're not going to. Family members down south paid \$42 for car registration fees. I just spent over \$542 for four cars.

FOR TWO WEEKS, I got my garbage picked up without tags because there weren't any tags to have. This week they wouldn't pick up my garbage because I didn't buy more tags. They won't let people sell their tags back and we've already been charged on our water bill for the pickup. That's Fenton.

THE DEMOCRAT LIBERALS will peck away at the gun laws until they eventually get their way. Too many people forget what happened in the early '30s in Germany. They took away the people's firearms. When you take away people's arms, you no longer have a nation.

THE LOSER IN the televised debate last night was CNBC because of the snarky unimaginative questions. They were horrible. The winners were Cruz, Fiorina, Rubio and Christie and, of course, America because any one of those would be a better president than what we've had for the last seven years.

WATCHING THE REPUBLICAN debate I literally turned red with embarrassment at the immaturity of the CNBC moderators. Their meaningless, child-like questions made us look like fools to the entire world. No wonder so many people have lost all faith in the honesty of the media.

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REGARDING SPORTS AT Lake Fenton, the season is nearly over and we can be thankful that no one was killed or injured on the Lake Fenton Cross Country team as each day they run on the road for practice. Isn't the large athletic complex at the high school large enough for practice running?

I PAID \$263 for the license plate on my truck and now I'm going to have to pay more than that? The people who vote on this are the people who drive government cars. They don't buy license plates.

WHEN YOU THINK of Hillary Clinton do you think of the email scandal or the Benghazi scandal? Do you think of the FBI investigation or of the corrupt goings-on at the Clinton Foundation or the fact that she wants to increase taxes and regulations to increase this horrible economy?

DOCTOR OTTO WARBURG in 1923 discovered cancer is the replacement of oxygen in the cell with fermentation of sugar. The resulting growth is a fungus that thrives in an acidic environment. It cannot exist in the alkaline environment. He earned a Nobel Prize in 1931. Sugar is the most acid-producing food we consume.

UNDER OBAMA, ALL of the following have gone up: taxes, regulations, crime, poverty, racial tension, illegal immigration, foreign threats, health care costs and terrorists and criminals being released. The worst president ever in history.

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FROM THE RIGHT
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Cal Thomas

Hillary escapes again

A special House committee investigating the terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya, on September 11, 2012 that killed Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans may have helped Hillary Clinton become president of the United States.

The former secretary of state refused an invitation to testify in private, as other witnesses had done, probably because she thought her appearance would benefit her presidential prospects in at least three ways: She could make the Republican committee members look inept; the major media would protect her, and average people would not pay attention; if they did, they would believe what the media told them. She was right on all three counts.

Republican members were unable to rattle her or get her to admit she lied when she initially blamed the attack on terrorists in emails to her daughter and in a call to Egypt's prime minister but said in public that the attacks were inspired by a crude Internet video satirizing the Prophet Mohammed.

If the public were paying attention — and in the age of the Kardashians that is doubtful — they probably wouldn't care if Hillary Clinton lied about Benghazi or her emails. The bar for honesty among politicians is so low that it is no longer news when politicians lie.

The major media are openly and shamelessly boosting Clinton and her presidential campaign and will continue to clear a path for her all the way to the Democratic presidential nomination and to Election Day. Every major newspaper declared Hillary the winner in the 11-hour marathon hearing. So, too, the TV networks.

A USA Today Weekend headline said: 'Plenty of Fireworks, No Smoking Gun.'

ABC's 'World News Tonight,' which usually doesn't worry about government spending, featured anchor David Muir complaining three times about the cost of the Benghazi investigation.

Appearing on the 'CBS Evening News,' political director John Dickerson said that Clinton 'avoid(ed)' falling into any 'pitfalls' as those questioning her fought 'like cats and dogs.'

The big question for Republicans is who is strong and credible enough to take Hillary Clinton on in a debate after first securing the party's nomination? Ask me that question in March.

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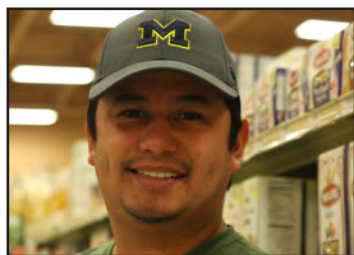
What's your 'poor' meal from childhood?

streettalk



"Meatloaf. Salmon out of a can with potatoes and corn. I liked it. That was probably the cheapest one. I think it was only a couple bucks a can."

— Marty Norton
Fenton Township



"Kraft mac and cheese and cut up hot dogs. It was when I was little."

— Scott Wallace
Fenton



"Pinto beans, potato and meat. Always. Beans are always the side dish. We always had pinto beans, they're healthy."

— Ron Deaver
Fenton Township



"Macaroni, hamburger, and stewed tomatoes a couple times a month. Elbow mac and cheese, but no cheese. It was very good."

— Rich Fannon
Fenton Township



"Probably rice, beans, tomatoes, and tortillas. Mexican rice and refried beans. Everything was homemade. We had it three times a week."

— Ashley Sabo
Fenton

High school counselors wear many hats

■ Stress among top struggles teens face

By Vera Hogan

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There is no such thing as a “typical day” for high school counselors.

Every day is different, said Michelle Pietraszkiewicz, a counselor at Fenton High School for 13 years.

“You never know what each day is going to bring, that’s what keeps it interesting,” Pietraszkiewicz said. “Some days you go home and cry because something a student told you broke your heart and you just want to take them home with you.

“On other days you go home and you are excited because one of your students got into the college of their dreams or got a great scholarship that you recommended them for,” she added. “So you just never know. You just hope for more of the excited, happy days than the sad, heartbreaking days.

Pietraszkiewicz said she helps students with all kinds of issues, both personal and academic.

Some personal issues Pietraszkiewicz said she deals with include suicidal ideation, depression, anxiety, personal conflicts within the family or with peers, drug or alcohol abuse within the family or friends, homelessness, divorce and more.

“Academic issues we deal with include scheduling, testing, academic difficulty, credit recovery, dual enrollment, college advising, college applications and recommendations, helping students find and apply for scholarships and other types of

financial aid, and career planning,” she added.

“For me personally, I have had fewer teen pregnancies,” said Pietraszkiewicz. “I have had more students with anxiety issues. Students are stressed and there seems to be much more pressure put on them these days and some just don’t know how to handle it.

“We also have more students in need,” she added. “The economic changes have affected many families. We do our best to make sure students’ daily needs are met, as well as helping them out during the holidays and with items they need for school including graduation gowns, backpacks, school supplies and prom tickets, for example.”

Pietraszkiewicz said the number of students she and the other two high school counselor service at Fenton High School is between 375 and 400 students.

In addition to helping these students, a counselor has many other duties including standardized testing, scheduling, classroom presentations, writing recommendations for college and scholarship applications, running groups such as Ala-Teen, said Pietraszkiewicz.

“You are constantly juggling and prioritizing to get everything done,” she added. “I also think it is very important for students to have someone to talk to at

school or even outside of school.”

Pietraszkiewicz said people generally take care of their bodies and get physicals with a doctor at least once a year. “It is also important to take care of ourselves and our children emotionally,” she said.

According to usnews.com, the biggest misconception is that counselors are only in place for scheduling. Most people don’t understand that most school counselors are therapeutically trained to counsel individuals.

Services for students who are struggling academically sometimes go underused. Sometimes students are embarrassed to ask for help. Counselors can sit down with the student’s teachers, for example, or connect students with peers dealing with similar struggles so they can learn from one another.

Counselors also can offer families strategies on parenting and helpful advice on how to connect with their children.

Students can seek one-on-one help from their school counselor to discuss personal issues, such as bullying, or seek crisis counseling.

It is a myth that counselors conduct therapy sessions in schools. School counselors are trained to be the front line in terms of assessing what the issues are in a child’s life, but if they feel something

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“Some days you go home and cry because something a student told you broke your heart and you just want to take them home with you.”

Michelle Pietraszkiewicz
Fenton High School counselor

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report

WANTED KENTUCKY WOMAN APPREHENDED IN FENTON

On Monday, Oct. 26, at 8 a.m. Fenton police responded to the 17000 block of Silver Parkway to apprehend a Kentucky resident suspected of an armed robbery of a fast-food restaurant in Kentucky. Lt. Jason Slater said authorities in that state advised Fenton police to locate the 32-year-old woman and to take her into custody for extradition back to Kentucky. The woman, who had been staying with a friend, was transported to the Fenton police station for processing and then lodged in the county jail as she awaited transportation back to Kentucky.

AREA WOMEN SENTENCED FOR 2014 EMBEZZLEMENT SCHEME

A Hartland Township woman has received probation after pleading guilty to embezzling from the Hartland Township Walmart. Sherri Noder, 38, was charged with embezzling \$1,000 to \$20,000 from the store in October 2014. She was sentenced to 18 months of probation Thursday in Livingston County Circuit Court. In entering her plea earlier last month, she acknowledged that she and two co-defendants, Cynthia Ridley of Hartland Township, and Joan Skwirsk of Holly, scanned purchases for one another, then deleted the transactions as if they did not happen, stealing the merchandise in the process.

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News briefs

Ribbon cutting for Fenton Township dog park

Fenton Township will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the approximately 35-acre community park that will include a two-acre dog park this Thursday at 4:30 p.m. The park is located off Thompson Road just east of Wiggins Road. At the Monday board of trustees meeting, Fenton Township Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said to wear boots if anyone plans to attend because there will be some walking.

Adopt-A-Pet to offer discounted adoption fees

Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton is hosting two events this month in hopes of reaching the goal of getting 1,000 animals adopted in 2015. On Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the shelter, at 13575 North Fenton Rd., will be hosting “Super Saturday,” and on Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Adopt-A-Pet will hold “Freaky Friday.” Both events will offer discounted adoption rates for adult dogs and cats. Potential adopters are welcome to visit the center, meet the animals and adopt that day — pending application approval.

Adult cats will cost \$5 and adult dogs are \$50. All animals will come ready for adoption with up-to-date vaccines, microchips and are spayed or neutered. Some animals, puppies and kittens, will not apply to the discounted rates. For more information on Super Saturday and Freaky Friday, or to see a photos and descriptions of available animals, visit www.AdoptAPetFenton.com. To speak with Adopt-A-Pet personnel, call (810) 629-0723.

Veterans Day Breakfast

The Fenton Rotary Club is hosting a Veterans Day Breakfast on **Tuesday, Nov. 10, beginning at 7:15 a.m.** The event will take place at Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden. Admission for veterans is free; guests are \$10. Attendees will be joined by guest speaker, retired U.S. Army Sgt. Nicholas Koulchar, who will share his account of his four years of Army service and injuries sustained in combat. Koulchar will also touch on his para-cycling experience and events to raise awareness for Wounded Warriors. Those wishing to attend are asked to RSVP by emailing scottbward28@gmail.com or by calling (810) 241-4848.

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PROPERTIES

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The city of Fenton paid \$19,500 for the home. Plans for the vacant lot there have not yet been determined.

Moving east to Holly, there is another once blighted building that has made the news in recent years.

Known as "The Gray Lady," the home and property at 102 First Street was sold to Matthew McDonald of Walled Lake in the summer of 2013 for \$30,100.

This marked another step of the journey for the vacant multi-unit home on which was originally facing a date with the wrecking ball.

The Holly Village Council received three proposals for the property, with the one from McDonald accepted because the other two were based on a land contract plan, which would have kept the liability in the hands of the village.

The Gray Lady is now a four-unit apartment house. McDonald said the first two units have been rented for some time and the remaining two will be available on Dec. 1 and Jan. 1 respectively.

McDonald said the home was gutted down to the studs. Everything was reinforced structurally and it has all new mechanical and electrical.

"We restored a lot of the outside, too, including a new roof," said McDonald. "We kept some of the exterior siding because some cedar shingles were found under the siding."

McDonald, who has two other restored, single-family rentals in Holly. A financial advisor with McDonald Investments in Walled Lake, McDonald credits his contractor, Travis Parker, for doing much of the work on The Gray Lady.

He said he is pleased to have been able to save the house. "It would have been a parking lot," he said.

This summer, Cari Cucksey, host of the popular HGTV show "Cash & Cari," brought her talents to the village of Holly.

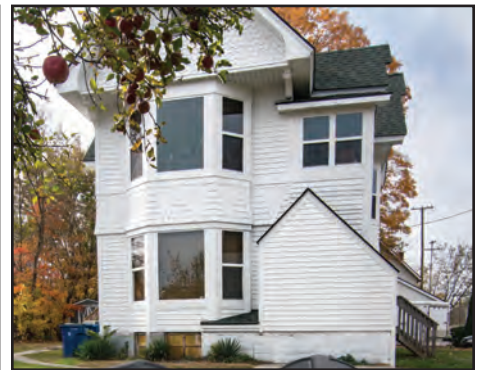
SUMMARY

■ Thanks to a few investors and developers, new life is being breathed into some formerly blighted properties in Fenton and Holly.



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The new apartment inside the building formerly known as "The Gray Lady" will feature a loft, with a spiral staircase.



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The property at 102 First St. in Holly was blighted (left) until purchased in 2013. Nicknamed "The Gray Lady" at the time, the building is now painted white (right) and has been renovated. It features four apartments.

Cucksey is the new owner of the former, historic Holly Village Offices building at 202 South Saginaw St., which became vacant when the village offices were moved to the Karl Richter Campus last year.

The previous owners, who purchased the building from the village of Holly in 2013 for \$411,000 on a three-year land contract, did extensive interior renovations, which included approximately 4,500 square feet in living quarters. The

owners ultimately decided to move back to Florida and listed the building for sale.

Cucksey and her representative reached a deal with former owners, which includes a five-year land contract.

Cucksey, a 1993 graduate of Fenton High School, said she and her husband often visited Holly and love the historic, small-town atmosphere. The historic building features their businesses and living quarters.

"It's the right fit for us," she said.

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ANNIVERSARY



Harris' to celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Grady and Arlene (Weaver) Harris of Linden will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on November 11, 2015. The couple was married at the First Presbyterian Church of Flint in 1955. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have three children, Kellie (Rene) Steger of Powhatan, Virginia, Kerry Harris of Linden and Kevin Harris of Flushing and one granddaughter, Briana Gallinat.



Mark McCabe 67th District Court Ask the judge

The Michigan Attorney General

Michigan's Constitution provides for there to be an office of the Attorney General. It is the fourth ranking office in Michigan and one of four great offices of state.

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This is an extremely important position and in recent years I'm confident that most people know that the Attorney General has represented the state in some very significant legal matters ranging from the validity of life sentences for juveniles, gay marriage and affirmative action. It is the Attorney General's responsibility to ensure that the positions of the State are heard and protected.

What may not be generally known is how these powers are exercised and some of the other powers and duties that the Attorney General has. The following illustrate just a few examples:

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William Schuette is our present Attorney General and is the 54th person to hold the office.

Of historical and local interest is the fact that Michigan's very first Attorney General was one Daniel LeRoy. He previously had been a Michigan judge and served as Attorney General from 1836 to 1837. He moved to Fenton afterward where he had his law office. There is an historical plaque on the site of his former law office on South LeRoy Street across from the First Presbyterian Church. He died in 1858 and is buried in Fenton's Old Prospect Hill Cemetery.

WEATHER

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little more science involved than just that."

He said he's heard beliefs about the bushiness of a squirrel's tail and woolly bear worms to predict the coming winter weather.

"Various people have various things they use," he said. "When people are that into it, they claim that's the best."

"In many wives' tales, there's some validity in virtually anything. 'Red sky at night, sailors' delight' — there's some truth in that but there are also exceptions to the rules, which makes them the rules," he said.

One old source is the Farmer's Almanac. The Farmer's Almanac, which people have used to predict weather since 1792, predicted colder temperatures and snow during the week of November 3-8, even though the temperatures locally have been in the 70s. The almanac also predicts a harsh winter.

This winter will be "colder than normal, with below-normal precipitation and generally below-normal snowfall," according to the Farmer's Almanac. "The coldest periods will be in early to mid-December, late December, and early to mid- and mid-to-late January and February. The snowiest periods will be in late November, December, mid-January, and early and late February."

RUN

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over a \$100,000 check to the Wounded Warrior Project this Veterans Day in Frankenmuth, Holmes looks to inspire the nation to begin a new tradition — to kick off every holiday season and do something big for veterans.

Holmes, an avid runner with 30-Crims under his belt, was on one of his frequent runs thinking to himself that he has never given a single dime for the freedom that he wakes up to and enjoys every day. One of his three sons, Steve, Jr. had served in the military (Honor Guard) he had given, but Holmes had not done anything for his freedom yet.

After that run, Holmes walked into his house and Bruce Willis was on TV making an impassioned appeal for The Wounded Warrior Project. He knew instantly what he needed to do. The seed was planted and the Great Smoky Mountains 100-Mile Run to benefit The Wounded Warrior Project was born.

Morgan grew up with Holmes and has known him for more than 50 years. He is so proud of his friend and knows that because of his drive and athleticism, he will accomplish this goal. He hopes that people do not just think about veterans, but do something to help them.

Kirtek said the Farmer's Almanac doesn't reveal how they predict the weather. "They just say they've been doing it this way for decades and decades. Interestingly, the Farmer's Almanac isn't necessarily lining up with what the outlets from National Weather Service are saying."

The National Weather Service is saying this weather is going to be warmer because of the big El Niño currently in progress.

Kirtek said it's an upwelling of warm water located in the eastern Pacific. The California current is typical cold, but it becomes warm during an El Niño.

"That's the reason that Hurricane Patricia blossomed from category one to five in just a matter of a day in a half," Kirtek said.

Kirtek declined to comment on his predictions for the 2015-2016 winter, but he said the El Niño could have an effect on winter because they typically bring warmer weather.

Many weather sources are reporting that this winter will be warmer because of the El Niño. The northern Midwest will see above average temperatures this winter, while the south and east coast will have below average temperatures due to the warm current, according to weather.com and accuweather.com.

"For that reason alone the 90-day outlook from the National Weather Service is saying it's going to be a mild winter," he said.



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Beginning this Friday, 60-year-old Steve Holmes (left) plans to run 100 miles in four days to raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Project. He will be accompanied on the trek by his son Steve Holmes Jr. and Nate Erbman, who will document the entire trip using a GoPro video camera.

Holmes' son, Steve Jr. and Nate Erbman will join him on the run with cameras donated by GoPro in order to live video-stream the Run to Wounded Warriors, and others on their Website.

For more information and to donate, contact Morgan at (810) 516-7774 or kwmorgan44@gmail.com or go to their website at www.GreatSmokyMountains100-MileRun.com.

MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON RECENTLY

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House Bill 4195: Limit some government "venture capital investment" spending

To prohibit the state from pledging any more future tax revenue to guarantee investor returns under an "early stage venture capital investment" program authorized by a 2003 law. The bill would not affect several other government "venture capital" schemes however, including a "Venture Capital Development" program under the Granholm-era "21st Century Jobs Fund" rubric, a "Venture Match Fund," a "Venture Development Fund," an "Accelerator Fund," past grants to a "Venture Capital Association" and more.

Passed 36 to 0 in the Senate
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Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES

Senate Bill 539: Expand "promise zone" tax increment financing authorities

To expand from 10 to 15 the number of "promise zone" tax increment financing authorities (TIFA) located in low income and "low educational attainment" areas. These entities "capture" a portion of any increases in the state portion of school property tax revenue in the area, and use the money to partially subsidize college tuition for local students.

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WellBridge of Fenton currently employs about 30 people, with projections of future employment of more than 100.

The construction project has been in the works since April 2014, when

“This brand new facility fits in perfectly with the new Streetscape, Cornerstone, Chassé project and all the other upcoming businesses in Fenton.”

Ryan Michelson

WellBridge of Fenton executive director



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WellBridge of Fenton cost more than \$10 million to construct. The 70,000-square-foot facility opens this week with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday.

WellBridge received its building permit from the city of Fenton. Controversy from concerned neighbors surrounded the early planning phase of the project, as the land had formerly been slated for townhouse development, before the housing boom went bust in Michigan.

The Douglas Company of Holland, Ohio served as construction managers for the project. Final costs of the facility are estimated

at “just over \$10 million,” according to Michelson.

“They’re already talking about a supplemental project to this initial development,” said Mike Reilly, building and zoning administrator for the city of Fenton. “They bought more property around this immediate facility. We’ll be waiting to hear what their future plans are.”

Additional WellBridge locations are planned at Genesee Health Park in Grand Blanc and in Pinckney, slated for completion in 2016.

“We are excited to be opening,” said Michelson. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned on Thursday, Nov. 19.

COUNSELORS

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more in-depth is going on they will refer the student to a therapist.

School counselors are in the profession because they want to connect with students, and because they want to help them and help to make a difference in their lives.”

Nicole Festian has been a counselor at Holly High School since May of 2012.

As a counselor, there are more than a dozen services offered to students. They include: academic guidance, graduation requirements, credit recovery, post high school planning, family concerns, social adjustments, substance abuse, self harm, suicidal ideation and many more.

“Teen problems requiring counseling have changed over the years,” Festian said. “One major example would be the concern of cyber-bullying and/or harassment with the increase in social media use.

“Another hot topic that’s grown over the years is a heavier emphasis on college and career readiness,” she added. “I believe we’ve always prepped students for post-secondary plans, but we’ve increased the awareness with implementation of Career Cruising and National College Awareness Week. Post-Secondary Planning and Career Readiness are also very hot topics at a state level at this current time.”

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Brenda Hasse (left) and Karen Piacentini enjoy a recent painting party at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center through the Lakes Area Arts Council.

ARTIST

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Classes taught at Pigeon in the Parlour in Holly are some of the store’s most popular customer activities.

Art has become more mainstream with the popularity of “painting parties” that provide a social time of fun, and usually wine, among friends while following an artist’s instructions for a particular painting.

Piacentini has also attended several painting parties through the Lakes Area Arts Council at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. “I’m not creative at

all,” admitted Piacentini. “But I liked the picture we were going to paint. It’s amazing when we all paint the same picture how different each person’s painting is.”

One local resident, Nancy Schollhammer of Fenton Township, is riding the wave of this new form of art with the opening of her own business, Painting With a Twist, on Nov. 3, at the Silver Parkway Plaza in Fenton.

“I’ve never been an artist, but I went to a couple of parties and I loved it,” she said. “It helps you express your feelings and gives you a carefree two hours. Plus, you leave with something you’re proud of.”

Blue Devils get their revenge versus Corunna, 29-27

■ Face Flint Powers in district title game on Friday

By David Troppens

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Eric Doyle knew his Lake Fenton varsity football squad was better than a 5-4 team.

The varsity football head coach knew his team was good enough to win a Genesee Area Conference Red Division crown this year as well. The Blue Devils

(6-4) took some good steps toward proving that point on Friday night.

Lake Fenton avenged a 35-28 home loss to Corunna from earlier this season by earning a 29-27 opening-round playoff win on Corunna's home field.

"Yeah, we held on," Doyle said. "Oh, man was it

tight, but that's what we do.

"We knew we were a better football team than 5-4. We feel we are as good as anyone in the league. We played a lot of teams tight."

Lake Fenton's next game will be against Flint Powers at Atwood Stadium, Friday at 7 p.m.

The Blue Devils led most of the game, and took a 29-20 lead with 1:04 left when the offense capped an 85-yard

drive with a Trent Hillger two-yard TD run. However, Corunna came right back and scored on a TD pass, cutting the gap to 29-27 with under a minute left.

Corunna recovered the onside kick, but the Lake Fenton defense iced the victory, getting the ball back on downs. The final Corunna play was a fourth-and-five bubble screen pass which Andrew Foerster stopped, giving Lake Fenton the win.

The Blue Devils had a 15-14 lead at

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TREVOR WRIGHT

Photo by: Scott Schupbach



INSIDE SPORTS

LINDEN XC

Linden boys qualify for state for 10th straight year
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ONLINE EXCLUSIVES

► Read about Friday's playoff games here first, visit tctimes.com

PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Division 2, Region 2 District 1

Friday's Games

Fenton 21, Holly 20
Holly ends season at 5-5.
Midland Dow 42,
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Nov. 6 District Final

Midland Dow (8-2) at Fenton (9-1), 7 p.m.

Division 3, Region 2 District 2

Friday's Games

Orchard Lake St. Mary's 49, John Glenn 7
Linden 20, Ortonville-Brandon 2

Nov. 6 District Final

Linden (8-2) at Orchard Lake St. Mary's (8-1), 7 p.m.

Division 4, Region 3 District 1

Friday's Games

Flint Powers Catholic 41, Goodrich 0
Lake Fenton 29, Corunna 27

Nov. 6 District Final

Lake Fenton (6-4) vs. Flint Powers at Atwood Stadium, 7 p.m.

Note: Look for Friday night's results at tctimes.com.

Tigers win a thriller vs. Holly

■ Two-point conversion falls short, in Fenton's 21-20 playoff victory

By David Troppens

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Fenton — The playoffs are about one thing.

If you win, you survive.

The Fenton Tigers subscribe to that theory after Friday night's 21-20 district semifinal victory against the injury-riddled Holly Bronchos at Fenton High School.

Holly's two-point conversion attempt was broken up when Holly backup QB Cade Dallwitz tripped and attempted a failed shuttle pass, giving the Tigers the tight victory.

For a good chunk of the contest it appeared as if the Metro champion Fenton Tigers were facing a much more determined Holly Bronchos' squad, but when it was over, it was the Tigers who found a way to advance to Friday's Division 2 district title game against Midland Dow at home.

"It shows we can face adversity no matter what," Fenton



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Fenton's Dylan Crankshaw (left) tries to run downfield as Holly's Paris Partee attempts to tackle him during the Tigers' 21-20 victory against the Bronchos.

senior linebacker Peyton Coffman said. "We stuck together and won the game."

"We haven't played a full all-around game yet, and we need to against Dow if we want to win a district championship and get the first 10-win season

in Fenton history," said another senior, defensive lineman Mason McCormick.

The Holly Bronchos held their own throughout despite the eventual injuries of starting quarterback Garrett Stapleton
See **TIGERS** on 11

Eagles soar past Brandon

By Jordan Climie

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Linden — The Black-hawks were coming in with a playoff-clinching victory, while the Eagles were coming off a tough loss to their crosstown rivals. But it was Linden that lives to play again this season with a 20-3 win over Brandon in the pre-district match.

"We played wonderfully," head coach Denny Hopkins said. "Our defense stepped up, held the line of scrimmage. We tackled tonight."

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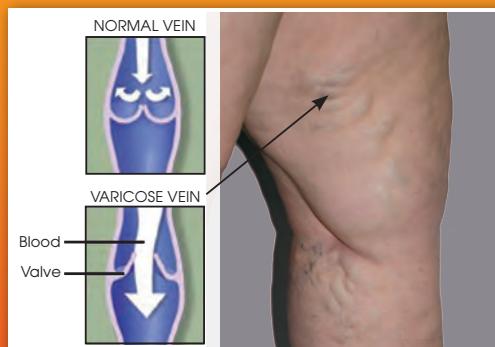
Linden's Bailey Davis stretches out for a pass in the Eagles' 20-3 win against Brandon

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Fenton XC captures D1 regional championship

By David Troppens
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The last time the Fenton varsity boys cross country team has captured a regional title was in 2006.

At the time, head coach Jesse Anderson was a sophomore on the team, helping earn the Tigers the right to lift the regional championship trophy.

This time he's a rookie coach with the squad.

The Tigers continued their remarkable turnaround this season by earning what was only the third regional crown in school history at the Division 1 regional meet held at Delta College on Saturday. The other three tri-county area squads at the meet missed out on team invitations to the state meet. The Holly varsity boys squad placed seventh. The top three teams in each regional race qualified for the D1 state meet to be held at Michigan International Speed-

way (MIS) on Saturday.

"Winning regionals is a big deal," Anderson said. "This is only the third title in school history and the second since 1969. Doing it at the D1 level is even harder. We're proud of it, obviously. The guys were able to do it by working hard all year, and on race day, racing smart."

On the girls' side, Fenton placed fifth, while Holly recorded a 10th-place team finish.

The Fenton boys were the main story at Delta. Fenton's top trio of runners — Jacob Lee, Dominic Dimambro and Andrew Bond — finished second, third and fourth, respectively, helping the Tigers (82 points) capture the regional crown with just one point less than runner-up Bay City Western (83).

"They ran smart, and I don't know if there's been any meet this year where any of them have been passed in the third

mile of a race," Anderson said. "It speaks to how tough of racers these guys are."

The rest of the Fenton runners did well. Luke Chabot finished 28th (17:09.06), while Nolan Day finished 45th (17:34.97). Fenton's final two runners were Mitchell Chabot in 47th (17:39.34) and Isaac Moore in 50th (17:55.27).

Holly's boys will have one individual heading to MIS — senior Dillon Lemond (16:15.86) placed sixth, earning a spot at the state meet. Any runner finishing in the top 15 of a regional race qualifies for the state meet individually.

The rest of Holly's scoring five were: Blake Staffne in 21st (16:57.74), Michael Ponkey in 23rd (17:04.38), Francisco Valdovinos in 41st (17:30.81) and Emilio Gomez in 43rd (17:32.81).

Holly and Fenton will have a female runner representing their



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The Fenton varsity boys cross country team celebrates capturing a regional title on Saturday.

school at the state meet. Holly's Lauren Hackett placed ninth (19:30.10), earning an individual bid. Meanwhile, Fenton's Cami Tiemann placed 11th (19:37.26) and will be making the trip to MIS.

The rest of Fenton's top five runners were: Emma Lane in 18th (20:00.27), Bri Costigan in

23rd (20:21.45), Jenna Keiser in 44th (21:30.91) and Emily Battaglia in 45th (21:32.25).

The rest of Holly's scoring five were: Chloe Konopitski in 49th (21:50.26), Maris Humphreys in 59th (22:18.14), Hannah Landerwerlen in 71st (23:44.50) and Legan Rose in 84th (25:34.07).

Linden cross country teams continue streaks, headed to state meet

By David Troppens

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Over the last decade, the cross country programs have become Linden High School's most dominant athletic squads.

That trend is continuing this season.

The Linden cross country teams continued two impressive streaks on Saturday. The Linden girls captured their fourth straight Division 2 regional championship, while the Linden boys qualified for the Division 2 state meet for the 10th straight season, while competing at the Division 2 regional held at Hess-Hathaway Park on

Saturday.

Lake Fenton also competed at the D2 regional, qualifying three individuals to the state meet.

The Linden girls had an outstanding performance at the meet, placing four of the top five runners in the regional race. That list started with regional champion runner Alia Frederick. The junior, who is competing in just her first season as a cross country runner, won the race rather handily, posting a time of 19:40.4, almost 15 seconds better than Goodrich freshman Jillian Lange's second-place time of 19:45.0.

After Lange, quickly came the rest of the Lady Eagles. Freshman Audrey Steiert took third (20:16), and was followed by senior teammates Taylor Ganger in fourth (20:17.9) and Jordan Holscher in fifth (20:26.4).

Maya Gossett made it five Linden finishers within the top 12 by taking 12th with a time of 21:02.6. Linden's other two runners were Kristina Lachowicz in 32nd (22:30.6) and Meghan Hitt in 33rd (22:30.6).

Linden's team score of 24 points was a school-best record. Goodrich finished second with 59 points. Lake Fenton's girls

placed seventh with 181 points. The top three teams and any individual finishing within the top 15 qualify for the state meet.

The Linden girls will be making their sixth team appearance to the state cross country meet, which will be held Saturday at Michigan International Speedway (MIS).

The Linden boys have made qualifying for the state meet a 10-year habit and did so by taking third with a team score of 82 points. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep won the team title with 50 points, while Orchard Lake St. Mary's was second with 58 points. Lake Fenton's boys placed ninth (224).

The Linden boys didn't have the true front runner, but had all of its top five runners finish within the top 21 and the entire starting seven finish within the top 30.

Sophomore Nick McDonald led the Eagles by taking eighth (17:06.9), while senior Jack Eck was 14th (17:16.5). The rest of Linden's runners were: Chase Morse in 19th (17:43.1), Kagen Griffith in 20th (17:44.9), Tanner Blaney in 21st (17:47.7), Ryan Crutchfield in 24th (17:50.3) and Skyler Zieske in 30th (18:07.1).

"I didn't even think about the 10 consec-



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | KLARI FREDERICK

Linden's Alia Frederick (front) and Lake Fenton's Lydia Horski run during the regional meet.

utive years at the finals until it was pointed out to me," Linden boys cross country coach Clint Lawhorne said. "I think I am most proud that within that streak eight of our last nine seasons have resulted in top 10 finishes at the finals."

"Considering only four of our seven varsity competitors had any varsity experience to draw upon from last year, I am very pleased that they have been able to come up with solid performances each time this fall in big races."

Lake Fenton also has two girls who placed high enough to earn a state trip. Freshman Lydia Horski placed seventh (20:36.5) making her first regional an enjoyable one. Meanwhile, senior Alexis Cash also qualified for the state meet by taking 11th (20:58.6).

The boys also had one performer earn a state trip, junior Thomas Mueller. Muller

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Ryan Young runs upfield during the Eagles' 20-3 victory versus Brandon.

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The Linden defense was strong out of the gate, holding Brandon's high-powered option offense scoreless in the first half. The defensive prowess was demonstrated to the fullest extent by junior Trenton Strang, who had a sack on 4th down to bring the ball back to Linden's offense, as well as a fumble recovery on the next Brandon drive that did the same.

The Eagles could have asked for more on offense, causing several false start penalties as well as sending a few passes that sailed just beyond the fingertips of receivers.

"We shot ourselves in the foot three different times when we should have scored," Hopkins said.

Aaron Sarkon did have two long passes under pressure to keep separate drives alive, one to Nolan Hill and the other to Kevin Bates. The pass from Sarkon to Hill set up the first play of the second quarter, a three-yard touchdown scamper to the outside by Ryan Young.

Hopkins said they didn't change the game plan at halftime. "We just told the kids to keep playing."

The defense and offense both kept on the grind. Linden only allowed a field goal, while it added two rushing touchdowns. After a drive that ended on 4th and goal on the 31-yard line due to penalties and lost yardage from tackles, the Eagles came out on the next offensive drive to end with a one-yard touchdown run from Bates.

After the Linden defense came up strong again to cause a turnover on downs with 6 minutes left, Young added a four-yard touchdown run.

Sarkon completed 12-of-19 passes for 210 yards. Nolan Hill caught four of those passes for 86 yards, while Kevin Bates (41 yards) and Bailey Davis (21 yards) caught three each.

The defense held Brandon to just 148 yards. Skyler Stites had 11 total tackles, including three for loss. Zackary Brown had eight total tackles, while Cade Dickson had seven tackles including two for loss.

Next up, traveling to Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

"We've played them in the past," Hopkins said. "The kids are excited."

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and running back Javon Barr. The teams were tied 7-all at halftime, and Holly took a 14-7 lead early in the third quarter on a Paris Partee one-yard TD run.

During Fenton's fifth possession of the second half, the Tigers got the game-tying score, driving 69 yards on 10 plays. The big play was a 32-yard completion from Josh Czarnota to Greg Lukas, setting Fenton up at the Holly 24. Four plays later, Shane Kolinski ran left and scored on a four-yard TD run. Lukas made the second of his three extra points and the Tigers were tied 14-all with 7:45 remaining in the fourth.

Fenton took the lead on its next possession, driving 68 yards on nine plays. Czarnota capped the drive with a tough 26-yard TD run around the right side, breaking a few tackles during the run. Fenton led 21-14 with 2:42 left.

But the Bronchos (5-5) answered with a 13-play 73-yard drive for the game-tying score. Dallwitz, a freshman, completed six passes during the drive, capped by a 20-yard TD reception to Matt Barnett on a third-and-15 play. Barnett broke two tackles and dove into the end zone, cutting the gap to 21-20 with 21.9 seconds left. The Bronchos tried to go for the two-point conversion, but the Tigers' defense held, clinching the Tigers' playoff victory. The loss ended a season that saw Holly go from an 0-9 squad to a playoff squad over the period of just one year.

"It hurts, but it shows that there is more to come (in the future)," Holly senior linebacker Christian Diaz said. "Senior leadership (made the season possible). It was all on the seniors. If something wasn't right, the seniors fixed it. They made sure every-

thing was right to get what we accomplished this year."

"They are a great football team," Holly head coach Ryan Culloity said about his players. "Their 5-5 record doesn't describe this team. They play with tremendous heart. They believed the whole time. ... Matt made a great play to get us in the end zone there and that was a freshman (quarterback) who had to direct the team for most of the game. One of our senior captains went down (Barr). We were battling injuries. We were without a couple of guys, but they fought. It was a great football game."

Holly's offense started hot. The Bronchos took just four plays to drive 71 yards and score. It came on a fourth-and-1 play from Holly's own 38. Barr swept right and marched to the end zone almost untouched. Amy Scruggs made the first of her two extra-points, giving Holly a 7-0 lead just 2:10 after the start of the game.

Fenton's ground game struggled but the team found success on a play through the air about seven minutes later. Czarnota completed a 70-yard pass downfield to Lukas, resulting in the Tigers' only first-half score. Fenton was tied 7-all with 4:46 left in the first quarter. The score remained 7-all entering the half.

However, Fenton opened the third quarter with a fumble and a recovery by Holly's Diaz at the Fenton 28. Set up by a 23-yard reception to Barnett, the Bronchos scored on a one-yard plunge by Paris Partee. Holly



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Holly's Javon Barr (left) tries to get by Fenton's Ben Hajciar during the Tigers' 21-20 victory Friday night.

led 14-7 with 8:13 left in the third quarter. The contest remained 14-7 until Kolinski's four-yard TD run.

Barr had just two more runs after his explosive TD run before suffering his injury. Holly had just 123 ground yards on 42 carries.

"We just stayed lower than them and we fired off the ball as fast as we could," McCormick said.

"We mixed it up with a couple of different stunt combinations, going inside and outside."

Fenton (9-1) collected 157 ground yards on 37 carries. Dylan Crankshaw had 93 yards on 25 carries.

"We had to stop the run game," Diaz said. "It got us the last time. We knew it was coming. We got it in our heads we had to stop it and that's what we did. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough today."

DEVILS

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halftime. The first score came on a 74-yard TD run by Mitchell Arens in the first quarter. The second came in the second quarter on a Hillger 25-yard TD run. A Trevor Wright reception from Hillger recorded the two-point conversion.

In the second half, Lake Fenton's first TD was a 12-yard pass to Wright from Hillger. The Blue Devils scored the two-pointer this time on a Hillger run and led 23-14. However, Corunna answered right back with a TD, cutting the gap to 23-20 with six minutes left. That score was followed by Lake Fenton's 85-yard drive, giving the Blue Devils the 29-20 lead.

Lake Fenton ran for 311 yards with Hillger having 155 of those yards. Arens also had 147 ground yards.

Lake Fenton has a challenge against Powers on Friday.

"They are good. We'll have our hands full, but our kids are looking forward to it," Doyle said.

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was the tri-county area's top runner at the race, placing seventh (16:59.4).

Others who scored for the Lady Blue Devils were: Rachel Learman in 55th (24:11.0), Mackenzie Rampy in 61st (24:49.6) and Aranda Jabiro in 62nd (24:52.2).

Others finishing within Lake Fenton's top five for the boys were: Eric Niestroy in 43rd (18:36.0), Jacob Fletcher in 52nd (18:55.3), Jackson Chenett in 56th (19:01.1) and Sam Barringer in 67th (19:53.4).

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DEBIT CARD HACKED

On Oct. 30, a 31-year-old Fenton man filed a fraud complaint with Fenton police. Lt. Jason Slater said the man discovered two unauthorized transactions on his credit union debit card on Oct. 29. The first transaction was for \$1 and the second was for \$41, in Warren. The man called his credit card company and they advised him to file a complaint with police. The man had his debit card in his possession and he has no idea how the suspect obtained his information.

LARCENY FROM AUTO AT FHS

On Nov. 2, Fenton police responded to the parking lot at Fenton High School to investigate a larceny from auto complaint. A 17-year-old female student reported that sometime between 7:50 and 11:50 a.m. someone entered her vehicle and stole cash from her purse. There were no signs of forced entry to her car. Police will be reviewing the school's surveillance video to help identify the suspect.

CASH, SUNGLASSES STOLEN FROM VEHICLE

At 10:45 a.m. on Oct. 31, Fenton police responded to the 1000 block of South Adelaide Street to investigate a larceny from auto complaint. The victim, a 25-year-old Fenton resident, said sometime overnight, someone entered his 2014 Ford and stole cash and a pair of sunglasses. He reported that the vehicle was locked, and there were no signs of forced entry.

Police have identified an 18-year-old Tyrone Township male as a possible suspect. The case remains under investigation.

USED TRUCK STOLEN FROM AUTO SALES BUSINESS

On Oct. 26, Holly police responded to an auto sales business on North Holly Road to investigate a stolen vehicle complaint. The owner of the business told police that sometime between 5 p.m. on Oct. 24 and 10 a.m. on Oct. 26, someone stole a bright red 2004 Dodge Ram HEMI SLT pickup truck from their lot. The owner said a person had taken the truck out for a 20-minute test drive on Oct. 24 and when they returned, put a \$100 deposit down on the truck. On Oct. 26, the owner went out to prep the truck for delivery and discovered that it was gone. The shop owner had the two keys to the truck and there was no evidence of forced entry to the truck. The truck, priced at \$10,900, was entered into Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) as stolen.

REAR-END COLLISION IN HOLLY

At 2:35 p.m. on Nov. 1, Holly police responded to a rear-end collision on North Holly Road, just south of Quick Road. According to the police report, a 25-year-old Holly woman, driving a Chevy HHR crashed into the rear-end of a Dodge Dakota, driven by a 62-year-old Commerce Township man. The woman told police that she was unable to stop in time to avoid hitting the truck, which was stopped in the roadway. The woman's airbag deployed. There were no injuries.

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I'M 85 YEARS old and I learned something today I've never heard of. Too big to be jailed? That's something new in American policy. I don't know who created it, but that's ridiculous. Is Obama too big to be impeached? Is Hillary too big to be jailed? I didn't know there was such a thing.

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SO, IF INCREASED wages cause everybody's cost of living to go up, then I will expect to start hearing complaints about autoworkers getting bonuses and raises.

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WHEN YOU ARE refusing a pay raise for yourself because it just raises the cost of living for everyone then I will at least stop calling you a hypocrite. But I still will think it is wrong that adults are being paid a wage that they can't support themselves on without assistance.

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AS A BUSINESS person, I know that if everyone was required to pay a higher minimum wage that there is no competitive disadvantage or advantage created by the wage change. Some prices will go up but the government assistance we already pay will go down. Hopefully, that will go toward the deficit.

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HEY, JOE GRAVES, quit the smoke and mirrors to raise taxes for the roads and be honest with the people and just raise the gas tax, sales tax or income tax rate and get the job done. I am going broke just buying tires and front-end parts.

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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.

Answer in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Your ruling planet, Mars, allows you to assume a sense of command that can help you turn a chaotic workplace situation into one that's orderly, productive and, yes, even friendly.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Getting a relationship that's been stuck in a rut up and running again depends on how far you want to run with it. Be honest with yourself as you consider which decision to make.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Be wary of rumors that seem to be coming from everywhere this week. Waiting for the facts before you act means never having to say you're sorry you followed the wrong lead.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

A difficult personal matter might prompt you to turn to a trusted friend to help you sort through a maze of emotional conflicts. The weekend should bring some welcome news.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)

Some of the new people coming into the Lion's life could play pivotal roles in future personal and professional matters. Meanwhile, an old friend might have an important message.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

A delay in getting things moving on schedule can be a blessing in disguise. Use this extra time to do more research so you can buttress any of the weaker points with solid facts.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

You might need to get involved in a personal matter before it becomes a serious problem. Also, be wary of someone offering to mediate, unless you can be sure of his or her motives.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)

Taking sides in a workplace or domestic dispute could prolong the problem. Stay out and stay cool. Then you can be friends with both parties when things settle down.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

A friendship has the potential to become something more, and with this week's aspects favoring romance, you might feel that this possibility is worth exploring.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

The new job you want might require you to relocate. If so, keep an open mind and weigh all the positives and negatives before making your decision.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

A new relationship seems to be everything you could have hoped for. Congratulations. Meanwhile, it's not too early to get some feedback on that new project you're working on.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

You might have decided to get out of the fast-moving current and just float around hither and yon for a while. But you might find that the new opportunity is too tempting to turn down.

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE

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

CAINP

ORGUP

JELIGG

GLEFUN



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

Answer here: " " " " " " " " " " " "

Answer in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

KING FEATURES

ACROSS

- 1 Opposed
5 "Humbug!"
8 Duel tool
12 Leeway
13 — out a living
14 Ointment-yielding plant
15 Handle
16 Paving material
17 Puzzle diagram
18 Elder
20 Le Carre hero
George
22 Support system?
23 Literary collection
24 Disap-pear gradually
27 "Close — and I'll kiss you ..."
32 Greek X
33 Sea eagle
34 Geologic period
35 Waterfalls
38 Nervous
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40 Victory
42 Powerless
45 Have an impact on
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52 Norway's capital
53 Tied
54 Favorable vote
55 Den
56 Arp's genre
57 Club —
58 Cat's-paw

- 6 Alias abbr.
7 His and —
8 Motor
9 Exploited successfully
10 Pennsylvania port
11 Vortex
19 On the other hand
21 Scratch
24 TV watch-dog org.
25 "Eureka!"
26 Unnerved
28 Raw rock
29 Still in need of convinc-ing

- 30 Work unit
31 Put into words
36 Poolside structure
37 The whole enchilada
38 Hug
41 Kipling poem
42 Worked with
43 PBS science show
44 Cheese choice
46 Birthright barterer
47 Film sample
48 Rent
51 Deli loaf

DOWN

- 1 Clumsy boats
2 Zilch
3 Animated character
4 Drink
5 Sold out

DVD RELEASES

INSIDE OUT

Growing up can be a bumpy road, and it's no exception for Riley, who is uprooted from her Midwest life when her father starts a new job in San Francisco. Like all of us, Riley is guided by her emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness. The emotions live in Headquarters, the control center inside Riley's mind.

PG, 1 hr. 34 min.



VACATION

Rusty Griswold, the youngest child from 1983's NATIONAL LAMPOON'S VACATION is all grown up with a family of his own and fond childhood memories of a certain family road trip to Walley World. Like his father, Clark, Rusty wants to forge closer bonds with his own family as they set off on their own crazy cross-country jaunt to Walley World.

R, 1 hr. 39 min.





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