Police likely prevented school shooting in Linden

On Oct. 29, after reviewing

THREE TEENS BEHIND BARS

■Suspects charged as adults, could face up to life in prison

By Sharon Stone

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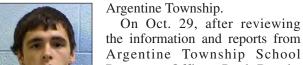
Three teens are behind bars following a police and FBI investigation in Argentine Township.

On Oct. 28, the Argentine Township Police Department intercepted information that revealed a plan to carry out a school shooting at Linden High School and Linden Middle School, located in

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Ryan Stevens, 18, of Linden, is one of the suspects in custody.

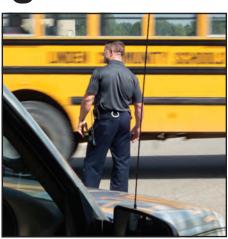


Argentine Township School Resource Officer Paul Brooks regarding the planned threat, Chief Daniel Allen forwarded the Community Schools and information to the FBI.

Officers from the Argentine Township Police Department, Michigan State Police and FBI alleged plot to carry out agents took immediate steps to secure the safety of students, staff and the public, and began an

See **SHOOTING** on 21A

TIMES FILE PHOTO Police officers Ken Engel (shown right) and Paul Brooks are school resource officers who work with Linden the Argentine Township Police Department. They uncovered an a school shooting last week and now three suspects are in custody.





GOT AWAY

Weekend * Sunday Edition RS

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22 years later unsolved murder remains 'cold'

■Police would like to solve Delores Smothers' murder

By Sharon Stone

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Wednesday, Nov. 11 will mark the 22nd anniversary of when Delores Smothers was found murdered



Smothers

in her Argentine Township home. After 22 years, the Argentine Township Police Department and Michigan State Police still intend to solve this cold case. Between 11 and 11:30 a.m. on

Nov. 11, 1993, Smothers, who was 40 at the time, was stabbed to death in her home on Duffield Road, south of Silver Lake Road. It appeared that she had entered her home during a daytime break-in.

See MURDER on 14A

Streetscape nearing completion

TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO Fenton City's biggest project in years has moved into its final phase. City administrators and contractors are confident that this year's work can be completed by Friday, Nov. 20.

Fewer than 700 of Fenton's 9,429 registered voters cast ballot in Tuesday's election

By Vera Hogan

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To say the Tuesday, Nov. 3 election results were tight would be an understatement.

Four candidates were running for three available Fenton City Council seats, and only one vote separated each of the three top vote getters.

According to Clerk Renee Wilson, there are 9,429 registered voters in the city of Fenton. A total

The unofficial results of the **Fenton City Council election are:**

MAYOR:

Sue Osborn (unopposed) 555 **CITY COUNCIL:** Pat Lockwood......452

Cherie Smith......451 Nancy Draves.....450



Sue





Cherie



Draves

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Seriously, voters? You

want Fenton to be managed

by the members of The View? The best government entities are made up of a diverse group in order to have all

represented. This will not go well. I already miss Les.

LL As a young person, a project like the Riverview



building is the kind of development that attracts younger generations and continuing wealth to the

Fenton area. It's a wonderful thing and I can't wait to see it completed."

LE Thank you, Times, for



printing how our elected officials voted in Lansing every week. Unbelievable. They have nothing better to do than vote on that, when we have roads and jobs

and other big issues facing us? It's just ludicrous."



COMMENT OF THE WEEK

ffI wish that at sporting events, they would learn to announce the National Anthem right. The correct way is 'gentlemen, remove your hat unless you're a veteran, then keep your hat on and stand with attention and salute.' That's the correct way.

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Thanksgiv

■ Many families opt for holiday takeout or restaurant dining on America's biggest feast day

By Sally Rummel

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Dreaming of your family gathered around a bountiful dining room table at Thanksgiving, surrounded by the aroma of freshly roasted turkey, buttery mashed potatoes, Grandma's sausage stuffing and Aunt Betty's famous pumpkin pie?

The reality might be that Thanksgiving is another busy day for your family, with Turkey

SUMMARY

Trot races and parade watching in the morning, bargain shopping later in the day and working for family members who don't have the day off.

The stress of cooking such a hugely anticipated feast may also be a reason you want to consider other options for Thanksgiving dinner this year.

If you still want to enjoy a traditional turkey dinner at home, you can flock to a grocery store or restaurant that offers turkey or ham dinners-to-go.

VG's Grocery in Fenton offers Holiday Dinners-To-Go for two, or for six to eight people from the Deli Department at both locations on Silver Parkway and North LeRoy Street.

"They're becoming more and more popular," said Teri Fettig, deli assistant manager at VG's on Silver Parkway. "I don't think people like to cook anymore. We always shoot for at least 100 dinners-to-go."

BUTTERBALL Catering to People Who Love Good Food Table 35 G's Deli There are a variety of Only options for busy cooks on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, from take-out dinners to dining at area restaurants. Pumpkin Display Only

VG's Grocery at both locations on Silver Parkway and North LeRoy Street promote their Thankgiving Week dinners to go, making it convenient and easy for busy cooks to serve a bountiful feast.

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> Teri Fettig VG's Grocery deli assistant manager

Dinners are priced at \$19.99 for a ham or turkey dinner for two, \$49.99 for a Traditional Turkey or Ham Dinner, and \$64.99 for a Customer Request Dinner that adds more salads, sides and desserts to the traditional dinners-to-go. They're available during the entire week of Thanksgiving, "as long as we have the turkeys," said Fettig. "The dinners are ready to be re-heated at home, packaged with instructions."

Deadline for ordering is Tuesday,

Alpine Marketplace in Linden will have Thanksgiving dinnersto-go available during the week of Thanksgiving, according to Deli Manager Desonja Britton.

They offer three packages that include either turkey or ham as the main entrée: Supreme, serves eight to 10 for \$94.99; Deluxe, serves six to eight for \$74.99 and Basic, serves four to six for \$49.99.

Dinners include turkey or ham, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, green bean casserole, cranberry relish, dinner rolls and pumpkin pie.

"You can make substitutions for different sides if you request them early enough," said Britton.

See THANKSGIVING on 16A

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Six reasons to change election rules

America is often heralded as the best example of democracy in the world. And yet almost all experts agree that the U.S.

voting process is absurdly dysfunctional and in need of a complete overhaul. It simply is not reflective of the enormous responsibilities — and consequences — of the elections it administrates.

Here are six reasons why: 1) Voting is not in the U.S. Constitution. The U.S. is just one of a handful of countries that fail to mention voting rights in their Constitution.

Voting rights issues have been touched on regarding race, gender and age through amendments, but the core elements of voting rights are left to the individual states to decide, and that's where the problem begins.

2) Our ballots are hard to use. Every state

creates its own ballots. Some of them are so poorly designed that votes cast are often interpreted, and thus attributed, differently

> than the intent of the voter. A national ballot needs to be designed that is a template for all state ballots.

3) The Electoral College should be abolished. Few Americans understand how it works or why it exists. The Electoral College was created in the 1800s as a crappy compromise between the two parties. Under the rules of the Electoral College, it is possible for a presidential candidate to be elected by winning

less than one-fourth of the states. Al Gore actually had more of the popular vote in 2000, yet Bush became president due to the electoral vote.

4) It's difficult for many citizens to vote. People who live difficult lives — such as

those working multiple jobs, the disabled, and single parents — often struggle to find time to vote. Many states have absentee ballots but many don't. It could be as easy as changing a federal holiday such as Veterans Day to Veterans/Election

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Day, observed on the first Tuesday in November each year. What could be more appropriate than celebrating Veterans Day by voting, a right enjoyed solely due to the bloodshed by our brave military members over the past 239 years.

5) Confusing standards for qualifying to vote. As a result of no federal rules

regarding who can vote, each state has their own standard for what ID is acceptable or what qualifies. For example, some states allow convicted criminals to participate, others do not. Again, it's just plain stupid not to have federal guidelines. 6) Rampant fraud: In the 2012 Presidential Election there were many reports of voter fraud, or intimidation, but no reports of conviction? Remember the 158.85-percent voter turnout in St. Lucie County Florida? Remember the uniformed members of the New Black Pan-

> thers, wielding billy clubs and blocking entry to the Philadelphia polling places? Remember the 59 precincts in Philadelphia where there was not one vote cast for Romney and the turnout was far more than the registered voter count? Under the Obama justice department, few or none of these were investigated.

Maybe Joseph Stalin was right when he made the observation, 'It's not the people who vote that counts. It's the people who count the votes.'

It's time to fix it.

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OBAMA IS RELEASING 6,000 nonviolent drug dealers. Many dealers are convicted of a lesser crime than they actually committed. Their buyers commit very serious crimes in order to buy their drugs. The drug dealers are just as guilty of these crimes.

OVER SEVEN YEARS President

Obama has displayed very poor decision making, trading five terrorists for a deserter. His decisions regarding Ferguson, Baltimore, Trayvon Martin, are very poor decisions. He's wasting millions on energy companies, and wasting time fundraising and attending Democratic political fundraisers as opposed to running our country and fixing problems.

DON'T EVER GO trick-or-treating at the White House. I did and the president answered the door and confiscated more than half of the candy from my bag. When I asked why, he said he was going to redistribute it to other kids too lazy to go trick-or-treating.

I HAVE A question. When in God's name are we going to impeach this president for malfeasance of office?

TO THE PERSON wanting measurable facts showing Bush vs Obama. I was able to believe things Bush said. He wasn't responsible for: 1. You can keep

your own doctor. 2. Your health insurance premiums won't increase. 3. The Benghazi attack was because of a video. I really never felt that Bush lied to the American people, but I can't say the same for the current president.

DECREASING THE DEFICIT is a meaningless statement used by politicians to sound good to stupid people. What is significant is the ever-increasing national debt that silly liberals seem to ignore.

BUSH TO OBAMA stat: healthcare coverage insurance. In 2005, I paid less than \$500 per month for family medical insurance. In 2015, I am paying over \$2,000 per month in medical insurance. Take that stat and tell me you that think Obama is doing a better job.

IN REGARD TO Joe Graves' tax decisions he has it right. To those who never pay taxes, many of whom could go to work, but don't, they still drive cars. Let them also share in road repair by having to pay a gas tax along with the

FENTON TOWNSHIP HOMEOWNERS,

remember when you could take all your trash to the curb and they would pick it up? Fenton Township signed a blue-can-only and a oneextra-item if you call ahead. Clean out your garage. Could take 10 weeks to remove it all. Great way to charge us more for less service

A SPECIAL 'THANK you' to all that participated in the Linden Arts Council Zombie Walk. It was a great success and we look forward to the next one.

I VOTE FOR 'spring forward' time only.

Forget this 'fall back' stuff.

I'M NOT A duck hunter, but with so many ducks on the ponds, lakes and rivers, I'd suggest that the state give duck hunters free duck hunting licenses and maybe even pay them a small fee for ducks they have shot.

PLEASE SHOW YOUR support to our veterans on Veterans Day. Put out an American flag on Nov. 11. Thank you.

I DON'T THINK anybody can answer this but I love the History Channel, I watch it constantly. I'd like to know who authorizes that background noise when the guys are talking. I'd like to concentrate and hear what they're saying, but half the time with the racket in the background, you can't.

BEGINNING THIS WEEK our president is going to release over 6,000 criminals from the prison system and many more will be coming. He said they all deserve a second chance. That really means they all deserve a second chance to rob and steal to support their drug habits. Look up the word recidivism.

ALL THE PUBLIC officials who were instrumental in the design and implementation of Streetscape should henceforth park their vehicles at a north end parking lot, and walk or bike to do their respective work, dining, and shopping activities. It's important to lead by example.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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"Watching the Thanksgiving Day Parade. It's just family tradition. When Mom's making food, we watch the parade."



game. The Lions play someone every year. That's just

"Mine is watching the football what our family always does."



"My friend, Doug, in the basement of his parents' house, was very mischievous. He spilled some milk somehow. He said 'the Devil made me do it.' It just stuck."

> David Martens Fenton Township



streettalk

"Last year for my 70th birthday, on the 28th, my daughter surprised me by coming home from Oklahoma. Everyone knew but me. I was totally amazed."

> Pete Vance Rose Township

Kathy Lager Linden Sandy Sellers Lansing

Sharon Davenport Grand Blanc

Retired U.S. Army sergeant to share inspirational message

Fenton Rotary Club to host third Annual Veterans Day Breakfast at Spring Meadows

By Vera Hogan

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The Fenton Rotary Club will be honoring the service men and women of



Retired U.S. Army Sgt. Nicholas Koulcharwill be the keynote speaker at the Fenton Rotary Club's Veterans Day Breakfast on Nov. 10.

men and women of the U.S. Military by hosting its thirdannual Veterans Day Breakfast at Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden on Tuesday, Nov. 10.

K e y n o t e speaker will be Sgt. Nicholas Koulchar, who was retired from the U.S. Army in 2010, after serving four years. He was medically retired due to injuries he sustained in combat.

"Since that time I have chosen not to let the injuries I

sustained define who I am as a person," said Koulcharin his bio. "I have dedicated a substantial portion of my time to getting back into shape, not only for health reasons but to break down barriers of what 'disabled' really looks like."

Koulchar has successfully competed and completed 15 marathons that include Boston, New York, Detroit and Marine Corps marathons as a handcyclist.

This year, he traveled to Colombia as an international ambassador helping landmine victims of the Colombian Police and Army, working as an advocate to help Colombia become more disability accessible.

These are only a few of Koulchar's many significant accomplishments, which he will share during the Nov. 10 breakfast.

The Fenton Rotary Club members say the annual Veterans Day Breakfast is very special to them. "Too often this day of remembrance comes and goes without enough appreciation and recognition to our Veterans," said Chad Brennan, president of the club and Scott Ward, veteran's breakfast chairman in their welcome to veterans and guests.

Of the breakfast, they said, "This is our way to say 'thank you' for all you have done to make our country and community free. You are our heroes."

Open to the public

Open to the public, the Fenton Rotary Club's third Annual Veterans Breakfast is free to veterans. Non-veteran guests will be charged \$10. Breakfast will be held at Spring Meadows Country Club, 1129 Ripley Road, Linden. To RSVP, call Scott Ward at (810) 241-4848.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

MAJOR CONGRATS TO the Fenton Tigers' freshman volleyball team. Coach Thomas and her Lady Tigers just completed an undefeated conference schedule, winning the Metro Conference handily. Great job, girls.

IT'S GREAT ALL the building that's going on in Fenton and it's exciting that a Mideast restaurant is coming to town.

IT IS A sad day for Fenton when Les Bland is not re-elected for City Council. A man who has over 41 years of service to this town and has literally shed blood, sweat, and tears here. Look out Fenton, it a new game now.

IF THE STREETSCAPE project is meant to encourage walking downtown, it must be designed for the young and

healthy. Seniors and/or the handicapped will have to find another place to shop. So sad.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AT

stores on November 3rd? That was just enough to make me turn around and go elsewhere.

THE CITY ORDINANCE against burning leaves is a joke. Drive anywhere on the south side of town in the early evening or on the weekends and the same people are burning their leaves.

I WOULD LIKE to express my disappointment over the condition of the AJ Phillips Museum, I remember fondly this lovely historic building. It is now an eyesore in the Dibbleville area. Please have the Museum painted so that it can proudly take its place as part of beautiful Dibbleville.

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Dollar General wants to build in Fenton Township

■If approved, store would be built on Thompson Road

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton Twp. — Fenton Township could have a freestanding Dollar General by the end of next summer.

At the Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting Monday, the first public hearing was held to rezone part of a parcel on Thompson Road so the store would have its own driveway.

The board recommended approval for the project.

The approximately 9,000-square-foot store would be located on Thompson Road, next to Thompson I.G., which is at 3196 West Thompson Rd.

Thomas Miller owns the site, but has a purchase agreement with Dollar General, of Midwest V LLC, according to Tom Broecker, Fenton Township operations manager/deputy clerk.

There isn't an exact address for the store yet.

Site engineer Jim Milanowski, of Milanowski and Englert Engineering

and Surveying Inc., presented the board with a conceptual site plan and clarified that the store will be corporately owned. It isn't connected to the Dollar General at 1260 North LeRoy St. in Fenton.

Milanowski said they're seeking an amendmenttothePlanned Unit Development (PUD) conditions to add a third driveway to the site, which would be an additional driveway for the store. Because of how the property was zoned in 1999, only two driveways were allowed

on Thompson Road, according to Broecker.

The Genesee County Road Commission

Treasurer John Tucker said there were no issues with the Fenton Township Planning Commission.

One point of concern was the 30 parking spaces in the site plan.

Trustee Vince Lorraine expressed his concerns that there aren't enough parking spaces for a 9,000-square-foot business.

SUMMARY

■ Engineers presented a conceptual site plan to the Fenton Township Board of Trustees Monday for a freestanding Dollar General on Thompson Road, near U.S. 23.

"We're not in favor of over paving America if we don't needto," Milanowski said, adding that amount of parking spaces is standard for that type of freestanding Dollar General.

"Across the board, we've probably done

60 to 70 of these. Ninety-five percent of the time I'm standing in front of a board like this, asking for a variance," Milanowski said.

Lorraine said parking is always an issue. "You look at a parking lot and some might be standing buildings, and 99 percent of the time 70 percent of it

is empty," Lorraine said. "No business will ever build a business with too few parking spaces. Government needs to get out of the parking space business and let businesses

Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said people are "very happy" with the project.

decide what they need, so

my hat's off to you."

Milanowski said their build date is June of 2016. He did not have an estimated cost yet.

"Once we get through

the township, and get the amendment to the PUD, then we'll move forward

with putting together site plans and then get site plan approval," he said.

The second hearing will take place at



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Jim Milanowski

Milanowski and Englert

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Controversial road-funding bills package heading to governor

44 The last thing

they (governor's

quadrant) produced

was Proposal I

and that was a

disaster. 77

State Rep. Joe Graves

(R-District 51)

■Graves and Robertson vote for \$1.2 billion plan; Ananich against it

By Vera Hogan

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Local legislators are at a fork in the road when it comes to the package of bills passed Tuesday by the House and Senate aimed at fixing Michigan's crumbling

State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Dist. 14) said he voted in favor of the whole package.

"My feeling was that it struck a good balance," Robertson said Wednesday morning. "We needed to have a solution that made roads a priority from within

existing resources. That's what the bills did in part."

State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) said he also voted in favor of the bills package.

"This was going to be the most conservative package we had an opportunity to get," Graves said.

Leaders have been playing "ping pong" on this issue for a couple of years, he added.

"They drew the line in the sand," Graves said. If the House and Senate did not approve a package, the governor's quadrant, made up of the governor and four Democratic and Republican leaders from the House and Senate, would convene and work on another plan.

"The last thing they (governor's quadrant) produced was Proposal I and that was a disaster," said Graves. "That's what they said was going to happen so this was our only chance to do something together."

Graves said the best thing to be produced from this bill package is a rollback on future government spending. If the economy continues to grow, instead of government, taxpayers will benefit through income tax relief.

State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) voted against the road-funding bills.

"From sitting in the leadership talks for months, I know how close we were to finding a real solution to fix our roads," wrote Ananich on his Facebook

page Tuesday night. "This plan is a sham and the governor should veto it.

"It won't fix our roads, it'll raise already high taxes on middle-class families, and it robs us of the ability to invest in our people and our future," Ananich added. "Michigan residents deserve a better plan."

The seven-bill, \$1.2 billion road funding package, will raise gas taxes by 7.3 cents per gallon and increase vehicle registration fees by 20 percent in 2017, generating a combined \$600 million a

The state would eventually shift another \$600 million a year from the general fund.

Ananich criticized the general fund shift, which would begin in 2019 and be

fully phased in by 2021. "It will create new problems that will need to be fixed later," he said.

The votes to pass the bills were very close with 20-18 in the Senate and 55-52 in the House on the fuel tax. The increase in vehicle fee registrations passed the House by the bare minimum 54-53.

The plan also includes

*Inquire for details

a Homestead Property Tax Credit and an income tax rollback that would start in 2023 if growth in Michigan's general fund exceeds the rate of inflation multiplied by 1.425.

Some Michigan residents could see their homestead credits increase by \$300 a year, in 2018.

For renters, the plan increases the percentage of gross rent that can be used in calculating the credit to 23 percent for 2017 and subsequent tax years, up from

The package also creates a "Road Innovation Task Force" that will examine road materials and processes that could help the Michigan Department of Transportation build better roads that would last 50 years. The plan puts the first \$100 million in new revenue captured annually by the plan into a "lockbox" intended to be used to build 50-year roads.

The tax increases that are part of the package won't take effect until Jan. 1, 2017, after the next election.

Gov. Rick Snyder is expected to sign the new legislation.

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Underground gasoline leak investigation continues

■ Suspected source of leak, Beacon and Bridge, may receive extension for final report

By Hannah Ball

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More investigation is required to discover the source of the gasoline leak that was discovered last November in downtown Linden, according to the Department of Environ-

mental Quality (DEQ). The DEQ has not been able to obtain a full delineation of the leak and they're investigating other potential sources, according to Marjorie Frisch, environmental quality analyst for the DEQ.

"The DEQ is doing an investigation of other potential sources based on information we gathered from the Polk City directories, city officials, submitted contamination reports and the Linden Historical Museum," she

said. "All locations are close to the historical downtown area."

In mid-October, the DEO conducted a geophysical ground-penetrating radar (GPR) with monitoring wells to search for buried metallic anomalies, like underground storage tanks.

"However, the GPR was not effective

at some locations because of reinforced concrete or rebar in concrete. The geophysical results will be included in the Linden Multi-Site Contamination report conducted by ECT (Environmental Consulting & Technology), Inc," she said.

The suspected source was a leaking underground storage tank at the Beacon and Bridge gas station, at 110 East Broad St., when the DEQ confirmed the gas sta-

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Clifford Knaggs

Knaggs, Harter, Brake & Schneider PC,

Beacon and Bridge attorney

tion was responsible last November.

According to part 213 of Act 451, the owners, Quick SaV Food Stores, LTD out of Flushing, had to complete an initial assessment report for the DEQ, define the extent of contamination, and provide correction actions.

Attorney for Beacon and Bridge gas station Clifford Knaggs of Knaggs, Harter, Brake & Schneider, PC in Lansing, told the Linden City

Council at the Oct. 26 meeting that there wasn't enough evidence to prove the leak came from the gas station.

"We currently don't have any evidence that there has been a release from the underground storage system at the sight," he said.

Knaggs, who specializes in environmental law, said they're still in an inves-

Drill boring locations

- At or near 120 West Broad St.
- City Hall/Fire Station at two locations
- Hamrick Street near 123 North Bridge St.,
- In the parking lot between Thimbleberry and 116 Broad St.
- In the right of way near 208 Bridge St.

tigative state and new information may be discovered.

"There has not been full delineation of the leak so far," he said, referring to the monitoring wells installed in October.

Knaggs said the purpose of the investigation is to develop full 3D view of sight, which has not been completed.

'They got data back and they have not achieved full delineation so there's more investigative work that has to be done," he said.

The DEQ is looking into other potential sources of the leak. They drilled borings during the first week of November to develop a full delineation of the leak.

"Additional borings may be added later. DEQ agrees that additional investigation is necessary to agree on a full delineation of the leak," Frisch said.

The owners are required to turn in the final assessment report Nov. 14, but because of the incomplete investigation, there's a possibility of an extension, which is not unusual," Knaggs said.

"DEQ will evaluate the possibility of an extension when we receive a request for an extension," Frisch said.

City of Fenton announces boil water advisory

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Residents served by Fenton City water on Trealout Drive, Fenton Commons, and the Appletree subdivision are advised to boil drinking or cooking water for at least the next 48 hours, according to Dan Czarnecki, director of the Department of Public Works.

The water has been turned back on in the area. However, the boil water advisory is still in effect.

A 6-inch water main on Trealout was discovered broken today (Nov. 5). City crews had to shut down the watermain to make the repairs, which required the pipe in the area of the break to lose all pressure. Many water customers in this area experienced low pressure or possibly no pressure during this time.

Because there is a risk for contaminants to siphon their way back into a water distribution system when that system loses pressure, public health officials advise residents to boil the water until water tests are performed. These tests take a minimum of 48 hours to complete.

The boil water advisory affects those living in areas off Trealout Street, including Crestmont Care Center, Crestview Apartments, Trealout Apartments, Fenton Estates, as well as those on Fenton Commons,

See ADVISORY on 21A

Police&Fire report

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING IN EFFECT FOR FENTON

Overnight parking restrictions for the city of Fenton began Nov. 1 and will continue through March 31, 2016. Overnight parking restrictions will be enforced as parking is prohibited on all Fenton City streets and in the municipal parking lots from 2 to 5 a.m. with a couple of exceptions. Exceptions include emergency services personnel (police and fire) in the vicinity of the police station and the fire station, and properly registered vehicles if special permits have been issued by the city.

HOLLY'S OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTIONS FOR WINTER

It is improper for any vehicles to be parked on the streets of Holly Village between the hours of 3 and 7 a.m. from Nov.15 through April 15 of each year. During this time, vehicles may be parked in the area between the sidewalk and the street, but such parking is prohibited at all other times. It is also improper for any vehicles to be parked in village-owned parking lots between the hours of 3 and 7 a.m. from Nov.15 through April 15 of each year except in the following designated areas:(1) the parking lot bounded by Civic Drive and Maple Street and the shops on the west side of S. Saginaw Street — 11 parking spaces west side of middle island, (2) the parking lot bounded by building(s) on the south side of Maple Street on the north, Broad Street on the east, Battle Alley and shops on the south, and the

shops on the east side of S. Saginaw Street — 14 parking spaces center two parking lanes, (3) Crapo park parking area -- entire parking lot, and (4) the surfaced area west of the village offices know as Parcel "B" -- entire area.

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THIRTY-FIVE BILLION dollars for foreign aid to countries who mostly hate us and yet, no Social Security cost of living for seniors this year because there's no inflation.

I CAN'T BELIEVE it. Some Hot liner begrudges free school lunches for hungry kids. Please tax me more and see that those kids get lunch. They can't learn on empty stomachs.

ISIS IS CLAIMING responsibility for blowing up the Russian airliner this week, killing over 200 people. But don't worry, our president says these guys are the JV squad and that ISIS is harmless.

I WANT TO thank Les Bland for serving the city of Fenton on the council for four years. Your service benefited this town, the people, and you made a difference. You will be missed on the Council.

I COMPILED A list of the 52 reasons on how Obama has harmed our country and why he's the worst president ever. Number one is the debt he has incurred which is \$19 trillion, \$13.5 trillion of that is all him. This has harmed all U.S. citizens and will harm the next generation by ruining the economy and job growth.

I WAS WONDERING when it's time for Back to the Bricks, are the cars going to get to park on the new sidewalks downtown? Because it's not going to hold 500 cars like the high school last year. I'm not sure where we're going to park.

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LOOKING BACK

at this week

IN HISTORY

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5 YEARS

Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010

Pedestrian dies after being struck by car in Holly. A 50-year-old Hubble Drive man died Tuesday, Nov. 9, after being hit while walking across Grange Hall Road. An 81-year-old Hartland man was driving the vehicle that struck the pedestrian. Different witnesses saw the Holly man walk, or stagger, into the roadway from the south curb line, west of the intersection into the traffic lanes.

NATIONAL NEWS - Nov. 8-14, 2010

- The U.S. president was Barack Obama (Democratic).
- During that week people in the U.S. were listening to "We R Who We R" by Ke\$ha.

10 YEARS

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005

Moffitt elected to Fenton City Council.

The Fenton City Council remains status quo after Tuesday's election — with the exception of one new face. Former Fenton firefighter of 10 years, Michael Moffitt, will take the seat left vacant by Pete Medor, who did not seek re-election.

NATIONAL NEWS - Nov. 8-14, 2005

- The U.S. president was George W. Bush (Republican).
- During that week people in the U.S. were listening to "Gold Digger" by Kanye West.
- "Match Point," directed by Woody Allen, was one of the most viewed movies released in 2005.
- The original "Guitar Hero" game was released in North America.

15 YEARS

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2000

Matthews resigns. Rodney Matthews resigned from his position as Fenton fire chief on Nov. 10. Matthews said he decided to quit his job voluntarily because it would be in the best interest of the fire department. On Nov. 1, Matthews was placed on administrative

leave for reasons unknown. Although Matthews said he and city officials and administrators have agreed not to discuss the details, under no circumstances was the public ever in danger. In addition to his success in getting approvals to upgrade and replace fire department vehicles and equipment, Matthews was instrumental in getting the five emergency warning signals located throughout the city.

NATIONAL NEWS - Nov. 8-14, 2000

- The U.S. president was Bill Clinton (Democratic).
- During that week people in the U.S. were listening to "With Arms Wide Open" by Creed.
- "Men of Honor," directed by George Tillman Jr., was one of the most viewed movies released in 2000.
- "The Last Precinct" by Patricia Cornwell was one of the bestselling books.
- In Florida, a statewide recount began to decide the winner of the 2000 U.S. presidential election.
- Waco special counsel John C.
 Danforth released his final report that absolved the government of wrongdoing in the 1993 siege of the Branch Davidian compound in Texas.

• Elton John released his live album "One Night Only." It was recorded at Madison Square Garden only 22 days before.

20 YEARS

Sunday, Nov. 12, 1995

Lockwood defeats Nicpon. Fenton Mayor Patricia Lockwood will serve her fourth consecutive term as the city's top officer after defeating newcomer Michael Nicpon by a vote of 496 to 387 in last Tuesday's election.

NATIONAL NEWS - Nov. 8-14, 1995

- The U.S. president was Bill Clinton (Democratic).
- During that week, people in U.S. were listening to "Fantasy" by Mariah Carey.
- "Toy Story," directed by John Lasseter, was one of the most viewed movies released in 1995.
- "My American Journey" by Colin Powell with Joseph E. Persico was one of the bestselling books.
- The space shuttle "Atlantis" blasted off on a mission to dock with the Russian space station Mir.
- Michael Jackson and Sony Corp. of America combined forces and created the world's third largest music publishing company with more than 100,000 titles, "Today in Michael Jackson History."
- The Rolling Stones released their acoustic "Stripped" album.
- M.C. Hammer played a benefit in Moscow for Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin's political party, "Our Home Is Russia."
- The U.S. government instituted a partial shutdown, closing national parks and museums while most government offices operated with skeleton crews.

25 YEARS

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 1990

Teen drinking concerns officials.

The "party fields" of Fenton Township and southern Livingston County have become popular spots for young people out to have a good time. They've learned that they can party in relative privacy, away from the bothers of small-town cops. "I'd suggest getting a bunch of officers together, borrowing a school bus and loading it up. Bring 'em all in, write them citations and call their parents to pick them up," said Fenton Police Chief Jerry Cattaneo.

NATIONAL NEWS - Nov. 8-14, 1990

- The U.S. president was George H. W. Bush (Republican).
- During that week, people in the U.S. were listening to "Love Takes Time" by Mariah Carey.
- "Jacob's Ladder," directed by Adrian Lyne, was one of the most viewed movies released in 1990.
- "The Plains of Passage" by Jean M. Auel was one of the bestselling books.
- U.S. President George H.W. Bush ordered more troop deployments in the Persian Gulf, adding about 150,000 soldiers to the multi-national force fighting against Iraq.
- Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed a non-aggression treaty with Germany.
- The Madonna CD collection "The Immaculate Collection" was released.
- Stormie Jones, the world's first heart-liver transplant recipient, died at a Pittsburgh hospital at age 13.
- Ron Wood (Rolling Stones) was injured when he was struck by a car near London.

Serendipity Wellness Spa offers Black Friday promotion

■Gift certificates and giving await holiday shoppers on Friday, Nov. 27

By Sally Rummel

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Jessica Skop of Serendipity Wellness Spa in Linden wants to help pamper you this holiday season, as well as a less fortunate mom or mom-to-be.

For every \$100 you spend on gift certificates purchased on Black Friday, Nov. 27, in person or by phone from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., you will receive:

- Three FREE \$20 gift certificates (one to be redeemed in January-February, one for March-April, one for May-June).
- PLUS, a \$20 gift certificate in your name, given to pamper a woman through The Gabriel Project at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton.

The Gabriel Project is a national network of church communities that provides emotional and spiritual support for a woman's choice for life throughout a woman's pregnancy, as well as practical needs and resources.

"The worth and value of The Gabriel Project for women in our community really resonated with me," said Skop. "I want to be able to provide spa services for these women so they can enjoy a one-on-one, very personal experience that can transform them out of their everyday world."

Serendipity Day Spa of Frankenmuth will also offer the same Black Friday offer, with a \$20 gift certificate given to St. Lorenz Social Ministries, in the purchaser's name.

If you're interested in taking advantage of Serendipity's Black Friday promotion, Skop suggests that you call the Linden spa at (810) 735-6868



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SALLY RUMMEL

Serendipity co-manager/massage therapist Jamie Sweet (left) and owner Jessica Skop hold up spa certificates for the upcoming Black Friday promotion on Nov. 27.

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Jessica Skop

Serendipity Spa owner in

Linden and Frankenmuth

to put your name on a "call list" for Black Friday. "Because of our high volume of business that day, it may

be easier for us to call you," said Skop.

Skop has always had a heart for charitable giving. Her goal is to donate \$10,000 every year to worthy causes through donations and spa services.

"Our Christmas season of giving begins on Black Friday through Dec. 23," said Skop. "In addition to supporting Linden's Angel Tree Project and other local causes, we will also support the Ennis Center for Children in Flint (www.enniscenter.

org). A drop box will be available for anyone to stop by with donations of toiletries, diapers of all sizes,

baby wipes, coats and boots for kids of all ages, and items for teens.

"Anyone donating an item will receive a coupon for use at the spa during the month of January," said Skop. "Local

school kids are also making ornaments for our Christmas tree, available for a minimum \$1 donation, to benefit the Ennis Center."

Skop's philosophy has always been, "If you are blessed, then you should be blessing others as well."

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Board recommends improvement projects

SUMMARY

Development

Block Grant

■ Fenton Township

(CDBG) money on

three projects in

low- to moderate-

low income areas.

would like to use the Community

■Includes demolition of blighted property, paved intersections and special assessment districts

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton Twp. — Fenton Township residents might see the demolition of a blighted structure, paved intersections

on select roads, and special assessments formed to redo certain roads in 2016 with the Community Development Block Grant money.

The township unanimously voted to recommend that these three projects be funded by a \$82,000 federal grant that helps local governments develop better communities for moderate- to low-income families.

The township will also receive \$36,000 from Argentine Township as partial repayment for a loan. The projected 2016 budget will be \$118,000.

Regarding the first recommendation to demolish a blighted property, Fenton Township would like to use funds to demolish a house on Fenton Road, clean the property, sell it, and put it on the active tax roll.

The township obtained ownership of this house through the tax reversion process last December, according to Tom Broecker Fenton Township operations manager/ deputy clerk. This project will cost an estimated \$16,000.

"Now we have acquired a piece of property on Fenton Road. We'd like to demolish that and put it up for sale," said

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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to keep and bear arms' to preserve the

other freedoms and, most importantly, restrain the government from turning on

PLEASE RESEARCH THE details of the

supposed road-funding plan for yourself. It

may be one of the biggest acts of political cowardice in Michigan's history. They actu-

ally put tax cuts that 'may' be enacted in

its own people.

2023 as part of the plan.

man nature and knew first hand what a

ruling class can do to citizens' freedoms.

80 of those released went back to

Supervisor Bonnie Mathis.

The second recommendation is to pave 100 feet at the following intersections: Odell Road at Linden Road, Odell Road at Lahring Road, Fairbanks Road at Thompson Road, Fairbanks Road at Lahring Road, Jennings Road at Thompson Road, and Old Linden Road at Thompson Road.

"When people go to take off from a gravel road into a paved road, they're really scratching that gravel off," said Mathis. "We

> have tremendous holes, big time. People are constantly calling us in regards to this."

> Sections of unpaved roads near paved roads are difficult to maintain because of the amount of braking and accelerating, according to Broecker.

> Since these intersections are located inside a low-to moderateincome area, they're eligible for

the grant money. The project will cost an estimated \$70,000.

The third recommendation is to create special assessment districts for the following neighborhoods that have expressed interest in redoing their roads: Alpine Shores subdivision, Silver Ridge subdivision, North Shore Drive, Eleanor Drive, South Horrell Road, and Dalhart Drive.

These neighborhoods do not qualify as low- to moderate-income areas, however, all or part of the CDBG funds could be used because certain property owners qualify as low- to moderate-income. The projected cost for this recommendation is \$32,000, according to Broecker.

The application deadline is Nov. 20. These three recommendations will be sent to the office of Genesee County Community Development for approval.

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school lunches as a fiscal plan.

registration fees. Thanks, Joe.





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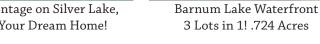
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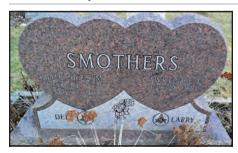
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Delores Smothers' headstone at Byron Cemetery.

MURDER

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Smothers had not taken off her coat and her keys were found under her body.

Police said early on that a suspect seen leaving the Smothers driveway was a white male, slight build, and with unkempt hair. He was driving a darkcolored, mediumsize car.



Delores Skinner in 1971

When Smothers

did not return to Industrial Propane, where she worked as office manager, a coworker went out to the home to check on her. However, when there was no answer at the door, the co-worker figured Smothers had gone out to lunch with someone and was running late.

Smothers' body was found around 3:15 p.m. that same day by her daughter, who had just come home from school.

SUMMARY

Smothers was

home, in what

appeared to

have been a

home invasion

She was 40 at

the time and

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lunch, possibly

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Delores

Police chief at the time, Hank Kelly, and his department conducted dozens of interviews. With no substantial leads, the case was turned over to investigators with the Michigan State Police.

Stolen, but never recovered were several rifles, male and female black leather motorcycle jackets, a small boom box, and a video camera. Investigators are asking the public, specifically

residents who resided in the Byron or Argentine Township area at the time, to call police if any of the listed items (see sidebar) have been located.

A 44 Ruger rifle with scope was also stolen from the home. It was later recovered from a gun shop in West Virginia. The person who sold this rifle to the gun shop in 2001 used a fictitious



Delores (Skinner) Smothers was a varsity cheerleader for the Byron Eagles.

name. Police are seeking information as to how this Ruger got from Smothers' home to the gun shop in Virginia.

Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen said he has been thinking about this case often and would like nothing more than to solve Smothers' murder. Since the rifle was located in West Virginia he said there has been no new information

Allen said with homicide cases, evidence is maintained for 99 years. With the advancement of technology and DNA testing over these past 22 years, he would like to have any trace evidence collected from the scene tested and retested to see if there is a DNA match that might lead to a suspect.

Anyone with information is asked to call Argentine police at (810) 735-5317.

Stolen items that have never been recovered include:

- Old Winchester 22-caliber pump with the name "Jep" engraved in the stock
- Thompson Center 50-caliber muzzleloader (serial number 33355)
- American Arms 20-gauge over/under shotgun (serial number unknown)
- Remington 1100, 12-gauge, with a ventilated rib (serial number unknown). Thousands of these were made, but anyone in possession of one is asked to call if it was purchased under suspicious circumstances.



Senate Bill 244: Increase fine for illegally shooting game animals To increase the amount of restitution

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VOTED ON RECENTLY

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released Friday, Oct. 30.

a person must pay for illegally shooting certain game or protected animals. Among others the bill would impose a \$5,000 fine for illegally killing an elk or moose, \$3,500 for a bear, \$1,500 for an eagle, etc.

Passed 76 to 29 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) XYES

Senate Bill 225: Revise procedure for taking ownership of inherited

To revise the law that requires an individual who obtains a pistol from a private person to first get a government permit. (This does not apply to purchases from a licensed firearms dealer.) The bill would clarify that a person who inherits a pistol would have 30 days to get this government license after taking physical possession of the pistol. Passed 99 to 6 in the House

House Bill 4321: Restrict warrantless residence searches

To establish that a law enforcement officer may not search a residence without a search warrant if a resident expressly objects, even if another resident consents after the objector is no longer physically present. This would not apply if one resident is the victim of a crime committed by another resident, or if there is imminent danger to people, a suspect may escape or evidence may be destroyed.

Passed 83 to 22 in the House Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) XYES







Streetscape nearing completion

■City hopes to wrap up work on \$4.7 million project by Friday, Nov. 20

By Vera Hogan

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It's been a long year for city of Fenton residents and business owners who are in the direct path of the Streetscape project.

At their weekly meeting Wednesday morning, city administrators and project contractors said they hope to have the project wrapped up for the year and all roads open by Nov. 20, the Friday before Thanksgiving.

Streetscape is a \$4.7-million project, undertaken by the city, paid for by Downtown Development Authority, with additional federal and state grant dollars.

Work began in the spring of this year.

The plan called for renovating and upgrading the streets, curbs, sidewalks, approaches and equipment like benches and trash receptacles.

The project on LeRoy Street extends from Elizabeth Street to Second Street, with reconstruction on Shiawassee Avenue, Mill and Ellen streets, and some work on Caroline Street.

The total reconstruction work, which involved complete replacement of the road and included infrastructure like storm sewers underneath, took place from Adelaide to LeRoy Street on Shiawassee, and on LeRoy, from Elizabeth to Silver Lake Road.

The streets have been upgraded with everything new from the curb to the storefront, with scalloped pavers, and wider sidewalks designed to bring pedestrians closer to store fronts.

New trees will be planted with lighted planters. The exact positions of the trees will prevent blocking the fronts of any



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO The south crosswalk of Caroline and North LeRoy streets in downtown Fenton is filled with concrete by Eastland Concrete on Thursday, Oct. 29 as part of Streetscape. That section of the road is closed.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES LTIM JAGIELO

Last week, the intersection of North LeRoy and Caroline streets in downtown Fenton was closed to build the new crosswalks for Streetscape. Here, workers with Champagne & Marx clear the crosswalk bed. In the background, Eastland Concrete smoothes the concrete base. The expansive project is nearly wrapped up, and is on schedule for the year. Plantings and other accessories will be added in the spring.

businesses.

Instead of angled parking, there is now parallel parking.

On Wednesday, administrators and contractors discussed every aspect of the project to make sure no stone goes unturned.

From installing crosswalks, laying brick

pavers, to installing light poles to planting trees, and all the mechanics involved in between, a plan is in place to accomplish everything possible as long as the weather holds out.

Last week's summer-like weather helped in moving the project along even further than planned.

Final touches on the project, such as landscape restoration and additional planting, etc., will take place in the spring of 2016.



THIS WEEK'S ROAD CLOSURES

Beginning on Friday Nov. 6, east and westbound Silver Lake Road at LeRoy Street were closed for crosswalk installation.

This closure will be until the morning of Tuesday Nov. 10.

Westbound traffic on Silver Lake Road can detour at Main Street and continue north on North LeRoy Street and then continue west on

Motorists can return to Silver Lake Road at either Adelaide or Poplar Street.

Eastbound traffic on Silver Lake Road can detour at either Poplar Street or Adelaide Street, head east on North Road, continue southbound on North LeRoy to Main Street to continue on Silver Lake Road.





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The deadline for ordering is Saturday,

Bob Evans Farm Restaurant in Fenton offers a Farmhouse Feast serving four for \$49.99, or eight for \$79.99 complete with all the fixings, including the entrée choice of a boneless turkey breast or boneless ham. "Place your order the sooner the better," said General Manager Jeremy Pung. "We'll have it all ready and prepared for you. It's designed to be re-heated at home for about an hour and a half."

Bob Evans also offers Thanksgiving Day meals with a special menu all day, open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

At Big Boy in Fenton, doors will open from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., offering its regular menu and Breakfast Bar all day, plus a turkey dinner with all the fixings, according to operating partner Krystal

The popularity of dining out, even on one of America's most bountiful family holiday, is shown by the numbers. According to the National Restaurant Association, 15 million Americans opt to dine out for the biggest meal of the year.

In fact, Thanksgiving dinner has become somewhat of a tradition of its

own at the Fenton Hotel & Grille, with owner Nick Sorice now in his 19th year of serving this holiday meal.

"We serve over 700 diners that day," he said. "It pretty much sells out every year. Forty percent of our orders are for a traditional turkey dinner, but we also have 10 other entrees to choose from."

The Laundry in Fenton is now in its fifth year of serving Thanksgiving Day dinner. "It's grown every year," said Holly Nachtigal, marketing manager. "So many people are traveling during the holiday and just don't have time to cook. Last year we served over 600 people." The Laundry will be serving a dinner buffet, including many traditional favorites, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Holly Hotel will be serving "A Victorian Thanksgiving Dinner" from 12 to 7 p.m. at its historic Battle Alley

Reservations are required for special Thanksgiving dinners at these area finedining restaurants.

Some national chain restaurants and fast food establishments are open on Thanksgiving Day, but many others are not, so it pays to call ahead of time.

News briefs

VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE 'LET FREEDOM RING 2015'

The community is invited to share our gratitude and say 'thank you' to the military men and women who have served with courage and loyalty to preserve our freedom. Guests will enjoy a wonderful evening of patriotic music performed by a Community Choir, members from the Fenton Community Orchestra, guest soloists, guest directors, and media presentations. See you at the Fenton United Methodist Church. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 8. Organ and Piano Prelude is at 6:50 p.m.

COAT DRIVE

Kaydan Wealth Management, Inc., an Independent firm, invites tri-county area residents to make a difference for local families by donating coats and dollars during their upcoming coat drive. Kaydan Wealth Management is working with One Warm Coat to collect clean, gently used warm coats, and dollars to support the coat drive program through Dec. 15. Coats can be dropped off at their Fenton office at 329 West Silver Lake Rd. All donated

coats will be given to a local agency for distribution to local children and adults in need. Since One Warm Coat's inception in 1992, they have worked with their volunteers to give away more than 4 million coats and spread awareness about the need for warm coats.

FREE FRESH PRODUCE GIVEAWAY

The free fresh produce giveaway is sponsored by local charity Delivering Hope. Delivering Hope in Fenton is sponsoring the event on Monday, Nov. 9, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Uncle Ray's Dairyland. Delivering Hope will be giving away carrots, onions, apples, potatoes, and squash. The produce is completely free. Anyone interested can pick up food.

FENTON TOWNSHIP WOMAN NAMED LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR

Denise Hooks of Fenton Township was named Librarian of the Year by the Michigan Library Association (MLA). For more than 30 years, the MLA has recognized a librarian's outstanding contributions to the library community. Beginning in 1980, Hooks served as director of the Mott Community College Library until she moved to her current position at Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative (MMLC) in 2009. During her tenure at Mott, she was a key member of FALCON, the automated circulation system that was one of the pioneer projects bringing multi-type libraries together. She is the current chair of the Cooperative Directors Association, a past board member of Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) and sits on the board of the Friends of Michigan Libraries. She has also been very active in MLA, serving on several work groups. One of the most visible results of Hooks' passion for interlibrary cooperation has been the continuing education collaboration that she helped create. In addition to collaboration, Hooks has a passion for library advocacy. She organizes an annual delegation of librarians and trustees from Michigan to attend ALA Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. While her cooperative is primarily public libraries, it is said to be one of the few in the state that is a true multitype library organization. Academic and school libraries play a part in the success of her cooperative. It's clear from her actions and accomplishments that Hooks enjoys serving the Michigan library community and in turn inspires enthusiasm for libraries in those around her.

STEP FORWARD MICHIGAN ANNOUNCES APPLICATION DEADLINE

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) will close its Step Forward Michigan foreclosure prevention program to new applicants on Dec. 31. All homeowners in need of assistance with their unpaid property taxes must register at www. stepforwardmichigan.org by Dec 31, 2015 and submit the complete application package by Jan. 31, 2016 in order to be considered on a first come, first served basis. Applications already received will continue to be reviewed. Homeowners are encouraged to apply for the program online at www.stepforwardmichigan. org or call (866) 946-7432. For assistance with the online application, contact Metro Community Development at (810) 767-4622 or Flint Nipp, Inc. at (810) 766-7212.

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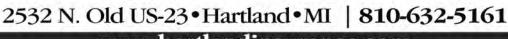
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Tigers capture fourth straight district, defeats Linden

Fenton pulls away in Blanc High School. second half of match versus Lady Eagles

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 The Linden volleyball team

competed with the three-time defending Class A district champions for two sets, drawing even in those two sets on Thursday at Grand

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But in the second half of the two area rivals' district championship match, the Fenton Tigers took over, earning a 25-23, 28-30, 25-9, 25-14 victory against Linden.

Fenton (40-11-7) advances to Class A regional action at Romeo High School on Tuesday, facing either Eisenhower or Stoney Creek in the semifinals at 5 p.m.

"Obviously winning districts

Sports

was one of our team goals, so it was nice to achieve that," Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger said. "They showed a lot of character, especially after that secondgame loss."

The two area rivals were locked into an exciting match during the

first half of the district title contest. Fenton jumped to an 11-7 lead in the first game before Linden called a time out. Linden got back into

the set, but still fell short as Kiley Aldred served the set point at 25-23. However, the Eagles' used the momentum earned from

the first set to figure a

way to capture a second-set victory.

The teams saw the lead bounce back and forth. Fenton led 22-21, but the Eagles scored three of the next four points, taking a 24-23 lead. However, Fenton staved off set point and the teams fought until Linden captured the 30-28 victory. The match was tied at one set each.

> The Tigers dominated from that point, holding See **DISTRICT** on 20A

JESS WARFORD

The Fenton outside hitter had 19 kills in the Tigers' district title victory agains the Linden Eagles.



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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Division 2, Region 2 District 1

Oct. 30 Games

Fenton 21, Holly 20 Holly ends season at 5-5. Midland Dow 42, Midland 7

Nov. 6 District Final

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

Division 3, Region 2 District 2

Oct. 30 Games

Orchard Lake St. Mary's 49, John Glenn 7 LInden 20, Ortonville-Brandon 3

Nov. 6 District Final

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

Division 4, Region 3 District 1

Oct. 30 Games

Flint Powers Catholic 41, Goodrich 0

Lake Fenton 29, Corunna

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 totimes. com.

Honors earned by Holly tennis

■Vergith named All-State; Sophiea honored as D2 Coach of the Year

By David Troppens

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It was another outstanding season for the Holly varsity boys tennis team.

The Bronchos won the Metro League title, placed second at regionals and ended up placing 11th at the Division 2 state meet, held at Holly, Fenton and Grand Blanc high schools.

Such accomplishments will usually result in some individual honors. In this case, they

Recently, Holly's No. 1 singles player Ethan Vergith was named to the First-Team All-State squad, becoming only the second Holly Bronchos to earn that honor, Meanwhile, head coach Will Sophiea also earned an honor, being named the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association Division 2 Coach of the Year.

"Will was in a group chat with me and my family and



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS

Holly's No. 1 singles tennis player Evan Vergith was recently honored as one of the Michigan Interscholastic Tennis Coaches Association's First-Team All-State members.

he told me and I was pretty stunned," Vergith said about the moment he earned All-State honors. "The text I sent back was, 'No way.' I didn't think I'd get it. I was very happy and surprised."

"It was cool. It was a nice

way to wrap up the season," Sophiea said about the two honors. "They were a couple of surprises. It was very very cool.

"But I care more about the team accomplishments. Evan

See HOLLY on 20A

Fenton, Linden advance to district finals

By David Troppens

happen.

dtroppens@tctimes.com **Grand Blanc** — A week ago it looked like it could

On Wednesday, the rematch was set up.

The Linden and Fenton varsity volleyball teams won Class A district semifinal matches on Wednesday at Grand Blanc High School, setting up the second match in nine days between the two area rivals in Thursday's district title match.

Both teams earned their semifinal victories in similar fashion. Both started out slow, but gained momentum as their matches went on, earning the Wednesday wins in pretty dominating fashion.

The Tigers opened Wednesday night's semifinals by defeating the Brandon Blackhawks 25-19, 25-15, 25-14. The Linden Eagles ended up being the closing act, defeating tour-

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I MARK BOLEN

Linden's Megan Klavitter (right) dives to the floor to dig a ball during Linden's district semifinal victory against Grand Blanc. Linden defeated Holly in the opening round earlier in the week.

Eagles defeat Bronchos in first round of Class A district tourney

By David Troppens

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The Linden varsity volleyball team "aced" its first Division 1 district match at Grand Blanc High School on Monday.

The Eagles had three players combine for 18 aces, helping lead Linden to a 25-10, 25-15, 25-7 victory against the Holly Bronchos.

"We served tough tonight," Linden coach Cori Mason simply said.

Bridget Adams led the team with seven aces on 17of-19 serving, while Breyanna Turnipseed had six aces on 13-of-15 serving. Morgan Fitch went 14-for-15 on the service line with five aces.

When there were volleys, Linden's defense was strong.

Megan Klavitter finished with 20 digs, while Fitch had 13. Offensively, Turnipseed had eight kills, while Adams had six. Emma O'Keefe and Emma Kenney had five each.

Holly had just one service error in the match, but couldn't keep up with the Eagles. Katie Bartholomew led Holly's offense with three kills, while Taylor McAninch and Courtney Accordi had two kills each. Katie LaClair had 18 digs, while Isabelle Brown had 15.

"The girls played hard this season, and improvement was apparent from the first time this young team faced Linden this season to this last match," first-year Holly coach Hannah Timm said.

Perfection earned by LF's JV team

■ Devils experience blowouts, thrillers during 9-0 campaign

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton JV football coach Steve Muenzer doesn't concern himself with victories when it comes to player development.

"My philosophy is getting better every day," Muenzer

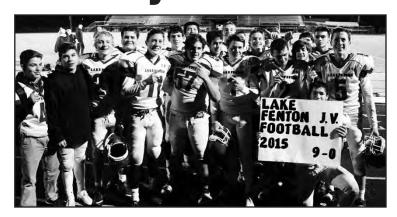
His Blue Devils' squad did just that this fall. As the Lake Fenton JV football team moved from week-to-week, the Blue Devils got so good that they ended the season with a perfect 9-0 mark. Just a year ago, a large portion of the players were on the freshman team finishing with a 4-4-1 record. The improvement made this year is obvious when one just looks at the differences in the two records.

"They played pretty well this year," Muenzer said. "They bought into the belief of getting better every day. That's what we talk about.

"I had no expectations. All I wanted to do was go 1-0 on Thursday night. All we talked about is going 1-0 every Thursday night, and it started clicking with the kids. We had a pretty tough schedule, but we beat Freeland to start and started rolling from there."

The Blue Devils opened with a 36-16 victory against Freeland and then earned blowout wins against Bendle, Montrose, Sault Ste. Marie and Beecher. But then came the final three contests.

First, there was Goodrich. The Blue Devils were tied with Goodrich at 22-all at halftime,





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ANGELA MUENZER (Top) The Lake Fenton JV football team celebrates its 9-0 percent season just minutes after beating Willamston. (Left) The Blue Devils charge on to the field just minutes before the start of their game with Williamston.

but scored two second-half TDs, earning a 36-22 victory.

The next week, the Blue Devils trailed Corunna 13-0 after the opposition's first two offensive plays of the game.

"The funny thing is nobody panicked. Nobody put their heads down," Muenzer said. "Danny Lozon and I looked at each other and said we had to answer. The kids kept their enthusiasm, put together a sixminute scoring drive and then got another stop. We got the ball back again and we scored again. From there we dominated, beating a really good Corunna team 37-20."

The Blue Devils had a contest with Williamston between them and a perfect 9-0 season. Lake Fenton led early, but Williamston put together a period where the Hornets scored two TDs in a short period of time, giving Williamston the lead.

"Nobody panicked. They remained calm and they were amazing," Muenzer said. "We took care of our business and won 44-36."

Muenzer is excited about the players' futures.

"There are some kids who are going to fit in next year and some kids fit in this year's playoff future," Muenzer said. "Some are getting playing time this Friday (in the district title game against Powers). I'm excited for them and excited for the future of the program. (Lake Fenton head coach) Eric (Doyle) has the program headed in the right direction."

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PREP REPORT

VOLLEYBALL

► Fenton at Grand Blanc Tour**nament:** The Tigers (38-11-7) were heading into district action on a true high point. The Metro League champions won the Grand Blanc Tournament on Saturday, defeating Farmington Hills Mercy 25-16, 26-24 in the championship match.

Fenton had victories against Powers, Williamston, Rochester Adams, Davison and Mercy. They opened the day with a split against Adams.

'It was very much a team effort as our kill leaders changed from match to match and our defense was pretty good all day," Fenton coach Jerry Eisinger said. "This was big victory for Fenton to help build some momentum going into the districts.

SWIMMING

► Fenton 118, Notre Dame Prep 65: The Tigers had swimmers win six events in the meet. Emma Cagle won the 200 freestyle (2:12.93), while Carly Kozlowski took the top spot in diving. Caitlyn Daily won the 100 butterfly (1:06.17), while Bri Costigan won the 100 freestyle (57.74). The final two firsts were recorded by Cameron Mathews in the 500 freestyle and Elise Cassidy in the 100 backstroke.

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ney hosts Grand Blanc by a 19-25, 25-14, 25-22, 25-15 score in the second semifinal.

Both teams were excited to advance to the district title match.

"Honestly, (winning a district title) means everything to me," Linden senior libero Megan Klavitter said. "Everything I do is for this team. We are like family. They mean everything to me."

"I really want to win," Fenton senior Jessie Eastman said. "No matter who we play it's going to be tough competition. I'm excited to see how it goes."

Both semifinal matches started a little sketchy for the tri-county area squad.

Against Brandon, the three-time defending Class A district champions started a bit slow. Some hitting errors, service errors, service reception miscues and a violation enabled the Blackhawks to take an early 9-7 lead in the first set. However, the Tigers were able to turn around their fortunes. Fenton got back into the match and experienced the lead for good at 17-16 on a Jess Warford kill. Brandon followed the kill up with errors of its own during three of the next four volleys, allowing the Tigers to take a 22-19 lead. Fenton eventually iced the set in impressive fashion, with Chloe Idoni leading the way. Idoni had an overpass kill, and then earned an assisted block kill with Cassidy Curtis. Idoni provided set point with a kill after the block.

After the first set, the Tigers looked more like their normal selves. Two aces by Shealyn Mandle and kills by Eastman and Warford enabled the Tigers to jump to a quick 6-2 lead in the second set. From there, Fenton never trailed. The Tigers had eight kills, two block kills and just one hitting error in the second set. While Fenton flourished, Brandon faltered, experiencing no less than six hitting efforts in the second set. Fenton eventually closed the set earning a 25-15 victory. The final two points came on an Eastman block kill and a Curtis kill.

The third set remained for a tiny bit. Brandon was within an 9-8 margin, but back-to-back Blackhawk hitting errors enabled the Tigers to put some distance between them and Brandon. In one period, Eastman provided three straight kills with two coming off of Brandon overpasses. Match point was provided by Curtis with

The Tigers' offense was based on balance. Eastman led the Tigers with 11 kills, while Curtis had seven kills. Warford and Idoni chipped in six kills.

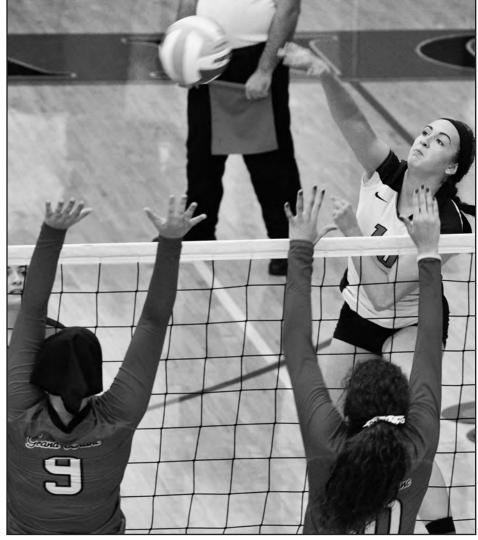
There's no question. I think that's what makes this team different (than last year's team)," Fenton coach Jerry Eisinger said about the team's balanced offense. "We don't rely on one person. We can spread it out. We have some people who can dominate a game, but if they are not dominating a game, we have several places to go.

'And our defense keeps us in the points. I really like this team. I really like our chances."

The Tigers also have the experience of winning three past district crowns on their

"(The past success) does a little of both (create pressure and create confidence)," Eastman said. "But my team gives me confidence because I know how well we can do. Lately we've done really well and are coming together as a team. We have a lot of confidence."

Linden's turnaround took a little more time, but the Eagles also probably had the tougher semifinal foe facing Grand Blanc.



Linden had seven hitting errors and four service errors in the first set, losing it 25-19. However, the Eagles slowly generated some momentum and started taking over the match. In the second set, Linden's Klavitter and Morgan Fitch had extended service runs, changing what was just a 9-5 Linden lead to an 18-6 lead. The Eagles' dominated from there, eventually getting set point on the game's final volley. Allison Conly provided the winning kill after Klavitter recorded three digs at different times during the volley. Overall, Linden had 11 kills and just three hitting errors in the set, eventually winning it 25-14.

In the third set the Eagles were doing everything right but serving. The Eagles had nine service errors in the set, but were able to still grasp the set away from the Bobcats, winning it 25-22.

In the fourth set the Eagles were trailing 7-6, but a strong service run by Emily Pearce allowed Linden to take a 13-7 lead. During the run, Emma O' Keefe had a kill and shared a block kill with Breyanna Turnipseed helping the service run continue. Later in the set, a Turnipseed kill was followed by a block kill in the next volley, leading the Eagles to a 16-8 lead. Brandon never threatened the lead again. Emma Kenney earned the 24th point of the set with a kill. Set point came on a Bridget Adams service Brandon couldn't control.

"I don't know what it was, but the first game we didn't come out with the same fire and the same intensity," Mason said. "Then the second game we got on a couple of service runs and that helped build some confidence. After that, we played well.

"There were some balls our defense would've normally picked up and I think we improved as the match went on, eventually taking the win."

The victory gave the Eagles their 33rd win, tying the school record.

Adams had nine kills, pacing the offense, while Turnipseed had eight kills and two blocks. Miranda Fowler and Fitch had 14 and 10 assists, respectively. Klavitter led the defense with 28 digs, while Turnipseed had nine digs.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES I MARK BOLEN Linden's Bridget Adams (top right) attempts a kill during the Eagles' 19-25, 25-14, 25-22, 25-15 Class A district semifinal victory against tourney hosts Grand Blanc on Wednesday. Adams led the Eagles' offense with nine kills.



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HOLLY

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Vergith is the second boy on the All-State team (from Holly). We also graduated 20 seniors in two years and still win a league title and go to the state meet. It's a testament to the kids who buy into the program and buy into team goals. We wouldn't do it if not for the kids who believe in the program and want to build something successful."

Vergith has been on the varsity team for four years, but has been around the Holly tennis program ever since his oldest brother, Ian Vergith, was on the team about a decade ago. He started playing when he was about 6 and enrolled in the Holly Summer Tennis program about that same age. He started playing competitive tennis when he was 9 or 10. His other brother, Aaron, also played for the tennis program.

"Oh yeah, for sure (my brothers were an influence)," Evan said. "I saw them playing and it prompted me to play also.

"What I like the most is when I have a competitive match and there is a good fight — like when the points go longer. ... I like the fact it's just me as well. It's 1v1 and I have to rely on myself to pull out the match."

Vergith capped his senior year with a 19-15 record overall, finishing as the No. 1 singles champion at the Flint Metro League tournament as well as earning runner-up honors at the regional meet.

He played No. 1 singles his junior season as well, posting a 14-19 record. He was a Metro runner-up and a regional champion. He played No. 3 singles his freshman season, and No. 2 singles his sophomore season.

The first Holly boys player to earn All-State honors was Sophiea's younger



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS

Holly varsity boys and girls tennis coach Will Sophiea (center) does a cheer with some participants during the Holly Summer Tennis Camp. Sophiea was recently named Division 2 boys coach of the year.

brother Jeff Sophiea in 2013.

"We've had Vergiths here for so long, Will Sophiea said. "He's been around for so long, coming here from sun-up to sundown. He worked hard in the summer four or five days in a week. Evan is an example of someone who works during the summer four or five days a week on his game."

Sophiea has been coaching with the Holly program for 15 seasons between the boys and girls program and has been the head coach for just over five years. He co-coached the program for two years with Brennan Brown prior to his seasons as

head coach.

Sophiea was a player at Holly as well, and began co-coaching after he graduated. During his 15 seasons with the Holly varsity boys and varsity girls tennis teams. He's won 15 regional titles and 12 Metro crowns.

"I think it's really awesome," Vergith said about Sophiea's award.

"I have always thought he was one of the best coaches in the regional. It's really awesome for him to be validated and win Coach of the Year. I have always thought he deserved it."

DISTRICT

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"In the first game we had control and let them back in late, and in the second game we lost momentum," Eisinger said.

Linden to just 23 points in the final two sets.

game we lost momentum," Eisinger said. "It was a really good game all the way. It was a tough loss, but we were still competing really well. After that our attitudes changed, the girls got more aggressive. They passed better and it was a completely different game."

"It seemed as if we had to battle back in all four sets, and in the first two we were able to swing the momentum our way," Linden coach Cori Mason said. "After such a huge comeback in the second game, Fenton, again, jumped to an early lead in the third set and our kids just couldn't seem to get anything going our way."

Fenton's Jess Warford finished with a match-high 19 kills. Jessie Eastman had a strong showing with 10 kills, while Chloe Idoni had six kills and 11 blocks. Taylor Mowery was the defensive star with 28 digs. She also serve received 18 balls.

Linden (33-13-5) was led by Bridget Adams' 12 kills. Allison Conly and Breyanna Turnipseed had 10 kills each. Klavitter had 58 digs. The Eagles finished the season tying the school record for most wins in a season.

"This team truly was a family and I have been blessed to have coached such an amazing group of young ladies," Mason said. "The seniors have been with me for a long timeso I wanted it fr them so bad. It's hard to believe these girls are finished with Linden volleyball, but I'm proud of them and know they are destined for great things."

David's Dabblings A few thoughts about

A few thoughts about the area's sports scene and some others not dealing with sports at all.



LIONS MAKE CHANGES, BUT WILL THEY REALLY MATTER?

Detroit Lions' owner Martha Ford finally did something her deceased husband and long-time Detroit Lions' owner, William Clay Ford wouldn't do before prior to his death — she has closed the Matt Millen chapter of the Detroit Lions' organization.

Detroit Lions' general Manager Martin Mayhew and team president Tom Lewand were fired by Martha Ford, who has taken over the role as Lions' owner since her husband died just over a year ago.

"We are very disapointed with the results of the season so far and believe a change in leadership was necessary," the 90-year-old owner read off of prepared statement during her press conference on Thursday.

For Lions' fans, such as myself, the news is welcoming. After all, Mayhew is the last major piece remaining within the Detroit Lions' organization from what was one of the worst experiments in pro football history — the hiring of television color commentator Matt Millen in 2001. All Millen did was lead the Lions down one of the worst paths of any franchise in NFL history, including the first-ever 0-16 mark any NFL team has posted. The Lions did just that in 2008. And who was Millen's closest advisor during his era? Yup, it was Mayhew.

Yet, William Clay Ford saw Mayhew as the right person to replace Mayhew, dropping the interim tag off his GM position after the 2008 season ended. And while the Mayhew era may not have been worse than Millen's time at GM (how could it have been worse?), it's not like the Lions have made their fans feel like 'Happy days are here again.' In fact, all the Lions have done is see last year's playoff team that finished 11-5 fall to a squad that is now 1-8. The Lions lost its best defensive player, Ndamukong Suh, seemingly shocked that it actually happened. It seemed the Lions were the only ones on the planet who thought Suh may stay with the Lions.

Mayhew's ability to define talent has been anemic, at best. None of the players from the Lions' 2010 or 2011 drafts remain on the team.

The Lions are now searching for his replacement, as well as someone to replace Lewand. My immediate thought - this had to happen in 2008. Mayhew never should've remained when Millen was fired. My second thought — at least with change, there's a glimmer of hope that Ford will get it right and hire some capable front office personel. But my final thought is this — it's hard to believe second-year 90-year-old owner is the right person to make these decisions. After all, it's the Ford name that has surived the Millens, the Mayhews and the Chuck Schmidts of the past. The Ford name has been around over 50 years. That's the common theme. During that time, we've seen one playoff win and years inept and bumbling moves.

The No. 1 leading inept name in Lions' history is Ford. And if a Ford is the one making the decisions about the future, it's hard for me to get overly excited about Thursday's news.





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Fenton Township Board of Trustee reappointed to Southern Lakes Park and Recreation board

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees unanimously voted to reappoint Trustee Shaun Shumaker to serve on the Southern Lakes Park and Recreation (SLPR) Board of Directors. Shumaker said he is extremely excited about returning to the board to serve another three years. "I look forward to continuing to work with the incredible staff at SLPR, who are not only dedicated to Southern Lakes but their communities as well," he said. Shumaker hopes to expand the SLPR programs that are offered, especially with senior programs and activities, as well as spread awareness of what SLPR is and what it does for the communities.

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investigation into the matter. As a result of the investigation, three suspects were identified and information was obtained concerning a related purchase of firearms and evidence of certain targets of the alleged plan.

Police investigative reports about this matter were presented to the Office of Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton and he authorized felony charges against three males that included an 18-year-old and two 15-year-olds, each of whom are charged as adults.

THOSE CHARGED ARE:

- Ryan William Stevens, 18, of Linden
- Lamar Michael Dukes, 15, of West Bloomfield
- Cody Anthony Brewer, 15, of Wolverine Lake

Stevens is lodged at the Genesee County Jail. Because of their ages, Dukes and Brewer are lodged at the Genesee Regional Detention Center in Flint.

Count 1: Conspiracy to commit first-degree premeditated murder, a felony punishable by up to life in prison

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Count 2: False report or threat of terrorism, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison

Did threaten to commit an act of terrorism and did communicate that threat to another person.

Interim Superindent Russ Ciesielski said, "After becoming aware of the information, we worked with law enforcement and within our district's emergency procedures to secure the safety of our students and staff."

ADVISORY

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and the Appletree subdivision including the streets of Appletree, Swanee Beach, Orchard Lake, and South Long Lake.

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The boil water order does not affect any other areas of the community.

If you are affected by the boil water order you should vigorously boil water for five minutes before using it for drinking or cooking. If you can't boil the water, use bottled water.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

THANK YOU TO the person who stopped and tried to save the two cranes on Lahring Road, Nov. 3, because their habitat was just destroyed. This makes me real happy. Thanks a lot, boys.

ALBERT EINSTEIN SAID that income tax is entirely too complicated for him to understand. He died in 1955. I wonder what he'd think of the mess today.

WHY CAN'T THEY have term limits on the Supreme Court so that no matter how old, dumb or smart they are, they're not there for a lifetime. No way should anybody be appointed to anything for life.

THE NEW DOWNTOWN Fenton Streetscape looks great and it's going to be wonderful for downtown. Also thank you to the LaJoice family for this new Riverview project that's going to go on Caroline Street.

LET'S BE FAIR. Rush Limbaugh should be moderator for the next Democratic debate

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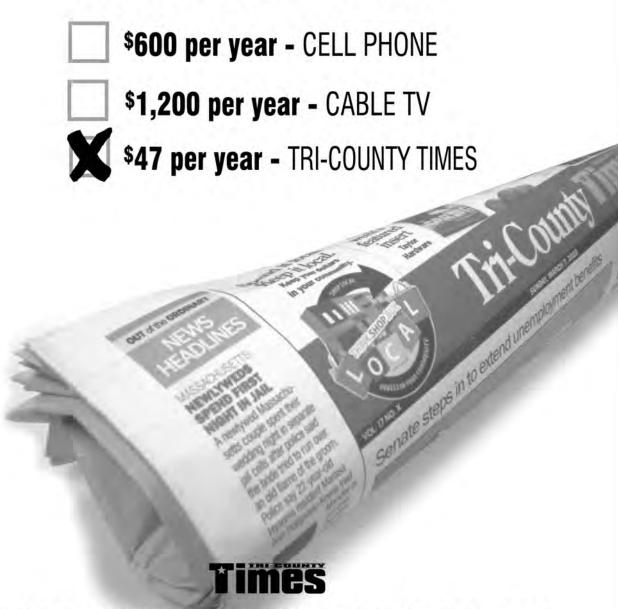
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ELECTION RESULTS

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of 696 ballots were cast in this race, representing 7.4 percent of those registered. That 696 included ballots cast by absentee voters.

Sue Osborn ran unopposed for another two-year term as mayor and received 555 votes, representing 96.52 percent of the vote. There were 20 write-in votes and 121 under votes reported.

Pat Lockwood will serve another four years on the City Council. She received 452 votes (25.45 percent). Newcomers Cherie Smith, who received 451 votes (25.39 percent) and Nancy Draves who

received 450 votes (25.34 percent) will join her.

Les Bland lost his bid for another four years on the council, receiving 412 votes (23.2 percent).

"I appreciate the trust the community has placed in me and I will do my best continuing to serve the city," said Osborn. "I look forward to working with the new council coming onboard next week. We have a lot of things going on right now and we need to hit the ground running.

"I very much enjoyed working with Les," Osborn added. "He was a very good council person and I hope he continues serving the city because his expertise is very valuable.'

Lockwood said she is thankful to the voters who supported and voted

"I look forward to continuing to serve the community for another four years, and look forward to working with the new council."

Smith said winning is a dream come true for her, especially since her late husband, Ben Smith, served on the council in recent years.

> "I am very proud to serve this city and look forward to jumping in and getting to work," said Smith.

Draves said, "I am very grateful to all the people who supported me and I will try to do the best job I can."

Bland thanks the

people who voted for him again and said he was honored that he could serve four years on the City Council and as director of the Department of Public Works for 41 years.

When asked about his plans now, Bland said, "I'll still be around. I will still check out the agendas and if there is something I want to talk about, I'll come to meetings.

"I may not have a vote on the council but I still have a voice," Bland added. "I will especially continue to fight for the DPW guys."

After the election results were revealed Tuesday night, Bland said he is not going to ask for a recount.

"I'm just gonna eat my pizza and go home," he said.

LOOKING BACK

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Easton Ellis novel "American Psycho." **30 YEARS**

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1985 New mayor begins. Asks for unity as a vehicle to progress. Newly elected Mayor Carl Hammond offered some promising words of hope for the future and took time to offer special thanks for a decade of service from former Mayor Lucille Brabon. He defeated Brabon by a two to one margin in the Nov. 5 election. Hammond expressed disappointment that Brabon didn't attend the meeting to officially turn the city over to him and accept a gift for her many years of

NATIONAL NEWS - Nov. 8-14, 1985

- The U.S. president was Ronald Reagan (Republican).
- During that week, people in the U.S. were listening to "Miami Vice Theme" by Jan Hammer.
- "To Live and Die in L.A.", directed by William Friedkin, was one of the most viewed movies released in 1985.
- "Texas" by James A. Michener was one of the bestselling books
- A letter signed by four American hostages in Lebanon was delivered to The Associated Press in Beirut. The letter, contained pleas from Terry Anderson, Rev. Lawrence Jenco, David Jacobsen and Thomas Sutherland to President Reagan to
- negotiate a release. • Sting's concert-movie "Bring on the Night" opened nationally.
- In Norfolk, Virginia, Arthur James Walker was sentenced to life in prison for his role in a spy ring run by his brother, John A. Walker Jr.

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Meet Kurt Hildebrandt

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- Husband
- Drummer

By Hannah Ball

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Anyone who's been to the Fenton Post Office has probably talked to the most cheerful postal worker, Kurt Hildebrandt. Postal service worker by day, drummer by night, the 51-yearold aims to give his clients the best customer service possible.

How long have you worked at the post office?

I have worked for the USPS for more than 20 years and it's my pleasure to serve the postal needs of the people using the Fenton, Michigan postal service.

Does the post office get many angry customers?

We get very few truly angry customers. Fenton postal workers do their job very well, but, being human, we all make mistakes. The people of Fenton are very understanding and allow our supervisors time to correct any problems we find.

Waiting in line can be stressful. How do you diffuse possibly bad situations with impatient customers?

As with angry customers, we get very few truly impatient customers, and although the USPS does have controls in place to move the line, most customers understand that other people's business takes time, too. I want all my customers to know that I will take the time to fulfill whatever their postal needs are to their satisfaction.

Do you like your job?

I wouldn't want any other job the USPS offers.

Where are you from and where do you live currently?

I grew up in Warren and currently live in Washington Township.

How do you like the Fenton area?

I like the Fenton area so much that I was offered a transfer a half hour closer in drive time to my home and turned it down.

Tell me about your family.

I've been married for over 10 years to my lovely wife, Lisa and have a 25-year-old stepson, Dalton, of whom Lisa and I are very proud.

What kind of hobbies do you have?



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Kurt Hildebrandt

Fenton Post Office

worker

My main hobbies are playing drums and running live sound for rock bands. I've been toying with the idea of getting into woodworking and cabinet making.

How long have you been drumming?

I call myself a third-year drumming student. My first year took 10 years, my second year took another 10 years, now I'm in the sixth year of my third year.

What kind of music do you like?

I like mostly classic rock for performing, but I love jazz, soul, and classical for listening.

What's it like doing live sound for

I love having instantaneous control over what's coming out the speakers. A solid mix is a thing of beauty.

What do you like about Fenton?

The thing I like the most about Fenton is the residents. My customers are kind, friendly, and generous. I'll be here until I retire.

Customers know you because of your humor and ability to talk everyone. How do you stay so cheery every day? Is it an effort?

I am very lucky that it is not a real effort to stay cheery. I realize how lucky I am to live in this place at this time and I am thankful for that every day. The poorest person in the U.S. today is richer than the kings of the past centuries.

Are you always outgoing?

Everybody has their off days and I am no exception. I just try to hide it from my customers because they always deserve my best.

What's something not many people know about you?

I always do a crossword or some kind of number puzzle with my lunch. What's something you've always

TRI-COUNTY TIMES HANNAH BALL

Kurt Hildebrandt has worked for the **United State Postal** Service for 20 years. Area residents who use the services of the Fenton post office have most likely spoken with the

wanted to accomplish?

I've always wanted to learn to stuntdrive. Don't worry, Chief Aro, I won't use Fenton roads to practice.

cheerful and outgoing employee.

When you were young, what did you want to grow up to be?

A professional drummer.

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ADA (American Dental Association)

As of this writing I am in Washington DC attending the ADA annual meeting. The American Dental Association was founded in 1859 and is the oldest and largest national dental society in the world. Since its inception, the ADA has grown to become the leading source of oral health related information for dentists and their patients. The mission of the ADA is to foster the success of its diverse membership and advance the oral health of the public. The ADA has a strong voice in Washington and advocates several positions to legislators in Congress. These include funding for dental research, supporting stu-dent loans for future dentists, increased dental coverage from Medicaid and CHIP programs, reducing dental costs through reform of insurance and medical liability, and improving public health through water fluoridation, tobacco control, and disaste planning and response. The ADA established rigorous guidelines for testing and advertising of dental products and the first ADA SEAL of Acceptance was awarded in 1931. There are over 157,000 ADA member dentists from all 50 states. Membership in the national organization includes membership in one of the 53 Constituent (state) and 545 Component (local) dental societies. I am a member and the immediate past president of the Genesee District Dental Society which is our local component of the ADA. Most dentists in our area belong to the GDDS which has about 250 member dentists. I am very proud of a fellow colleague and friend, Dr. Ray Gist from Flint and member of our own Genesee District Dental Society. In 2010 he served as president of the American Dental Association. Dr. Gist is only the second dentist from Michigan ever to be elected ADA president. This was a huge honor. Membership in the American Dental Association is a sign of commitment and dedication to the dental profession. Be sure your dentist is an ADA member!

I welcome your questions and comments. Feel free to e-mail me drsulfaro@comcast.net



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