Police likely prevented school shooting in Linden

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Three teens are behind bars following a police 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 Argentine Township.

On Oct. 29, after reviewing the information and reports from Argentine Township School Resource Officer Paul Brooks regarding the planned threat, Chief Daniel Allen forwarded the information to the FBI. Officers from the Argentine Township Police Department, Michigan State Police and FBI agents took immediate steps to secure the safety of students, staff and the public, and began an investigation.

On Nov. 11, 1993, Smothers, who was 40 at the time, was stabbed to death in her Argentine Township home.

Delores Smothers

Police would like to solve Delores Smothers’ murder

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

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

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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 of 9,429 registered voters cast their ballots in Tuesday’s election.

The unofficial results of the Fenton City Council election are:

MAJOR:
Sue Osborn (unopposed) .......... 555

CITY COUNCIL:
Pat Lockwood ....................... 452
Cherie Smith .......................... 451
Nancy Draves ......................... 450
Les Bland ............................ 412

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

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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.”

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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 administers.

Here are six reasons why:

1) Voting is not universal 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.

2) Those 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.

3) 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 intended.

4) A national ballot needs to be designed that is a template for all state ballots.

5) 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 cruddy 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.

6) 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 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.

7) Confusing standards for qualifying to vote. As a result of no federal rules regarding who can vote, each state has its own standard for what ID is acceptable or what qualities. For example, some states allow convicted criminals to participate, others do not. Again, it’s just plain stupid not to have federal guidelines.

8) 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 Lacie County Florida? Remember the unified members of the New Black Panthers, wielding billy clubs and blocking entry to the Philadelphia polling places? Remember the 95 privected 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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Retired U.S. Army sergeant to share inspirational message

The Fenton Rotary Club will host its third annual Veterans Day Breakfast at Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden on Tuesday, Nov. 10. Keynote 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 Koulchar in 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.
Dollar General wants to build in Fenton Township

If approved, store would be built on Thompson Road

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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 would be corporately owned. It isn’t connected to the Dollar General at 12601 North Leproy St. in Fenton.

Milanowski said they’re seeking an amendment to the Planned 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 has no issues with the third driveway, and 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 weren’t enough parking spaces for a 9,000-square-foot business.

“We’re not in favor of over-paving America if we don’t need it,” 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 decide what they need, so my hat’s off to you,” Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said people are “very happy” with the project.

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,” Milanowski said.

The second hearing will take place at the Nov. 23 meeting.
Controversial road-funding bills package heading to governor

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

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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 roadways.

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.

That 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 year.

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 a Homestead Property Tax Credit and an income tax rollback that would start in 2013 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 $500 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 20 percent.

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

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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 Environmental 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 an investigation of other potential sources based on information we gathered from the Pont City directors, 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 DEQ 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),” 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 station was responsible last November.

According to part 213 of Act 551, 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, Beacon and Bridge attorney, said “We currently don’t have any evidence that there has been a release from the underground storage system at the sight (Beacon and Bridge).”

Knaggs, who specializes in environmental law, said they’re still in an investigative 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.

Police & Fire

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 side of the 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.

City of Fenton announces boil water advisory

Residents served by Fenton City water on Trenton 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 Trenton 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 of Trenton Drive, including Crestmont Care Center, Crestview Apartments, Trent out Apartments, Fenton Estates, as well as those on Fenton Commons, according to Marjorie Frisch, environmental quality analyst for the DEQ.

The DEQ is investigating other potential sources of the leak. A drilled boring has been completed 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.

We currently don’t have any evidence that there has been a release from the underground storage system at the sight (Beacon and Bridge.)

Clifford Knaggs

Knaggs, Harter, Brake & Schneider PC, Beacon and Bridge attorney
**LOOKING BACK AT THIS WEEK IN HISTORY**

**5 YEARS**

**Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010**

Pedestrian dies after being struck by car in Holly. A 50-year-old Hubbell 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.

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**Serendipity Wellness Spa offers Black Friday promotion**

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

By Sally Rummel

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 Gabri el 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 purchase of a gift certificate.

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 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,” said Skop.

Skop has always had a heart for charita ble 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 charities, 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 to toiletries, diapers of all sizes, baby wipes, coats and books 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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Jessica Skop

Serendipity Spa owner in Linden and Frankenmuth

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**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.
- “The 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.

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**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.
Board recommends improvement projects

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 assessment districts 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 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 moderate-income 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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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 impose a $5,000 fine for illegally shooting game animals.

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.

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Delores Smothers was a varsity cheerleader for the Byron Eagles.

**SUMMARY**

- Delores Smothers was murdered in 1993 in her Argentine Township home, in what appeared to have been a home invasion. She was 40 at the time and had stopped at home for lunch, possibly surprising the intruder.

Delores Smothers was not taken off her coat and her keys were found under her body. Police said early that a suspect seen leaving the Smothers’ driveway was a white male, slight build, and with unkempt hair. He was driving a dark-colored, medium-size car.

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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 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 North Road.

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, Nov. 21.

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 Gibson.

The popularity of dining out, even on one of America’s most bountiful family holidays, 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. “We serve over 700 dinners 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 location.

Reservations are required for special Thanksgiving dinners at these area fine-dining restaurants.

Some national chain restaurants and fast food establishments are open on Thanksgiving dinners at these area fine-dining restaurants.

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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 dinners 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 location.

Reservations are required for special Thanksgiving dinners at these area fine-dining 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.

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**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 Midwestern 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 Librarians’ 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 multi-type 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 has served 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.
**PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS**

**Division 2, Region 2 District 1**
Oct. 30 Games
Fenton 21, Holly 20
Holly scored 20 at 5-5
Midland Dow 42, Midland 7
Nov. 6 District Final
Midland Dow (8-2) vs. Fenton (8-1), 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 27
Nov. 6 District Final
Lake Fenton (8-6) vs. Flint Powers at Alwood Stadium, 7 p.m.

**Honors earned by Holly tennis**

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

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**Fenton, Linden advance to district finals**

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- Grand Blanc — A week ago it looked like it could happen.
- 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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**Tigers capture fourth straight district, defeats Linden**

- Fenton pulls away in second half of match versus Lady Eagles

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- 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 Blanc High School.
- 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 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 second-game 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.
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Eagles defeat Bronchos in first round of Class A district tourney

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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.

Bridge Adams led the team with seven aces on 17-of-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.

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Perfection earned by LF’s JV team

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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 said.

The 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, 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 an answer. The kids kept their enthusiasm, put together a six-minute 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 Williamson between them and a perfect 9-0 season. Lake Fenton led early, but Williamson put together a period where the Hornets scored two touchdowns in a short span of time, giving Williamson 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 this in 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.”
Linden Predators looking for interested wrestlers

The Linden Predators youth wrestling team is looking for interested children to join their program.

There will be a sign-up for interested wrestlers for novice, open or elite wrestlers on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday night from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Linden High School outside the wrestling room.

Novice (ages 4 to 14) practices run on Wednesdays and Fridays starting at 5 p.m.

FINALS
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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.

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 in the second set. In the second set, Linden’s Kлавitter 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. Alli-son Conly provided the winning kill after Kлавitter 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 kill grasp the set away from the Bobcats, winning it 25-22.

In the fourth set the Eagles were trail-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 Tur-nipseed helping the service run continue. Later in the set, a Turnipseed kill was fol-lowed 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,”

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HOLLY
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Vergift 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 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."

Vergift 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 fight — like when the points go longer.”

Vergift 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 an 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 Sophia’s younger brother Jeff Sophia in 2013. “We’ve had Vergiths here for so long, Will Sophia said. “He’s been around for so long, coming here from sun-up to sun-down. 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.”

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

Sophia 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 Sophia’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.”

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Linden to just 23 points in the final two sets. “In the first game we had control and let them back in late, and in the second 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 Chloé Idoni had six kills and 11 blocks. Taylor Mowery was the defensive star with 28 digs. She also serve received 18 balls.

Linden (3-3-5) 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.

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

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**SHOOTING**

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In a shooting 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

Did unlawfully conspire, combine, confederate and agree together with one another and/or other unknown person to commit the following listed offense.

**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 Superintendent 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.”

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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 Street-scape 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.

WHAT HAPPENED TO the ghosts in the seminary after it was torn down?

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**ADVISORY**

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

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.

After 48 hours, check with city of Fenton (810-629-2261), the Fenton Water Plant (810-714-0528), the Fenton Police Department (810-629-5311), or the city’s website or Facebook page to see if the boil water order has been lifted.

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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 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.”

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

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Meet Kurt Hildebrandt

- Post office worker
- Husband
- Drummer

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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-year-old 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. 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 Fenton?

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?

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, soul, and classical for listening.

What’s it like doing live sound for bands?

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.

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 wanted to accomplish?

I’ve always wanted to learn to stunt-drive. Don’t worry, Chief Aro, I won’t use Fenton roads to practice.

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

A professional drummer.
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