Still gasoline in downtown Linden’s groundwater

Remediation process could cost business $380,000

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The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) denied Beacon and Bridge’s final assessment concerning the underground gasoline leak that was detected nearly two years ago.

Owner of Beacon & Bridge Gas Station in downtown Linden, Quick-Sav Food Stores, Ltd. in Flint, submitted the final assessment report. See LEAK on 15A

“The groundwater is contaminated.”

Marjorie Easton
Department of Environmental Quality
environmental quality analyst

Contractors with Davis Construction are working on the final aspects of the Silver Lake Road bridge reconstruction project in Fenton. The project is on schedule and Silver Lake Road should be open to traffic by July 1. See story on Page 2A.

Silver Lake Road bridge to open by July 1st

Could this device really eliminate ability to text and drive?

New product to be available this month

By Vera Hogan
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What if there was a 100 percent, foolproof way of keeping teens — or anyone for that matter — from risking their lives and the lives of others by texting and driving?

See DEVICE on 12A

The DriveCare device, which should be available to the public by the end of this month, is aimed at preventing texting and driving.

Sailors in the 2016 MC Scow Masters Championship, race along the half-mile course during the first race of seven on Lake Fenton on Thursday.
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Silver Lake Road should be open to traffic by July 1

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The Silver Lake Road bridge replacement project near downtown Fenton is on schedule and should be open by July 1, according to Dan Czarnecki, director of the Department of Public Works.

“Currently the contractor, Davis Construction, is working to complete the wing wall installation, placing riprap along the riverbanks, and backfilling and compacting the remaining area above the culvert pipe,” said Czarnecki.

The wing wall is the smaller wall extended from the larger wall. Riprap is loose stone used to form a foundation for a breakwater.

The sanitary sewer work on the west side was completed on Wednesday, June 1, Czarnecki said. The existing asphalt was milled on Tuesday to ready the area for resurfacing.

“Over the next several days the contractor will be installing the bridge parapet walls, which are the railing walls along the sidewalk area at the bridge surface,” said Czarnecki.

“Once that is completed they will be putting in the new sidewalks, installing the streetlight bases, and placing the gravel base for the street,” he added.

Once that work is done, contractors will be working on the curbs and gutters, and finally the asphalt surface will be installed, Czarnecki said.

After the paving has been completed there will still be work to be done in the bridge area, such as pavement markings, sign installation, street light installation, restoration work, etc.

The street will remain closed until this work is completed and the street is ready to be opened. “At this time, the contractor is still on schedule to meet the ‘open to traffic’ date of July 1,” said Czarnecki.

“After this date there will still be work to do along the bridge project, but this work should be able to be done with local lane closures and not impede traffic,” he said.

Czarnecki said there is still work that Consumers Energy needs to complete in the vicinity of the bridge, and they should be able to do their work with intermittent lane closures.

Bridge completion date still on target

The next steps in construction include the installation of new sidewalks and railings.

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Many companies launch products, hoping to sell millions and make a lot of money, but not all products are a hit. Snuggies were a popular “As Seen On TV” product in years past.

Seventy percent of Americans have purchased infomercial products

By Hannah Ball  
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It’s 2 a.m. on a Thursday and you’re still up watching TV. While insomnia is hitting hard, so are the infomercials, the only thing on at the time.

Commonly known as “The Graveyard Slot,” this is the most popular time of the day for TV programming, known as infomercials or direct response television, or DRTV, trying to sell products to consumers.

The infomercial business took off after President Ronald Reagan deregulated the television industry in 1984, allowing broadcasters to sell larger TV slots to advertisers. That year cable television grew dramatically, according to slate.com.

See PRODUCTS on 13A

DO THOSE PRODUCTS REALLY WORK?

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Vera Hogan  
Fenton resident

- Seventy percent of Americans have purchased infomercial products

1. ProActiv — This celebrity-endorsed, acne face wash generates more than $1.7 billion in revenue every year.
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Standing on principle, not to mention common sense, is so rare these days that when someone does it they make headlines. That’s because you can quickly be labeled a ‘bイト’ if you oppose a lot of the shodge dumped on us by the secular left. North Carolina’s Republican governor, Pat McCrory, is unrailed.

The Department of Justice sent him a letter warning that North Carolina’s House Bill 2, also known as House Bill 2, North Carolina’s anti-LGBT bathroom law, which was all DOJ needed to justify certifying the state is engaging in a pattern or practice of discrimination against transgender state employees and both you, in your official capacity, and the state are engaging in a pattern or practice of resistance.”

In a statement following the announcement of the lawsuit, Gov. McCrory said, “The Obama administration is bypassing Congress by attempting to rewrite the law and set restroom policies for public and private employers across the country, not just North Carolina. This is now a national issue that applies to every state and it needs to be resolved at the federal level,” meaning Congress and the courts.

McCrory added that Washington is “telling every government agency and every company that employs more than 15 people that men should be allowed to use a women’s locker room, restroom or shower facility.”

The push and pull continues. If you are a woman reading this, how would you feel about showering with a naked man? If you are a man who has daughters, would you be OK with allowing them to use a women’s restroom knowing that a man could be in there? What about school gyms? Are you fine with having your daughter changing and showering with a boy who believes he’s a girl? Are morals and ethics now up for grabs, depending on which group makes the most noise and promises the most votes? Perhaps Loretta Lynch and her deputy attorney general would lead by example and shower with a transgender male. Even better, how about first lady Michelle Obama? I suspect that very few on the left would want to live under many of the laws and dictates they like to impose on the rest of us. Have we gone mad? The question all but answers itself.

I’VE BEEN PLAYING golf for 70 years and I can tell you until Jordan Spieth quits looking at the hole seven times before he hits it, he will no longer be number two, he’ll be number 20. He hits some of the worst shots I’ve ever seen. If putting a hole in the bullseye of a paper target or breaking a pigeon is killing them, I’m guilty. I’ve done both several times and strangely never saw a drop of blood.

USE YOUR DISCRETION. Six more months and we’ll get rid of a president that the liberals selected for the second time. He’ll definitely go down in history as the worst president.

THE PROBLEM is that some conservatives can’t seem to express their views without making those views sound like bigotry and hatred. If a duck quacks like a duck, I assume it’s a duck.

I DON’T KNOW why Fenton Township would not allow animals such as ducks, rabbits, and small farm animals to be raised in a residential area when Supervisor Mathis allows people to have chickens and goats on Case’s Island. That’s residential isn’t it?

HEY FENTON, I have some cracked and crooked 2 x 4s, some rusty nails and some orange paint left over from a home-coming float a few years ago. I will assemble it all while blindfolded and drunk and then sell it to you as art. Opening bids at $4,500.

IT’S TIME TO disrupt the DDA and leave the decisions of our town up to elected officials instead of business owners.

I JUST SAW the picture of a police officer standing up in a boat while it’s in motion. Did anybody tell him that that’s illegal? We get a ticket for that.

IF WE DIDN’T have newspapers and good reporting the citizens would stay in the dark. This is a dangerous thing. We need to support our local paper.

HOLLY, LINDEN, AND Argentine really respect their history. They don’t want to tear anything historical down. Everything in Fenton that was historical is gone. I hope the DDA never gets a chance to come out here and tear down my town, because I’ll move.

I’M THE GUY that wrote in about little Johnny and Suzy going to college. I can assure you my parents did not pay my way. I did not go to college. Why? Because I couldn’t afford it. I don’t live beyond my means and I’m doing just fine. Thank you very much.

THIS IS THE year that the American people have been as stupid as they’ve been the last two elections. We will find out.

I SEE THEY put up a blinking light on Seymour Road by a curve. I live on a road that has a lot of curves and my mailbox gets knocked down two to three times a year. How can I get one of these lights on my road?

I WAS FORTUNATE enough to have some very good public school teachers. Our government, our form of government is not a democracy, it’s a democratic republic. In a democracy, all citizens vote on all issues. In a democratic republic, we elect those to represent our best interest. Oh, maybe I should clarify that. Maybe we’re not a democratic republic after all, but just a school of fish following the leader.

YOU REALIZE that if the DDA came to Linden there would not be one building standing there ever. I hope they never make it that far.

THE HOT-LINER ABOUT the military getting free room and board and medical is incredibly inaccurate. My husband I lived in the military. We were paid less than a sister-in-law back in Michigan on welfare. We couldn’t pay as much as the guys that work at the burger places. Get your facts straight.

Have you bought anything from an infomercial?

“Shammy rags. It was ridiculous, I got sucked in. I could have used any rag lying around and it would have worked just as well.” — George Kralosky, Fenton

“Slap chop. I saw it on the infomercial but bought it at the store. It was awesome.” — Madelyn Shultis, Linden

“I don’t watch too much TV. My wife may have, she has a tendency for impulse buys.” — Dennis Cassiday, Fenton

“Yes, I have, it was great. It was some face makeup.” — Vickie Germond, Linden

“Yes, it was the extreme makeover diet. It worked, it was wonderful.” — Ellen Leahy, Linden

“Hey! Why is it so hot in my car? I live in the military in the hot zone!” — From an email which was received by the editor.

Compiled by Grant Cislo, intern

#weekendtimes
Four taken to hospital after North Road crash

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Fenton — Four people were taken away on stretchers after a collision on northbound North Road just west of the U.S. 23 exit ramp at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 2.

The crash took place in Fenton City near the Fenton Township border. Traffic was halted in both directions for approximately an hour.

A black Range Rover with one occupant allegedly rear-ended a blue four-door Mercury Tracer, driven by a 63-year-old Waterford man. Inside the Tracer were three passengers including the driver’s wife, according to Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff.

“Nothing life threatening, but they sustained some injuries,” he said.

Fenton Township Fire Department and Genesee County Sheriff’s Office were first on scene, followed by Fenton police and fire departments.

The impact smashed the rear end of the Tracer, shattering the back window and spreading glass over the road. It was towed from the scene by Fenton Express Towing. Fire safety officers cleaned up the glass and traffic resumed.

An accident took place on North Road just north of the US 23 exit ramp on Thursday around 10:30 a.m. after a driver in a black Range Rover rear-ended a blue Mercury Tracer.

WHAT YOU MISSED

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are just a few of the stories you missed in the Wednesday, June 1 Midweek edition of the Tri-County Times. To subscribe and get both the Midweek and Sunday, Weekend editions of the Times, please call (810) 629-8282.

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PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVES TACO STAND, SPEAKEASY

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Free music in the parks

Fenton and Linden will host variety of musical entertainment this summer

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The summer schedules for Concerts in the Park in Fenton, and Music by the Mill in Linden are set. The entertainment line-up this year promises to be as great as ever.

FENTON

Fenton’s Concerts in the Park are held Thursdays, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the downtown gazebo in Millpond Park. In the event of rain, concerts will be held at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, 150 South LeRoi St. unless otherwise indicated.

Families, friends and neighbors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and a picnic meal.

The talent changes from week to week, varying from classic rock, to kids favorites to country to folk.

June 9: The Groove Party (dance party, variety)
June 16: The Alternatives (60s rock at its best)
June 23: Kari Holms & the Modern Day Drifters (pop country)
June 30: Magic5 (variety, multi genre)
July 7: Vinyl Under ground (Detroit’s hottest cover band)
July 14: Rugged Road (blues)
July 21: Chautauqua Express (Guy Louis family concert)

July 28: Exit Strategy (classic rock with horns)
Aug. 4: Sanctuary Blues (rocking rhythm and blues)
Aug. 11: Billy Mack & the Juke Joint Johnnies (Back to the Bricks, 6:30 to 8 p.m.) (swing-a-billy)
Aug. 18: Eye96 (pop rock variety)
Aug. 25: TJ Thomas & the Kentucky Strait (old country and new southern rock)

Fenton concerts are brought to the community by Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation (SLPR), and are sponsored by the Fenton Downtown Development Authority.

LINDEN

Linden’s concerts are held Wednesdays, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Linden Mill Pond Gazebo, 105 Mill St. (near the VFW hall and library). They are brought to the community by SLPR.

In the event of inclement weather concerts will be held in the VFW hall.

Aug. 3: The American Bushwackers (classic rock and roll)
Aug. 10: Soul’d Out (Back to the Bricks 6:30 to 8 p.m.) (pop variety)
Aug. 17: Shotguns and Violins (country)
Aug. 24: Tie Dye Giants (hits from the 60s to current)
Aug. 31: Soulstice (premiere dance band)

Concerts are sponsored by the Fenton DDA and the Linden DDA. For more information regarding the concert series visit www.slpr.net or call (810) 714-2011. If you are a local band and would like to be considered to perform in the summer concert series, please email contact_us@slpr.net.

Guy Louis and his Chautauqua Express family concert is consistently a favorite in the Fenton Concert in the Parks series.

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Lake Fenton Sailing Club hosts Masters Championship

31 sailors compete for trophies

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Thursday morning on Lake Fenton, 31 sailboats took off on the water near Sonora Drive, the first of seven races of the MC Sailing Association (MCSA) Masters Championship. They all hoped to be the first to cross the finish line.

Each boat did nine legs of the race, sailing about four and half miles. Over the next three days, they will have raced six more times.

The Lake Fenton Sailing Club is hosting this annual event through the MCSA. All racers sail on MC Scow sailboats, which are 16-foot boats with one mast and one sail.

“It’s very popular in the Midwest,” said Lake Fenton Sailing Club Commodore Michael Casler.

Three races took place on Thursday and Friday, and one on Saturday. Each sailor races in all seven races.

Since this is a race of the Master Class, all competitors are ages 50 and up, according to Casler. He said racers started on the east side of the lake on Thursday, because they have westward wind. “We always try to sail up into the wind and then float back down,” he said.

After sailing off near Sonora Drive, the sailors finished on the north side of the lake, heading toward Margaret Drive.

This annual event has been going on since the ’70s and has been held throughout the U.S. The Lake Fenton fleet, which is fleet number six, was one of the first MC Scow fleets established. There are more than 100 throughout the Midwest. This is the first year the Lake Fenton Sailing Club has hosted this event. Sailors came from all over, including Texas, Minnesota, and even Quebec.

The races usually take between 45 and 50 minutes. “If it gets too long, you get tired,” Casler said.

First place receives one point, second place receives two, and so on. The sailor with the least amount of points wins.

On Thursday, Casler said the races were going “Very good. We got great wind coming in. It’s very competitive. It’s back and forth. We’ve got some leaders. We’ll see if they can manage to hang on to their lead in the other races.”

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#Eagle Scouts times six

- Linden High School graduates six Eagle Scouts in Class of 2016

By Sally Rummel
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It’s not unusual for Linden High School to have one graduating senior Eagle Scout — the highest ranking attainable through the Boy Scouts of America

In fact, Linden Troop 111 has a long-standing reputation for seeing at least one Eagle Scout graduate per year, according to John Eck, former troop committee chairman. Multiply that times six this year, and you’ll see why this is a newsworthy accomplishment.

There are six Eagle Scouts graduating from Linden High School’s Class of 2016: Thomas “T.J.” Allen, Jack Eck, Holden Holsinger, Nick Melville, Jakob Moros and Nathan Wagner. They were also recognized for their achievements during the Senior Honors Assembly at LHS.

All of these seniors participated in Cub Scouts and crossed over to Boy Scouts in the sixth grade, according to Eck. Since that time, they have participated in Troop 111, earning merit badges, learning leadership skills and enjoying camping and outdoor activities.

To attain their Eagle rank, each scout had to lead and complete an approved service project, which not only contributed to the community, but also helped the scout develop skills such as planning, organization, budgeting and leadership. Several of these Linden Scouts also achieved Order of the Arrow “national honor society” for scouting.

“We are thankful for the Boy Scouts and Troop 111 for their continued investment into the lives of the young men in our community,” said Darin Dreasky, Linden High School interim principal.

“We are proud of these six Eagle Scouts and wish them all the best in the next chapter of their lives.”

Here are Troop 111’s graduating Eagle Scouts in alphabetical order:

- Thomas J. Allen, Order of the Arrow
  Project: Built a lean-to pavilion for the Linden Sportsman’s Club trap field.
  Plans: Mott Community College to study business.
- Jack Eck, Order of the Arrow
  Project: Renovated food pantry facilities at the North End Soup Kitchen in Flint.
  Plans: Grand Valley State University to study Business Marketing.
- Holden Holsinger
  Project: Constructed 12- by 16-foot shed for St. Jude’s Episcopal Church in Fenton.
  Plans: Michigan State University.
- Nick Melville, Order of the Arrow
  Project: Constructed 12- by 16-foot shed for St. Jude’s Episcopal Church in Fenton.
  Plans: Michigan State University.
- Jakob Moros and Nathan Wager. They were also recognized for their achievements during the Senior Honors Assembly at LHS.
- Nathan Wagner
  Project: Constructed 12- by 16-foot shed for St. Jude’s Episcopal Church in Fenton.
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Pictured (back row, from left) are Eagle Scouts Jakob Moros, Nick Melville and Nathan Wagner; (front row, from left) Holden Holsinger, TJ Allen and Jack Eck.
Linden bus driver retires after 40 years

By Hannah Ball
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Linden — Bus drivers might simply be another faceless school employee for some parents and students, but not for the students and parents who know Sheila Sakuta. They gave her hugs and presents on Wednesday, when a reception was held in honor of her retirement after working as a Linden bus driver for 40 years.

Approximately 60 students of all ages and their parents stopped by to thank the 71-year-old bus driver and say goodbye, as well as enjoy cake and ice cream. Students gave her presents and hugs. Sakuta said she is “Excited and sad because this has been my life for such a long time.” She added that it was wonderful that all the kids came to see her. Her route takes her around Silver Lake Road, Lobdell Road, Haviland Beach and Hilltop Drive.

Laura O’Lewin, First Student location manager said Sakuta started in 1976 and is the longest working bus driver in the school district. She started working for First Student when the district decided to outsource their drivers. “She’s awesome. Look at the relationship with her and her kids,” she said, adding that she’s sad to lose her.

Parents thanked Sakuta for knowing all the kids’ names, handing out candy on Halloween, and being a great fixture in their children’s lives.

Candy Petty, a Linden resident who attended the reception said, “Of course” she’s sad Sakuta is leaving. Both of Petty’s sons, Aiden and Caleb, have ridden with Sakuta for about five years. “She’s the most sociable driver ever. She tells us everything,” she said. “I’m dreading next year. I’m sure it’ll be fine. It’s just, she’ll be missed.”
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Angus Poulin, CEO of Keeping Roads Safe, Technologies Inc., a Canadian technology company in Halifax, Nova Scotia, which focuses on building road safety products for corporate fleets worldwide, believes he has created that revolutionary device.

Called “DriveCare,” this device aimed at disabling cell phones when a vehicle is running, will be available to the public at the end of June and according to Poulin, the price point for the consumer hasn’t been determined yet. But it’s going to be affordable to everyone.

The product, according to Poulin, the inventor, was developed in 2011. “It is a little black box that is installed under the dashboard, and is hardwired using a patented process called selective listening,” Poulin said.

“When a driver gets into a vehicle, it picks up a certain cell phone signal,” he added. “The phone is checked, it is called the chassis ear, and determines if there is a cell phone in the vehicle.”

Poulin said the driver would only be allowed to make calls of calls. One to 911, and one or two others for emergency reasons.

In other words, if I had one for my daughter, she would only be able to call 911, and me and her mother, or grandmother, whoever was chosen to be their emergency contact.”

“People can use it to monitor their kids on the road, and let them know if they are deviating from the highway.”

Poulin said his company organization also has partnerships with the University of Canada. A group of doctors will be writing their theses’ on this product.

“A group of engineers and different doctors want to do a study on human behavior and cell phone use,” said Poulin. “Our philosophy is if we can get people out of the habit of using their cell phones all the time, when they get into a car they won’t even pay attention to the phone.”

Poulin said his vision is 20/20. “If you look ahead, by the year 2020, we want to have 20 million (DriveCare) units installed around the world.”

The DriveCare device has other functions as well. “It will monitor where your car is at all times. It has a GPS locator,” said Poulin. “It will monitor fuel consumption and be able to monitor when the driver is going over the speed limits. Poulin calls the global incidents caused by distracted driving a pandemic. “It happens all the time.”

People interested in the DriveCare product should visit Poulin’s website at www.keepingroadsafesafe.com. “We decided to put it out before the end of June in order to aid in the protection of travelers during the graduation season and for summer traffic,” said Poulin.
Caroline Street in Fenton is one step closer to being extended now that the south end of a strip mall on S. LeRoy Street was demolished on Thursday. The mall was located just south of the Cornerstone building, with the end section of the mall once occupied by Hometown Computers. The building is owned by Phil Hagerman (SkyPoint Ventures). Hagerman paid for the demolition and is giving the property back to the city for the purpose of extending Caroline Street. Once the end section was removed, the wall was replaced to the roof to secure the rest of the building.

**PRODUCTS**

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These products are also advertised during normal television hours, and products become recognizable. ProActive, the celebrity-endorsed skin care line used popularly for getting rid of acne, and OxiClean is known for removing pesky stains. Do these infomercials and commercials work?

Yes.

According to s late.com, the infomercial industry is worth anywhere from $200 billion to $300 billion.

Veru Hogan of Fenton has bought numerous products from commercials. The most recent purchase she made was the Red Copper Pan.

“Nothing, not even eggs stick to it, so I’ll probably get another one or two,” she said. “So fat my favorite product is the Red Copper Pan. I love to cook but I hate cleaning, so anything that can make my life easier is awesome.”

She has also bought conditioners, like little sets of gourmet mustards.

“They were good, but I keep forgetting that a one-ounce jar is just that, a one-ounce jar,” she said.

The most common price you’ll hear for an infomercial is $19.99. Hogan said most items are $9.99, $14.99 or $19.99.

“But wait, if you call right away, you can get a second one free and only pay shipping,” she said.

Most of the sales happen in stores, not from customers calling that toll-free number, according to priceeconomics.com.

Hogan has also bought a cleaning product called ZAP, which she said is “revolutionary.”

“I have a big old-fashioned claw bath-tub that has seen better days. I was going to have it refinished until we bought ZAP,” she said.

“Brought it back to clean, white and bright with the exception of one little spot because it was chipped, not dirty.”

She also bought a sealing product called Flex, which she said worked fairly well.

“It did a good job around our foundation, but I don’t think I would trust it to keep the bottom of a boat high and dry,” she said.

One product that didn’t work well was “Miracle Bras.”

“The Miracle bras were a total failure,” Hogan said. “I sent them back for a refund,” she said.

Hogan said it also took long for the bra order to arrive.

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Fenton Oil Exchange opens in Fenton

Grand Opening set for Saturday, June 11

By Sally Rummel
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Lee and Holly Justice didn’t hesitate when Thomas Collision asked them if they’d like to buy the oil change business at the west end of the auto repair mall at the north end of Fenton.

Lee managed that business and was pleased to open his own oil changing business in the same mall.

“We’re a ‘mom and pop’ oil shop,” said Holly. “Customer service is what you’ll get when you drive into our shop. We’re proud to have totally remodeled and repainted the shop so it’s new and fresh when you come in. Our guys are knowledgeable and helpful. We’ve got state-certified and experienced mechanics on staff, as well as Lee’s automotive expertise.”

Fenton Oil Exchange also offers top quality Valvoline oil products, as well as low prices on professional service. “Our guys do a full 20-point maintenance check on your vehicle with each oil change,” said Holly.

They are planning a Grand Opening event on Saturday, June 11 with $9.99 conventional oil changes, plus vendor giveaways, door prizes, hot dogs and more.

Fenton Oil Exchange is at 1530 North LeRoy St., Suite 101, in the auto repair mall next to Keyes Pools. For more information, call (810) 519-8233.

A decade of hair styles

Allure Hair Company in Fenton marks 10 years in business with week-long celebration

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“Bobs” with bangs, edgy cuts and asymmetric styles defined hair trends back in 2006, the year Allure Hair Company first opened its doors in Fenton.

It’s not only the hairstyles that have changed, but also the huge growth in business. Ten years ago, the salon had a total of 11 hair stylists and nail technicians, one esthetician, three make-up artists and five receptionists, including Bridget Curtis, salon manager. “These people all make it easy for me to come to work everyday,” said Curtis.

She’s pleased to offer a new apprentice program for aspiring cosmetologists, welcoming Tyler Reid as her assistant. “We are an apprentice-licensed salon,” said Curtis. “It makes me feel good to be able to offer this to someone who is passionate about the industry.”

Allure Hair Company will host a celebration Monday through Friday, June 6-10, ending with a Style Party on Friday, June 10, from 6 to 8 p.m., featuring live models, hors d’oeuvres, Braid Bar, Selfie Station, specials and giveaways. “We work hand-in-hand with Eclections (boutique),” said Curtis. “They’ll be providing some new items for our retail boutique.”

Allure Hair Company is at 495 Leonard St., Suite 4 in Fenton, telephone (810) 714-1111.
LEAK
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on Feb. 12, and the DEQ sent the denial letter dated May 6.

The Remediation and Redevelopment Division (RRD) of the DEQ denied the final assessment, which was prepared by PM Environmental, because their audit of the report did not confirm that corrective actions took place in compliance with Section 21315 of Part 213, Leaking Underground Storage Tanks of the Natural resources and Environmental Protection Act.

The letter also stated that groundwater has been contaminated.

“The ground water contamination is defined, said Marjorie Easton, environmental quality analyst for the DEQ. “Much of the extent of contamination has been defined, but no investigation is needed along utility corridors and on the Union Block property to the north of the Beacon & Bridge, number eight location.”

According to the DEQ, in the denial letter, the final assessment report states that the groundwater contamination identified at the North Bridge Street plumes is not related to the Beacon & Bridge leak because chemical signatures indicate the release came from an old source, methlyt-butyl ether (MTBE) was only found at the North Bridge Street property, and the groundwater flow goes west.

The RRD states they originally believed an undetected or unreported release of MTBE was used to be an address for Standard Oil located at 122 N. Bridge St. because it was a gasoline station believed to be a concern for the residents and community.

The denial letter states that the gas station must reply to the DEQ within 21 days of receiving the letter.

Further risks
The sanitary sewer and storm sewer north and west of the site are at risk for contamination, according to the DEQ, but the extent has not been confirmed. Additional work is necessary to determine if gasoline is still present in the sanitary sewer, and if so, what phase of gasoline is present. The different phases could be vapors, dissolved components, or gasoline itself,” said Marjorie Easton, environmental quality analyst for the DEQ.

Because of this, it is necessary to complete an evaluation of potential fire and explosion risks, which the final assessment report failed to do.

Mobile Nonaqueous Phase Liquid (NAPL) is still present at the site, which is causing the continued migration of contamination, according to the RRD.

The DEQ found that vapor intrusion levels are too high in buildings along South Bridge Street and North Bridge Street based on soil and groundwater analytical results. The denial letter states the standard operating procedures regarding vapor intrusion is insufficient in the report.

Remediation efforts
The DEQ has accepted the gas station’s choice of remediation, the LNAPL Sorption and Enhanced Bioremediation option. According to a previous Times article, a product called NutriBind will be used to immobilize the mobile LNAPL present and elevated sulfate concentrations within the groundwater to enhance the biodegradation process on the site of the leak.

Engineers will sample the monitoring wells before the substance is added, as well as for six months after and quarterly two times. These samples will be sent to an independent laboratory for testing.

If the containment levels are decreasing by appropriate amounts, soil samples will be collected for testing. Soil borings will be placed at sites where contaminants were detected.

Engineers will collect groundwater samples from the wells quarterly for two years, according to the report. The samples will be sent to an independent laboratory for testing. Soil vapor samples will also be collected and tested.

This method is estimated to take two to five years and cost $380,000.

In compliance with Part 213, the affected property owners must be notified of the contamination and risks.

The gas station will pay for the remediation efforts.
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THANK YOU.
Fenton defeats Linden, advances to district final

Quesnelle’s strong keeping skills leads Tigers to 3-0 victory

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Fenton — Sometimes in a soccer game it’s pretty clear when you’ve had an outstanding game.

Fenton keeper Abbey Quesnelle had one of those nights on Thursday.

Inspired by her play, the Fenton fans and the Tigers’ bench, chanted Quesnelle’s name for a couple of times she had to stretch out as high as she could to make saves on balls near the top of the crossbar, but just low enough that if she didn’t make the save, the ball would’ve gone in. On one of those crossbar saves, her stop rebounded right in front of the net, but Quesnelle was able to recuperate quick enough to make that save as well.

Quesnelle said about the chants. “It’s an amazing feeling to know my community supports me so much and supports our team like that. It means a great deal to me.”

Quesnelle’s performances this season have gone a long way to making the Tigers the strong team they are this spring, and her efforts on Thursday were some of her best of the year.

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Fenton’s Emma Evo (left) battles with Linden’s Elizabeth Walterhouse for possession of the ball in the Tigers’ 3-0 district semifinal victory over the Eagles on Thursday.

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Tigers strand runners, fall to Lakeland in pre-district game

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Lakeland at Hartland High School. The Fenton Tigers saw their season come to an end in a tight 3-2 verdict against the Lakeland Eagles.

However, the Tigers had their share of opportunities to win the contest. In fact, Fenton led from the top of the first inning right until the bottom of the fifth when Lakeland scored all three of its runs. And even when the Tigers fell behind by a run, they still had a solid chance to at least tie the game in the seventh inning, leaving the game-tying run on first base at the time the last out of the contest was recorded.

“We definitely didn’t cash in on our opportunities,” Fenton varsity baseball coach Shawn Lawrence said. “Lately we’ve been doing that and putting ourselves in a good position. Today, we just didn’t do it. We have to give them credit. They fought through it and it’s almost like we are jinxed out here. We can’t get past here.

“We are going south, so we are going to face good teams, so it’s just what it is. The winner of this (game) gets the defending state champions (Hartland), but I told the kids that’s what you want. You want to be able to compete against them.”

Even when the Tigers scored runs in innings, they probably felt like they should’ve scored more. A good example was the first inning. Fenton opened the contest with Tanner Tallman and Chase Coselman hitting back-to-back one-out singles.

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Bronchos dominate action but lose to Kearsley in shootout

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Fenton — It’s the type of game that happens in soccer occasionally.

And when it happens in a district title game, it hurts a bit more than any other time in the season.

Based on the play on the field, it was apparent that the Holly varsity girls soccer team was the stronger performing squad when it faced Kearsley during Thursday’s Division 2 district semifinal contest. Holly outshot, out–possessed and out-hustled the Hornets. However, the only thing the Bronchos never were able to find was a game-winning goal.

Holly lost 2-1 in a shoot out.

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Online Exclusives

TC squads win first game in Fenton district

By David Troppens
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The opening round of Division 2 girls soccer play in the Fenton district saw all three tri-county squads easily advancing to Thursday’s semifinal round.

As expected, the Fenton and Linden girls teams earned quick mercy victories against their inferior foes. Defending district champion Fenton (18-3) defeated Flint Southwestern 8-0, while the Linden Eagles picked up a 9-0 win over the Linden Mustards.

The Holly varsity baseball team earned itself a thrilling victory as it prepared for Division 1 district action on Saturday. The Bronchos trailed at one time 4-0, but bounced back to defeat Notre Dame Prep 7-4 on Wednesday.

Holly baseball earns 7-4 victory vs. ND Prep

The Holly varsity baseball team saw Trevor Wright toss a strong performance against the Powers Catholic Chargers in the pre-district contest on Tuesday.

However, the Blue Devils (11-17-1) weren’t able to get anything going on offense, resulting in a 2-0 loss.

Blue Devils defeat Byron in opening round of district

Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton Blue Devils varsity girls soccer team looked impressive in the first round of districts against the Byron Eagles.

Playing Byron for the second time this season, Lake Fenton dominated on both sides of the ball throughout, earning a 2-0 victory.

Kearsley too much for Fenton

One week after a 4-1 loss to Kearsley in the district semifinal, the Holly varsity baseball team was defeated 17-0 at Kearsley.

The Holly varsity baseball team led the Fenton varsity baseball team by a run at one time in the opening game, but Lake Fenton scored two runs in the second contest to win 6-3.

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