

# New priest describes himself as a 'fixer'

## ■ St. John Catholic Church welcomes Fr. Robert Copeland

By Vera Hogan

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St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church has a new leader. Fr. Robert

Copeland, 44, became the new pastor on July 1.

The St. John parish numbers more than 3,100 households, serving the people of Fenton, Lake Fenton, and Linden with families on the roster from Flint, Hartland, Holly, Grand Blanc, Swartz Creek, Byron, Davisburg and Clarkston.

When asked what his initial thoughts were about the Fenton parish, Copeland said, "I came from St. Pius X in Flint, and if I had to describe the attitude of the parish in one word it would be 'relaxed.' That is not how I would describe St. John's. Everything seems so much more 'dramatic.'"

See **PRIEST** on 6A



**“The first time I heard a baby scream I was almost moved to tears in gratitude.”**

**Fr. Robert Copeland**  
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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Donna and Ken Seger's annual garage sale is more like a pop-up antique show. Ken Seger, pictured at the end of the center table, featured political memorabilia in their sale this time because it's an election season. See story on Page 14A



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Peter Hughes, director of real estate for SkyPoint Ventures, addresses the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) earlier this year about an upcoming project.

## SkyPoint land purchases help to move Fenton forward

■ Downtown redevelopment is only part of upcoming business ventures throughout the city

By Vera Hogan

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The purchase of six downtown Fenton properties by SkyPoint Ventures is more evidence of how business is booming in the city of Fenton.

SkyPoint Ventures, an organization owned by Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman, closed on the sale of properties at 225 W. Caroline St., 229 W. Caroline St., 125 S. Adelaide St., 116 Mill St., and 108 S. LeRoy St.

The 229 W. Caroline St. house was once the home and office of the late Nancy Stockham, long-time social worker for the city of Fenton.

According to Peter Hughes, director of real estate for SkyPoint, the sale of the properties closed on Friday, Aug. 19 for an undisclosed amount.

"We are actively discussing development opportunities with some

See **SKYPOINT** on 15A

## 'Goodbye Ruby Tuesday...'

### ■ Second national chain restaurant to leave town this summer

By Vera Hogan

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While the closing of any business is unfortunate and not usually newsworthy — it is when two national chain restaurants leave town within two months.

Bob Evans, located on Owen Road in front of

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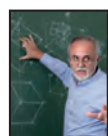
Ruby Tuesday in Fenton has closed its doors. It is one of 95 of the corporation's 724 restaurants that will be closed by September to cut costs and stem losses.



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**“Thank you for the wonderful article on the dedication of teachers. My whole family spent their careers in the classroom and this article was right on.”**



**“I heard Hillary say that it's about time we have a woman in the oval office. Unless my memory is failing, I recall that Bill had plenty of women in the oval office.”**



**“To all of the ungrateful people who complain about semis driving through Fenton. To them I say, the next time you eat dinner at home or out — thank a truck driver. The next time you buy clothes for your family — thank a truck driver. The next time you buy toys for you and your family — thank a truck driver. Thanks for treating us hard working drivers like second-class citizens.”**



COMMENT  
OF THE WEEK

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3 spacious bedrooms, family room. and a LL recreation room. Pole barn and separate workshop with LL garage.

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12179 Rohn

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#### FLINT TOWNSHIP

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**BYRAM LAKE**

#### LINDEN

6302 Restwood

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**This beautiful colonial** has 4 bedrooms & 2.5 baths. Huge living room with fireplace gives everyone plenty of space to spread out. Full basement waiting to be finished. Pretty yard and 2 car attached garage. Home is located near Clover Beach, AYSO soccer fields, and close to US 23 for an easy commute.

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**Fabulous opportunity** to renovate this huge historic home!! Enclosed porch, hardwood floors, huge kitchen, attached wooden garage and additional outbuilding plus a very large almost half acre city lot with an almost fully fenced back yard! House needs TLC but roof is new in the last 2 years!

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Mike DeFrates accurately guesses age, weight or birth year at the Genesee County Fair on Monday. While he was not stumped by anyone this time, he sent everyone home with one of many felt roses he had on hand. The fair runs through Sunday night.

## 'The last taste of summer'

■ Genesee County Fair: bringing the community together for 167 years

By Tim Jagielo

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**Genesee Twp.** — Dance music pounds through the late summer air, peppered with the cries of carnival riders, and the smell of midway food.

The roar of engines from the grand stand on Monday, ended

and the thunder and shouts from the pro-wrestling bout continued.

On Aug. 22, approximately 11,000 visitors attended the Genesee County Fair, which runs until Aug. 28. Saturday is expected to bring 35,000 visitors throughout the day, drawn by 50 acres of activities.

**“It’s the last big event before they go back to school; it’s a great event for the community.”**

**Christian Miller**

Executive Director, Genesee County Agricultural Society

Christian Miller is executive director of the Genesee County Agricultural Society, which puts on the fair. Of the approximately 80 county fairs in Michigan, most are

**See FAIR on 13A**

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While everyone loves the rides and classic midway treats like caramel apples, the fair at its core is about agriculture, including farm animals.

## Times online sports coverage growing

By Vera Hogan

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Tri-County Times sports enthusiasts have by now noticed a change in how we cover local sports activities and events.

Rather than publish a handful of complete sports stories in our Wednesday Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, we are now publishing generous ‘leads’ to multiple sports articles in print. These lead stories provide enough information for readers to decide if they wish to read the rest of the story in our online pages at [www.tctimes.com](http://www.tctimes.com).

The reasons for this are simple. Technology now provides the Times with opportunities to implement the best business practices that are beneficial for our school districts, our athletes, our readers and our newspaper.

The most economically feasible option for continuing to provide complete sports coverage of our four school districts, each with multiple sports teams (baseball, basketball, football,

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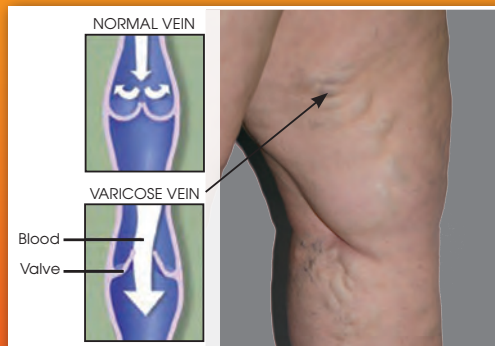
**Online coverage also allows readers to easily send links to friends and relatives to read about their kids’ athletic accomplishments.**

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## Come *Heller* high water

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### Random observations

**I-75 through Oakland County** is going to get a billion-dollar makeover but it's going to take 14 years to complete. So just hang in there until, um, 2030, Tri-County commuters, and all your headaches will be over.

Yes, you can go ahead and pull your hair out now.

Fourteen years! By the time they get to the end of that project they're going to have to go back to the beginning and start all over again, like they do with painting the Mackinac Bridge.

That's the difference between Michigan and Ohio. The second you get into Ohio on



Andrew Heller  
FEATURED COLUMNIST

I-75 there's a 40-mile construction zone, which is incredible. I've never seen one that long. I'm sure it's a headache but doing it all at once at least means short term pain for long term gain.

That's not the Michigan way, I guess. We build roads that are too small in the first place. Then we don't repair them. Then we underfund upgrades so they take forever. Guess I prefer the Ohio approach.

• **Meme of the week:** 'All this technology but we still don't have car horns that blurt out curse words.' I agree with the sentiment but disagree with the delivery system.

We don't need cursing horns. We need programmable digital message boards on the front and back of my car (you wouldn't be allowed to have them — just me) so I can helpfully encourage drivers to improve their lousy behavior, as in 'What part of 'don't drive slow in the passing lane' don't you understand?'

• **Me, I love the Renaissance Festival**, but not for the jousts, wenches, turkey legs or even wenches who joust wielding turkey legs. I've always been a people watcher, and there's no better spot to watch people in all their weird glory than the Renaissance Festival.

Why is that the only kind of dress-up festival, though? Where's the Cro-Magnon Fest?

And by the way, they should let

people have real sword fights, though. Or at least let people use broadswords on watermelons. Oh, c'mon, like you've never wanted to stab a watermelon.

• **I like where** we live just fine. But Leelanau County is, I'm sorry, the loveliest county in the state in my book. So lovely, in fact, that people keep stealing M-22 road signs. The state is sick of it, so they're removing the M to make them less appealing. Me, I'd have tried better bolts.

• **School tells us** summer ends right after Labor Day. Astronomers tell us it ends Sept. 21 in the northern hemisphere. I think I side with them.

• **This year I'm** going to try and not mourn the end of summer and dread the winter, as I usually do. As Steinbeck (my favorite author) wrote: 'What good is the warmth of summer without the coldness of winter to give it sweetness?'

• **Trump is 'softening'** his stance on immigration. He hasn't been real specific, but I think that means he won't put as many machine gun towers on the wall.

• **'The most important** thing is to enjoy your life — to be happy — it's all that matters.' — Audrey Hepburn

“ Oh, c'mon, like you've never wanted to stab a watermelon? ”

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**DEAL WITH IT.** Trump will lose. Clinton will win. The popular vote proves it. Yea, Clinton.

**I READ, WITH** interest, the column written in the Wednesday, Aug. 17, paper by Mr. Childs. I believe it should be reprinted in its entirety in the Sunday section for all to see. He seems to have an unusual way of getting our attention about the election. [Editor's note: See Page 16A]

**AS HILLARY YUCKED** it up on Jimmy Kimmel last night, we are left sifting through 15,000 new emails she did not disclose and 150 phone calls from her top aid, all indicating that as Secretary of State, Hillary gave special favors to those who donated to the Clinton Foundation.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ANDREW** Heller. He's the first liberal newsperson to reveal the disaster of the left and the ugly news media. It is shameful that the media has such power. A fair newspaper should have equal numbers of conservative and liberal writers. Also, a big problem is the biased college professor.

**FENTON TOWNSHIP IS** at it again. It's newest Planning Commission member insists that all personal yard signs like 'Welcome to the Lake,' or 'So and So's place,' larger than 12 inches by 12 inches violate the township's sign ordinance and must be removed. Disgusted.

**WE FEEL SORRY** for the Fenton Township residents who live next to any of the eight neighborhood parks on Margaret Drive. People come from everywhere including Flint to commit crimes in the neighborhood because these parks are between homes and give them an easy way to break into houses and cars.

**SLOW DOWN ON** Parallel Street. Households all up and down the street have children 12 and under. There have been many near misses, including the mail carrier when he has to cross the street to make a signature-required delivery.

**IT'S AN INDICATION** that a developer thinks the city council supports its favorites when that developer asks city council for tax money to support that developer's latest project.

**SO LET'S MAKE** a deal, Trump will release his tax returns when Hillary Clinton makes public her speeches to Goldman Sachs, Deutsche Bank, Morgan Stanley, and, other financial institutions of which she made millions.

**FENTON RESIDENTS SHOULD** have first the option to buy repurposed wood furniture from 106 W. Shiawassee through an online catalog before stores buy the furniture and sell at a markup, causing many Fenton residents to be unable to afford to buy a piece of the history they fought so hard for.

**WITH LESS THAN** one-third of the storefronts in downtown Fenton offering retail shopping, I see little demand for a shuttle. The city needs to pass an ordinance to require first floor storefronts to be retail only before there is an increase in foot traffic.

**FOR THE MANY** uninformed, the U.S. economy performed better under Clinton and Obama than under Reagan. Supply side economic voodoo does not work.

**I JUST PICKED** another bucket full of fruits and veggies from my garden that cost only \$3.60 for seeds. I'm going for a hike and swim at a nearby park and I'm wearing a cute outfit I got at a garage sale for \$1.50. Put away those iPhones and find out how rich and full life can be.

**WATCHING HANNITY LAST** night, we cried along with the mothers of murdered children by illegal immigrants. We forget that 10-20 percent of immigrants are murderers. These parents are supporting Trump because he will do something about immigration.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

## If money were no object, where would you live?



"Maybe Hawaii. The weather is just 80 degrees year-round."

Dave Clor  
Linden



"Right here in Fenton. It's got everything from clothes, to food, to restaurants. It's just got everything I need. Everyone is so friendly."

Susan Miller  
Tyrone Township



"I'm not a world traveler so it's hard to say. I've been to the Caribbean and I loved it there. I want to say Italy but I've never been there so I might hate it."

Penny Herrick  
Gaines



"Kauai, Hawaii. You get the best of both worlds. They have deserts, rainforests, and canyons. It's not commercialized at all. It's just awesome."

Laura Mills  
Holly



"Probably the U.P. because it's away from all the people. Peaceful. Tranquil. Just get away from everyone."

Ron Swanson  
Fenton

## streettalk



## Republic Services hired for Tyrone Township

By Hannah Ball

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Republic Services is taking its services to some Tyrone Township residents.

The 25 homeowners in the Shannon Glen subdivision created a special assessment district to consolidate their trash collection and limit the amount of trucks on their road.

"They were concerned about having so many waste haulers using their roads every week so this will limit it to one truck per week," said Tyrone Township Clerk Marcella Husted.

Residents circulated petitions and they received the required number of signatures needed to move forward.

"Two public hearings were held and the special assessment roll was prepared against the parcels in the subdivision benefiting from the service," she said.

Of the 34 parcels in the Shannon Glen subdivision, 25 are residential structures and nine are vacant.

The special assessment will last for 10 years.

"In the first year residents with residential structures will be assessed \$220 and vacant parcels will be assessed \$0," Husted said. The first year includes legal and administrative costs, she added.

In the second year, residential structures will be assessed at a lower rate of \$166 and vacant parcels will again, not be assessed.

### SUMMARY

Residents in Tyrone Township created a special assessment district in order to bring Republic Services to their subdivision.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Republic Services will begin trash and recycle collection in the Shannon Glen subdivision in Tyrone Township in April 2017.

**“They were concerned about having so many waste haulers using their roads every week so this will limit it to one truck per week.”**

**Marcella Husted**  
Tyrone Township clerk

The residents entered into an agreement with the waste hauler and selected Republic Services as their service provider.

The township is responsible for collecting taxes for the special assessment and paying the service provider bills. The services will begin April 1, 2017, the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Republic Services collects waste and recyclable materials in Fenton, Fenton Township, Linden, and Holly.

## ONLINE

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track, soccer, swimming, and more), many with male and female teams, and each with freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams, is to place that coverage in an online format.

Online coverage also allows readers to easily send links to friends and relatives to read about their kids' athletic accomplishments.

Sports Editor Dave Troppens and his staff have been publishing these stories in print for years. The only difference

going forward is that many of the stories will now be available online. Publishing them online not only allows for more in-depth coverage, it also provides more space for those fantastic sports photos the Times is known for, in addition to videos of many events.

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— Lisa K

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## PRIEST

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"That is not to say people are not good here," he added. "Those I have met have been great. St. John parishioners have a deep faith that is very uplifting for a parish priest. They are intent on taking care of their priests, they rightfully expect a lot from us, but they go out of their way to take care of us."

Copeland said his first challenge is to get a feel for how things are done in the Fenton parish.

"Every parish has a method and rhythm in how it operates and I want to respect that," he said. "That doesn't mean that I won't change things. I want the whole parish to work toward a common vision and to make sure that vision is in line with our Diocese and most of all Jesus' plan for our parish."

"We have a lot of good things going, but we have to make an intentional choice to work together," Copeland said. "We have to balance our budget, while not sacrificing our ability to accomplish our mission."

"Each priest has something he is known for — some are builders, some are known for growing parishes, some excel at bringing harmony to a parish," he said.

"I am known for fixing and maintaining parish campuses. I was given a list of things that need repair and have added to that list. I believe in honoring those who sacrificed to build our parish and I am determined to leave it in better shape than when I arrived."

Copeland said he and his pastoral team are working on improving people's experience of weekend Masses.

"We just don't want people to attend Mass, but be engaged in celebrating Mass," Copeland said. "Music should not only be of good quality, it needs to encourage everyone to sing. Preaching should challenge, affirm and lead to some expression of faith in each person. Above all, we need to be family friendly."

"My first pastorate was in a small inner city parish that had almost no children," Copeland said. "The first time I heard a baby scream I was almost moved to tears in gratitude. In such a large parish we lose the sense of family and start to see ourselves as an 'operation.'"

"It is impossible to know everyone, but it is not impossible to love each other and work toward a shared vision," said Copeland.

### More about Fr. Robert Copeland

In his autobiography, Fr. Robert Copeland, who obviously has a great sense of humor, said he grew up in Coldwater. "... located where I-69 enters Indiana and is most commonly known as the last restroom break on the way out of Michigan."

He grew up in the St. Charles parish and attended public schools. His family

was very active in the life of their parish.

Copeland said his parents live in Flushing now and are "snowbirds," wintering in Englewood, Florida. A twin, Copeland said he is one of five siblings.

He attended Western Michigan University, but when he was almost finished earning his degree in accounting and business management, he felt the recurring call to the priesthood, he said.

Copeland attended Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. He did his internship at St. John Davison, as a seminarian and then a Deacon.

He was then assigned to Queen of the Miraculous Medal parish in Jackson for two years, and then returned to Genesee County as an associate of St. Robert in Flushing.

Copeland said he taught religion part time at Powers Catholic High School for two years, and then was appointed pastor at St. Mary on the east side of Flint.

He was then assigned to St. Pius X parish where he remained for almost a decade.

Copeland describes himself an "introvert by nature" and can seem distant because of it.

"I am told I have a dry sense of humor and can be considered sarcastic at times," he said.

Copeland has three dogs. Lulu is a Portuguese water dog. Lana is a Labradoodle, and Ally is "a very destructive and so expensive Portuguese water dog puppy."

He said jokingly that he follows the old school hierarchy of rectory living where the pastor's dogs outrank the associate pastor.

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## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**FOSTER CHILDS' ARTICLE** informing the readers on who controls the media was great. Since he only scratched the surface of the media control, I hope he will continue to expose those who report the news. Many household names belong to the Globalist, Council on Foreign Relations.

**IF YOU WANT** to watch all Trump rallies and speeches you can see them on YouTube live streaming. Believe me they are well worth watching.

**HAS THE CITY** of Fenton ever thought about building a parking structure adjacent to the community center and in front of the tennis courts?

**HOW DO YOU** compare Trump's vicious and stupid words with Hillary's vicious and stupid actions?

**REPEAL OF THE DDA** law is overdue. The DDA is welfare for business owners. The DDA bullies the city council in order to benefit itself. The DDA rejects local residents' opinions. How about it, reps and senators?

**YOU'RE VOTING FOR** corrupt Clinton 'no matter what' and it's 'our turn?' She's been in Washington for 40 years. She's one of the main politicians that have screwed everything up. You can't fix stupid, unfortunately.

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## Police&Fire report

### FISHERMAN INJURED WHEN BOAT STRUCK BY ANOTHER BOAT

A 63-year-old Fenton Township man was injured Tuesday evening when the 18-foot aluminum boat he was fishing from was struck by a speedboat on Lake Ponemah. According to the Genesee County Sheriff's Office, a 52-year-old Fenton Township man, pulling a wake boarder behind his speedboat struck the fisherman's boat just after 7:40 p.m. on Aug. 23. According to the police report, the man driving the speedboat was traveling counterclockwise around Lake Ponemah. As the speedboat was making a turn near the southwest side of the lake, the driver had to turn sharply to avoid another unknown boat. This is when the collision with the stationary fisherman's boat occurred. Both boats were damaged, but they stayed afloat and came to rest at the shoreline along Ponemah Drive. The injured fisherman was transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township by STAT EMS for treatment of injuries. The driver of the wakeboard boat admitted the collision was his fault and added that he did not see the fisherman's boat until impact. Alcohol was not a factor in the crash.

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### HOT LINE CONTINUED

**FOR THE PAST** several days, the news media's lead story was about four American athletes behaving badly in Rio. They embarrassed themselves and their country. The news industry is all about shock and sensationalism. Give us a break.

**I LEARNED TODAY** that in 1861 no Republicans owned slaves, only Democrats did and the Democrats only moved the plantation from rural areas to the inner city.

**LOOKING OUT THE** window this morning my son-in-law saw a deer going in circles around his trailer and then moved and circled bushes. This went on for half hour or more. The deer went away but definitely had a real problem.

**ISN'T IT AMAZING** how people say that Trump says 'stupid stuff,' but what he says seems to always come true. Hillary will just flush the toilet that Obama has put us in. Trump/Pence 2016.

**THANK YOU TO** the person on Rolston Road with the free cucumbers and tomatoes on the table outside your home. They are delicious and we are enjoying them.

**MY NEIGHBOR HAS** eight kids. They get \$1,200 a month on food stamps and they all have braces. I pay \$178 a week for my health insurance and it doesn't cover dental. Thanks Democrats.

**THIS PAST WEEKEND** both North Korea and China flexed their muscles when it comes to nuclear weapons. Unfortunately, frail, weekly, sickly, Hillary Clinton will not be able to show strength to defend the U.S.A. Trump will show solidly in defense of our country.

**I JUST WANTED** to say thank you to the sweet lady who paid for my breadsticks at Pizza Hut last Saturday. That was very unexpected and you made my day.

**STATISTICS DON'T LIE.** 5,000 dead and 30,000 wounded in Iraq under Bush. Three dead and zero wounded under Obama. Which legacy is better? Be honest.

**NOT TOO LONG** ago people were saying tear down that wall. Now they are saying build a big wall. Flip flop, flip flop.

**PEOPLE ARE QUICK** to criticize Trump's immigration plan where he wants to eliminate illegal immigration and get rid of the gangs and criminals. No one pays attention to Hillary's plan, which is to bring in thousands of refugees from the Middle East and South America.

**THE STATE OF** California has mandated that any child that does not have their proper vaccinations will not be allowed in public schools. This is a response to the thousands of immigrants Obama and Hillary have allowed to enter our country that are not immunized and are spreading diseases.

**I AM A** woman and will vote for Trump for a change away from politicians who are totally corrupt. I believe he has solid ideas for how to correct the USA and a structure for our future to make us strong again. To say you are going to vote for Hillary because she is a woman makes literally no sense whatsoever. She is corrupt and a liar. All she wants is to get more money for herself, nothing more.

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# Holly schools has new administrators

## ■ Incoming principals at Patterson Elementary and Holly Middle School

Holly Area Schools welcomes Peggy Kraemer as the new principal of Patterson Elementary School.

Kraemer has been a teacher, instructional facilitator, literacy coach, and Title I teacher at Patterson Elementary during the past 29 years. During that time, she has been involved in district leadership roles and has actively supported the families that attend Patterson Elementary.



Peggy Kraemer

"Mrs. Kraemer is a welcome addition to the administrative team," said Dave Nuss, Holly Area Schools superintendent. "She has served Holly Area Schools and the Patterson Elementary community for the past 29 years. Peggy is well respected by her colleagues and the Holly community."

Kraemer said, "I am extremely honored to have the opportunity to lead the students, parents, staff, and the community toward educational excellence."

Kraemer holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Michigan State University and a Master of Arts degree in Reading Instruction from Michigan State University.

Holly Area Schools welcomes Eric Curl as the new Holly Middle School principal. Curl replaces Dr. Elise Schmidt, who retired in June.



Eric Curl

Curl taught at Holly High School for 13 years prior to spending the past two years as Holly Middle School's assistant principal.

Curl taught advanced placement U.S. history and was the social studies department head. He was a varsity football coach for 12 years and JV baseball coach for five years.

"Eric Curl is a master teacher and a

leader through example," said Nuss. "He sets high expectations for his students and is a role model of the highest integrity. Mr. Curl's energy and love of students will continue the excellence our community has come to expect from Holly Middle School."

Curl said, "I am looking forward to building on the foundation laid by Dr. Elise Schmidt. I'm also excited to work collaboratively with staff, students, and the community in continuing our Leader in Me Journey as Michigan's first Lighthouse Middle School (and the second Leader in Me Lighthouse Middle School in the nation)."

Curl holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education and a Master's degree in the Art of Teaching from Marygrove College. He earned his Administrative Certification through Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.

Haley Street will be joining Holly Middle School as the new assistant principal.

Street, a Holly graduate, has taught for 16 years. She taught economics and student leadership, was the social studies department advisor, served on the School Improvement Team, and was Student Council advisor at Holly High School.



Haley Street

"Mrs. Street is highly respected by her peers and well loved by students," said Nuss. "For many years she coordinated student leadership programs at Holly High School, which were deeply involved in community service projects that have benefitted the community of Holly. Haley is deeply passionate about serving the Holly community."

Street said, "My greatest joy as a teacher has been building relationships with students and developing the leadership program at Holly High School. My career in education has been fulfilling and incredibly rewarding and I'm thrilled to be the assistant principal at Holly Middle School."

Street holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education and a Master of Arts degree in Educational Leadership from Central Michigan University.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**TO THE 'COMMENT** of the week,' Sunday edition. I am a woman. Please tell me what it is that Hillary has done besides kill four Americans in Benghazi on her watch, use an unprotected server in her basement, and make herself rich through a charitable foundation that has a very low percentage of giving to charities.

**TO ALL THE** pro gun-control folks out there, here's a question. If someone is

hell-bent on committing a mass shooting, why would a sign that reads, 'No guns' make them think twice?

**IT'S A GOOD** thing Obama hasn't gone to visit Louisiana because of the floods. When a president visits, they have to use local police and firemen to protect the president, taking emergency personnel away from actually saving people. Instead of complaining about Obama supposedly not doing anything, why don't you actually help those poor citizens?

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Tony Manfre, friend of Sweet Variations owner Carol Schuler, helps move boxes from her Dibbleville location last Wednesday. Assisting here were her sister, Gloria Schuler, Tom Bombach and Richard Steinhoff (center).

## A bittersweet goodbye

■ Sweet Variations closes its doors on Dibbleville; to reopen in Fenton Township

By Tim Jagiello

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**Fenton** — When Carol Schuler began selling chocolate from her Dibbleville shop, Ronald Reagan had recently been sworn in as President.

But, 34 years later, on Tuesday, Aug. 23, she closed those doors for good and started the next chapter of her business in Fenton Township, near Sagebrush Cantina.

Last week, everything but the display cases with select chocolate items were packed into boxes. That Friday, friends, family and volunteers began the process of moving everything out of her Dibbleville location.

Work on her new location has been ongoing and she anticipates a Sept. 1 opening date.

On Wednesday, Aug. 24, professional movers were used to move the bulk of the equipment and shelving.

Back in early April, Schuler first announced that sometime this year she was closing the doors to her chocolate and candy shop in downtown Dibbleville.

Schuler said she decided to leave Dib-



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After 30 years, Sweet Variations opened for the last time on Tuesday at this Dibbleville location.

bleville when a new landlord took away much of her space. While she still had a storefront, the back-of-the-store storage and work area had to be moved to the basement.

"I don't want my girls to have to run up and down steps all day," she said in April.

The new shop is all on one floor and offers double the space Schuler had before.

The parking at her new location is also better and will include handicap accessible spaces.

Web Content Editor Vera Hogan contributed to this article.



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## FAIR

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hosted by an agricultural society.

"It's the last big event before they go back to school," said Miller. "It's a great event for the community so that they can come together one last time before fall hits."

While there are grandstand events, carnival rides and a beer tent, the fair at its core is about horticulture and farm animals. The goal of the events is to raise awareness and educate the public about where their food comes from. Miller said now more than ever, people are interested in learning about this.

Miller said Michigan is number two in agricultural production. "I think it's important for people to learn that," he said, adding that for many people, this could be the only time of year they see farm animals up close. He said this is really what separates the Genesee County Fair from a regular fair or festival.

There are animal auctions and a variety of livestock shows, where adults and youngsters display horses, cows, and even guinea pigs.

Miller said this is where county fairs began in 1850 — showcasing agricultural wares and livestock. The first Genesee County Fair was held in downtown Flint. Carnival rides were added in the '70s.

Another big feature of the festival is the exhibitions. A variety of community art is showcased by all ages. Almost 700 exhibited in 2015. The public can exhibit photography, art, clothing and sewing, not to mention the beef, sheep, swine, vegetables, dairy, rabbits, poultry and horse shows.

"We hope the people will walk



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The Monday Grandstand event at the Genesee County Fair was the Monster Truck Shootout. Here, trucks Prowler and Ballistic compete in a side-by-side race. (Below) Wrestling fans were able to cheer and jeer these performers from just a few feet away.

**Go to [gcf.org](http://gcf.org) for more information and a schedule of events. The fair is located at 6130 E. Mt. Morris Rd., Mt. Morris, west of Vassar Road.**

around and see some of the exhibits," said Miller.

The hope is that people will themselves become future fair exhibitors.

Either way, Miller hopes the community comes out for what he describes as "the last taste of summer."



## WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, Aug. 24 Midweek edition**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 6298-8282.

### SkyPoint closes on LaJoyce properties

It's official! The downtown properties once owned by LaJoyce Properties have been purchased by SkyPoint Ventures, the organization owned by Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman.



### Downtown train signal getting upgrade

The city of Fenton has received funding to upgrade the railroad signal at North LeRoy Street and Silver Lake Road, a project overlooked by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) during Streetscape.

### CRUST receives five-year tax abatement

The owners of CRUST have received a five-year tax abatement from the Fenton City Council. The abatement will represent 50 percent taxes on the baking company's planned expansion.

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# Fenton historians share a lifetime of collections

■ Now 80, Ken and Donna Seger try to downsize their home with annual garage sale

By Sally Rummel  
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**Fenton** — Where else can you find a cranberry picker, sheep's wool brush, Bill and Hillary Clinton masks and flashing Lyndon B. Johnson 1964 presidential campaign buttons, all for sale in one place?

Fenton historians Ken and Donna Seger sold many of those items and more at their annual August garage sale this weekend, hoping that some of the public would take home some of their historical treasures.

"We sold over \$1,000 worth of items before we even opened, because Ken contacted some of his collector friends," said Donna.

BB guns, vintage clothing, political items, sporting goods and World War II items were all part of the collectibles on sale for just pennies on the dollar. Many of the items have been found by the Segers on their own garage sale jaunts.

"We used to get some really good deals," said Donna. "I told Ken he can't go to any more garage sales this year until we get rid of some of this. We've got 11 rooms full of stuff. We both turned 80 this year and decided we can't leave this all for our kids to clean up."

Curators of the A.J. Phillips Museum in Fenton, the Segers live in an historic home that is almost a residential museum itself. Their home was built in 1842 by Judge Robert LeRoy for his daughter, Caroline, and houses many historical items that the couple has enjoyed collect-



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Ken Seger is curator for the A.J. Phillips Museum in Fenton. Ken and his wife, Donna, are former antique dealers, but Ken said the couple is downsizing. "We should have started 15 years ago," he said.

ing for the past 48 years. "Now it's time to start getting rid of things," said Donna.

She's enjoying watching buyers snatch up good deals and taking home items that have brought the couple much joy over the years. "We sold a very pretty, ornate 1880s-era mantel clock," she said.

For the buyers, looking at Fenton's history through these long-collected items is an experience all its own.

"It's the thrill of the hunt," said Martha Hyypio-Irwin, 62, who was looking for unique, specialty gift items and things a local family might use for their five

**"We both turned 80 this year and decided we can't leave this all for our kids to clean up."**

**Donna Seger**

Fenton historian, along with her husband, Ken

foster kids. She ended up buying a mailbox to replace her broken one at home.

Ken and Donna relaxed on lawn chairs in their yard, watching friends, neighbors and other garage-salers go through their lifetime

of collectibles. "We keep saying this will be our last sale, but every August we pull out our boxes and go through our house for items to sell, and do it again," she said.

Donna added that she keeps asking herself how did they get to this age and how did everything accumulate so quickly? "One day, you're 50, and then you're 80," she said.



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(Top) Donna Seger handled the sales for the event. For sale were a variety of antiques, but also numerous patches and political buttons from the Clinton/Gore campaign of 1992.

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## RESTAURANT

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Walmart, closed its doors on June 26 of this year. The company, Bob Evans Farms, Inc. cited low performance as the reason for closing 27 of its restaurants nationwide.

The Fenton restaurant, located at 3600 Owen Road, opened in 2003.

Last week, Ruby Tuesday announced that it plans to close 95 of its 724 restaurants by September as it tries to cut costs and stem losses.

The Fenton restaurant, at 19005 Silver Parkway, was one of those closed. It opened in 2001. The doors are now locked, windows boarded, and the sign is down.

According to freep.com, the company says it has been losing money because of increased competition and a decline in consumer spending on

casual dining.

The decision to close the restaurants was a necessary step as aggressive action is taken to strengthen its organization.

Over the years, Fenton residents and visitors have come to enjoy, and prefer, the smaller local restaurants offering unique menu choices.

Joe Kryza of Fenton is one of them. He is the executive director of Infrastructure and Systems Operations for the University of Michigan Health System, a position that involves frequent travel.

"To me, the hometown restaurants give you the pulse of the community you visit," Kryza said. "Whenever we have guests in Fenton we take them to The Laundry for dinner or a cocktail at the Hotel (Fenton Hotel Tavern &

**“To me, the hometown restaurants give you the pulse of the community you visit.”**

**Joe Kryza**  
Fenton resident

## SKYPOINT

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other partners for the properties," said Hughes last week. "We don't have any specific plans or renderings that can be released at this time.

"We feel very optimistic about opportunities in the city," said Hughes. "We're excited about the new acquisitions but don't have more information at this time."

According to city of Fenton records, all taxes and utility bills due on the properties were paid and posted on Monday, Aug. 22.

The properties in question were purchased by LaJoice prior to his being charged with embezzling \$20 million from the Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union (now Michigan State University Federal Credit Union), where he worked as chief financial officer. His case is currently moving through the Oakland County and federal court systems.

The SkyPoint purchases do not include the multi-million dollar Tyrone Township home owned by LaJoice and his wife, Ashleigh.

SkyPoint Ventures is also responsible for the purchase last year of the old bean company building, which has been completely restored and currently houses Red Fox Outfitters.

Earlier this spring, at a special meeting of the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA), it was revealed that a three-story development, much like the Cornerstone building, will be constructed on the old Action Auto site, at Silver Lake Road and North LeRoy Street.

Hughes displayed conceptual drawings showing what the mixed-use building might look like.

Because the site was in the past used as a gas station and auto repair facility, environmental cleanup was required, and has been completed.

Hughes said the original project was

projected to cost \$7.2 million. It has been scaled back to just under \$5 million.

At the time, Hughes cautioned that the plans are only conceptual.

He described the uses in the proposed building. He said retail shops would be at the first floor level, with offices on the second and third floor. He said he envisions companies providing services such as legal, engineering, architectural, for example, to occupy those offices.

Once all required approvals have been met and construction begins, it will likely take a year to a year and a half to complete.

Though not owned by SkyPoint, new development continues on the west side of town, in the Target plaza. The majority of the new stores are planning September openings.

They include Ulta Salon, Cosmetics & Fragrance, Inc., Maurice's, Famous Footwear and Kay Jewelers.

The construction on Silver Lake Road, adjacent to Silver Arbor Apartments also is coming along.

Wilson Lahoud, owner of Inca Realty, LLC of Grand Blanc, and his partners are constructing a brick, two-story com-



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Two national chain restaurants, Bob Evans and Ruby Tuesday, have both closed their doors this summer. Both companies cited low performance as their reasons for leaving town.

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"When I travel I always do the same thing and try and find that hometown place where the food and atmosphere are authentic," Kryza said.

mercial building, with 5,760 square feet of space on each floor.

There will be a basement with daylight windows and the second floor will feature a terrace, Lahoud said.

Lahoud said the building will feature mixed uses, with offices on the second floor, and retail and possible restaurants, including take-out, on the lower level.

Fenton Building a Zoning Administrator Reilly said other new businesses planned for Fenton include "Down Home Interiors," and "Downtown Apparel," both of which will be located in Silver Lake Village.



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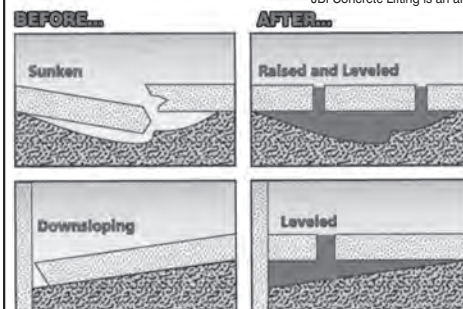
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## We are running out of time

*This article is being reprinted at the request of many readers. It originally appeared in the Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2016 edition of the Midweek Times.*

In 2004, it was George Bush. In 2008, it was Sarah Palin. In 2012, it was Mitt Romney. Now, in 2016, it's Donald Trump.

The media, just as it did in 2004, 2008 and 2012, treats every conservative candidate with disgust and ridicule, while sowing fear of the candidate. They ignore, or misrepresent, the candidate's actual ideological or policy perspectives, propagate the belief that anything the candidate says is untrue and foster a general state of unease and anxiety regarding the future of the country if that candidate is elected.

Why would the media do that? Here's why:

• **Former ABC News executive** producer Ian Cameron is married to Susan Rice,

Obama's National Security Adviser.

• **CBS President** David Rhodes is the brother of Ben Rhodes, Obama's Deputy National Security Adviser for Strategic Communications.

• **NBC is owned** and operated by Jeffrey Immelt, who also owns GE, which is the recipient of billions of dollars worth of

government contracts to supply military equipment and Green technology. GE has, under Obama's watch, received over \$100 billion dollars in direct subsidies.

• **ABC News** correspondent Claire Shipman is married to former Whitehouse Press Secretary Jay Carney.

• **ABC President** Ben Sherwood is the brother of Obama's Special Adviser Elizabeth Sherwood.

• **CNN Executive** Virginia Moseley is married to former Hillary Clinton Deputy Secretary Tom Nides.

And now you know why it is no surprise that the mainstream media is in the Left's pocket. And has been for the last several elections.

In 2004, the media painted George W. Bush as a moron who was only elected because of his daddy and his name. The media also viciously attacked his wife

and daughters. The media, especially NBC's SNL, couldn't attack a war hero such as John McCain in 2008, so they assailed Sarah Palin unmercifully, including her Downs child and her pregnant daughter. In 2012 a proven self-made multi-millionaire, Mitt Romney, was mocked and denigrated for his religious beliefs and, unbelievably, for his success as a businessman.

Meanwhile, they never mention that Democrats gave former President Bill Clinton a pass for raping Paula Jones, raping Juanita Broadrick, sexually assaulting Kathleen Willey, and using Monica Lewinsky as a humidor in the Oval Office.

They never mention Hillary Clinton viciously attacking and destroying any woman who dared to step forward and reveal that her husband was a serial cheater and a liar.

The media had a field day when George Bush mispronounced 'nuclear,' but never mentioned the dozens of high profile gaffes by a bumbling Obama, such as calling dead Marines 'corpse men,' instead of corpsmen.

There's plenty more, but you get it... anyone with a brain knows in their heart what is going on but we simply choose to ignore it. The bottom line is that America and Americans are being enslaved by the very people we elected to serve us.

It's why we have the old saying that 'Politicians are our masters, disguised as our servants.'

Truth be told, they hate Trump for the simple reason that he is not part of the corrupt system. That's exactly the reason why we *should* be voting for him.

For God's sake people, pull your head out of your ass and think for yourself.

We are running out of time.

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**\*SAUSAGE PARTY (R)**

**FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS (PG13)**

**2D PETES DRAGON (PG)**

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## NATIONAL HISTORY

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### AUG. 28

**1996:** After four years of separation, Charles, Prince of Wales and heir to the British throne, and his wife, Princess Diana, formally divorce. On July 29, 1981, nearly one billion television viewers in 74 countries tuned in to witness the marriage in a grand ceremony at St. Paul's Cathedral in the presence of 2,650 guests. Their first child, Prince William, was born in 1982, and their second, Prince Harry, in 1984. On Aug. 31, 1997, she was killed with her companion, Dodi Fayed, in a car accident in Paris.

### AUG. 29

**2005:** Hurricane Katrina makes landfall near New Orleans, Louisiana, as a Category 4 hurricane. Despite being only the third most powerful storm of the 2005 hurricane season, Katrina was the worst natural disaster in the history of the United States.

### AUG. 30

**2003:** Actor Charles Bronson, best known for his tough-guy roles in such films as The Dirty Dozen and the Death Wish franchise, dies at the age of 81 in Los Angeles.

### AUG. 31

**1888:** Prostitute Mary Ann Nichols, the first victim of London serial killer "Jack the Ripper," is found murdered and mutilated in Whitechapel's Buck's Row. The East End of London saw four more victims of the murderer during the next few months, but no suspect was ever found. As the women rapidly bled to death, the killer would then brutally mutilate them with the same 6-inch knife.

### SEPT. 1

**1983:** Soviet jet fighters intercept a Korean Airlines passenger flight in Russian airspace and shoot the plane down, killing 269 passengers and crewmembers. The incident dramatically increased tensions between the Soviet Union and the United States. On Sept. 1, 1983, Korean Airlines (KAL) flight 007 was on the last leg of a flight from New York City to Seoul, with a stopover in Anchorage, Alaska. As it approached its final destination, the plane began to veer far off its normal course. In just a short time, the plane flew into Russian air space. The Soviets sent two fighter jets to intercept the plane. They tried to make contact with the passenger jet. Failing to receive a response, one of the fighters fired a heat-seeking missile. KAL 007 was hit and plummeted into the Sea of Japan. All 269 people on board were killed.

### SEPT. 2

**1969:** America's first automatic teller machine (ATM) makes its public debut, dispensing cash to customers at Chemical Bank in Rockville Center, New York. ATMs went on to revolutionize the banking industry, eliminating the need to visit a bank to conduct basic financial transactions. By the 1980s, these money machines had become widely popular and handled many of the functions previously performed by human tellers.

### SEPT. 3

**1914:** Barely a month after the outbreak of World War I, Giacomo della Chiesa is elected to the papacy of the Roman Catholic Church, becoming Pope Benedict XV. An aristocratic native of Genoa, Italy, who had served as a cardinal since the previous May, Benedict succeeded Pius X, who died on Aug. 20, 1914.

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**TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL**  
Sharon Flowers, one of the family owners and operators of the historic Linden Hotel, shows off the new interior look of the main dining room.

# Linden Hotel receives a makeover

■ Interior and menu revamped at Genesee County’s oldest operating business

**By Sally Rummel**  
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The Linden Hotel, now 176 years old, is looking much younger than its age, thanks to a new interior re-do completed earlier this summer.

“We’ve got a whole new look,” said Sharon Flowers, who runs Genesee County’s oldest continuously working business with her father, Jack Furry, and sister, Karen Stroud. Their brother, Mike Furry, was also active in running the business, until his passing in December 2015.

New hardwood floors, re-furbished

tables and chairs and new interior paint are bringing a fresh new look to the downstairs main dining room of this historic restaurant.

Even the menu has gotten an update with the addition of shrimp, deep fried or stir fried, plus new choices in side dishes. “You can also add shrimp to your steak dinner,” said Stroud.

The Linden Hotel continues to be well known for its burgers, spaghetti and fish and chips, and is proud to have been named “Best Fish” in a recent people’s choice poll by TV-5. “We also do a lot of homemade specials,” said Flowers. “Our soups and desserts are all homemade.”

The Linden Hotel is located at 122 E. Broad St., Linden, telephone (810) 735-5780.

## Social News

### ANNIVERSARY

**DALECKIS CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY**  
Bernadette (Polzin) and Myron Dalecki of Emmett, Michigan celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary on Aug. 23, 2016. Myron is originally from Memphis, Michigan and his wife, Bernadette is from Emmett, Michigan. The couple shares two grandchildren.

## News briefs

**Eagle Scout**  
An education adventure trail and outdoor classroom was restored as Nash Reigle’s Eagle Scout project. Both areas required stumps removed, brush cleared, leaves raked and woodchips added. The project was completed this spring and Reigle earned the rank of Eagle Scout in June. Reigle, 18, has been involved in scouts since age 7. He graduated from Lake Fenton High School. Some of his scouting highlights included hiking, camping trips, and many leadership opportunities. Reigle participated in cross-country, track, robotics, band and theater. He is currently attending Kettering University majoring in Bioinformatics. Reigle wants to recognize his family and Troop 219 for their continuous support.

## TYRONE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given the Tyrone Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, beginning at 7:30 at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430. The purpose for the Public Hearing is:

- To receive public comments regarding a proposed shared private driveway as part of a land division creating three (3) new parcels on the south side of Gordon Rd, between Runyan Lake Road and Older Lane, Parcel ID: 4704-28-100-001.

Additional information is available at the Tyrone Township Clerk’s Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Tyrone Township Clerk, at (810) 629-8631, at least seven days prior to the meeting.

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# Fenton Tigers dominate preseason Metro League meet

*Linden takes third; Holly finishes sixth*

**By David Troppens**  
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**Fenton Twp.** — Wednesday was a nice day to be a member of the Fenton varsity girls golf team.

Well, check that. It was an outstandingly historic day to be on the squad. The Fenton Tigers broke a school record by shooting a team score of 380 during the first Flint Metro League tournament held at Fenton Farms, giving the Tigers the early inside track to a potential Metro crown this fall. But they did more than that.

They demolished the field, beating second-place Kearsley (376) by 39 strokes. They also had five of their six competitors break personal records. And the golfer that didn't break a record posted her second-best round ever. Indeed, there was a lot to celebrate. Linden and Holly can also feel

pretty decent about their starts to the Metro season as well. Linden finished with a team score of 414, placing them third. Meanwhile, Holly finished sixth with a score of 427, but found themselves only 13 strokes out of third.

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Fenton's Keegan Miller shot an 80 at the pre-season Metro League Meet on Wednesday.

## Times Sports

### A tough start for the Eagles

**By Jordan Climie**  
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**Linden** — Eagles tend to soar, but when the Panthers came to Linden Friday night, it was DeWitt that commanded the air and the ground en route to a 42-14 victory.

"I don't think we'll play anybody better than DeWitt. Maybe the same level, but no one better," said Linden head coach Denny Hopkins. "They were a whole lot quicker than we thought and that hurt us."

DeWitt's first two drives resulted in scores, first a long pass that left the Linden defense scrambling to catch up, then a bulldozing two-yard run up the gut. Meanwhile, the Eagles could only manage a handful of first downs in the entire

first half, with all of their drives ending in a punt besides an interception from the Panther defense.

DeWitt didn't take their foot off the pedal, harkening back to remarks earlier this week on a Lansing-area radio station that Linden was their "warm up" game before facing Grand Ledge next week. Three more touchdowns were added in the first half by the Panthers, including a 48-yard touchdown pass with less than a minute left, leading 35-0 at the half.

"We got beat up early and then we just hung our heads," Hopkins said.

"It all snowballed."

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(Above) Linden's Cade Dickson (center) tries to gain some more yards in the Eagles' loss to DeWitt on Thursday. (Left photo) DeWitt's Noah Keonigsnecht catches a ball over Linden defender Ryker Rivera.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Holly's Paris Partee (right) and Griffin Backs (left) tackle a Berkley runner in Holly's 29-26 loss Thursday.

### Bronchos lose battle of big plays vs. Berkley Bears, 29-26

**By David Troppens**  
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**Holly** — It was a typical first game of the season.

The Holly varsity football team had times when they looked strong on defense and had times when they looked electric on offense and special teams. However, there were also other times when the squad struggled mightily in each phase of the game as well.

The end result was a tough but entertaining 29-26 season-opening home loss to the Berkley Bears on

Thursday at Holly High School.

"I thought our kids played with a lot of heart tonight," Holly varsity football coach Ryan Culloty said. "We have to clean up our execution if we want to be a good football team. That's what it was. There were a couple of points there. We got beat on a two-point conversion and we missed an extra point and that was the difference. That's football. We have to do a little bit better."

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Holly's Jacob Honstetter strips a ball from a Berkley player. However, the play was called dead before the strip.

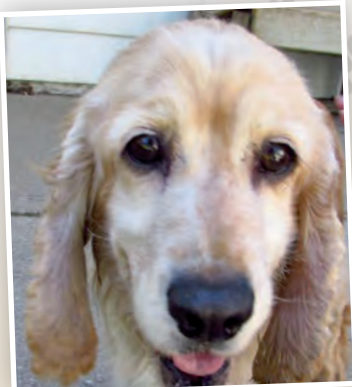
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# Linden, Fenton battle to 2-2 draw

**By David Troppens**  
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**Fenton** — It's never too early for rivals to collide.

And as is usually the case, the Fenton and Linden varsity soccer teams proved that to be true on Wednesday night.

Both teams had their moments and both teams also had some issues at times. The end result was a 2-2 deadlock between the two rivals.

"I like it because we can see their personnel and who are their strong players and we can prepare for that (later in the season)," Fenton senior Adam Gornick said about playing Linden early in the season.

It was an entertaining contest. Twice, the visiting Eagles took a one-goal lead only to see the Tigers respond with an equalizer.

The second time Linden took the lead came with 7:23 remaining in the second half. Julian Shier took the initial shot, but it was saved. However, teammate David Fowler was there to pick up the rebound and score the go-ahead goal. Linden led 2-1. However, that lead didn't last long, 38 seconds to be exact. The game-tying goal came on a cross from Jacob Newblatt to Chance Curtis who scored, deadlocking the contest at 2-all.

The Tigers probably had the better chances of breaking the tie down the stretch, but neither team did resulting in what was probably a pretty fair 2-2 result.

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Fenton's Bobby Temple (left) battles Linden's Julian Shier for the ball in the two teams' 2-2 draw on Wednesday.

## sports **briefs**

### LINDEN VOLLEYBALL

► The Eagles improved to 12-1 overall by sweeping three matches in a quad on Tuesday. The Eagles beat Lake Fenton and Swartz Creek in two sets and Byron in three sets. Allison Conly led Linden with 25 digs and 19 kills while Breyanna Turnipseed had 17 kills and Emma O'Keefe had 11. Emily Pearce had 13 digs and 11 aces.

### HOLLY TENNIS

► The Bronchos opened against strong teams at the Traverse City West High quad and had some solid performances. The No. 1 doubles team of Ethan Postma and Carsen Cuthbert and the No. 2 doubles team of Xavier Glass and Garrett VanGilder had strong showings, each defeating flights from Hudonville, Traverse City West and Holland Christian.

### FENTON VOLLEYBALL

► The Tigers defeated Davison and Mt. Pleasant but lost to Brighton during a Tuesday quad.

Jessica Warford had 38 kills in the three matches while Chloe Idoni had nine kills against Davison. Elizabeth Thomas had 10 digs against Brighton and Elise Delecki had five digs and two aces against Mt. Pleasant.

### FENTON SOCCER

► Fenton's Liam Adams and Adam Gornick scored goals and Noah Martin and Mikko Houtari combined in net to get the shutout, leading Fenton (2-0-2) to a 2-0 win against Oxford. Chance Curtis and Adams had assists in the contest.

Female Track Athlete of the Year			
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All Tri-County Girls Track and Field Team			
Event	Name	School	Time
100	Madaline Hall	Fenton	12.55 seconds
200	Madaline Hall	Fenton	26.57 seconds
400	Cassandra Campbell	Fenton	1:02.14
800	Cambria Tiemann	Fenton	2:17.75
1,600	Taylor Ganger	Linden	5:14.83
3,200	Maggie Schneider	Holly	11:08.90
100 hurdles	Alia Frederick	Linden	15.79 seconds
300 hurdles	Alia Frederick	Linden	45.68 seconds
400 relay	Madaline Hall	Fenton	50.01 seconds
	Zeinab Torabi		
	Hannah Sage		
	Cassandra Campbell		
800 relay	Madaline Hall	Fenton	1:44.91
	Hannah Sage		
	Cassandra Campbell		
	Emily Kinser		
1,600 relay	Cassandra Campbell	Fenton	4:11.32
	Emily Kinser		
	Hannah Sage		
	Cambria Tiemann		
3,200 relay	Jenna Keiser	Holly	9:48.86
	Breeanne Ferranti		
	Emma Lane		
	Lauren Hackett		
Shot put	Jessica Daul	Linden	37-feet-8 1/4
Discus	Sara Johnston	Holly	96-feet-4
High jump	Hannah Sage	Fenton	4-feet-8
	Hailey Tallman	Fenton	4-feet-8
Pole vault	Hannah Chapin	Fenton	9-feet-6
Long jump	Madaline Hall	Fenton	18-feet-0 1/2

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