

Three-story building coming to 'old Action Auto' property

■ Retail on first floor, office space on top two levels

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Although the sale and property transfer has not yet been finalized, Rhoads and Johnson Construction of Fenton has received Planning Commission approval to build a multi-use building at 102 Silver Lake Road in downtown Fenton.

See **PROPERTY** on 12A



SUMMARY

■ About this time next year, the site at 102 Silver Lake Road in Fenton will be home to the Horizon Building, a three-story, 23,000-square-foot commercial building being developed by Rhoads and Johnson Construction of Fenton.

“They came to us with a compelling argument for what they want to do.”

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Director of Real Estate
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HOMELAND SECURITY:

TSA has 95-percent failure rate in finding fake bombs

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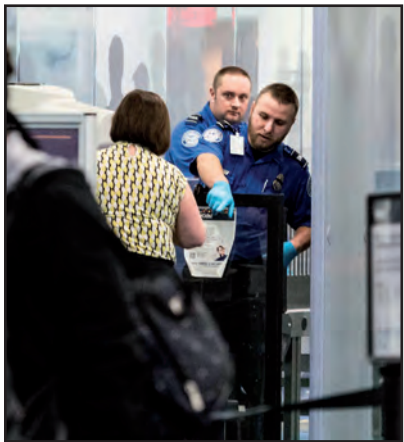
The Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) was created on Nov. 19, 2001, in direct response to the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania.

All of the attacks were carried out by 19 Al Qaeda terrorists, using jet liners as their weapons. At the end of the day, nearly 3,000 people were dead.

The Department of Homeland Security was founded on Nov. 25, 2002.

It recently conducted undercover investigations in which they posed as normal passengers and purposefully tried to sneak fake explosives and banned weapons through security.

See **TSA** on 15A



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TSA agents are proven to have a high failure rate, allowing fake bombs and weapons onboard by undercover Homeland Security officers.



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The Kmart store on Silver Parkway in Fenton will close permanently on Dec. 11. Liquidation sales began on Thursday, Sept. 22, bringing in more customers than usual. It is among 17 Kmart stores nationwide being closed in December. After being located on North LeRoy Street at Dauner Road for decades, Kmart moved into its new building on Silver Parkway 20 years ago, in 1996. In 2004, the Kmart Corporation bought Sears, Roebuck & Co. for \$11 billion in a deal that married two of the nation's oldest retailers that had trouble keeping up with the changes in American culture around them. The merged corporation, Sears Holding Company, closed 80 Sears and Kmart stores in July.



Be Closer...

■ Is Fenton's controversial tagline being phased out?

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Rumors that the tagline "Be Closer" is being phased out in Fenton are not true, according to Craig Schmidt, director of the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and City Manager Lynn Markland.

"The tagline is not changing," said Schmidt. "The website is updated by the city's webmaster and New Moon

See **TAGLINE** on 9A

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“A run down of the Clinton presidency years: White Water, Foster suicide, Travelgate, Biogate, Troopergate, the affairs, the bribes, the impeachment trial, which include lies, perjury, sex harassment, paying a mistress with tax dollars. He embarrassed our country.”

“Of course Hillary has become ill. Her body is in shock. She has worked more in the last two months than the past 30 years in the White House. This is just everyday stuff for Donald.”

“If history is any indication, the big Trump and Clinton debate will come down to whether Trump can avoid being portrayed as a character from 'One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest,' and whether Clinton can avoid being portrayed as the character Bernie from 'Weekend at Bernie's.'”

COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“If all voters focused exclusively on what the candidates do, instead of what each candidate says, the decision of who to vote for as president would be easy.”

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\$140,000

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HOLLY

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Stately 4 bedroom home in highly sought after Preserve of Riverside. Well-manicured lawn, large deck, and side entry garage. Inside you'll find 4 bedrooms, living room & family room, and a beautifully finished basement with 1/2 bath. First floor laundry and spacious kitchen with island. This home has it all!

\$215,000

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FLINT TOWNSHIP

4283 Carmanwood

Same owner since the 1960's giving this property pride of ownership. An extensive lists of updates including roof 2012, AC in 20101 as well as full update of home's electrical system. 4 bedrooms make this an incredible deal on a well-cared for family home that even includes a whole house generator!

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11013 Windy Hill

Huge Cape Cod on 5 beautifully manicured acres set at the end of a cul-de-sac and located in Fenton schools. Home boasts 2 main floor bedrooms and 2 second floor bedrooms. Great working kitchen with stainless appliances, partially finished basement. Pond and pole barn make this home even more enticing.

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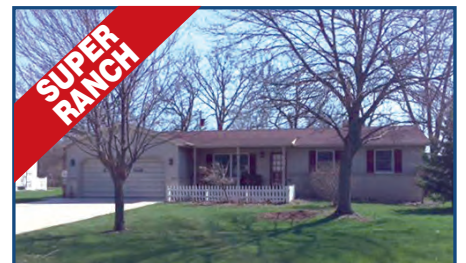
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12179 Rohn

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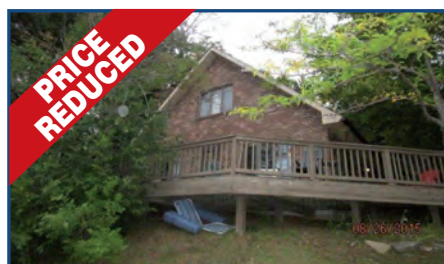
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Lovely Handcrafted Home built by the owner. This bright home offers a Cathedral Living Room/Kitchen and Dining Room, as well as a 3 Season Sunroom with a full view of the acreage. 3 spacious bedrooms, family room, and a LL recreation room. Pole barn and separate workshop with LL garage.

\$179,500

Call Lynn Rositano 810-625-7399

What your kids are EATING AT SCHOOL

■ Schools must adhere to guidelines set by the USDA

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton — Parents don't have to worry about what their kids eat when they send them to school with a packed lunch, but parents who don't send a lunch often question the merit of school lunches.

A healthy school meal depends on what the student chooses.

Anna Goss, food service director for Fenton Area Public Schools said, "As with any food choice, whether at home, school or a restaurant, some choices are healthier than others."

The Fenton lunch menu is a collaboration between Goss and the high school food service manager. They order food from Gordon Food Service, Aunt Millie's, Country Fresh, Montrose Orchards and Banana Brothers Produce.

"Our high school spends up to \$4,000 weekly on food, produce and milk to feed our students," she said.

Goss said they must adhere to the guidelines for the School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program set by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and that they're pretty strict.

"There are restrictions on calories, sodium, and saturated fat served daily based on grade levels served. All grains served must be whole grain rich," she said, adding that they can't serve any trans fat.

Each lunch has to offer certain quantities

"As with any food choice, whether at home, school or a restaurant, some choices are healthier than others."

ANNA GOSS
Fenton schools food
service director



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Fenton high School offers several options for lunch. They are required to select a vegetable and a fruit, but the school can't force them to actually eat it.

of grains and proteins. Students are offered one cup of vegetables and one cup of fruit a day.

The vegetables are divided into sub categories during the week. One day they'll serve a dark green vegetable, the next day beans or peas, with the type changing throughout the week.

"We must offer two varieties of low-fat or fat-free milk at each meal, too," she said.

When asked what she thought about the common saying that school food is unhealthy, Goss said, "We have fresh salad

and veggie bars that are included with the meal daily. Many students select salad and fresh vegetables, especially at the elementary level."

From Monday Sept. 19 to Wednesday Sept. 21, 19 percent of students at North Road Elementary who bought lunch chose a salad, Goss said.

"The salad bar choice includes all fruits and vegetables on the salad bar, a hard-

SUMMARY

■ School lunches often have a reputation for being unhealthy, but Fenton schools provide a variety of healthy options.

How wasteful are students?

Wasting food is often a point of concern in school, but not so much in Fenton.

Anna Goss, food service director for Fenton Area Public Schools said, "We have much less waste than in years past, with Offer vs. Serve. Offer vs. Serve allows students to pick what they want, rather than having everything placed on their trays."

Students must choose three of the five meal components for a complete meal, but can make all the choices.

The five components are grain and protein, which are usually found in the entree, fruit, vegetable, and dairy.

"One of the components taken must be at least a 1/2 cup fruit or vegetable. We have fresh and canned fruit available and a full salad bar daily," she said.

boiled egg, whole grain breadstick and low-fat or fat-free milk," she said.

Goss said for the main entrees, which vary daily, they prepare a certain amount based on the counts from the last time they served that item.

The most popular entrees at the high school are any chicken item (drumsticks, chicken sandwiches, popcorn chicken, etc), Mexican food (nachos, burritos etc.), wrap sandwiches and pizza.

"We have a chicken line, pizza line, main entree line, and subs and wraps in a grab-and-go cooler," Goss said. "These are all

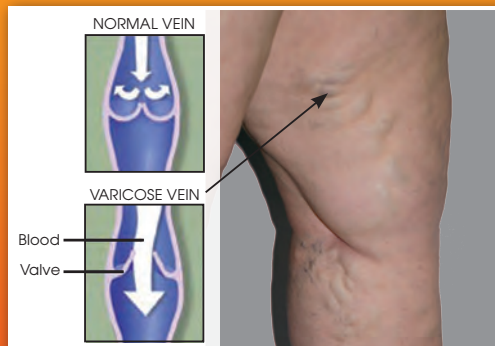
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Come *Heller* high water

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It's debatable

I don't know what will happen Monday during the first debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, but I do know what won't happen:

Moderator: 'Let's begin with you, Mrs. Clinton. Can you tell us about your immigration policy, please?'

Clinton: 'Cough! Cough! Cough!'

Trump: 'Here, Hillary, have a lozenge. Campaigning is exhausting, isn't it? It's a wonder we're both not sick all of the time, am I right? Here, have my glass of water, too.'

Clinton: 'Why, thank you, Donald.

You are such a gentleman.'

Trump: 'It's how I was raised.'

Clinton: 'Now, about immigration. Usually I would acknowledge your question but not actually answer it because that's what

my handlers told me do. But I'm not going to do that tonight because I know it frustrates voters, who just want honest, simple answers. So here's mine: I'm for it. I think immigrants enrich this country and we should do everything possible to help them, while also making sure we do everything possible to weed out the bad apples.'

Trump: 'Well said, Hillary. I don't agree, of course, but I respect your viewpoint.'

Clinton: 'Thank you, Donald.'

Trump: 'You're welcome. Now, as you know, I have said many times that I would build a wall between us and Mexico and force Mexico to pay for it. But that's pure hooey, and everyone knows it. To be honest, I only said it because I knew it would appeal to people who are justifiably angry about what rich guys like me have done to the middle class for the past 25 years and looking for someone to blame. So I'd like to take this opportunity to apologize to them and to everyone else for stoking the fires of fear and hatred instead of proposing actual solutions.'

Clinton: 'That's very big of you, Don-

ald. I admire someone who can own up to their shortcomings.'

Trump: 'Thank you, Hillary.'

Moderator: 'Mrs. Clinton, you have perceived shortcomings of your own. For instance, how do you answer charges that you are not trustworthy?'

Clinton: 'Well, in the past, I wouldn't answer a question like that and instead would immediately pivot to one of my carefully rehearsed talking points, usually about how my opponent is the devil's second-in-command.'

Trump: 'To be honest, I do that, too, even though I know it annoys everyone and creates an extremely damaging impression that no one in government will ever tell the truth.'

Clinton: 'Well put, Donald. So let me just say that I have hidden behind talking points and partial truths for so long now that I can hardly blame people for thinking I'm less than forthright. But that stops today. From here on out, I'm going to be a straight shooter.'

Trump: 'And I'm going stop talking trash about anyone who isn't a white male.'

Clinton: 'And I'm finally going to admit I have a pantsuit addiction!'

Trump: 'And I'm going to stop bleaching my hair and get a grown-up haircut!'

Moderator: 'And I'm going to cut to commercial because clearly we've entered an alternate universe.'



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

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HAVE YOU NOTICED that 16,000 members of the U.S. Border Agency Union are supporting Trump? The Fraternal Order of Police and a former CIA director are all for Trump because they know he's the anti-terrorism law and order president.

FORD IS MOVING its car production to Mexico. Companies are moving out of America because of Obama.

LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC RESPONSES to terrorist acts — don't blame terrorism, blame the gun. It's not a bomb, it's only a knife or pressure cooker. Lastly, it's only a random attack, it's not linked to anything or anyone.

AS A BUSINESSMAN, I want to tell you that the last eight years that Obama has wreaked havoc on the world of businesses and our economy, millions of jobs have been lost due to high taxes, high regulations, and low growth.

TO THE ECONOMIC genius who thinks there's no such thing as trickle-down economics, read the comment five down from yours, the one who quoted Reagan. If it doesn't exist, how come it screwed up the country?

THIS IS FOR our police and our firefighters. Thank you for being so brave.

LET ME GET this straight, Hillary's leaving a 9/11 event early and stumbling is more

newsworthy than the 9/11 event itself?

I WOULD NOT like to have a dog sitting next to me while I'm eating, watching every mouthful I put in my mouth, waiting for me to drop something. Not a good idea. Service dogs only.

SO, HILLARY WAS overheated at the 9/11 memorial service. Why? The day was beautiful and there was a breeze. It wasn't 85 or 90 degrees there. In the video, it looked like she had a seizure and they had to help her into the van.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS to the Fenton Fire Department for the 9/11 Memorial. It is a fitting tribute and well appreciated by my husband (retired United Airlines employee) and myself.

TO RETRIEVE HILLARY'S emails ask Russia for them as a cyber-security expert said that her private email account from when she was secretary of state was probably hacked.

WISH THERE HAD been surveillance cameras at the Fenton downtown restaurant to catch the coward who hit the back of my car. Came to Fenton to celebrate my birthday with friends.

OUR PRESIDENT SAYS we are winning overseas defeating ISIS. So, he is bringing them over here now. Pretty soon, you will not be able to leave your home in fear that a bomb will go off somewhere when you are in a mall, at a restaurant or anywhere.

KUDOS TO PATTERSON Elementary for recognizing Constitution Day last Friday. Now let's teach the importance of this wonderful document before it's too late.

MOST OF THE people who are voting for Trump have never read the Constitution. All of his promises eventually have to be passed by Congress, and that will never happen.

TO THE '2-cent' person who thinks Obama did a good job as president. Please remember that Stalin, Castro and Hitler did great jobs, too.

BOTH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES are on the campaign trail. If the Flint minister didn't want Trump to compare what he would do for Flint with what Hillary would do, why did she fail to mention that before he started speaking? Why do the Democrats do things like this? It's unbecoming.

I THINK, MR. Heller that your mom may be like many women. She may not have wanted you to see her without makeup. Or, by not telling you, she did not want you to worry. Good way for future guilt trips? Huh?

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What was/is your favorite school lunch?



"When I went to school we didn't have hot lunch, we had to walk home for lunch so I made my own."

Jane Miller
Hartland Township



"I taught for 30 years and I never ate lunch there. I would bring leftovers or sandwiches."

John Daniels
Rose Township



"Probably the hamburgers. In Oklahoma we had a hamburger station. We also had a McDonald's and a Taco Bell on campus."

Phillip McKinney
Fenton



"I always brought a turkey sandwich with chips and juice."

Leslie Welch
Grand Blanc



"Nachos, because I like nachos and I put cheese, meat and salsa on them."

Charlie Smith
Fenton Township

streettalk

Police&Fire report

FOUR ARRESTS AT APPLEFEST

At 9:42 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 15, Fenton police responded to an 18-year-old Tyrone Township male who allegedly sneaked into the beer tent at Applefest and drank beer. When confronted by Genesee County reserve deputies, the teen became disorderly and Fenton police arrested him for disorderly intoxication and under 21 consumption. He was lodged overnight at the police station. At 11:25 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, Fenton police responded to a highly intoxicated woman lying on the ground in the 500 block of Lincoln Street. As Fenton police made contact with the woman in an attempt to find her a safe ride home, the 23-year-old Flint woman began to curse loudly at the officers. She then tried to spit on an officer. Fenton police arrested her for disorderly intoxication. She blew a .245 on the preliminary breath test, more than three times the legal amount. She has a Dec. 5 court date. At 4:52 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18, Genesee County deputy reserves were alerted to two males at the bridge at the north end of Bush Park. The males, a 20-year-old Holly man and a 25-year-old Holly man were apparently hiding and then jumping out to scare people walking to the Applefest. Both men were arrested for disorderly intoxication. They have a Dec. 5 court date.

POLITICAL SIGN STOLEN

At 11 p.m. on Sept. 16, Fenton police responded to a home in the 500 block of Silver Lake Road to investigate a larceny complaint. The 39-year-old homeowner told police that someone stole his \$50 "Trump, Make America Great Again," campaign sign from his front yard. Witnesses told police that at least two white males were seen driving away with the sign on West Street in a red Dodge Caliber. If convicted of larceny, the suspects face 90 days in the county jail and/or up to a \$500 fine.

TWO MEN ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

At 9:30 a.m., on Monday, Sept. 19, a Fenton police officer responded to the parking lot of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center to investigate a suspicious situation. A caller reported seeing a man seated in a vehicle for some time. Another vehicle pulled up next to the vehicle and a man exited that vehicle and got into the first vehicle. Suspecting drug activity, the witness called police. Police made contact with the two men, a 20-year-old Fenton man and a 36-year-old Fenton Township man. After questioning them, the officer recovered marijuana material as well as highly potent marijuana resin. Both men were arrested for possession of marijuana. They are to appear in court on Dec. 5.

HOLLY NEIGHBORS ARGUE OVER PROPERTY LINE

On Thursday, Sept. 15 at 4:15 p.m., Holly police were dispatched to a residence in the 4000 block of Grange Hall Road to investigate an assault and battery complaint between two neighbors. Police spoke with the suspect and victim who were having a dispute about a property line between their homes. The two men argued and the victim sustained a ½-inch scratch on his neck. A witness told police that they saw the suspect put his hand on the victim. Police and the two men discussed the property line and agreed that becoming physical is not a logical way to handle an argument.

TWO BICYCLES STOLEN IN HOLLY

On Sept. 20, Holly police were sent to a home in the 3500 block of Grange Hall Road to investigate a complaint of two stolen bikes. The complainant told police that the bikes had been taken in the past two weeks. One bike was a Schwinn and the other was a Mongoose. Police have no suspects at this time.

GIFT CARD STOLEN FROM MAIL

On Thursday, Sept. 15, Holly police were dispatched to an apartment in the 100 block of East Maple to investigate a larceny complaint. The 23-year-old victim said his mother had sent him a \$100 Visa gift card through the mail. The victim's mailbox is one of several in one location. According to the tracking information, the card was delivered on Sept. 14. The victim reported the incident to the post office on Sept. 15 and was advised to file a police report. There are no suspects at this time.

STOLEN FIREARM REPORTED FROM TRAILER PARK

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office arrested a man on Sept. 21 for stealing a firearm. Dep. Geno Gaticka said deputies responded to the Lake Ponemah Mobile Home Park in Fenton Township on Wednesday, Sept. 21 to investigate the complaint. A female, who is not a resident of the park, told the sheriff's office that she had been at the park a couple days prior, but had to leave abruptly. She said she left her gun behind in the park. She returned the next day to retrieve it, but it was missing. On Sept. 21, she returned to the park and filed the complaint. Deputies, as well as police officers from Fenton and Linden police departments searched the park on foot. The stolen firearm was recovered at the park and information on a suspect was provided to deputies. Deputies took the suspect into custody. The case remains under investigation.

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

Effective Thursday, Sept. 22, the threat alert system created by Public Act 235 of 2016 is operational. This new alerting system can be used in cases where there is a public threat, which is defined as a clear, present, persistent, ongoing and random threat to public safety. A public threat includes, but is not limited to, an act of terrorism, an unresolved mass shooting or an unresolved mass shooting spree. Upon activation by law enforcement, similar to how an AMBER Alert is issued, the Emergency Alert System can be utilized to interrupt radio and television broadcasting in the affected region. A Wireless Emergency Alert can also be issued through mobile carriers, which will appear on mobile devices similar to a 90-character text message. "It is extremely important to make the public aware of a potentially life threatening situation, as accurately and quickly as possible, so our residents can stay out of harm's way," said Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, director of the Michigan State Police (MSP). "Nearly everyone has access to a mobile phone, and unlike other emergency notifications, you do not have to opt-in to receive these important alerts."

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Applefest 2016 winners announced

■ Organizers say the entire weekend was successful because of all the volunteers

By Sally Rummel

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A Rochester Hills resident whose parents live in Fenton took home the Applefest's Grand Prize this year, after last weekend's four-day festival at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton.

Melissa Kindred opted for the \$10,000 cash prize, when given her choice between a three-year car lease, pontoon or cash prize. Linden resident Linda La-Beau won the Cruise Raffle.

These two top prizes capped a full weekend of activities during this year's 44th annual Applefest.

"It went really well," said Dave McDermott, who chaired the event with his wife, Sara and a whole committee and church community of volunteers. "Things ran smoothly because there are so many people

who make it run smoothly every year. We had no major incidents."

Attendance was comparable to past years, according to McDermott, even with a little rain on Saturday morning, which caused the midway to open a little later. "It was sunny early enough for people to come out and enjoy themselves," he said. "Interestingly, the Saturday morning road race had more participants, about 550, despite the rain."

He added that the Friday night Entertainment Tent was busier than he's seen it in many years. "Friday was up. It's always good to see people come out and watch the bands play."

The Friday Night Fish Fry was so popular that it sold out, as did the food court's hamburgers and sausages. "We also had a lot of festival visitors on Sunday, more than usual,"

said McDermott.

He said that the preliminary numbers look very similar to past years, but they won't have the final numbers tallied for a few more weeks.

“Things ran smoothly because there are so many people who make it run smoothly every year.”

Dave McDermott

*Applefest co-chair
with his wife, Sara*

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SEPT. 25

1965: The Kansas City Athletics start ageless wonder Satchel Paige in a game against the Boston Red Sox. The 59-year-old Paige, a black league legend, proved his greatness once again by giving up only one hit in his three innings of play.

SEPT. 26

2008: Paul Newman, one of the leading movie stars of the 20th century, dies at the age of 83 at his Connecticut home. In a career spanning more than five decades, Newman made over 65 movies, including the classics "Cool Hand Luke," "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," "The Sting" and "The Verdict."

SEPT. 27

1779: The Continental Congress appoints John Adams to travel to France as minister plenipotentiary in charge of negotiating treaties of peace and commerce with Great Britain during the Revolutionary War.

SEPT. 28

1918: A Liberty Loan parade in Philadelphia prompts a huge outbreak of the flu epidemic in the city. By the time the epidemic ended, an estimated 30 million people were dead worldwide.

SEPT. 29

1982: Flight attendant Paula Prince buys a bottle of cyanide-laced Tylenol. Prince was found dead on Oct. 1, becoming the final victim of a mysterious ailment in Chicago, Illinois. Over the previous 24 hours, six other people had suddenly died of unknown causes in northwest Chicago. After Prince's death, two Chicago firefighters realized that all seven victims had ingested Extra-Strength Tylenol prior to becoming ill. Further investigation revealed that several bottles of the Tylenol capsules had been poisoned with cyanide.

SEPT. 30

1955: At 5:45 p.m., 24-year-old actor James Dean is killed in Cholame, California, when the Porsche he is driving hits a Ford Tudor sedan at an intersection. The driver of the other car was dazed but mostly uninjured. Dean's passenger was badly injured but survived. Only one of Dean's movies, "East of Eden," had been released at the time of his death. "Rebel Without a Cause" and "Giant" opened shortly afterward. He was already on his way to superstardom, but the crash made him a legend.

OCT. 1

1890: An act of Congress creates Yosemite National Park, home of such natural wonders as Half Dome and the giant sequoia trees. Environmental trailblazer John Muir (1838-1914) and his colleagues campaigned for the congressional action, which was signed into law by President Benjamin Harrison and paved the way for generations of hikers, campers and nature lovers, along with countless "Don't Feed the Bears" signs.

News briefs

DOLLAR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY IN LINDEN

The construction for the **Dollar General store** on West Broad Street in downtown Linden is underway. The building was approved by the Linden Planning Commission on March 14, and is owned by Zarembo Group, LLC, according to Linden City Planner Adam Young. He said they do not have a time frame for the completion of the business. This Dollar General is within the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) district. Young said when the value of properties with the district increase because of new development or property improvements, the DDA's revenues increase. The DDA can then reinvest those funds back into the district with tools like marketing, events and infrastructure improvements.

ZOMBIE DANCERS NEEDED

Linden Zombie Walk organizers are looking for dancers to participate in the "Thriller" flash mob dance during the walk on **Oct. 14**. The event is hosted by the Linden Arts Council and will feature people dressed as zombies, dancing to Michael Jackson's "Thriller." Sue Turpen, president of the council, said the dance will be done by the Linden Dance Academy. Turpen said everyone is welcome. The academy will hold practice days on Oct. 1 and 8, from 9-10 a.m. at the Linden Dance Academy at 15188 S. Linden Rd.

'TREASURES AND TREATS' FALL FUNDRAISER

Neighbor for Neighbor, an all-volunteer, non-profit charitable organization that provides food, clothing and financial assistance to families in crisis from Springfield, Holly, Groveland, Rose, Independence and parts of White Lake townships since 1983, invites everyone to purchase one-of-a-kind items and delicious homemade baked goods at their "Treasures and Treats" fall fundraiser. This semi-annual rummage and bake sale will be held Friday, Sept. 30 and **Saturday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the Neighbor for Neighbor food pantry and offices located in the Hart Community Center on the grounds of MillPond Park in Downtown Davisburg. Proceeds from the sale will be used by Neighbor for Neighbor to provide assistance to area families in need. Call (248) 634-0900 for details or to donate items for this semi-annual fundraiser.

FREE PRODUCE GIVEAWAY ON OCT. 1

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and the Fenton Methodist Food Pantry are co-sponsoring their second annual community produce giveaway to anyone interested in receiving carrots, onions, apples, potatoes, pie pumpkins, spaghetti squash and butternut squash. Distribution will be on **Saturday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** behind St. John the Evangelist Catholic School near Bush Park. This is free produce to be given away to anyone in the community. Everyone is welcome.

LIFE CHAIN ON OCT. 2 IN HOLLY

Right to Life of North West Oakland County is holding its Respect Life (human life chain) event on **Sunday, Oct. 2, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.** A Life Chain will take place at North Saginaw Street (North Holly Road) at Grange Hall Road. Participants will be spokes people for life without saying a word. Their goal is to form a human "life chain" from Grange Hall Road to downtown Holly. The Life Chain, which is a prayerful public witness to promote and celebrate the unalienable right to life, is sponsored by North West Oakland County Right to Life. People are encouraged to be a spokesperson for life at all stages, ages, make the invisible visible, hold a poster on streets of Holly and join like-minded passionate people in prayer and silent, peaceful protest. Staging and parking will be at Kerton Lumber.



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HOLLY



12755 Meadow View Circle | Holly
4 bedrooms, 4 (3/1) baths, 2583 sq/ft
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FENTON-3 ACRES



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For the latest in fall fashions, view Eclections' new 30-second video at tctimes.com. Click the video tab at the top of the website.

See the latest in fall fashions at Eclections

■ New video produced by ReelTimes features fall styles and trends at Fenton boutique

By Sally Rummel

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There's a change in the air, with cooler nights, shorter days and more moderate temperatures.

Fall is almost here, and so is a switch of seasons in fashion styles and trends. ReelTimes Video, a division of the Tri-County Times, has produced a new video for Eclections in Fenton, showing all the new women's clothing styles for fall, from quaint boutique brands to major designers.

The video may be viewed at tctimes.com, click on Video.

"When you're ready to treat yourself to a great shopping experience, shop at Eclections," said Nicole McCurdy, co-owner of the business.

“When you’re ready to treat yourself to a great shopping experience, shop at Eclections.”

Nicole McCurdy
Eclections co-owner

"We have Alex & Ani, Brighton and Vera Bradley, all in one place."

This fall is particularly busy, with Eclections expanding soon to include a new area of plus-size fashions for women, plus men's clothing, shoes and accessories.

Fall events include the third annual Power of Pink Fall Fashion Show on Sunday, Sept. 25, a fundraiser for breast cancer with cancer survivors modeling the latest fashions, and a "Pink Party" on Thursday, Oct. 13, with fundraising details to be announced.

Eclections is at 495 Fenway, Suite 1, and will soon be expanding its store. For more details, call (810) 629-2019 or visit eclectionsboutique.com.

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Visions still handles the marketing.

Markland said the DDA has reduced its marketing budget and is focusing on development projects.

"The DDA has spent a lot of money on the Streetscape project," he said. "New Moon is still working with the DDA to manage the 'Be Closer' website and city's Facebook page."

How it all started

Just over six years ago, the Fenton City Council approved hiring a marketing firm to promote downtown Fenton.

That firm was New Moon Visions of Milford, hired as an independent contractor for an amount not to exceed \$49,800 for the fiscal year. The other bidder, IMJ Communications of Royal Oak bid \$31,200.

Although the IMJ bid was \$18,600 lower, Michael Burns, former assistant city manager and DDA director, said the DDA Marketing Committee felt the New Moon Visions was a better fit for the Fenton DDA.

New Moon Visions was to develop a comprehensive marketing plan, and a media plan to promote Fenton in the Detroit, Flint and Lansing markets. The cost of media buys was not included in the plan.

According to city of Fenton records, tens of thousands of dollars was spent by the DDA on those media buys via print ads, radio spots and billboards, for example.

New Moon Visions would be promoting events, such as Taste in Fenton, the 2011 Fenton Freedom Festival and Jinglefest. Other items the marketing firm would be working on included image branding for downtown Fenton, working with local merchants, administering social media pages, website improvement suggestions, monthly updates such as e-newsletters and press releases, four season postcards and light pole banner design.

In addition, the firm would perform a property inventory to determine vacancy rates. This information would be used to market prospective businesses in July 2010, and again in June 2011. They also would inventory the businesses downtown.

New website

In November 2010, the Fenton City Council approved a new website to market Fenton's downtown. It would be in addition to the city's regular municipal website.

Burns said at the time that the marketing campaign website would be much simpler in structure than Fenton's municipal one. That is why the city pays a contractor to handle its regular, municipal site. The website New Moon Visions will be creating will be at no extra cost and will become the city's property.

The two websites were linked online,



The "Be Closer" website is up-to-date and maintained by the city of Fenton's webmaster.

and people are able to go from one to the other easily.

"Get Closer"

New Moon Visions presented this marketing tagline to the Fenton City Council, also in November 2010.

The marketing firm performed extensive research before developing its ideas for marketing downtown Fenton, according to Kim Rivera, senior art director and lead representative for New Moon Visions.

They held focus groups of community stakeholders, conducted secret shopping trips in the downtown, held a merchant forum and surveyed members of the community and visitors.

Those who responded said Fenton has a friendly, family atmosphere where people feel at home and "part of the family," Rivera said. It's a close-knit community where everyone knows each other and neighbors care. People can connect, and it's a great place to raise a family.

Unique characteristics of the city are, it's close to lakes, and "the closeness to lakes mirrors people's closeness to each other." Fenton is famous for The Laundry, said a large number of those surveyed.

Merchants said one of the city's greatest assets is Dibbleville, its downtown. They also spoke of regrets about urban renewal, which changed the layout of the downtown decades ago, Rivera said.

New Moon Visions also created a graphic and logo, featuring a stylized lily representing rebirth, water on the top and "F's" for Fenton, placed to form a *fleur de lis*. Blue and teal colors in the design match colors for the city's upcoming way-finding signs.

Oops! Gotta change the name

In January 2011, the DDA had to change the tagline from "Get Closer" to "Be Closer." Before that January DDA meeting,

the board held a closed session to discuss a legal opinion. Burns said there might be a trademark issue with "Get Closer."

Although it was not revealed publicly, the trademark issue was likely the fact that country superstar Keith Urban released his seventh studio album "Get Closer" on Nov. 16, 2010.

The DDA board agreed to use "Be Closer" for Fenton's marketing campaign. Nothing else about the campaign was changed.

Then came the signs

The first "Welcome" signs were installed in November 2011. In all, the DDA planned to spend between \$275,000 and \$300,000 on signage for the city.

Later that month, Jamie Elfstrom, owner of Bill Carr Signs, came forward because he believed the new welcome signs didn't match the bidding specifications.

In question was the aluminum that was used on the large signs by Universal Signs of Grand Rapids. A bid proposal submitted by Bill Carr Signs showed 3-inch, solid aluminum, while what was used on the signs actually installed was 3-inch hollow aluminum.

Bidding solid aluminum, which they believed the spec sheet required, was a major factor in Bill Carr Signs' costlier proposal.

Susan Grissim of Grissim, Metz and Andriese Associates had been working as the consultant for the city on the sign project. Burns said she told him that the specs on the signs the city received were correct.

Also in question was the material for the lettering on the signs. Bid specs required the lettering to be reflective for better nighttime visibility. The original signs did not have reflective lettering. The consensus of the DDA was to have an independent engineer review all of its concerns and see if the city really did get what it is paying for.

Contract extended through June 2015

New Moon Visions (NMV) continued to provide marketing, public relations, merchant outreach and event promotion and coordination services for the DDA through June 2015.

Under a separate contract, New Moon Visions would also handle marketing for the Streetscape through completion of the project.

What they were paid

According to city of Fenton records, New Moon Visions was paid a total of \$237,687 from January 2011 through June 2015 for its marketing services. That figure is in line with what was originally agreed upon.

During the time New Moon Visions was under contract with the city, members of the DDA, Fenton City Council and city administration publicly complimented them on the work they were doing.

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The Fenton Planning Commission has given site plan approval for the multi-use Horizon Building at the northwest corner of North LeRoy Street and Silver Lake Road.

PROPERTY

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The triangular parcel, often referred to by locals as the “old Action Auto” site at the northwest corner of North LeRoy Street and Silver Lake Road, is currently owned by SkyPoint Ventures.

SkyPoint Ventures had originally planned to develop the site into a three-story, multi-use building before being approached by the Rhoads and Johnson team.

“They presented a plan to us they wanted to execute,” said Peter Hughes, director of real estate for SkyPoint Ventures. “We feel that the plans Kevin’s team has is a good fit for downtown Fenton. They came to us with a compelling argument for what they want to do.”

Kevin Johnson, president of Rhoads and Johnson Construction, said the building, called the Horizon Building, is a 23,000-square-foot, three-story structure.

The first floor will be offered to retail tenants, while the second and third floors will be offices, he said.

Johnson said two companies have already committed to renting the second and third floors, one on each floor, for their businesses. Although he could not reveal their names, he did say both are Genesee County companies.

“We’re excited about what we’re planning to do here in town,” said Johnson. “We’ve had a great response, and to have the building this full before we even get started is encouraging for everyone, us,

the community and the city.

Johnson said they hope to break ground “before the snow flies” this year.

“We hope to have it done by this time next year,” he said.

Johnson said he doesn’t believe there will be any disruption to traffic during construction. His firm will repair the sidewalks and curbs according to city specifications.

Although the site was once used as a gas station and auto repair facility, soil cleanup was necessary. That was accomplished and paid for previously by SkyPoint Ventures and the land is ready for new development.

The \$????? project is expected to create 50 to 100 construction jobs and the same number from businesses within the building.

Planning Commission approval was conditioned on Rhoads and Johnson submitting samples of all building materials, which they did Thursday night.

Approval also is conditioned on an accepted landscape plan, and review and approval of all city departments and agencies.

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SUBMITTED RENDERING

The Horizon Building will feature first floor retail, and second and third floor offices.

MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Sept. 16.

While legislative committees were active last week, no votes were taken in House or Senate. The Roll Call Report therefore continues its review of key votes from the 2015-2016 session.

House Bill 4607: Road funding votes, shift corporate subsidies to roads

To no longer spend \$75 million annually on various direct and indirect subsidies granted to corporations and developers under the "21st Century Jobs Fund" rubric, and instead use this money on road repairs. House Bill 4608 defunds other subsidies, but both bills require spending to continue for government tourism industry promotion ("Pure Michigan" ads). Neither bill was voted on in the Senate, and the proposals were not part of the final road package.

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES
Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES

House Bill 4189: Let adoption agencies refuse adoptions that violate moral convictions

To establish that a private adoption or foster care agency is not required to assist or participate in an adoption or placement that violates its written religious or moral convictions, including adoptions of a child by a same-sex couple. State agencies would be prohibited from discriminating or taking an "adverse action" against an agency for this reason.

Passed 65 to 44 in the House on March 18, 2015

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES
Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES

Passed 26 to 12 in the Senate on June 10, 2015

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

House Bill 4052: Preempt local employer wage, benefit or labor law mandates

To preempt local governments, public schools, state colleges and universities, and other governmental authorities from imposing mandatory wage, benefit, leave time and other requirements on employers that exceed those required by state or federal law.

Passed 57 to 52 in the House on May 20, 2015

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES
Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES

Passed 23 to 15 in the Senate on June 17, 2015

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

Senate Bill 211: Authorize uncensored public school American heritage instruction

To require public school boards to "permit" instruction and reading of "America's founding documents" including those related to the country's "representative form of limited government, the Bill of Rights, our free-market economic system, and patriotism." School districts would be prohibited from censoring or restraining reading that includes "religious references in original source documents, writings, speeches, proclamations, or records." This bill has not been taken up by the House.

Passed 30 to 8 in the Senate on June 11, 2015

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

WHAT YOU MISSED

in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, Sept. 21 Midweek** edition of the Tri-County Times. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, call (810) 629-8282.

Kmart to close in mid-December
Fenton store is among 17 closing nationwide in December. Liquidation sales began on Thursday, Sept. 22.



Cause of house fire ruled 'undetermined'
The cause of the house fire on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at Eddy Lake Road and Main Street has been ruled 'undetermined.' The Fenton Fire Department has closed its investigation.

Dozens interview for assistant city manager job
The city of Fenton could have a new assistant city manager in place as early as next week.

Visiting Author
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Powers students show power of volunteerism

■ Students help younger kids and seniors, clean, do manual labor, pull weeds and more

By Hannah Ball
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Instead of being stuck inside a classroom for eight hours, students at Powers Catholic High School participated in a different type of learning — volunteerism.

For a half a day on Wednesday, the 678 students at Powers, along with

staff, teachers, and parent volunteers, participated in Charger Outreach Day, when they engaged in community service throughout the county.

Tyrone Township resident Miles Cramer, 15, a sophomore at Powers, volunteered sorting clothes at St. Vincent de Paul.

SUMMARY

■ Students at Powers Catholic High School didn't have school on Wednesday. Instead, they spent the day volunteering at area places around Genesee County.

"I think it's good for our school and good for the community. There are people that need our help and it feels good to do it for the community," he said. His mother, Sharon Cramer, was a chaperone and volunteered as well.

He said he chose to volunteer at St. Vincent's because they always receive a lot of donations and they could use the extra help.

"We had no class so it was kind of nice and it's always nice helping," he said. "It's good for us."

Bridget Rabine, event organizer at Powers said the work ranged from manual

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Miles Cramer
Powers Catholic High School sophomore



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Caretel Inns of Linden guest Owen Hallberg, 95, enjoyed a visit with his wife Barbara and Powers students Morgan May and Sarah Zinn, both 16, and chaperones on his birthday. They sang "Happy Birthday," and chatted about aging, food, memories and World War II.

labor, like helping Catholic Charities in Flint move their facility during their renovation, pulling weeds in the gardens at Woodhaven Senior Community, and sorting clothes at homeless shelters.

Students also helped in Eisenhower Elementary School classrooms, visited the elderly in nursing homes, and participated in walk-a-thons at area high schools and middle schools.

"We have Charger Outreach to instill in our community the spirit of service. This is one of the tenants of our faith and it really upholds the year of Mercy that Pope Francis established," Rabine said. "It was a fantastic faith-filled day for sure."

Andrew Schmit, teacher and assistant principal at Powers said, "We want our students to understand that they've been given opportunities and it's time to give back."

He, along with 15 Powers students, helped with students at St. John's during the event.

Schmit said they aim to get students out of their comfort zone and put the needs of others first.

"As an administration, I want our students to be impacted. If they are impacted, they're sharing the love of Christ with others and that is impactful as well," he said.

Photographer Tim Jagielo contributed to this story.



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Powers Catholic High School junior Jack Bose, 16, helps a student in Anson Ratke's middle school math class on Wednesday.



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TSA

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TSA agents failed 67 of those 70 tests, according to their report.

In one of those undercover tests, a Homeland Security agent had a fake bomb strapped to his back. After setting off an alarm, the TSA agent's pat down still didn't catch this contraband.

With all the controversy over these inefficiencies, TSA's head of security, Kelly Hoggan was fired. Critics were outraged over his \$181,500 salary and \$91,000 in bonuses.

According to Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah), those bonuses were given to somebody who oversaw a part of the operation that was in total failure.

Chaffetz is the chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, and reported that after spending over \$540 million on baggage screening equipment and millions more on training, the failure rate today is higher than it was in 2007.

The TSA's budget is about \$7.3 billion a year, the vast majority of which goes to airport security. It employs more than 50,000 Americans.

Compensation for full-time officers starts at \$25,518 to 38,277 a year.

Funding for TSA has been down \$250 million over the last five years, despite the fact that more passengers are flying every day. That math accounts for longer lines at the airport.

TSA employees screened 1.9 million people a day in 2015. That's a major increase in passengers since 2014.

Agents found 2,653 firearms in carry-on bags last year. Of those, 83 percent were loaded. TSA found only 660 guns in 2005.

Employee morale at the TSA is the lowest of any federal agency. A third of its employees quit within their first year. Although TSA tries to combat this by offering retention bonuses, nearly 120 agents walk off the job per week.

Some members of Congress are fighting to take away even more of their benefits. The Continuing Appropriations Act of 2016 will reclassify some TSA workers so that they don't get full government benefits (like pensions).

Since 2002, TSA has fired 513 officers for theft. Passengers filed 30, 621 claims of missing valuables between 2010 and 2014. The majority of complaints were relative to items missing from checked baggage, with the rest coming after security checkpoints.

Source: Goodhousekeeping.com

They're trying to do better

On June 7 of this year, Peter Neffenger, administrator for the TSA and Department of Homeland Security, testified before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

His testimony concluded with these words:

"Since taking my oath of office, I have focused on mission, invested in people, and committed to achieving excellence. My goal is to ensure TSA delivers a highly effective, intelligence-driven counterterrorism and security capability that fulfills our important mission. And that we do so with mission-ready, highly motivated, and professional employees who are supported by mature and efficient enterprise-wide processes, and who subscribe to a common set of values and principles.

"We are pursuing these objectives every day. And as long as I am administrator, we will continue to do so until we achieve and sustain success in every aspect of this agency, in every mission, in every office and location where we operate, and with every single employee."

What are the odds?

Despite the problems with TSA, your risk of dying as a result of terrorism are one in 20 million.

The odds of dying in:

- a plane crash is one in 11 million
- a car crash, one in 19,000
- drowning in your bathtub, one in 800,000
- struck by lightning, one in 5.5 million

Travel safely

With every grisly terrorist attack, whether at home or abroad, people are reminded that we live in a world where anything can happen anywhere at any time.

It's important to put your fears and risk into perspective.

First, grasp how miniscule the statistical probability is of getting caught in a terrorist attack abroad.

According to the U.S. State Department, the number of U.S. citizens killed overseas by incidents of terrorism from 2001 to 2013 was 350.

According to travel expert, Wendy Perrin, if you believe home is safer, compare that number with the 3,030 killed in the United States by terrorism during the same period. In terms of street crime and gun violence, most of the cities we live in are statistically more dangerous than the places we visit abroad.

Second, don't confuse the probability of a terrorist attack with the probability of becoming a victim in a terrorist attack.

It is almost certain that there will be another terrorist attack in Europe in the next 12 months. Does that translate into a high degree of risk for the individual traveler to Europe? No.

Know where the real dangers lie. When planning a vacation, people tend to worry more about spectacular risks — whether

a terrorist attack or an epidemic of norovirus on a cruise ship — than about boring risks like, say, overexposure to the sun, even though one in five Americans will develop skin cancer in the course of a lifetime.

There are psychological reasons why people are more afraid of terrorist attacks than logic would dictate, according to Perrin. They are more afraid of risks that are new and unfamiliar than of those they have lived with for a long time, such as heart disease, which kills one in 467 Americans annually.

People are more afraid of risks that kill in particularly gruesome ways, such as a plane crash, a shark attack, or the Ebola virus, than in mundane ways. They are less afraid of risks they feel we have some control over, such as skiing and driving, even if it is only the illusion of control.

We're more afraid of risks that are highly publicized, especially on television, and those that involve spectacular events. One incident with multiple deaths has a much greater impact than many incidents each involving a single death. That is one reason why travelers fear plane crashes more than car crashes.

The problem people face as they try to plan a vacation is that they don't know what their risk is or how safe one country is versus another.

Lessen the risks you do have some control over.

You can ask yourself: "What is the likelihood of the situation affecting my trip? Pretty tiny." And you can lessen those risks you do have some control over, like driving carefully to the airport.

Source: wendyperrin.com

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BRUXISM (TOOTH GRINDING)

Have you ever woken up in the morning with soreness in your jaw, an earache, headache, neck or shoulder pain? Have you ever broken a tooth when biting into a soft piece of food? Have you ever experienced cold or sweet sensitivity in your teeth that seemed to disappear as quickly as it came without any apparent reason? Or, have you noticed the biting edges of your front teeth becoming flatter and straighter across? Well these are all signs and symptoms associated with bruxism, or tooth grinding. Research and studies find that 80 to 90 percent of us clench and grind our teeth during the night when we sleep. Some people grind throughout the day as well. Only about 10% of those of us who grind are even aware that we are doing it. About 30% of us who grind our teeth are doing significant irreversible damage to the teeth and TMJ's (jaw joints). The average normal bite force on your teeth is about 160 pounds. During episodes of bruxism researchers have measured upwards of 1,000 pounds per square inch of bite force pressure on the teeth. That amount of force on the teeth can cause major damage. I often tell my patients that teeth don't break because of the normal bite forces during eating and chewing; teeth break because of bruxism. This could be happening because of stress we experience in our lives and how we subsequently deal with it. Because of this, bruxism cannot be stopped permanently. However, we can ensure that the damage done is limited. A very effective form of protective treatment is bite splint therapy. A bite splint is a U-shaped, hard acrylic, precision fit appliance made by your dentist. In short it's a mouth guard for either your top or bottom teeth. It's very comfortable and easy to take in and out. I have a bite splint that I wear at night to protect my teeth and find I sleep much better while wearing it. If you are experiencing any of the signs and symptoms of bruxism you should talk to your dentist.

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Your passport to travel

■ Now is the time to apply or renew your passport for holiday travel or vacations in 2017

By Sally Rummel
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You'll need to think beyond your plane tickets and suitcase if you're planning a trip outside of the U.S. anytime soon.

What you'll need the most will be your passport, especially if you're traveling abroad. The authorities in your country of destination need a way to identify you and determine your native country. Holding a U.S. passport will serve that purpose by identifying you as a U.S. citizen.

SUMMARY

■ Are you traveling outside of the U.S. in the near future? If so, you should consider applying for a passport, or renewing your passport if it's close to its 10-year expiration date.

Wherever you decide to go, the first thing you need to do is check on the country and its travel requirements. You can do that by visiting:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/general/americans-traveling-abroad.html>

There has been an uptick of demand for passport renewals since 2007, when the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative was put into effect, according to the Department of Homeland Security website.

That initiative tightened up travel restrictions by requiring that American citizens entering the U.S. by air from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Car-

ibbean carry a passport. You can use a passport or passport card to enter those countries by land or by sea, including cruisers who do a "closed loop cruise," leaving from and returning to the same U.S. port.

Passport renewal requests are expected to be up this year, totaling about 17 million, and 20 million requests are expected in 2017, before Homeland Security's REAL ID Act goes into effect on Jan. 22, 2018. This act provides that driver's licenses and state IDs that don't meet the act's requirements will not be accepted at specifically defined federal purposes, which includes boarding federally regulated commercial aircraft.

Diane Roberts, manager of Superior Travel's Fenton office, believes in travelers being prepared by having passports.

"We always encourage people to get them," she said. "I think it's going to be mandatory at some point to have a passport in order to leave and get back into the country."

If you're applying for a passport for the first time, you'll need to walk into a passport acceptance facility, which includes all local post offices in Fenton, Linden and Holly.

You'll need to bring with you two forms of identification with copies, including a state-issued birth certificate and 2-by2-inch passport photos. Plan to pay extra for passport photos, which can be taken on site, or at individual businesses, including Goin' Postal and The UPS Store in Fenton.

Passport applications are accepted at the Fenton post office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Your passport will cost \$110 plus a \$25 processing fee. A convenient wallet-sized passport card (for land or sea entry into Canada, Mexico, Bermuda or the Caribbean) will cost an additional \$30.

"Plan on your passport taking about six weeks," said Daniel Koop, a supervisor at the Fenton post office. Passport applications can be expedited in two to three weeks for an additional \$60 fee. If your application is urgent, you can make an appointment 24/7 at the Detroit Passport Agency by calling 1-877-487-2778.

Passport requirements for minors 15 and under are stricter, with additional



For those whose travel plans include destinations abroad, a passport will be required to identify you as a U.S. citizen. Passports can be acquired at a U.S. post office and individual businesses like Fenton's Goin' Postal and The UPS Store. Passports typically cost \$110 plus a \$25 processing fee.

steps and materials required. Passports for younger travelers are only valid for five years, so it's important to keep track of these dates. A passport for those 16 and older is valid for 10 years from the date it was issued.

If you need to renew your passport, you can

do that online at a cost of \$110. You'll need a DS-82 Form for passport renewal, plus proof of identity, certified proof of citizenship, a 2-by-2-inch passport photo and \$110 payment for citizens 16 and older, by credit card or check.

“I think it’s going to be mandatory at some point to have a passport in order to leave and get back into the country.”

Diane Roberts
Fenton's Superior
Travel office manager

Here are several other passport products that may assist you in your travels:

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Cost: \$30, plus processing fee

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'No strings attached'

■ Prelude String Orchestra draws student musicians in grades 3 through 8

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The Prelude String Orchestra hopes to be exactly as it says it is — a prelude to the next step in playing and performing a string instrument.

Designed for third- to eighth-grade students from beginner to intermediate levels, the Prelude String Orchestra began rehearsals on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at the W.O.W. Ellen Street Campus, room 204. Classes run in two different after-school sessions: beginners, from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. and intermediate, from 4:45 to 6 p.m. The beginners group requires no experience and student musicians can rent their instruments.

Now in its fourth year, the Prelude String Orchestra's growth is following the popularity of the Fenton Community Orchestra.

"Our goal is to provide a youth orchestra through an after-school program," said Lisa Bayer, executive director. "You can spend two years with me, then depending on your age and ability, you can go onto 'Simple Strings,' the orchestra for string musicians 14 and up. Then you can get into the Fenton Community Orchestra when you're ready."



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Third- to eighth-grade musicians in the Prelude String Orchestra performed at North Road Elementary School last year. After school classes for the 2016-17 school year have begun.

The Prelude String Orchestra is drawing musicians from as far away as Davison and Brighton, as well as Linden, Fenton, Lake Fenton, Holly and Hartland school districts. More than 42 students had registered, even before the group's open house on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Bayer is going to teach 3-5 year olds at the W.O.W. Ellen Street Campus, beginning in January. "Linda Mora (director of early childhood education) has been so supportive, letting us use space for our lessons," said Bayer. "She has a really good vision for the Ellen Street campus, and would like to see it be busy after school and evenings. This is a way we could give back to her."

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Lisa Bayer
Executive director of
Prelude String Orchestra

SCHOOL LUNCHES

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available daily. All of the lines have access to our extensive salad bar."

The students have many options to eat healthy, and many take advantage of it, Goss said.

"The cucumber slices, cherry tomatoes and carrots are the most popular fresh veggie choices at the elementary level. We find that the younger students prefer raw fresh vegetables more so than cooked vegetables, like broccoli for example," she said.

Matthew Sullivan, 16, junior at Fenton High School, said "I think (the choices are) pretty good, it's a good variety. There's no shortage of veggies and fruit."

Sullivan usually picks a sub sandwich or chicken nuggets, but added that the school does a good job of providing food.

"You can get anything, a salad, fruit, a drink, a milk. But you can just get chicken nuggets and that's not enough. It's not their problem if you don't get enough food, that's your own fault," he said.

Photographer Tim Jagielo contributed to this story.



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Fenton High School lunch meals include a main entree, and also three chicken options — in this case a chicken patty sandwich.



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Blue Devils lose pivotal 2-1 verdict vs. Montrose

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton varsity boys soccer team was hoping to begin the week by capturing the Genesee Area Conference's regular season title.

While watching the game and looking at the stat sheet, one may assume the Blue Devils won the crown on Tuesday during their first-place battle with Montrose.

But that's not what happened. The

Rams were outshot 24-7 but Montrose left Lake Fenton High School with a 2-1 victory against Lake Fenton. The loss meant the Blue Devils' GAC season was over with one loss. The Rams had one more GAC contest left with Goodrich. If Montrose loses the game then the three squads would end up in a three-way tie for first.

"I tell these guys all the time it's not the best team that always wins the game," Lake Fenton varsity boys soccer coach

Sam Jawhari said. "You have to come out and do what you need to do to win. I thought we came out way too late. We started actually shooting the ball and getting good shots during the last 10 to 15 minutes."

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DYLAN HILLGER

Hillger looks to keep control of a ball during the Lake Fenton Blue Devils' 2-1 loss to Montrose on Tuesday afternoon.

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Linden's Derek Deighton had an assist in the Eagles' 3-1 victory against Flushing on Wednesday.

Linden wins key match versus Flushing, 3-1

By David Troppens

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The Linden varsity boys soccer team has been a tough team to beat this season.

Twelve games into the season it has only happened once. And now the Eagles are a perfect 2-0 in the Flint Metro League.

Linden remained in first place in the Metro League by capturing a road victory against the Flushing Raiders Wednesday.

Holly Bronchos maintain perfect Metro League start

By David Troppens

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Holly — The Holly varsity boys soccer team needed a special play, and they got it.

Tied at 2-all, the Bronchos scored the only second-half goal of the contest against the Clio Mustangs, earning a 3-2 Metro League victory against Clio at Holly High School on Wednesday.

The win puts the Bronchos at 2-0, in a tie for first with the Linden Eagles one week through Metro League action.

Holly scored the game-winning goal on a well-developed set play. A pass to Lucas Sammut on the play enabled him to attack the net unattended, earning him his second goal of the game.

"We are 3-for-4 with it," Sammut said about the set play. "We've done it as a team and it works pretty well, so we keep on doing it. We have a couple of plays in the back of our pocket."

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Holly's Adam Herdman (left) battles with Clio's Jared Bell during the Bronchos' 3-2 victory on Wednesday.

Fenton, Holly volleyball move to 2-0 in league action

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Two tri-county area volleyball teams are tied atop the Flint Metro League standings two weeks into the season.

They may not be the squads most would guess.

The Metro League defending champions, Fenton Tigers, are one of them. The other is the surprising Holly Bronchos.

The Fenton Tigers remained undefeated in Metro play with a 25-7, 25-11, 25-13 crushing of the Kearsley Hornets Tuesday. The Holly Bronchos had a bit tougher go of things, winning a tight 28-26, 27-29, 25-23, 25-23 against Clio.

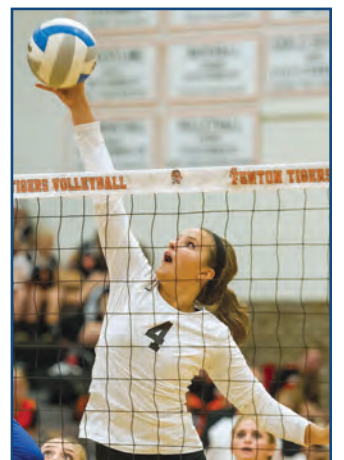
"The game was very close,"

Holly varsity volleyball coach Deena Maher said. "Clio is an excellent team with some very talented players and I am relieved that we walked away with a win."

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Fenton's Erin Kaye attempts a kill during a recent match. Fenton defeated Kearsley on Tuesday.



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Tigers prepare for Metro opener with Owosso win

By David Troppens

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Fenton — The Fenton varsity girls swim and diving squad begins Metro League competition on Thursday.

The Tigers earned a nice warm-up victory in preparation of this week's Metro opener against Holly. Fenton dominated the meet, beating Owosso 131-54.

The Tigers had first-place performances in 10 events and had one performer break an Owosso pool record. Elise Cassidy captured the 100 backstroke pool record at Owosso with a time of 1:04.30. She earned that record not long after taking first in the 500 freestyle (5:51.53). She also had two other firsts, teaming with Lauren Gruber, Rachel Rittichier and Sabrina Hall to win the 200 medley relay (2:05.37) and with Hall, Cameron Mathews and Caitlyn Dailey to win the 400



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Fenton's Breanne Ferranti competes in a recent meet. The Tigers defeated Owosso 131-54 on Tuesday.

freestyle relay (4:02.23).

Dailey also was an individual double event winner, taking first in the 200 freestyle (2:08.97) and in the 100 butterfly (1:03.41). Other individual firsts earned by Fenton were recorded by Carly Kozlowski in diving (167.85). Mallorie Johnson in the 200 individual medley (2:34.17), Hall in the 100 freestyle (5:51.53) and

Grace Siefker in the 50 freestyle (26.52).

Fenton swept the top three positions in five events. It happened in the 200 freestyle, the 50 freestyle, diving, the 500 freestyle and the 100 backstroke.

Fenton competed in the Genesee County meet during the weekend and host Holly on Thursday.

Fenton eighth-graders sneak by Davison, 21-18

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The Fenton eighth-grade football team experienced two different games in one contest on Wednesday, defeating Davison 21-18.

Fenton took a 13-0 lead in the opening quarter and led

21-0 at halftime. However, Davison scored 18 points in the second half, making it a close game at the end.

Fenton eighth-grade coach Matthew Welch said the offense clicked in the opening half with its passing game, and some strong offensive line

play, while the defense was solid as well.

After Davison cut the lead to three, Fenton's defense took over once again, recording two interceptions during Davison's final two drives.

Fenton travels to Grand Blanc West on Wednesday.

Fenton, Holly golf capture recent Metro League dual victories

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In a battle of area rivals, the Fenton varsity girls golf team defeated Linden 177-212 in a dual match held at Spring Meadows Country Club.

Keegan Miller paced the Tigers by earning match medalist honors with a 41. Molly Gundry and Margaret Berry each carded 44s while Angela Hanners shot a 48.

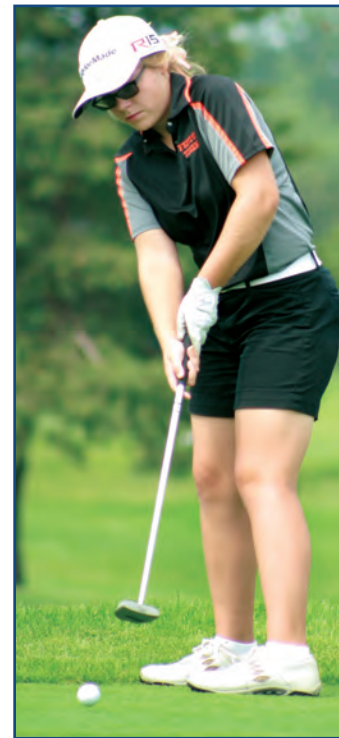
Payton Leedle led the Eagles with a 47. Deanna Jenkinson posted her best high school nine-hole round of her career, shooting a 51. Isabel Wright followed with a 55, while Madison Paige recorded a 59.

Fenton is 5-1 in Metro duals, one dual behind Flushing. However, the Tigers did win the first Metro meet, meaning the league title will be decided at the final Metro Meet on Wednesday at Fenton Farms. Linden is 2-3 in its Metro duals.

Holly 200, Brandon 236

The Bronchos (3-4) were paced by Emma Murton's 48, leading Holly to the Metro League victory against the Blackhawks.

Megan McReynolds fol-



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Fenton's Angela Hanners attempts a putt during a recent match. Hanners shot a 48 in the Tigers' 177-212 victory against Linden on Thursday at Spring Meadows Country Club.

lowed with a 49 while Kate Brown shot a 50. Taylor Vines carded a 53. Brandon's Skyler Kochan was the medalist with a 41.

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LINDEN VOLLEYBALL

► The Flushing Raiders defeated Linden 26-24, 25-22, 12-25, 25-19 on Tuesday.

Allison Conly led the Eagles (1-1, 26-5) with 12 kills and 26 digs while Emma O'Keefe had 11 kills and 14 digs. Breyanna Turnipseed had seven kills and 21 digs.

The Eagles bounced back a day later and beat Lapeer 25-21, 21-25, 25-17, 23-25, 15-9. Turnipseed had 13 kills and six blocks while Conly and O'Keefe had nine and eight kills, respectively. Conly also had 23 digs. Morgan Fitch had 36 assists and 16 digs.

HOLLY VS. LINDEN GIRLS GOLF

► Holly's Chelsea Bowles and Emma Murton shot co-match medalist scores of 47, leading the Bronchos to a 201-208 victory at Heather Highlands.

Linden was led by Sydney Bond's 49 while Ashley Robinson and Peyton Leedle shot 52s. Deanna Jenkinson shot a 55.

FENTON GIRLS GOLF

► Molly Gundry shot a 37, leading Fenton to a 171-192 victory against Swartz Creek at Holiday Meadows.

Margaret Berry shot a 41 while Keegan Miller shot a 46. Angela Hanners shot a 47. Megan McReynolds carded a 53 while Kate Brown had a 54.

FENTON BOYS SOCCER

► The Tigers scored three first-half goals, eventually earning a 5-0 Metro League victory against Brandon on Wednesday.

Brady Young, Liam Adams, Chase Poulson, Marco Rivera-Gomez and

Chase Coselman scored for the Tigers (4-1-5). Liam Adams had two assists while Jacob Newblatt, Patrick Conroy and Justin Beemer had one each. Noah Martin and Mikko Houtari shared time in the net and earned the clean sheet.

LAKE FENTON VOLLEYBALL

► The Blue Devils lost to Mt. Morris 25-16, 25-17, 25-16.

"We played good tonight on several levels, but could not put a win in the win column," Lake Fenton varsity volleyball coach Angie DelMorone said. "We are continuing to improve and looking forward to taking on Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, the 2015 state champs on Saturday."

The defense played solid with Megan Lynch collecting 18 digs and Hannah Garty recording 14 digs. Abby Schupbach and Sophia Clements combined for 11 kills while Allison Petts and Reilly Conn had a combined 21 assists.

HOLLY SOCCER

► The Bronchos' Lucas Sammut scored twice, while Darius Reynolds, Royce Pucher and Jared Halteman scored once in Holly's 5-0 victor against Carman-Ainsworth.

Parker Munday made eight saves, recording the clean sheet victory for the Bronchos (7-4-1).

HOLLY JV FOOTBALL

► Holly lost 32-8 to Flushing. Kyle Snodsmith completed a six-yard TD pass to Joe O'Connor for the Bronchos' only touchdown of the night. Snodsmith completed the two-point conversion to Andrew DeHart.

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