

Genesee County absentee ballots to be reprinted

■300,000 new ballots going out to absentee voters

By Vera Hogan

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All the absentee ballots in Genesee County, including the cities of Fenton and Linden, have been halted due to a

printing error. A new printing company will be reprinting 300,000 ballots.

According to Argentine Township Clerk Denise Graves, "Argentine has sent 625 ballots and received back about 100."

Fenton Township and Burton have not sent theirs out yet. Graves said the Burton clerk caught the problem.

"The ballots were not cut right which

caused timing errors," she said. "The ink rollers were not cleaned and as a result picked up dust and particles of paper. The ink was too dark and could cause a misread of an oval where no actual mark was intended. This is not the fault of local clerks. The test ballots were delivered late. Not all

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Enrollment increases at two area districts

■Lake Fenton up 67 students, Fenton up 15, Linden down 21, Holly down 48

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Local school districts held their annual count day on Wednesday, Oct. 5, when they count all the students within the district.

Lake Fenton Community Schools saw the biggest growth, Fenton gained more students, and Linden and Holly both experienced a decrease.

These are unofficial numbers because students who were absent Wednesday have 30 calendar days to attend and be counted, depending on the situation.

LAKE FENTON

According to Superintendent Wayne Wright, Lake Fenton has 2,083 students for this school year.

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Homecoming week at Fenton



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Fenton High School juniors amp up their energy before the annual powder puff game against the seniors Monday night. The team kept their energy up, carrying them to a 19-14 win, only the second junior win in school history. The girls' football game is a popular tradition during spirit week at tri-county area schools.

Fenton man charged with sexually assaulting child in two counties

■Lives one block from local elementary school

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Robert Lee Dennis, 41, of Fenton has been formally charged with eight counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct with a defendant under the age of 13 in Genesee County.



Robert Dennis

His arraignment took place by video on Thursday, Oct. 5 in the Genesee County Jail.

If Dennis is found guilty of the charges, he faces life in prison.

According to Genesee County Court records, the offense occurred on Oct. 1, 2014. Dennis reportedly assaulted someone he knew, a person under the age of 13, over a three-year period in Fenton.

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Be aware of dangerous clown prank

As Halloween approaches, police believe there could be more reports of creepy-clown sightings following a social media trend.

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“George W. Bush once famously asked, ‘Is our children learning?’ The answer is, ‘No, they isn’t.’ A better question would be, ‘Is our teacher’s teaching.’ The millennials are, by far, the stupidest generation in history.”

“Just got my Fenton water bill. No real information on usage, just a dozen three letter codes that are meaningless to the person paying the bill. If I’m buying water by the gallon, it should show how many gallons of water I used, and what the cost per gallon is. Typical government incompetency at all levels.”

“I am constantly amazed at the mindset of the leaders of the city of Fenton and their allegiance to the distasteful practice of using our tax dollars to further enrich those who are already rich. Even more amazing is the sheep-like acceptance of this practice by the citizens.”



COMMENT
OF THE WEEK

“In a nutshell, here is what’s wrong with America. The country is controlled by laws. Laws are controlled by politicians. Politicians are controlled by voters. Voters are controlled by public opinion. Public opinion is controlled by the media. Case closed.”

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This weather scene in Florida shows the magnitude of winds that bore down on the east coast with Hurricane Matthew.

'I'm staying pretty calm'

■ Michiganders who have relocated to Florida prepared for Hurricane Matthew aftermath

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Ellie (Gramer) Adams, formerly of Linden, has lived south of West Palm Beach, Florida for nine years and has weathered her share of tropical storms.

But this is the first time she and her husband, Dustin, have experienced a hurricane. Hurricane Matthew was expected to bear down Thursday night into Friday with winds up to 140 miles per hour, torrential rains, power outages, property damage and more.

"I'm staying pretty calm," said Adams on Thursday. "We don't have school

today or tomorrow, and most businesses are closed today."

The Adams' live in a two-story concrete house. They put on hurricane shutters in anticipation of the storm. They also put up steel panels on the first floor, bolted into the cement.

"We did that last night," said Adams.

"Now our house is really dark inside. We're planning board games and crafts to keep the kids busy and everyone calm. I'm just starting to get a little nervous. I can already feel the wind beginning to pick up."

Another Florida resident, Carol Campbell, grew up in Fenton and moved to the Sunshine State four years ago. She lived in Vero Beach for three years before moving to Sebastian a year ago.

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Ellie (Gramer) Adams
Linden native living south of West Palm Beach

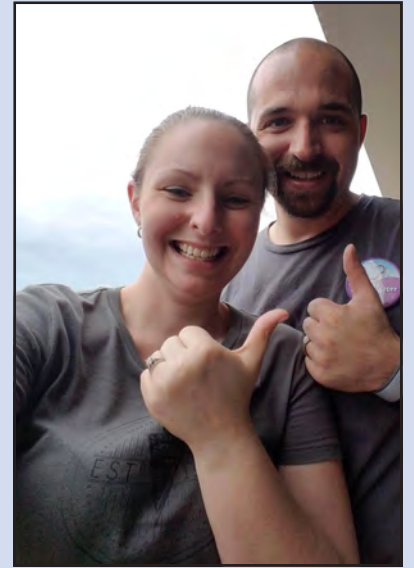


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Hurricane Matthew closes Disney World and Universal Studios

Disney World closed Thursday, Oct. 6 at 5 p.m. on Thursday, expecting to re-open on Saturday, Oct. 8, depending on damage from Hurricane Matthew's category 3 winds. Disney has closed three times in the past for hurricanes: Floyd in 1999 and twice in 2004 for Frances and Jeanne. Universal Studios in Orlando also shut down Thursday, hoping to re-open Saturday.

Source: TMZ.com



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Jamie LaRosa, 28, and her husband, John, 32, give a thumbs up on the balcony of their room at the Contemporary Resort at Disney World in Orlando as they await Hurricane Matthew, expected to arrive during the night on Friday.

Honeymoon in a hurricane

■ Local couple rides out storm at Disney World

By Sally Rummel

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Honeymooners John and Jamie LaRose are ending their week of vacation fun at the Contemporary Resort at Disney World in Orlando, with a hurricane added to their list of wedding memories.

Hurricane Matthew is expected to hit the Orlando area hard, which is why Disney World closed their parks at 5 p.m. Thursday, planning to re-open on Saturday.

Disney has already evacuated the Fort Wilderness campground, the bungalows on their Polynesian Village property and the Tree House Villas at Saratoga Springs Resort. Guests have been moved to alternate accommodations by Disney as a safety measure, according to insidethemagic.net.

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Thoughts on fixing election process

A few months ago, I authored a semi-serious prescription for how to get more people to vote. This month, I'd like to offer a few semi-serious thoughts on how to fix the train wreck that is our presidential election process.

Here's what we do:

• **Ban 'surrogates.'** These are the twits, feebs, morons, suckups, sycophants and liars, who speak for their candidate on CNN and other TV news argument programs. Nothing of value comes out of their mouths — ever.



Andrew Heller
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Mostly they exist to defend something stupid their candidate has said or done. But they never change anyone's mind. Viewers never think, 'You know what, until that surrogate explained why her candidate said we

should ban all ethnic food as a way to protect our American culture, I was offended. But now I feel better and I like the idea!' So why bother?

I will say, however, that I am considering the use of a surrogate in my personal life. When I do something dumb, I can dispatch Surrogate Andy to inform the lovely yet formidable Marcia, who can be scary, that the lawn isn't mowed and my underpants are on the floor because, um, my back's a little stiff and, besides, it was her fault because, she, er, selfishly forced me to take out the trash yesterday.

• **Ban polling.** Polling turns elections into horse races, which they are not. In my mind, no one is ever ahead or behind in an election until the election is over, and I resent anyone telling me differently. I'm convinced polls steer voters instead of merely telling us where our heads are at. Polls are also gigantic buzz kills. I don't want to know the outcome ahead of time, just like I don't want to know the ending to a movie before I see it. At a minimum, polls should come with spoiler alerts. Is that too much to ask?

• **Pass a law making it illegal** for presidential candidates to talk about anything other than their views on the issues. Any reference to an opponent

— even Voldemort-style he-who-shall-not-be-named ones — would result in a penalty like in football. If you're Hillary and you mention Trump, you lose one percentage point off your Electoral College total. Pure genius. I'm glad I thought of it.

• **Ditch debates.** They're useless anymore. We don't learn anything, other than that manners, dignity and decorum are dead these days. Candidates don't tell you what they think. They tell you what an idiot their opponent is, which is probably true but it's also obvious and thus not very helpful.

Debates lost all relevance when 'the pivot' was invented. This is when a question is asked and the candidate immediately pivots to a talking point that has nothing to do with what was asked. There is no defeating the pivot. Therefore debates have no purpose.

• **Give each \$10 million** and one month to make their case, and no more. If you can't make your case in a month, you probably shouldn't be president in the first place. More exposure to candidates only makes everyone think, 'Oh my God, there are 300 million people in this country and this is the best we can do?' Or maybe that's just me. But probably not.

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HILLARY REMEMBERED A lot of well prepared facts for the debate. Unfortunately, when she was testifying in front of Congress, she forgot details about her emails 39 times.

TRUMP HAD A troubled life. Even in school, he had to go to military school because he needed discipline. Do we need another problem? This was on TV last night.

WHAT A SOUL-filled beautiful experience our new generation will miss. There is nothing better than receiving a heartfelt letter, gossip letter or a letter of thanks in the mail on beautiful stationary with a pen. Please teach cursive.

WOULD YOU VOTE for a man who lies every three minutes, insults people, makes racist statements, bullies people, is very obnoxious, with a big ego? Then vote Trump.

I THINK HANDWRITING is part of our identity. Common Core has become lazy, making kids and adults lazy. My hat is off to those who still teach cursive at school. My hat will never be off to people who say cursive shouldn't be taught.

HELLO TO THE Hot liner who wants to know the truth on Trump vs. Clinton. Do you want the truth according to Mrs. Clinton or do you want the truth in your mind? It could be entirely two different things.

WARREN BUFFET KNOWS what trickle-down economics is. You must not have gone to the school you thought you did. Read some more, we'll talk about it.

TO THE PERSON in front of me who is turning, it sure would be nice if you used your turn signal so I don't pass you and hit you.

EVERYONE KNOWS THAT Hillary Clinton is a thief, a liar, and a murderer.

IT'S A SHAME you don't get thank you notes anymore. I was at a bridal shower and a graduation party and I never got an acknowledgement or a thank you. I think that's awful.

FACT CHECKS, TRUTH Check and Politifact all revealed that Trump lies 75 percent of the time, much more than the others. Hillary Clinton was found to be the most honest. This was found by independent fact-checking agents.

TAKE AWAY THE assistance from people who are not handicapped and see how soon they will get a job. The rioters don't have anything better to do. They need to work for a living. I'm for Trump.

SO YOU'RE SAYING the executive at the company that raised the price of an Epi-pen from \$100 to \$600, and their salaries went from \$100 million to \$500 million, are being philanthropic? I'd say they're just being greedy and criminal.

THE HOT LINES are awesome.

OBAMA, HIS WIFE and Joe Biden are all out stumping for Clinton. Who is paying for their travel expenses? Hope it is not the American people with tax money.

I AM SO fed up with the LGBT. People having to close businesses they own and started because of them.

YOU SAY TRUMP bullied Hillary Clinton at the debates. Are you kidding me? She is playing on the big people's field now; you either take it or get out. Get real.

WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND why someone would steal our custom-made Benefit Sale signs from the corner of E. Holly Rd. and Dixie Highway last Sunday night. Please return them to 6440 E. Holly Rd. No questions asked.

SO, IF YOU have a chance, look up 'Hillary's microphone' on YouTube. It's quite interesting the way things seem.

SO, WE THE taxpayers are paying for President Obama to fly around in Air Force One to stump for Hillary Clinton. We really don't have any rights at all anymore, just keep your mouth shut and pay your taxes.

A VOTE FOR Hillary Clinton is like committing treason.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Compiled by Tess DeGayner, intern

On what game show would you want to be a contestant?



"'Family Feud,' because I want to meet Steve Harvey."

Angela Kotlik
Fenton Township



"'Jeopardy' because it'd be a challenge."

Mike Jones
Linden



"'Family Feud,' I like Steve Harvey, he's funny."

Don Hobson
Lake Fenton



"'Who's Line is it Anyway' because Wayne Brady is hilarious. You'll never know what he'll do."

Barb Fay, Holly



"Probably 'Family Feud,' it's always really funny."

Jaydin Bellant
Linden

streettalk

Communities prepare for 'Ladies Night Out' events

■ Tri-county area holds retail events that include fun, prizes and refreshments

By Hannah Ball

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As orchards sell apples, doughnuts, and cider, and people put away their summer clothes in favor of boots and scarves, many are out hunting. While husbands and boyfriends leave town for the start of hunting season, local women have a few Ladies Night Out events to look forward to.

Linden, Fenton and Holly all host a Ladies Night Out event, filled with sales at participating businesses, raffles, prizes, and drinks.

Here's this year's information.

LINDEN

Linden's Ladies Night Out is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 5 starting at 6 p.m., according to lindenmi.us.

According to the Linden Ladies Night Out Facebook page, participants will pay \$5 when registering at the event. They will receive a beach tote, tickets for wine

tasting, a Hawaiian lei, and an opportunity to enter to win a gift basket.

The first 400 participants will receive a free bag.

A portion of the registration fee will be donated to The Safe House for YWCA.

HOLLY

Linden, Fenton and Holly all host Ladies Night Out events, filled with sales at participating businesses, raffles, prizes, and drinks.

Holly's Ladies Night Out is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 11, from 5 to 9 p.m. in historic downtown Holly. Gift bags will be handed out to the first 300 participants, which will contain coupons, information, and goodies, according to the event Facebook page.

Three participants will find jewelry from the Chloe and Isabel collection in their bags.

FENTON

Fenton's Ladies Night Out will be held on Nov. 11, from 4-9 p.m. in downtown Fenton, according to the event Facebook page, and will feature over 25 merchants.

Participants will receive a punch card that can be stamped at each participating store. Once the card is complete and turned in, the participant will be entered to win a gift certificate or a gift basket.

Linden Hotel owner runs for mayor

■ Jack Furry faces current councilor/mayor pro tem for two-year seat

By Hannah Ball

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Linden — The owner of Linden Hotel has entered the race for Linden Mayor.

Warren (Jack) Furry, 73, faces current councilor/mayor pro tem Danielle Cusson in the upcoming election. This is the first time he has run for office.

"I am running for mayor because I know I can make positive changes to benefit the city of Linden's residents and the business community," he said. "Linden for the last 10 or 15 years has kind of been heading in the wrong direction. I think it needs a turnaround. We need to get the community involved, we need to get some more businesses in town and we need to work with them."

Furry is a longtime business owner,

and a member of the Linden Downtown Development Authority (DDA). He and his wife, Rosann Ciavaella, raised three children — Karen, Michael, and Sharon. They moved to Linden in 1993.

Furry's employment history includes working for Ford Motor Company for 36 years, running a fleet ambulance service out of his home, and working as a police officer for approximately six years. He and his

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Jack Furry

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Warren “Jack” Furry
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Watch out for dangerous clown prank

■ Practical joke could easily turn fatal

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Since late August, there have been multiple claims of creepy clowns walking along roads at nighttime, some attempting to lure children into the woods and others threatening people with harm.

The tri-county area is not immune to such reports.

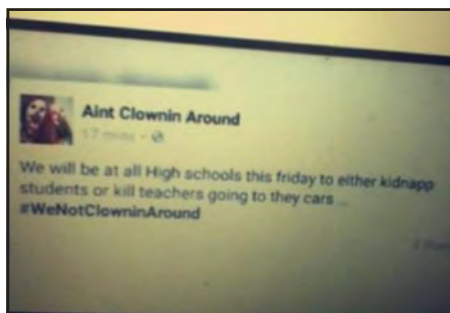
Wednesday afternoon, a Facebook page for Tomek-Eastern Elementary School parents posted that the school went into lockdown after a clown was spotted walking around the property. This was not confirmed by Fenton police.

It could be a social media fad leading to Halloween on Oct. 31 or it could be people dressing up in clown outfits as a harmless prank just to get a reaction. Regardless of whether these sightings are verified or if harm was intended, the claims are scaring people and police and schools districts across the country are investigating and coping with communities with many people on edge.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said he has heard about some of the sightings across the country, however, his department has not received any reports.

“If they approach the wrong person they could get shot.”

Rick Aro
Fenton police chief



Aro said those who dress up as a clown to scare someone need to remember, “If they approach the wrong person they could get shot,” if the scared victim is carrying a weapon. “Obviously, it’s a very dangerous situation,” he said. “Is it a practical joke?”

With Halloween just three weeks away, the police chief believes this type of activity could get worse before better.

Dressing up as a clown is not a factor so much as the action taken by the person dressed as a clown, according to Aro. If

School officials are asking parents to communicate with their children about responsible use of technology and social media. These incidents are disruptive to the educational process.

they impede traffic, which is illegal, it does not matter if they are dressed as a clown. If they are carrying a weapon while dressed as a clown, they are still carrying a weapon.

When asked what residents should do if they encounter someone dressed in a clown costume and mask, Aro said it’s a good idea to let police know about it. “It never hurts to let us know,” said Aro.

The police chief advises anyone who encounters a scary clown not to confront the clown. It could escalate the situation. “If you see something, call 911,” he said, adding that some people do not realize how dangerous it could be.

Linden Community Schools Interim Superintendent Russ Ciesielski sent a letter to parents Wednesday updating them on a recent clown-sighting claim in the Linden area.

In his letter he said, “Over the past 12 hours we have become aware of the ‘clown’ craze that is sweeping the United States. A number of communities across the country are dealing with rumors circulating on social media that are related to ‘clowns’ making vague threats to students and/or school communities. I have been in communication with our local police departments and there have been no confirmed ‘clown’ sightings, or threats to our students, staff, or schools.

Ciesielski suggests parents communi-

cate with their children about responsible use of technology and social media. “We do not want our students to be tempted to contribute to the panic in one way or another, without thinking through the serious consequences of these actions.

“An incident of this nature is disruptive to the educational process. Naturally, the safety of our students and staff is of paramount importance and we will continue to take the necessary steps to provide a safe and orderly environment in our schools.”

The Flushing school district reported that it received calls from a handful of concerned parents Tuesday as false rumors of lockdowns or threats spread after reports of clown sightings were filed.

Creepy clown sightings

Aug. 29: Residents at the Fleetwood Manor Apartments in Greenville County, South Carolina, report that a person wearing a clown costume had been spotted lurking around the apartment complex trying to convince children to come into the woods.

Sept. 4: Police in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, receive a call about a clown looking to lure children into the woods.

Sept. 14: McDuffie County deputies in Georgia say Cameron Frails, 12, and his little brother, were walking to a bus stop when they were chased by men donning clown costumes.

Sept. 15: Authorities locked down Escambia County High School and Flomaton High School in Southern Alabama after clowns threatened students and posted gun emojis on Facebook. So-called “Flomo Klowns” are spotted on the premises of both schools.

Sept. 19: Several children report a series of clown sightings in different neighborhoods of Annapolis, Maryland. Police later confirm the reports to be a hoax.

Sept. 21: A middle school girl in Athens, Georgia, is arrested after bringing a knife into school. She claims it was for protection against clown attacks.

Sept. 21: A 12-year-old in Pottsville, Pennsylvania is chased by a clown through a park.

See **CLOWN** on 15A

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Hunt for jogger's killer continues

■Reward money increased to \$10,000

By Vera Hogan

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While the hunt for the person who murdered Alexandra "Ally" Brueger continues, the reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer has climbed to \$10,000.

According to F/Lt. Michael Shaw of the Michigan State Police, \$5,000 is being offered by the U.S. Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), and \$5,000 by Crime Stoppers.

Another \$1,000 has reportedly been offered from the personal funds of Oakland County Commissioner Bob Hoffman.

Although it has been a little over two months, police are still investigating.

"Each investigation has its own time table so it's hard to judge this one," said Shaw. "I think everyone is used to the 40-minute solve rate of TV."

Brueger was shot to death the afternoon of Saturday, July 30, while she was jogging on Fish Lake Road. As she had for the past 12 years, Brueger jogged 10 miles every day, said her mother Nikki Brueger.

Because the person who shot Brueger four times in the back has not yet been identified and apprehended, Rose Township residents continue to be concerned for their safety.

Shaw has personally been to two Rose Township Board of Trustees meetings since the murder to try to calm fears.

Shaw said investigators are working diligently and checking every lead they receive. He also has said previously that this homicide is tied to Brueger.

In a hometownlife.com article published two weeks ago, Shaw said there was evidence at the scene that indicates Brueger likely knew her killer. He said there are a lot of things at the crime scene that point investigators to the conclusion that the killer was someone she probably knew. He said there is not enough evidence to rule out a random event or a road-rage type incident.

Shaw said in the article that everyone is considered a suspect. This case presents a difficult challenge because of the rural environment in which the crime took

place, an environment where there is a lack of witnesses and no surveillance cameras.

While there are no known witnesses to the actual crime, Ally was often seen by neighbors running on Fish Lake Road in the days and weeks leading up to her death, according to homelife.com. She was reported to have moved back in with her parents in April after what her mother said was an amicable break-up with a boyfriend of 2½ years.

Police are still seeking information from the public.

Regardless of how insignificant it may seem, anyone with information about suspicious persons or unusual vehicles in the area of Fish Lake Road is urged to contact Michigan State Police at 1-855-MICH-TIP (642-4847) or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP (773-2587).

"I think everyone is used to the 40-minute solve rate of TV."

F/Lt. Michael Shaw
Michigan State Police

MAYOR

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family opened their first business, a hair establishment in Milford in 1982, and opened four additional businesses in the following decade.

The family moved to Linden and bought the Linden Hotel in 1993, which they believe to be the longest-running business in Genesee County.

Furry has been involved in the city's operations for years, from working on the city's sign ordinance, to halting the city from enacting a retroactive-charge for 23 business owners for sewer tap-in fees, and serving as a DDA member since 2013.

He also serves on the Beacon and Bridge gas leak committee and the redevelopment committee. Furry sat on

the parking study committee, which found a deficit of 600 parking spaces in Linden, and reviewed the DDA's budget from 2009 to 2015 while on the DDA budget committee.

Furry wants to bring better management to the council, push to get the Beacon and Bridge gas leak fixed, work on the restoration of the Linden Mill Building, and fix the roads.

"If you look at our roads, they're in terrible shape," he said. He added that Main Street is terrible, and has ever since he moved to Linden 23 years ago.

"We cannot fix everything in the next two years but we can start the ball rolling to improving things for the betterment of our residents, business owners, and the city of Linden," he said.

HONEYMOON

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The LaRosas were listening to the downpour outside as they enjoyed their 7 p.m. dinner reservation Thursday evening at the California Grill on the 15th floor of the hotel. "It started to downpour at about 5," said Jamie. "We've had sporadic rain all day."

The couple was married on Saturday, Oct. 1, leaving their daughter Keira, a first-grader at West Shore Elementary, at home with family while they honeymooned.

They were glad to see that Disney had prepared a lot of activities for kids to

keep them busy and distracted from the storm. Restaurants were also prepping platters of food so that all guests would be taken care of.

The couple had planned to visit one of the resorts on Friday, but now will just "hunker down" and ride out the storm. "It's weather; we can't control it," said Jamie.

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WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you missed in the **Wednesday, Oct. 4 Midweek edition** of the Tri-County Times.

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Knights will continue with Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be out this weekend selling Tootsie Rolls for charitable donations. They won't, however, be able to collect while standing in city of Fenton roadways.



F.A.R.R. reviving operations

Fenton Area Resource & Referral is no longer on Mill Street in Fenton, but operations are still ongoing from their Fenton Road location.

Youngest school shooting plot suspect heads to Pennsylvania rehab center

Lamarr Dukes, the youngest co-defendant in the Linden school shooting plot is heading to a year-long rehabilitation program, while Ryan Stevens and Kody Brewer are released on bond.

Police&Fire report

ROCKS THROWN AT PICKUP TRUCK IN HOLLY

Just after 7 p.m. on Oct. 3, Holly police were dispatched to a home on Harden Street to investigate a malicious destruction of property complaint. The victim said that as she drove home and crossed over the railroad tracks she heard something hit the right side of her pick-up truck. She stopped the truck and her boyfriend jumped out and chased three males who were running away from the railroad tracks. The three suspects got away. The suspects were described as white males, one with black hair. There were several small dents on the truck and the back window was cracked. Several rocks were seen on the road and in the bed of the truck. The victim said this was the second time in three days someone had thrown rocks at her truck.

HIT AND RUN REPORTED IN HOLLY

On Oct. 1, Holly police were dispatched to the 100 block of North Corbin Street for a hit and run, property damage accident. Upon arrival, police spoke to the caller/victim who said that his Cadillac was parked in the street for the last three days. He said the rear tire had a slow leak and that his vehicle was not damaged on Sept. 30. He said on the morning of Oct. 1, he came out to his vehicle and the front panel near the front tire had been struck. Police observed leaves

and other items on the vehicle showing it had not been driven recently. Damage was seen on the front panel of the vehicle above the front tire. The victim said he did not know who had struck the vehicle. Police spoke with neighbors who said they had not witnessed or heard anything.

HOLLY POLICE CAR HITS DEER

On Oct. 4 at 1:20 a.m., a Holly police patrol car was westbound on E. Maple nearing Sorenson Park when a deer ran out in front of the officer's patrol vehicle. The officer took evasive action but was unable to avoid the impact. The deer was struck and damage was done to the patrol car. The vehicle was taken out of service for repair. The officer was uninjured. The report was taken by Michigan State Police-Metro North Post.

News briefs

Fenton Community Drum Circle to perform Sunday

The new Fenton Community Drum Circle will perform at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9, at the downtown gazebo. It is free and open to the public, according to Lisa Pearson, hand drum facilitator for the Fenton United Methodist Church. A drum circle is a community of people coming together to express themselves through the creating and sharing of rhythms. Participants are encouraged to bring chairs and a drum. Donations received will go to the Fenton Zonta Club to assist in its efforts during Domestic Violence Awareness month throughout October.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IT'S REALLY SAD to see all the businesses in the Fenton area closing. McLaren Physical Therapy is the one that troubles me the most. For over 25 years our family has used that facility for our rehab needs.

■■■■
HELLER, YOU THINK Trump's backers are deplorable. How about Hillary's? The American Communist Party, Black Lives Matter, 99-percenters, sign thieves and on and on.

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YOU ARE CORRECT that Reagan did not use the term 'trickle-down economics.' It was his director of Office Management and Budget David Stockman. But it was clearly Reagan's thoughts.

■■■■
TRUMP SCARES THE hell out of me. I cannot afford his economic policy. It will be higher taxes, suppressed wages and a recession. Not to mention what kind of world conflict he will start.

■■■■
ANY DISPARAGING REMARK made about Hillary is well deserved. Just look at her history and anyone can see what a two-faced liar she is.

■■■■
TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS ago when my granddaughter was three, people would ask her where she got her big beautiful brown eyes. Her reply was Kmart's blue light special. She passed away eight years ago so Kmart will always have a special meaning to me.

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IF YOU LACK enough empathy to understand why someone is voting for the 'other' candidate, then you should probably take a break from political discourse.

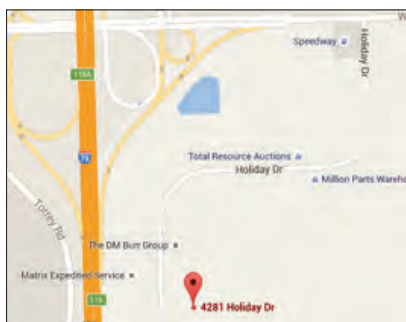
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Sears Hometown Store of Fenton co-owners Tim Stone (left) and his brother, Jeff Stone, stand in the laundry section of their store Wednesday afternoon. Their staff recently received advanced training on appliances.

Sears Hometown Store is now ‘America’s Appliance Experts’

■ Updated store design welcomes customers to check out new ‘kitchen suites’ and laundry innovation

By Sally Rummel

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Sears Hometown Store in Fenton has earned its reputation as the place to buy quality appliances. Now this locally owned store is giving customers even more reasons to check Sears first, for kitchen and laundry appliances.

Now known as “America’s Appliance Experts,” Sears Hometown Store will kick off its new store design, signage and advanced technical training at its kick off event on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14-15.

What you’ll see when you walk in the door is more space devoted to reputable, innovative appliance brands, including Whirlpool, which is 82 percent produced in the U.S. with world headquarters in Benton Harbor; KitchenAid, Samsung, LG, Maytag, GE, Frigidaire, Bosch and Kenmore.

“We are displaying many of our appliances in ‘suites,’ to let customers visualize what their kitchen will look like if they purchase the full kitchen of



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

The LG sidekick pedestal washer features a small mini-washer under the main unit.

same branded appliances,” said co-owner Jeff Stone of Fenton Township. He and his brother, Tim Stone, also of Fenton Township, own Sears Hometown Stores in Fenton, Howell and Lapeer.

Another new store feature is a laundry innovation area, which showcases the many new products and features available today.

“We are excited to offer our customers more technical product knowledge than ever before,” said Jeff. “Our staff has been extensively trained, including certain brand-specific certifications, so they can answer any questions you may have.”

Sears Hometown Store of Fenton is located at 14283 Fenton Rd. in Fenton Township telephone (810) 629-1900.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I AGREE WITH a traffic fix on Poplar and Silver Lake Road. Cars in left turn lane cannot move over or up enough for right lane cars to turn. There’s always a bottleneck back to the train tracks or further back in heavy traffic. Doesn’t the mayor see this?

WHY DO ALL the people around Hillary Clinton’s email scandal have to plead the fifth and seem to all be getting immunity?

WHY WOULD ANYONE support the present Republican presidential candidate after a Detroit newspaper that endorsed Republicans for 143 years failed to endorse him?

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HURRICANE MATTHEW

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"This is my first hurricane and I can say without a doubt that I'm nervous," said Campbell. "What makes this harder for me is I had to do all the hurricane prep myself while my husband is working in Arlington, Texas. I had no clue what needed to be done."

When the storm was upgraded to a possible category 4 on Wednesday, Campbell loaded her cat and supplies and headed across the state. "I am so thankful I made reservations before I left," she said. Rooms are scarce or sold out on the west coast."

Sebastian was in the direct line of impact and the Campbell's home is less than



Doppler radar over Florida showed the magnitude of category 3 Hurricane Matthew when it hit the coast in the early hours on Friday, Oct. 7.

five miles east of the Atlantic Ocean. "It's very nerve wracking knowing that in an instant we could lose all our possessions," said Campbell. "But as my husband said when he told me to get the h#*l out, the house can be replaced, you can't."

She's was planning to return home on Saturday to survey the damage, praying for it to be minimal, but expecting the worse.

Another local couple, Neil and Jennifer Fry, moved to Kissimmee, Florida two months ago, when Jennifer got a job as a fourth-grade teacher in the Osceola School District.

"People are out getting tons of supplies," she said on Thursday. "I tried to get gas at two places yesterday and they were totally out of gas. The third one I got lucky, but they were very, very busy."

Living in central Florida, Fry said she's

not really scared of the hurricane. "We've had so many people contacting us to make sure we're OK. We've got plenty of supplies."

She did notice a lot of people driving into the area, evacuating from the eye of the storm along Florida's east coast. "It

took us one-and-a-half hours to drive home last night after having dinner in Orlando," she said. "Usually, it's a half-hour drive."

Don Rowe, former Fenton Township trustee and an Ocala, Florida resident for 14 years, said before going to sleep Thursday night that he wasn't expecting too much damage, as most of the hurricane is supposed to hit the east coast. "We just got back to Florida last Saturday after spending half the year in Michigan," he said. "Maybe we should've waited a little longer."

CHARGED

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Dennis has also been charged with first-degree criminal sexual conduct in Oakland County. His trial in the Oakland County case is set to begin Nov. 7. It is unknown if the Genesee and Oakland County victim are the same individual.

Genesee County Court records also show Dennis's wife filed for divorce, which was granted in June.

According to Genesee County District Court records, Dennis resides on Parallel Street in Fenton, one block west of State Road Elementary School property.

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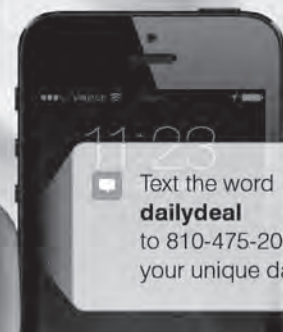
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DISTRICTS

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"Last October's count was 2,016 so we are up 67 students," he said. The biggest growth was in kindergarten, where they gained 21 students.

The next biggest area of growth was in third grade, where the district experienced an increase of 17 students since last year.

"We did notice the increases in these two grades prior to the start of school and added a teacher in each grade. A teacher was also added in the high school. We have seen a growth in all grades but the growth is spread throughout all buildings," Wright said.

Lake Fenton receives \$7,563 per student in state funding, which is an increase of \$118 from last year's \$7,445.

FENTON

For the 2016-17 school year, Fenton schools has 3,397 students, which is

an increase of 15 students since last school year, according to Superintendent Adam Hartley.

Fenton receives \$7,511 per student this year and received \$7,391 in 2015-2016.

LINDEN

At Linden, there are 2,808 students, which is a decrease from last year's count 2,829, according to Interim Superintendent Russ Ciesielski.

Linden receives \$7,511 for the 2016-17 school year, an increase from \$7,391 in the 2015-16 school year.

HOLLY

Holly Superintendent Dave Nuss said the district received \$7,391 per pupil last year and the foundation allowance for this year is \$7,511. "We are down 48 students, but still up

30 from where we budgeted," he said. "So financially we're in a good position."

“We did notice the increases in these two grades prior to the start of school and added a teacher in each grade.”

Wayne Wright
Lake Fenton Community Schools
superintendent

HOT LINE CONTINUED

SAME OLD CRAP from Hillary, shameless lies, same BS, the same idiots are already ruining this country. She's got the news lying for her. What else?

CAN ANYBODY TELL me where you can turn in used batteries or flashlights, either rechargeable or not rechargeable? Walmart used to take them. They no longer do. Where can you take those so they don't end up in a landfill?

THE REPUBLICANS SEEM to live in dream world and then seem to present those dreams as facts. I don't know what debate people were watching, but Hillary ate Trump for lunch. The people that I've heard said Pence looks more presidential than Trump.

MR. ECONOMICS MAJOR, it doesn't really matter what you think about trickle-down economics or whether Reagan

said it or not, it's known as tickle-down economics. Look it up, then come back and talk to me.

I DID NOT watch the vice presidential debate on TV. I thought it was going to be another one of those creepy clown sightings.

AFTER READING THE hateful puke that King published on political correctness, I have to wonder what would Jesus do? He said do unto others as you have them do unto you. Love thy neighbor, that you love yourself. Live in harmony with one another, do not be proud but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. I think the King has violated every one of those.

I HEAR THE Republicans crying about Lester Holt's moderation of the presidential discussion between Clinton and Trump. You do know he's a registered Republican.

CLOWN

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Sept. 24: A Palm Bay, Florida, resident reports spotting two "killer clowns" while walking her dog. She says the clowns were staring at her and frightened her to the point that she called police after returning home.

Sept. 25: A child in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, is chased by three people who emerged from the woods dressed as clowns. Nobody has been hurt in the town but it is the fourth such incident reported in the area. Residents plead with the troublemakers to stop their antics.

Sept. 27: Tennessee officials put out a warning telling residents to be vigilant as Halloween approaches. One teenager reports being attacked by a clown.

Sept. 27: Police in Phoenix say two different fast-food restaurants were robbed by suspects wearing clown masks.

Sept. 30: Threatening Facebook post from the account "Ain't Clownin' Around" leave at least five schools in three separate states on high alert. The post sent to students in students in Westside High School in Houston reads, "We will be at all high schools this Friday to either kidnap students or kill teachers going to their cars ..."

Oct. 3: Police in Nampa, Idaho, confirm they have received reports of clown sightings in the area. They urge residents looking to join in the search for possible threatening persons should not participate.

Oct. 3: Authorities at New Haven Public Schools in Connecticut urge principals and building leaders to ban clown costumes through Halloween this year.

Source: *International Business Times*, *ibtimes.com*



YOUR SMILE MATTERS!

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

TEETH WHITENING

Whitening can have a dramatic impact on your smile. Teeth become discolored by different staining processes. External staining is caused by environmental conditions; smoking, coffee, tea, etc. Internal staining is changes in the intrinsic color of the teeth. Internal staining is often natural. And as we grow older our teeth often become darker; a natural part of the aging process. All of these teeth darkening conditions can be treated and improved with the teeth whitening process. There are basically three different teeth whitening methods. The first type is "over-the-counter" whitening kits that can be purchased at your local pharmacy. The second type is professionally supervised home whitening which is provided by your dentist. The third type is in-office whitening done in the dental chair by your dentist and staff. All methods have varying degrees of effectiveness and cost. All three use the same basic chemistry which is some varying form of hydrogen peroxide. The fastest and most dramatic results are achieved through in-office whitening where the entire whitening process is completed in about an hour in a single visit. The number one chief complaint by those who have gone through whitening process is tooth sensitivity both during and after the process is completed. I am happy to report that with advancements in product formulations and chemistry that tooth sensitivity with teeth whitening is not nearly the issue it once was. My office recently hosted a demonstration of the new and improved ZOOM in-office whitening system where it is reported to have greater effective whitening with 99% of the people reporting no sensitivity what so ever. I, myself, had the ZOOM whitening done on my teeth and the results were amazing. My teeth became 7 shades whiter with no sensitivity. For a dazzling white smile call and ask us about teeth whitening and which system is right for you.

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Purple Rain

The Fenton Film Series announces the showing of the movie "Purple Rain." It will be shown on **Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m.** in the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. The free film is a 1984 musical drama starring Prince. Arrive early for free refreshments.



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Calendar of events

Pumpkin Social

The community is invited to Serendipity Wellness Spa's "Pumpkin Social" on **Wednesday, Oct. 12** between **4 and 6 p.m.** Serendipity is located at 129 E. Broad St. in Linden. This is a free, outdoor community event. All of the decorations, cider (adult cider for those 21+) and doughnuts will be provided. Just bring yourself/kids/friends and a pumpkin. To reserve your spot, call (810) 735-6868 or find the event on Facebook.

BALLOTS

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ballots were bad but the Bureau of Elections and the County Clerk decided to print the entire county over."

The faulty ballots were mailed to absentee voters last week. They are now void and new ballots will be sent.

The new ballots will have a green number, instead of black, on the bottom. The new color will allow clerks to confirm that absentee voters only get one vote.

The new ballots will be printed and delivered to clerks countywide by next week.

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News briefs

Nominate an exceptional volunteer for the Sybyl Award

The Sybyl Award Committee is accepting nominations for the 2016 Sybyl Award. The award was created in 2008 to honor the life of Sybyl M. Atwood. Atwood served as program director for volunteer and information services at Resource Genesee and its predecessor organizations for more than 40 years. At the closing of Resource Genesee, the members of the Sybyl Award Committee pledged to continue honoring exceptional community volunteers in Atwood's name. The award was designed to acknowledge someone in Genesee County who exemplifies Atwood's energy, outlook and dedication to helping others. It continues to be presented annually. The award recipient will be announced at the Sybyl Award Celebration to be held on Dec. 8. Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20. They can be emailed to sybylaward@gmail.com. Those without internet access may contact Lindsey Younger at (810) 767-4622, ext. 380.

Fenton Fire Department Open House

The Fenton Fire Department, at 205 E. Caroline St. is hosting its annual open house on **Saturday, Oct. 15, from 12 to 3 p.m.** The event is free and open to children and adults of all ages. There will be many fun and exciting activities for kids to learn about fire safety, such as "Stop, Drop and Roll, Crawl Low and Go," spraying a real fire hose, checking out fire trucks, touring the station and so much more. University of Michigan's Survival Flight helicopter will be on scene around 1 p.m. landing behind the station and giving everyone a chance to take pictures and see the inside of the "chopper." And don't forget to check out the brand new 9/11 memorial and piece of steel from the World Trade Center. Their women's auxiliary will also be on hand doing their annual bake sale fundraiser, including hot dogs, chips and drinks for purchase during your visit.

Tri-county fundraisers

Interceding for Children fundraising dinner

Motherly Intercession will be hosting its annual Interceding for Children fundraising dinner on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 5 p.m. at the University of Michigan-Flint Northbank Center, 432 N. Saginaw St., Flint. Adult ticket prices through Nov. 4 are \$50 each, afterward \$60 each. Tickets for those under 18 are \$20 each. Motherly Intercession is a small non-profit organization that provides services and support for children whose parents are incarcerated. For details, call (810) 424-9909 or go to www.miforu.org.

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'The scope of our mission has changed'

■ Upcoming trip to Haiti by The Freedom Center will now focus on Hurricane Matthew relief

By Sally Rummel

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A woman in Port-au-Prince, Haiti was taking money from an ATM after the devastating earthquake on Jan. 12, 2010, and found herself face-to-face with a 10-year-boy holding a gun, saying, "Give me your money or I'll kill you."

She dropped to her knees, put her arms out and said, "If you drop the gun, I'll give you the money and I'll take care of you the rest of your life."

This former lawyer resigned from her career and opened an orphanage to care for this boy and 79 other children who were orphans after the 7.0 magnitude earthquake.

Now, with devastation rampant in Haiti once again after Hurricane Matthew earlier this week, Pastor Jim Wiegant of The Freedom Center in Fenton is still awaiting word on the safety of this woman and the kids in her care.

"We have not heard from them (the orphanage) as of last night (Wednesday)," said Wiegant. "There aren't cell phones, or infrastructure or any way to get word out about how many people have died. No one knows the death toll. Our assumption and hope is that she's fine and that the kids are fine. But we know the death toll

will be in the thousands."

The Freedom Center has been actively involved in Haiti on-site relief work for the past three years, with a history of helping Haiti that goes back more than 20 years, according to Wiegant.

A 30-person mission trip has been planned for months, leaving Saturday, Oct. 15 for a week, but the scope of their mission has certainly changed since Hurricane Matthew.

"Our trip was mostly women who were going to bond with the children in the orphanage,"

said Wiegant. "Now some of the people are replacing themselves with others who will be stronger in being able to help with disaster relief."

Wiegant, who worked in Haiti on three mission trips in

the past year, is now going again at the last minute, for just three days with his wife, Dena, and son, J.D. "We'll be restocking the warehouse as emergency supplies come in by ship this week."

He added that Haiti is still a broken country from the earthquake and the people haven't recovered from that devastation yet. "It's the world's poorest country," he said. "You can be in Miami among all the Porsches, convertibles, coffee and doughnut shops, and just 42 minutes later, you've landed in poverty where people are dying in sight of the airport. It's unreal."

"We'll be re-stocking the warehouse as emergency supplies come by ship this week."

Pastor Jim Wiegant
The Freedom Center in Fenton



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Pastor Jim Wiegant shares a playful moment with a Haitian boy on a recent mission trip.

The Freedom Center works with two main relief organizations, Hands of Hope, which is primarily building schools, churches and disaster relief, and Convoy of Hope, disaster relief, primarily working on a feeding program that feeds about 100,000 malnourished children a day."

If local people want to help, Wiegant suggests they send support to Convoy of Hope at www.convoyofhope.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/

Relief support can also be given through The Freedom Center's website: tfconline.securegive.com or tfconline.org, click the "giving" tab and mark the gift, "Haiti."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE INDIVIDUAL who wants us to do research on Trump regarding promises, lies and name calling — I have. Now it's your turn. Google Hillary Clinton — career criminal and then watch: 'Hillary's America.' Both are eye-openers.

■■■
WHY DO LGBT individuals feel they need to tell us who they are? I should come out of the closet as a heterosexual married male with four children and four grandchildren. And I am blessed to be in the moral majority.

■■■
STARTING TO GET political mail. Why don't they put what party they belong to on them anymore?

■■■
ARE WE SURPRISED that Republicans are supporting a habitual liar, serial flip-flopper, business fraud and racist for president? After all, they think that Fox News, Limbaugh, Breitbart and Glenn Beck are real news sources. Vote for intelligence, experience and competence, vote Hillary.

■■■
CLASS SIZE HAS nothing to do with a successful education. In the '60s and '70s, all class sizes were 28-32 kids. Do the research, you will find that this is true.

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HILLARY'S STATE DEPARTMENT emails belong to the people of the United States, they don't belong to her. They must be kept in perpetuity. Same thing for Colin Powell. That's the law and she blatantly violated the law and got away with it — again.

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Alia Frederick (front) and Audrey Steiert helped lead the Linden girls cross country team to a third-place finish at the Greater Flint cross country meet.

Lady Eagles take third at Greater Flint cross county meet

By David Troppens

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Instead of fielding complete starting lineups at the annual greater Flint Cross County Championships, many tri-county teams rested their starters, giving others a chance to compete at the varsity level.

It seems the strategies worked out all right.

The Linden girls placed third in the women's race and Fenton's girls and boys teams finishes sixth and seventh, respectively, leading the performances by area squads. Linden's boys placed 11th while the Lake Fenton boys took 13th. Also, Lake Fenton's girls competed, taking 16th in the 18-team field.

Fenton's Cambria Tiemann was the area's top performer in either race, placing fourth in the women's event with a time of 19:18.37. Following right behind her were two Linden Eagles — Audrey Steiert placed fifth (19:25.6) while Alia Frederick placed sixth (19:30.91).

The rest of Linden's top five runners were: Hannah Wabel in 24th (21:36), Meghan Hitt in 30th (21:56.82) and Kristina Lachowicz in 31st (22:02.72). Linden's 96 team points finished 16 points behind Flushing's second-place total of 72 and 18 points behind Flint Powers' championship-winning total.

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Blue Devils collect first GAC Red victory vs. Durand

By David Troppens

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It's been a learning season for the Lake Fenton varsity volleyball team.

However, the Blue Devils also are getting better as they learn.

Lake Fenton captured its first Genesee Area Conference (GAC) Red

victory of the season when they defeated Durand in straight sets convincingly by a 25-14, 25-13, 25-23 score.

"The team played controlled, aggressive and made each other better," Lake

Fenton varsity volleyball coach Angie DelMorone said.

Megan Lynch played a big role in the victory, collecting 22 digs and going a near-perfect 12-for-13 on service reception.

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Sports



Lake Fenton's Megan Lynch

Eagles poised to contend for league crown

Linden defeats Holly, preparing for key game vs. Fenton

By David Troppens

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Holly — The first half didn't go too well if you were a Linden varsity boys soccer fan at Holly High School on Wednesday night.

Needing a victory to keep control of their own destiny in the Metro League race, the Eagles started out a little sluggish. The Bronchos, also needing a victory to keep any faint Metro chances alive, scored the only goal of the first half on a direct kick. A ball sent by Ethan Postma found a wide open Darius Reynolds about 10 feet from the Linden net. Reynolds quickly pounded

the ball into the net, giving the Bronchos a 1-0 lead with 2:21 left in the opening half, and an eventual 1-0 halftime lead.

However, the Eagles' mentality changed in the second half, resulting in an eye-popping six second-half goals, leading Linden to a 6-1 victory, and keeping them just two regulation victories away from capturing at least a share of the Metro League title.

"I think the difference was mental preparation in each half, really," said Linden senior Derek Deighton, who had two goals and an assist. "In the first half we weren't ready to come out and play. In the second half, we pulled together and had a good half."

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Holly's Julian Shier (left) and Linden's Darius Reynolds battle for the ball in the Eagles' 6-1 victory on Wednesday.



Tigers still in first, battle with Linden is next

By David Troppens

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It looks like Monday's Fenton-Linden varsity boys soccer game is going to have at least a share of the Metro League championship up for grabs in the contest.

That's because both teams won Wednesday contests. While Linden de-

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Fenton's Noah Crawford settles down a ball in a recent match.

feated Holly 6-1, the Fenton Tigers were being challenged by a pretty pesky Swartz Creek squad. Fenton eventually snuck out of Swartz Creek with a 1-0 victory.

Fenton and Brandon, who defeated Clio 4-1 on Wednesday, enter the final week of the Metro's regular season tied with 16 points each. Fenton has reached that point total with five regulation wins and one shoot out loss.

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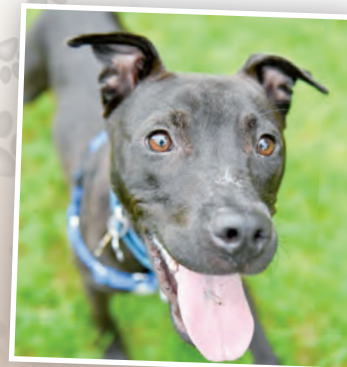
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Tigers remain atop Metro with Flushing

■ Linden also wins recent league contest vs. Kearsley

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The Fenton varsity volleyball team's run to defend its Metro League title remained on cruise control on Tuesday.

As the Tigers did with their first three Metro League foes, Fenton defeated the Holly Bronchos in three straight games, remaining in a tie with Flushing atop the Metro League standings. Fenton defeated the Bronchos 25-9, 25-14, 25-14.

Meanwhile, Linden remained one match out of first by earning a straight set 25-10, 25-10, 25-10 victory against Kearsley.

Fenton jumped out to quick leads in every set against Holly, eventually recording a comfortable victory against the upstart Bronchos.

"The team played very well in all aspects of the game — passing defense, setting and offense," Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger said. "It was all working pretty well tonight."

Jessica Warford led the offense with 15 kills, while Chloe Idoni and Erin Kaye had six and four kills, respectively. Kiley Aldred finished with 20 assists. Taylor Mowery led the defense and passing with nine digs and perfect 17-of-17 service reception. Idoni had two aces on 10-for-10 serving.

Holly was led by Katie LaClair's 12 digs, followed by Shannon Torpey's nine digs. Sara Johnston had five kills while Maddie Meszler had seven assists.



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Fenton's Chloe Idoni blocks a ball during a recent Fenton varsity volleyball match. The Tigers defeated Holly in three sets on Tuesday.

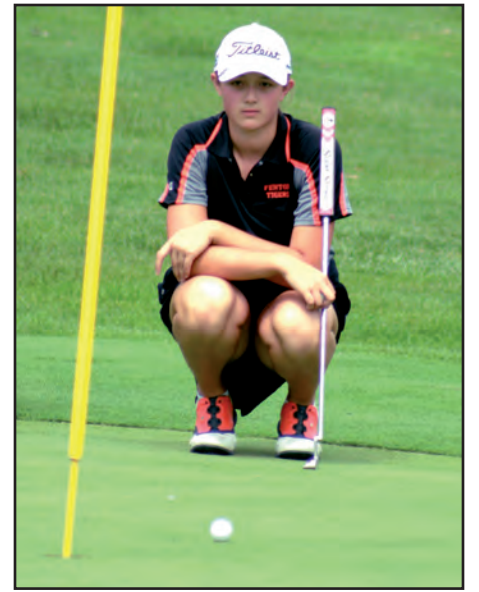
Isabelle Brown chipped in three assists. The Tigers (4-0 in the Metro) now prepare to host Flushing on Tuesday for their next Metro League match.

"We are looking forward to it," Eisinger said.

The Linden Eagles (31-7, 3-1) had a strong night as well on Tuesday against Kearsley. Morgan Fitch led Linden with 17 assists, six digs and three aces. Emma

Kenney and Emma O'Keefe had five kills each while Kenney also had five blocks. O'Keefe chipped in three aces.

The Eagles likely need to win the rest of their Metro matches and will still need some help if they want to win a league title. Linden's only Metro loss came against Flushing which means the Eagles will probably be cheering for a Fenton victory on Tuesday.



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Fenton's Keegan Miller eyes a putt during a recent meet.

Fenton golfers headed to state meet

The Fenton varsity girls golf team is headed to the state meet after placing third at the Division 2 regional meet held at Flint Elks Country Club on Thursday.

Bloomfield Hills Marian won the meet with a team score of 342 while Birmingham Seaholm was second with a 346. Fenton posted a 361, earning a state spot by 22 strokes ahead of fourth-place Flushing. Linden placed seventh (409), while Holly took eighth (410). The top three teams qualified for the state meet.

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Holly, Fenton boys tennis headed to state tournament

■ Fenton freshman Hand takes No. 1 singles title

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The Holly and Fenton varsity boys tennis teams are making sure the Division 2 state tennis meet will have a tremendous local flavor to it.

Both teams qualified for the state tournament at the regional meet. The Bronchos proved their dominance in the area by winning the regional championship with four flight champions and a team total of 16 points. Fenton had four flights make it to the finals and recorded the region's No. 1 singles champion en route to 10 team points, one more than third-place Flushing's total of nine points.

Fenton's Gabe Hand made sure his first trip to a regional meet was memorable. The freshman won the No. 1 singles regional flight by sweeping three straight foes, only dropping three games in the six sets he played.

Holly's dominance showed in its doubles flights, as the Bronchos captured all four doubles titles. Three doubles championship matches pitted Holly winners against Fenton runner-ups.

Ethan Postma and Carsen Cuthbert beat Fenton's Cam Cisto and Brendan Remillard 6-2, 6-2 in the title match while Holly's No. 2 doubles team of Xavier Glass and Garrett VanGilder won their title against Fenton's Trevor Dymond and Baylor Hamilton 6-2, 6-1.



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Fenton's Gabe Hand won the No. 1 singles flight championship at the regional meet on Thursday.

The final Fenton-Holly championship match happened at No. 4 doubles where Holly's Tanner Cavender and Wyatt Caldwell defeated Fenton's Robyn Pelayo and Trevor Bloss. Holly's other flight champions were the No. 3 doubles team of Andrew Spak and Jack Terry who defeated Swartz Creek's Brandon Gibson and Nick Rigdon 6-3, 6-3 in the title match.

Holly had one singles flight make it to the title match. No. 3 singles player Ian Haubert lost to Flushing's Jake Besko in the title match 6-3, 6-2.

The Division 2 state tournament will be held in Holland on Friday.

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