Still undecided?

A look at congressional candidates may help you decide between Clinton and Trump

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Although early voting in Michigan is well underway, there are still many voters who are undecided when it comes to the candidate they will choose to put into the White House.

With the polls flip-flopping every day between Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump, it may be difficult for people to focus on the true issues and not the controversial feeding frenzy taking place almost daily.

Both candidates have listed the things they will do once they are elected. (See sidebar) It is important to remember, however, that the President of the United States is limited to what he or she can actually do without congressional approval.

So, for the undecided voters, perhaps a closer look at who you put into Congress is in order.

Currently, Congress is under Republican control with 247 of the 435 seats in the House of Representatives, and 54 of the 100 seats in the Senate.

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GROCERY PRICES ‘DEFLATE’

Supermarket prices are down 10 months in a row, easing ‘sticker shock’ at checkout

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If you’re used to bringing home the bacon and frying it up in a pan, you’ll be glad to know that bacon is costing you less than it did a year ago.

Last year, grocery shoppers were experiencing sticker shock at the checkout line, especially with beef and egg prices. Compare that to this year, when supermarket prices have dropped for 10 months in a row, the longest streak since 1960, according to Labor Department statistics.

For example, sliced bacon was $5.73 a pound in 2015 and now costs $5.48. A pound of ground beef set you back $4.13 a year ago, and today, costs an average of $3.66. A dozen eggs now are about $1.47, half the $2.97 price a year ago. “It’s called deflation,” said Marvin Yono, owner of Alpine Marketplace in Linden. “It’s mainly fresh meat, produce and eggs. People are having a positive reaction.”

He said that the rest of his store prices are pretty stable, which he expects to continue through the winter. Yono added that milk prices have gone back up in the last six to eight months, but Alpine doesn’t pass those price increases to its customers.

Analysts credit low oil and grain prices, as well as cut-throat competition from discounters, for the reduction in prices. These lower prices are a boon for customers, but grocery stores are losing their already slim profit margins, according to Bloomberg.com.

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Although items like meat and milk currently cost less at the grocery store compared to last year, other items like dish soap remain the same price.

‘Paper or plastic’ battle ongoing

One bill would ban plastic bags, other would bar communities from banning them

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There are two bills in the Michigan legislature that would affect plastic bag usage in retail stores — one would ban communities from banning plastic bags, and one would ban businesses from handing out plastic bags.

Senate Bill 853 would prevent local communities from enacting bans or putting fees on plastic grocery bags or other “auxiliary containers.”

Sen. Jim Stamas (R-Midland), who introduced the bill, said the primary goal was to provide consistency across the state.

“It’s regulations to ensure our businesses and consumers are not fighting different regulations across the state,” he said. “If a business chooses to do without plastic, they can still do that. If a consumer wants to go to a place that doesn’t offer plastic, they can still do that.”

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A cashier at Alpine Marketplace in Linden fills grocery bags Tuesday. There is conflicting state legislation concerning banning plastic bags like these.
Don’t vote? Don’t worry

You don’t vote? Hey, you’re not alone. Literally tens of millions of eligible American adults never vote in elections. In 2014, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, 28 percent of non-voters said they were too busy with other things and 10 percent said they were “out of town.” Another 16 percent ‘have no interest’ in the election, and 8 percent said they didn’t vote because they disliked both candidates.

And that’s just fine with me. Every citizen has the right to vote, but no citizen is required to vote. In other words, the decision to vote is the sister of the decision not to vote.

By guaranteeing your right to own a gun, to march in a protest or to criticize politicians (thank goodness, otherwise I’d be unemployed), the Constitution also guarantees your right not to do those things — even if busybodies do-gooders, passionately insist that ‘it’s your duty.’

It’s not ‘your duty’ — it’s your right. Period.

For the record, I enjoy voting. The very few occasions that I have been out of town, out of the country or in jail on election day (just kidding — well, maybe) are painful memories to me.

For me, the bottom line is that for citizens disengaged in the political process, staying home on Election Day is a legitimate option. And, more often than not, it’s the best one for all concerned.

auto mechanics to diagnose the problem. When a weighty medical decision has to be made, you probably wouldn’t consult your accountant to make it. The crafting of government policy — of tax law and defense budgets and judicial nominations and trade regulations — should be made by intelligent and patriotic individuals.

We are only as good as the people we elect. The last two presidential elections are clear evidence that elections matter. Race relations, the economy, corruption, controversial social shifts — all are the result of the election of fools as our leaders.

Case in point: Georgia Congressman Hank Johnson, who once famously asked a high-ranking military officer if Guan, an island in the Pacific, was ‘in danger of tipping over’ if the U.S. constructed a proposed military base there, has been in office since 2007. Hank was also the first U.S. Congressman to endorse Barack Obama for president in 2008. High honors indeed.

But, I digress. The bottom line is that for citizens disengaged in the political process, staying home on Election Day is a legitimate option. And, more often than not, it’s the best one for all concerned.

IF YOU DON’T like the formula that determines cost of living increases on your Social Security, don’t blame President Obama and the Democrats. Blame Richard Nixon. I believe he’s a Republican. Look it up on the internet if you don’t believe me.

YOU’VE GOT TO ask yourself, would you rather have the influence of Hillary Clinton or the influence of Mr. Putin through Mr. Trump in our next president? Not a good choice either way but I think we’d rather keep the Russians out of our business.

RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR Putin called Trump an ‘outstanding man.’

WOW, JUST SAW the huge Trump sign on North Long Lake Road. Love it.

I’M OLD NOW and I find God very powerful so let’s just put this election in his hands. See HOT LINE throughout Times
Consent and the law

The definition of consent is rather straightforward. A dictionary definition of the word is to agree to do something — to give permission for something to happen or be done.

When it comes to the law, the concept of consent can be a very important issue at times as whether consent to do an act was given or not can be of key to a court’s decision as to what should happen in a particular case. Sometimes consent is presumed or implied and whether it was actually given doesn’t make much difference. For example, when you obtain a driver’s license and then drive a motor vehicle you have implicitly consented to providing a breath, blood or urine sample to an officer if you’ve been arrested for drunk driving. Another example of consent is when you go to the airport to travel you have agreed to being searched and your luggage too.

There is a long list of other consent situations in the law and recently the Michigan Court of Appeals decided a case, which involved the issue of what was specifically consented to in a search and seizure case. People v Mahdi decided Oct. 4, 2016, involved a defendant who was convicted of three felony drug offenses.

Key pieces of evidence used against him were his cell phone, keys, and wallet, which were found in the house where he lived with his mother after she had given consent to the police to search.

The legal issue on appeal came down to the scope of the given consent as the police officer specifically had asked her if it was OK to come into the house to search for ‘drugs.’ No drugs were found, but the cell phone, keys and wallet, which were seized were used to tie the defendant into a drug operation thus resulting in the convictions.

The Court of Appeals reversed the defendant’s convictions and held that the items were illegally seized as the specific permission sought was to enter the house to look for ‘drugs.’ Anything else found was deemed inadmissible as being beyond the scope of the given permission.

This is but one of many examples of when the law requires precision in literally the scope of the given permission. If the defendant’s convictions and held that the items were illegally seized as the specific consented to in a search and seizure case.

The CORRUPT CLINTON criminal cartel is hoping to take over America on Nov. 8, 2016. After she takes office in January, I just want to say rest in peace, America. It’s the end of our country.

THE CLINTONS have stolen, I mean accumulated, over $500 million while serving in government. They have made more people disappear than Houdini starting with Vince Foster and 40 plus more. Donald’s indiscretions pale by comparison.

MY, HOW TIMES have changed. America, in order to combat Commu-nist propaganda in eastern Europe, started Radio Free Europe. Today, we rely on Wiki-leaks to combat our government propaganda. Our main-stream media now resembles the former Soviet Union state agencies.

FINALLY, WE CAN treat people with disabilities, ugly people, immigrants and minorities as the worthless burden they have always been. We can now be proud to overturn Obam-amacare and revoke the first and fourth amendments. Long live the Trump.

HOW DARE A Hot-tiner question whether i should be going to mass and receiving the sacraments? The church does not discriminate based on political preference. To suggest otherwise gives non-Catholics the wrong idea about what we are about.

DON’T EVEN COMPARE Hillary Clinton to Margaret Thatcher. Thatch-er was prime minister of the UK and leader of the Conservative Party, not a liberal. Thatcher was far better lead-er than Hillary Clinton will ever be. She doesn’t care about the normal everyday people of the USA.

YES, TRUMP IS tough, and not perfect. but he is also smart, believes in America and knows we must ‘drain the swamp’ to survive. On the contrary, Hillary and Bill have been a disaster. They have lied, cheated and stolen far too long.

I WISH JIMMY Kimmel would run for president. I would definitely vote for him.

HILLARY CLINTON DOESN’T recall anything from the past three to four years so what the heck good does her 30 years experience even mean?

WHAT DOES FOSTER Childs think about Trump’s lewd, vulgar, ab-su-ave, crass, crude comments about women? Does Childs consider Trump fit to be president?

Michigan’s Health Care Insurance Marketplace through the Affordable Care Act opened enrollment on Nov. 1 on Healthcare.gov, for insurance coverage beginning January 2017.

“You have to be enrolled by Dec. 15,” said Susan Donnell Masak of U Have A Friend Insurance, LLC in Linden. “You need to get back into the Marketplace to find out what new plans are available for you. If you have a subsidy like more than 85 percent of Ameri-cans do, your subsidy won’t automatically go up with the increase in premiums. They won’t raise it if you don’t get a hold of them.”

The deadline for February 2017 will be Jan. 15. If you don’t contact the Marketplace to update your insurance plan, you will get the money back when you file your income tax, because they’ll figure what your subsidy should have been.

But that won’t help you pay your monthly premiums,” said Masak.

Many insured under Medicare will experience a major increase in their monthly premiums. “It’s a big deal, but we knew it was coming five years ago,” said Masak. “They’ll have a one-time opportunity to change into another plan to offset these increases.”

Deadline for making changes on your Medicare will be Dec. 7 for Jan. 1, 2017, for Advantage consumers or for your prescription card, according to Masak.

For one local couple, Mark and Kerrie Mustola of Fenton Township, premiums for their new insurance plan for 2017 almost doubled, and they lost some of the benefits they previously had.

“We have corporate benefits through my job,” said Kerrie, a sales support employee for Hewlett-Packard, whose husband, Mark, is self-employed.

“This year, Hewlett-Packard had us sign up for benefits through the Exchange. Now we have to pay for everything out of pocket, including full price for prescriptions, until we reach our deductible, which is much higher.”

Michigan is one of the states that still offers a competitive insurance market with multiple options available to consumers through 10 different carriers. Consumers in some states have fewer options as more insurers leave the individual marketplace because they reportedly lose money on individual plans offered there.

“There are lots of changes this year,” said Masak. “It’s still worth checking out new plans. If you don’t do it before Dec. 15, you’re stuck.”
CANDIDATES
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Bishop, 49, serves citizens in the towns-
ships of Groveland, Hartland, Holly, Rose
and Tyrone. To learn about Bishop’s re-
cord while in office and what he stands
for, visit ballotpedia.com, or his website
at electmikebishop.com. Both sites are
thorough, providing comprehensive in-
formation about this candidate.

According to her website, suzannafor-
congress.com, she is a first generation
American, born and raised in Michigan.
Her parents are working class Albanian
immigrants.

Shkreli is an attorney, who became a
Macomb County prosecutor, prosecuting
homicide, drug crimes, assaults, and do-
meric violence. She says she is an advo-
cate for victim rights and has represented
the United States Department of Justice
in training law enforcement agencies on
victim rights abroad.

Kildee, 58, serves citizens in Argentine
Township, Fenton Township, and the cities of
Fenton and Linden. To learn about Kildee’s re-
cord while in office and what he stands for, visit
ballotpedia.com, or his website at dankildee.
house.gov. This site, too, gives comprehensive
information about the actions of this representa-
tive while in office so far.

Kildee is being challenged by Demo-
crat Allen Hardwick, who according to his
website allenhardwick.com, claims he is
not a lawyer and thinks there are too many
of them in government already. He said he
represents a new breed of Republicans who
align themselves as “Constitutional Con-
servatives” whose common goal is to put
the power back in the hands of the people.

Hardwick, 52, says he has a unique per-
pective of the common man’s struggle and
claims most politicians are out of touch with
real American’s and their plight. Govern-
ment’s job, he said, should be to get out of
their way and let them do what is needed.

WHAT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES SAY THEY WILL DO

REPUBLICAN DONALD TRUMP

• ‘Build a wall’ — and make Mexico
pay for it
• Temporarily ban Muslims from
entering the United States
• ‘Bring manufacturing
(jobs) back’
• Impose tariffs on
goods made in China
and Mexico
• Renegotiate or
withdraw from the North
American Free Trade Agreement and
Trans-Pacific Partnership
• Full repeal of ‘Obamacare’ and
replace it with a market-based
alternative
• ‘Bomb’ and/or ‘take the oil’ from ISIS

DEMOCRAT HILLARY CLINTON

• ‘For families making less than
$125,000 a year, we will eliminate
tuition’ for in-state students at public
colleges
• Pass comprehensive
immigration reform with
a path to citizenship that
keeps families together
• Stand up to
Republican-led attacks
on this landmark (health
care) law — and build on its success
to bring the promise of affordable
health care to more people and make
a public option possible
• Will do everything possible to
overturn Citizens United.
• Fight for equal pay
• Will not raise middle-class taxes
• Say no to attacks on working families
and no to bad trade deals and unfair
trade practices, including the Trans-
Pacific Partnership
• Increase the federal minimum wage.
• Expand background checks to more
gun sales
• Increase federal infrastructure
funding by $275 billion over a five-year
period

Source: politifact.com

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U.S. REPRESENTATIVES HAVE
ACCOMPLISHED WHILE IN
OFFICE, AND INFORMATION
FROM THE CANDIDATES
CHALLENGING THEM AT
THEIR WEBSITES:

• Mike Bishop
(Republican incumbent);
electmikebishop.com

• Suzanna Shkreli
(Democratic challenger);
suzannaforcongress.
com

• Dan Kildee
(Democratic incumbent);
dankildee.house.gov

• Allen Hardwick
(Republican challenger);
allenhardwick.com

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Bishop and Kildee, can also be found
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HILLARY SAID THAT they were dead broke when they left office. That cannot be true. The Clintons stole $200,000 in furniture, paintings and computers when they left the White House.

I WOULD VOTE for Kim Kardashian, Rosie O’Donnell or Honey Boo Boo. Before I would vote for Donald Trump for president.

YOU PEOPLE WHO want to vote for Hillary Clinton should look up partial-birth abortion. Apparently, she voted against a ban on it.

DONALD TRUMP IS proof that you don’t have to be poor to be white trash.

WHEN THE LAW protects the citizens from the corrupt, but protects the corrupt from the citizenry, you know we are dooming. Hillary Clinton will destroy America as we know it.

DONALD TRUMP’S MOTTO: We Shall Overcome!

LORETTA LYNCH, the Attorney General of the United States, was Bill Clinton’s lead defense lawyer during his Whitewater corruption trial in 1992. Gee, I wonder why Hillary has never been indicted for her email crimes.

I THINK BILL Cosby would make a better bartender at a super-model convention than Hillary would make a good president of America.

ALMOST EVERY AMERICAN can say that they have never been groped by Donald Trump. Almost no American can say they haven’t been screwed by Barack Obama.

MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER from Philadelphia will be voting for Hillary Clinton on Nov. 8. I would try to talk him out of it, but he died back in 1997.

ALL TRUMP’S WIVES were immigrants. Doesn’t that prove he’s not racist?

SO MY BROTHER says if Hillary wins he’s going to move to another country? I said, ‘Really? Maybe you should start by moving out of Mom and Dad’s basement.’

AM I THE only one who has noticed that Trump looks exactly like that annoying dude on Celebrity Apprentice?

THIS IS AN official statement from Hillary Clinton: ‘The medical problems that I don’t have are the reason I can’t remember the criminal acts I didn’t commit.’

GOOD LUCK HILLARY. Don’t blow it. Signed, Monica.

I PRAY EVERY American would read the book ‘The Unraveling of America, Who Is Pulling The Strings?’ before the November election. It is not all politicians but about how our world is actually going to hell.

HILLARY CLINTON has devoted herself to public service. Donald Trump has devoted himself only to self-service.

TRUMP HASN’T LET anyone die in a foreign county and said what difference does it make?

DONALD TRUMP is an informational huckster.

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Recent count by the Audubon Society tallied 501 birds on Oct. 31.

“I thought Jurassic Park landed when I saw all the birds land in September, 11 years ago,” said Casey Rogers. “They look great.”

The large birds can stand 5 feet in height, with long necks and red featherless foreheads, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). They’ve been coming to the Rogers’ property ever since they moved there, 11 years ago.

“In the past we’ve had about 800,” she said. “In the evening, you can see a lot of them coming in, but they land in different spots in the marsh.”

The birds arrive in the spring, travel farther north, and then return in the fall. “The cranes will leave when the snow comes because they can’t get their food,” she said.

Sandhill cranes prefer wetlands, such as marshes and bogs, much like the junction of Bennett and Hoisington lakes, and feed on frogs, fish, insects, and plant food, like seeds, fruit, and aquatic vegetation. “And they do this dance,” Rogers said. “They’re amazing dancers.”

This dance is their signature mating dance they do once a year. They will flap their wings, bow, jump, and walk around their potential mate. “They’re beautiful to watch,” Rogers said.

The sandhill crane population was severely reduced by habitat loss and shooting in the early part of the century, according to the MDNR. However, the population has grown over the past two decades. From 1966 to 2013, the population growth rate has been 10.5 percent a year, according to the MDNR.

Most breeding pairs are found in the Upper Peninsula, but there are breeding pairs near Jackson and Ann Arbor. The Audubon Society counts the sandhill crane population at the Rogers’ property every year, and found that the population is up from last year.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service coordinates an annual count of the sandhill cranes when they migrate across North America. The two Michigan Audubon sanctuaries are popular destination spots for volunteers who want to help count, according to the Michigan Audubon Society. At one sanctuary, the Bernard W. Baker Sanctuary in Bellevue, volunteers spotted approximately 3,400 cranes last year in one day.

While a few hundred can barely compare to a few thousand, Rogers said the cranes still attract attention from neighbors and friends. She said they’ve met people who read an article about the birds years ago, and wander around their subdivision looking for the birds. “She happily shows them on her property.”

Rogers also wants to invite schools to organize field trips in the area so kids can see and learn about the birds. “I want everyone to enjoy nature as much as I do,” she said.

The sandhill crane population is up from last year. According to the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP), which replaced the MEAP tests, results for spring 2015, 50.1 percent of third-graders were proficient in language arts.

The law pushes schools to develop literacy intervention programs and employ literacy coaches and reading specialists for struggling students to avoid detention. The law also passed with a proviso that allows parents to request their student be promoted to fourth grade if that student is proficient in all other subjects, and demonstrates a grade three reading level performance on an alternative standardized reading assessment or with a pupil portfolio.
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New club in town remembers Gary Haggart

By Sally Rummel

Most everyone has heard of the Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Zonta Club, etc. But there’s a new club in town, the Gary Haggart Club, that’s making a name for itself, thanks to the legendary man and tireless volunteer with that name who died on Nov. 17, 2014.

This former Big Brothers-Big Sisters and Shelter of Flint director left a big hole in the hearts of all who knew him, and big shoes to fill in the volunteer community.

“There wasn’t much he wouldn’t do for his friends, or for anyone,” said Mike Vance, a close personal friend.

One year after his death, Vance, Sally Bessert and other friends and colleagues got together to form a club to continue the good works for which this Fenton Township man was so well-known.

Today, the club boasts 380 members. Its main goal is to distribute monies raised each year from membership fees to needy families or individuals who reside in Genesee County.

Members of the Gary Haggart Club only get together once a year, and that meeting is coming up on Sunday, Nov. 13, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Fenton Moose Lodge.

The cost to join the group is $25 per person or $40 per couple. “Last year we raised over $13,000 in membership fees. What a tribute to Gary,” said Vance.

To become a member of the Gary Haggart Club, send a donation of $25 (individual) or $40 (couple) to Sally Bessert, 13211 Lake Shore Dr., Fenton, MI 48430.

Crossing deer causes crashes

Four vehicles were involved in a crash on Fenton Road south of Thompson Road in Fenton Township Monday morning. The scene was comprised of two crashes. The first two-vehicle crash was caused by deer crossing Fenton Road. The second crash was caused by the first, according to Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz. No one was injured. Traffic was reduced to one lane as the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office and fire department cleared the scene.

GROCERY PRICES

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With Thanksgiving just around the corner, customers can expect turkey prices to be about the same as they pay every year.

“Turkey has been the same price for five years,” say Raymond Antoon, owner of Holly Foods. “It’ll probably be at 69 cents a pound. It costs us $1.30 a pound; almost every grocer loses half on turkeys. Pretty much the whole industry gives away turkeys. It’s more like customer appreciation.”

Meat is the food category that experienced so much inflation during a cycle of Midwest droughts and floods in 2011-2012. This bumped up the prices of corn and wheat, the main feed for cattle, hogs and chickens.

Meat prices spiked when farmers had little choice but to thin their herds. Beginning in 2013, farmers replenished their herds and crops. Now, oversupplies of beef, pork, poultry and grains have reversed the rising prices.

“In the last year, meat prices are down about 18 percent,” said Antoon. “Eggs were down; meat has been down. Prices are flattening.”

Antoon has noticed there is less “shrinking” of products, like cookies and cereal, in the past 18 months. “Before that, they were going crazy.”

“Overall, prices are pretty decent right now,” he said. “People who come into the store get the best deals, especially in our Blow-Out Deals section. They’re one-shot deals; when they’re gone, they’re gone. I’ve made it kind of a niche at Holly Foods.”
**CONDOS**

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at $210,000. It is expected that first tenants will be able to move in by March 2017. The start of construction was made possible when a lien on the parcels in question was lifted, making it possible for the sale of the property to move forward.

The Waters Edge Board of Directors recently sent an email to all of the community’s existing residents, informing them of their recent actions.

The following is a summary of the actions:

1. **Setting a Date for Payment:** The city of Fenton agreed to pay the Waters Edge Townhomes Association $23,000 to remove the lien so the sale could proceed.
2. **New Legislation:** The city of Fenton agreed to pay the Waters Edge Townhomes Association $23,000 to remove the lien so the sale could proceed.

**According to the City**

On November 8, the city of Fenton received title to the 70 undeveloped parcels at Waters Edge through the state tax foreclosure process, when no bids were made at either state auction.

**Mayor Markland:**

After the paving project was complete, the Water’s Edge Townhouse Association felt that the city should be required to pay part of the special assessment, but they ultimately agreed that the city would not be required to pay. 

**City Manager Lynn Markland:**

“Since the association apparently could not get financing elsewhere, the city was inclined to assist the association, but the city was not willing to create the special district if it came at the cost of taxpayers.”

“Despite the parcels in Water’s Edge were not developed, but were vacant land,” he said. “They were not benefited from the paving and construction project so we took the position that we and the taxpayers should not bear the cost of the paving work.”

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“Though we felt that the association’s claims had the effect of holding up the sale of the lots, however, because the association recorded a lien against the city for the ‘unpaid’ dues,” he said. “We then approached a developer who wanted to purchase the city’s lots and construct condominium buildings, Markland added.”

“Any departures from those approved buildings would have to be reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission,” said Markland.

**Other condo construction**

The popularity of condo living in the city of Fenton became evident with the first Cornerstone building at South LeRoy Street and Silver Lake Road in downtown Fenton, which is now occupied and features upscale condominium living. The second Cornerstone building, which is a short distance south on South LeRoy Street, will have the same features as the first, with retail on the first floor, office space on the second, and condominiums on the third and fourth floors.

**PLASTIC BAGS**

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Stamas said plastic bags are recyclable and have many alternative uses to only carrying groceries.

“The Michigan Senate passed this bill in May,” he said. “The Republican-controlled Senate voted for the legislation citing the burden not allowing plastic bags would put on retailers. Plastic bags are a non-recyclable item, and opponents of the bill cited the costs associated with having to clean up plastic bags and remove them from recycling machinery.”

Washington County estimated it costs them approximately $200,000 a year. In September, the House Commerce and Trade Committee approved the bill. It then moved to the House.

Senator Dave Robertson (Republican) voted in favor while Senator Jim Ananich (Democrat) voted against the bill. Ananich’s spokesperson, Tim Lenard, said, “Senator Ananich has consistently been opposed to efforts to reduce local control. He felt like this was another infringement on those rights when decisions like this would be better left to individual communities to debate and decide.”

According to the Oaklandpress.com, more than 150 municipalities across the country banned the plastic bags or charged a fee for them, none of which are in Michigan. Washenaw and Muskegon counties have considered regulations in the past.

New legislation, however, was introduced that would ban plastic bags.

Under House Bill 5962, businesses would not be able to give plastic bags to customers. Patrons would still be able to bring them to stores.

The bill does not include reusable bags and bags without handles. Stores violating the bill would face a fine of up to $300. House Bill 5962 was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Trade on Oct. 19.
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Tigers advance easily

Fenton defeats
Cavaliers in opening round of playoffs 49-19

By Jordan Climie
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Fenton — From the beginning, it looked like Carman-Ainsworth would spell doom for Fenton, scoring first and running at will. But with a staunch defense and incredibly effective run game of their own, the Tigers cruised to a 49-19 victory.

“These kids have grown up,” Fenton head coach Jeff Setzke said of his team. “They’re fantastic. I couldn’t be more proud.”

The Cavaliers started the scoring with what looked to be a continuing problem for the Tigers in the run game, specifically senior running back Byron Gates. Gates broke off a 44-yard touchdown run through the lines, staying elusive in his small frame.

“They have a speed element. We wanted to know what they were going to do,” Fenton head coach Jeff Setzke said. “Once we got an idea of what they were doing, we were able to stop it.”

It didn’t look good for Fenton on their first offensive drive either, as penalties against Carman-Ainsworth couldn’t help the Tigers. They ended up turning it over on downs, followed by a punt their next time on the field. Finally, it was Fenton’s defense that started their momentum. Cavaliers’ freshman quarterback Dustin Fletcher threw a bullet to his receiver, but Fenton’s junior safety David Petryga was waiting and intercepted the pass. Just a few plays later, senior running back Dylan Crankshaw tore through the Cavalier defense en route to a 20-yard touchdown run.

“We sparkled as a defense, and that spark was a key point in the game,” said Petryga. “We started to get pressure on the quarterback, get in his face,” Setzke said. “That interception was big, then we went on to score on that play.”

On Carman-Ainsworth’s next offensive play, the Cavaliers coughed up the ball on a fumble. Right away, Fenton’s junior running back Josh Mason turned it over on downs, followed by a punt their next time on the field. Finally, it was Fenton’s defense that finished them off in a 49-19 victory.

The top three teams qualify for the state meet. The Linden girls made the most noise, winning a regional championship for the fifth straight season and earning an individual regional championship as well. Senior Alia Frederick defended her regional title by winning women’s race with a time of 19:34.40, about 23 seconds ahead of Goodrich’s Jillian Lange.

“It felt great to win both titles,” See STATE on 13

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Blue Devils drop a nailbiter vs. Powers

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Tigers’ unexpected run created by brotherhood, bonds between players

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Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton varsity football team did a lot of things that would usually result in a victory on Friday.

The Blue Devils dominated time of possession and ran 63 plays from scrimmage (excluding punts) versus Powers’ 38 plays.

The Blue Devils also led most of the game, scoring on their first possession, and never trailed by more than one. Lake Fenton also kept Powers starting quarterback Zack Talovich’s potent scrambling ability reasonably in check.

However, when the game came down to one fourth-down play on Lake Fenton’s 3, the Chargers came up with the play of the game. Aided by a player who appeared to be suffering from cramps, the Chargers got a much-needed opportunity to think about a play and call one despite having no time outs due to the injury time out. They came up with a winning play when Kaden Nelson took a pitch and ran to the end zone on the Powers’ side of the field, scoring the game-winning TD.

The score gave Powers a 20-19 lead with just 4.5 seconds left. Lake Fenton had one more play from scrimmage after the ensuing kickoff, but was only able to gain nine yards on a completion as the clock expired.

“Our kids played their hearts out,” Lake Fenton varsity football coach Eric Doyle said. “They made one more play than us. We had a couple of things go against us that I didn’t think should have, but that’s football. I thought we played over some things. I thought that we played our tail off.”

“I thought we outplayed them to be honest. They scored one more point than us. … Sometimes you are the better guy, but it’s not your day.”

“We were dominating them physically in the first half and then after that they figured it out,” Lake Fenton senior Trent Hilliger said. “They are a great team with a great coach. We just came up short at the end.”

Lake Fenton had great moments in the contest, particularly in the first half. The Blue Devils made Powers punt the ball after just three plays on the Chargers’ opening possession, and then Lake Fenton kept the ball far darn near the rest of the first quarter.

Lake Fenton’s Jackson Nevadomski (left) tries to find some open field during one of his runs in the Blue Devils’ 20-19 loss to Powers on Friday.

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- ★ Moderate
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**Horoscopes**

**Aries** (March 21 to April 19)

The pitter-patter of all those Sheep feet means that you’re out and about, rushing to get more done. That's fine, but slow down by the weekend so you can heed some important advice.

**Taurus** (April 20 to May 20)

You're in charge of your own destiny these days, and, no doubt, you’ll have that Bull's-eye of yours right on target. But don’t forget to make time for family events.

**Gemini** (May 21 to June 20)

Be prepared for a power struggle that you don’t want. Look to the helpful folks around you for advice on how to avoid it without losing the important gains you’ve made.

**Cancer** (June 21 to July 22)

Congratulations! You’re about to claim your hard-earned reward for your patience and persistence. Now, go out and enjoy some fun and games with friends and family.

**Leo** (July 23 to August 22)

The Big Cat might find it difficult to shake off that listless feeling. But be patient. By week’s end, your spirits will perk up and you’ll be your perfectly purring self again.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

A problem with a co-worker could prove to be a blessing in disguise when a superior steps in to investigate and discovers a situation that could prove helpful to you.

**Libra** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

This is a favorable time to move ahead with your plans. Some setbacks are expected, but they’re only temporary. Pick up the pace again and stay with it.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Your creativity is recognized and rewarded. So go ahead and claim what you've earned. Meanwhile, that irksome and mysterious situation soon will be resolved.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

A new associate brings ideas that the wise Sagittarian quickly will realize can benefit both of you. Meanwhile, someone from the workplace makes an emotional request.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

It might be a good idea to ease up on that hectic pace and spend more time studying things you’ll need to know when more opportunities come later in November.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

A relatively quiet time is now giving way to a period of high activity. Face it with the anticipation that it will bring you some well-deserved boons and benefits.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Go with the flow, or make waves? It’s up to you. Either way, you’ll get noticed. However, make up your own mind. Don’t let anyone tell you what choices to make.

**Crossword Puzzle**

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**Dvd Releases**

**Star Trek Beyond**

In this third installment of the rebooted Star Trek film series (which began with J.J. Abrams’ Star Trek in 2009), Captain Kirk (Chris Pine) struggles with a personal crisis as he and the crew of the Enterprise are attacked by a dictator named Krall (Idris Elba). When an assault by Krall leads to the destruction of their starship, the team end up marooned on a remote planet inhabited by aliens both hostile and helpful.

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**Across**

1. High point
2. Dance syllable
3. Flabbergast
4. Fly high
5. Fond du —
6. Sea eagle
7. Multi-Grammy -winning gospel singer
8. Helps
9. Faux —
10. Snob
11. With it
12. “Unh-unh”
13. Throw a party for
16. Kingston’s island
17. Prayer ending
18. Space
19. Thy
20. Commemorative coin, maybe
21. Thanksgiving veggie
22. Two in Tijuana
23. Capital letter key
24. Blackbird
25. Franc replacement
26. Hang in the balance
27. Solidify
28. Marries
29. Now, on a memo
30. Prolonged sleep
31. Baseball’s “Say Hey Kid”
32. Founder of a major auto company
33. Played on a collision course with PTA Queen Bee Gwen (Riley) and her clique of devoted perfect moms.
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**Down**

1. Now, on a memo
2. Prolonged sleep
3. Baseball’s “Say Hey Kid”
4. Work unit
5. Necklace fastener
6. Yarn bundle
7. Performance actor
8. "Will & Grace"
9. Small combo
10. Loose
11. Egg container?
12. Incursion
13. Muppet|
14. Founder of a major auto company
15. Siesta
16. Online help page
17. Ostrich’s cousin
18. Afternoon social
19. 1960’s TV sitcom
20. Cupid’s alias
21. Trail the pack
22. Signed off
23. Cattle
24. Forever

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