

Vehicle registration fees increasing by 20 percent Jan. 1

■ Gas tax increase of 37 percent on same day

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In less than two months, on Jan. 1, 2017, Michigan drivers will be paying 20 percent more in registration fees for passenger vehicles and trucks.

A driver who has been paying a \$100 registration fee each year, will have to pay \$120 starting next year.

The increase is part of a \$1.2-billion road funding package that in addition to registration fees, will hike fuel taxes. It was signed by Gov. Rick Snyder on Nov. 3, 2015.

The road package is aimed mainly at

funding major road fixes in Michigan.

According to the most recent data from the Federal Highway Administration (FHA), 38 percent of Michigan's roads are in poor to mediocre condition. The 2013 report claims 27.4 percent of Michigan bridges are structurally deficient and/or functionally obsolete.

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STRATEGIES FOR EASING THE STRESS OF CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

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Convenience of online shopping also has its dark side

■ Affects housing values, schools, police, streets and much more

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When the weather outside is frightful, it is even a greater temptation to put on your comfy slippers, grab a cup of coffee, and go to your home computer for a warm day of holiday shopping.

SUMMARY

■ There are several pros and cons when it comes to online versus physical, local shopping.

There are pros and cons to online shopping. The internet offers unlimited sources for products of all description. It's also a great way to save money since you don't need to waste gas driving around looking for those special gifts and bargains.

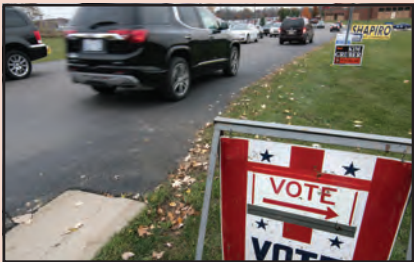
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Area brick-and-mortar retailers are expecting a banner holiday shopping season due to the favorable economic conditions. Mike Bailey (left) shops for a microwave at the Fenton Sears Hometown Store Thursday afternoon. He is assisted by sales associates Jessica Hebda and Joshua Baker.

Area has higher voter turnout than state and country



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Voter turnout for the 2016 General Election was higher than the voter turnout for the 2012 General Election.

■ Fenton Township tops with 72-percent voter turnout

By Hannah Ball

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Approximately 55.6 percent of eligible voters, or more than 128 million, in the United States voted in the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 8, according to electproject.org.

Here's how national numbers compare to local numbers.

In Michigan, approximately 62.6 percent of eligible voters cast their ballots, and Genesee County saw a voter turnout of 58.06 percent.

SUMMARY

■ Voter turnout in the tri-county area ranged between 61 and 72 percent.

In Genesee County, 52 percent voted for Democratic Presidential Nominee Hillary Clinton and 42 percent

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Election cause of many fractured friendships

■ Mending fences after a volatile political season

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Now that the election is over, many people are breathing a sigh of relief — not necessarily because their candidate won or lost, but because it's finally over.

According to Psychology Today, this election

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“Is Andrew Heller one of the celebrities who promised to leave the country if Donald Trump won? If not, maybe he will reconsider and leave with Whoopi.”



“Obama's speech today was magnanimous, talking about everyone coming together and working together. Where was this rhetoric over this last eight years?”



“In the obituaries this week, in the names you should find the names of three political families: the Clintons, the Bushes and the Obamas.”



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OF THE WEEK

“I would like to compliment my friends who were Hillary voters who didn't freak out when Trump was elected president. Let's all try to work together to help him make America great again. Thank you.”



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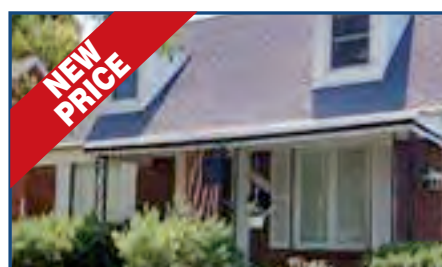
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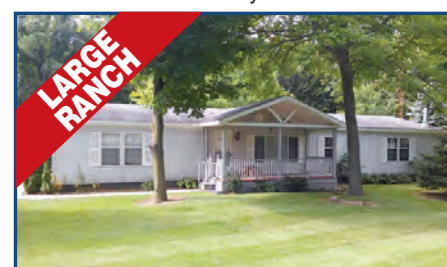
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Hunting is \$271 million boon to Michigan

■ More than 500,000 hunters hit the woods every year

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If deer hunting ceased in Michigan, the economy would likely take a big hit.

Hunting supports thousands of jobs, both rural and urban, across the state.

Approximately \$2.3 billion is spent annually on hunting. According to huntingworksformi.com, 529,000 people hunt in Michigan each year.

Hunters spend \$271 million on trip-related expenditures. Each hunter spends an average of \$4,400 a year in Michigan.

Hunter spending translates to \$1.2 billion in salaries and wages, and hunting in Michigan supports 34,400 Michigan jobs.

Hunters pay \$289 million in state and local taxes. Keeping those stats in mind, Michigan's deer hunters are not the only ones chasing elusive bucks during the state's most popular hunting season, which opens Tuesday, Nov. 15 and runs through Wednesday, Nov. 30.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), outdoor retailers and other businesses that cater to hunters are counting on them to spend a lot of money this month.

According to the DNR, about 90 percent of Michigan's hunters hunt deer, and firearms season is the biggest.

Those preparing to test their skills in



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Sarah Thompson of Fenton Township hunts several days of the week and is part of the vibrant hunting industry in Michigan.

the woods aren't the only ones helping the economy during deer season.

Some communities, including the city of Fenton, village of Holly and city of Linden, host "Ladies Night Out" events just before the start of deer hunting season.

Local retailers cater to the ladies, also known as "deer widows" during this time with special bargains and discounts.

Seven must-have apps for the tech-savvy hunter

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According to Pure Michigan, the tourism arm of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., Michigan's hunting heritage plays a vital role in the state's economy. The firearms deer season is very important to the small northern towns that hunters cross through to their deer camps.

They stop in the towns, buy gas, eat at local restaurants and shop for last-minute hunting needs.

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What would happen if we didn't hunt deer?

If there were no deer hunting, their populations would grow and cause significant impact to people.

There would also be quite a few more car-deer collisions. Last year, there were 47,000 such crashes in Michigan, with 11 deaths. There are approximately 1.75 million deer in Michigan.

Another potential problem with leaving the deer population alone is that there would likely be overgrazing. As more deer fight over the same food, farmland, gardens and forests would all see serious damage.

Many deer would still die of starvation and disease. That could make us sick as well. Deer are major carriers of the tick that causes Lyme disease.

Then there's the economic impact. About \$2.3 billion is spent on hunting and related spending in Michigan.

For more information, visit michigan.gov/dnr.

Is tipping out of control?

■ While common at restaurants and hotels, tipping jars now appearing at cash registers everywhere

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Tipping servers at restaurants is commonplace because they're paid less than the minimum wage with the expectation customers will tip them.

However, tip jars and societal expectations have encouraged consumers to start tipping employees who don't rely on tips. Has this gone too far?

Consumers are also expected to tip bell-boys and valets, hairdressers, taxi drivers, car washers and other people completing jobs.

Tip jars can be found on the counters at fast-food restaurants and other establishments.

"People who argue against tipping say the employee is just doing what they were hired to do; that they know what they signed on to do when they applied for the position. Others say they are confused about whom to tip and end up tipping everyone out of fear of looking cheap — which seems to have exacerbated the problem," writes govdocs.com.

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Ya, hey dere!

Real news item: "As Trump surged ahead in Tuesday night's election, Canada's immigration website crashed after becoming overloaded by Americans looking for a new country to call home."

"... 54,374, 54,375. Hey, Bob," said one immigration official to another.

"Ya, Doug?"

"We've been checking in Americans now for nine straight hours, eh? When do we get a lunch break?"

"Beats me. All I know is da boss said dere would be no breaks 'til the line gets shorter."



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

"But it's miles long ... 54,666, 54,667 ..."

"Ya, I know. But give 'em a break, they're political refugees. They'd do the same for us."

"Ya, I know ... 55,001, 55,002 ... but where are we

gonna put 'em all?"

"How about Nunavut up dere by the Arctic Circle?"

"Oh, ya, dere's a good idea. Stick 'em in da northernmost permanently inhabited place in da world. Da polar bears would get 'em in a second."

"Well, Saskatoon is nice this time of year."

"Don't be ridiculous — dey would freeze their tuckuses off up dere, too."

"Ya, I suppose. Americans are kinda weather wusses."

"Ya, did you hear that one from Miami who asked — hold on, 57,777, 57,778, 57,779 — who asked when summer starts up here?"

"Ya, I loved her face when you told her it starts July 20th and ends July 21st."

"Ya, I thought she was gonna cry, hey?"

The conversation paused as the line grew longer and longer.

"68,111, 68,112, 68,113 ... jeez, Bob, this line is ridiculous," said Doug. "We can't just let 'em all in, right?"

"Dat's not up to me," Bob replied. "But I'll tell ya dis, I'm worried about

what all dese Americans'll do to our fine Canadian culture, don'tcha know."

"Ya, me, too."

"Like what if they don't like eu-chre?"

"Oh, go on, who doesn't like eu-chre?"

"Or what if dey start complaining about all da plaid?"

"But I love plaid. Da stripes keep in da heat. Little known fact."

"But what if they don't love it? And what about all dere celebrities? I saw a bunch in just da last half hour — Alec Baldwin, Sheryl Crow, Rosie O'Donnell and the entire cast of 'The View.'"

"'The View?' This is more serious than I thought. Holy wuh, here's a thought: What if dey keep doing da show from here and call it 'Da View from Canada' or somethin' like dat?"

"The horror!"

"... 69,999, 70,000, 70,001. But you know what scares me da most?"

"What's dat?"

"Dat dere's so many of 'em, they'll come in here and bring their own sports and refreshments with 'em and drown out ours, y'know?"

"You mean, like, instead of beer and hockey we'd have to start liking football and wine?"

The two men looked at each other and in unison said, "We gotta build a wall."

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TO THE WOMEN with the 'nosy' comment. On behalf of our community I would like to apologize for such stupidity. I have also had cops called on me for dancing and singing with my kids in the car. To the people calling our police over assumptions, please mind your own business and get a hobby. By the way, where are your kids? What are they doing?

CONGRATULATIONS TO DREW Shapiro on his county commissioner seat win. It was a clean race and Mr. Shapiro was a capable candidate. Great job.

JUST BECAUSE IT'S 'legal' to use the U.S. 23 entrance and exits for Silver Lake and Torrey roads, it is safer and courteous to use that little stick called a turn signal.

TIME CHANGE OF last week was not covered by Tri-County Times. Can I ask why and when it stopped? I forgot to roll mine back so I need to blame somebody. TCT should have warned its readers. [Editor's note: It was printed on the front page of the Sunday, Nov. 6 edition]

GM EMERGED FROM bankruptcy losing 22,000 domestic jobs, closed 1,000 dealerships costing another 50,000 to 70,000 jobs, and closed 13 U.S. plants. Even an idiot like Michael Moore could see this coming.

I SUPPORT BEING physically active like all of the runners do in the Linden 5K run. However, is it necessary to blare a car radio at 8:15 on a Saturday morning in a subdivision to cheer on the runners? Some of us enjoy sleeping in on the weekend.

I CAME AROUND the corner on Sinclair Street the other day and witnessed a neighbor mowing giant piles of leaves onto the street. I thought surely he is not going to leave that mess there. I was wrong. Now it is all smashed down and slippery to drive on. Nice!

THE LEGACY OF Obama corruption will soon be over. Thank God. His last political misdeed will probably be to pardon Hillary Clinton. Fitting finish after eight years of lies and deception to the American people.

TO THE PEOPLE OF Holly, please rake your leaves off the sidewalks. As the village won't fix them, I am depending on all of you to make it safe for me to walk in town. I have fallen at least 20 times this year I can't afford any more but love to walk.

BESIDES ALL OF Hillary's faults, she also appears to be a sore loser. She couldn't come out to tell her constituents that she lost at her campaign headquarters.

CONGRATS TO THOMAS, Isaac, Tommy, Eric, Kyle, Sam, Remi, Coach SOB and Coach Smith. Blue Devil Nation is proud of your success at the Cross Country State Finals.

IF A PERSON submits an absentee ballot and then dies before the election date, is that vote valid?

SO THIS IS how it must have felt in 1933 Germany.

WITH THE ELECTION finally over, there's only one thing to say — Make America Great Again.

HEARD HILLARY HAD 7 million dollars worth of fireworks set up over the Hudson River in New York to showcase and announce her election as president. Only thing she forgot to do was win so she could launch them. The Clinton's learned another late lesson in life, you cannot presume your way back into the White House.

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"It begins the day after Thanksgiving."

Carissa Shulz
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"A week to 10 days before."

Jeffery Nest
Fenton



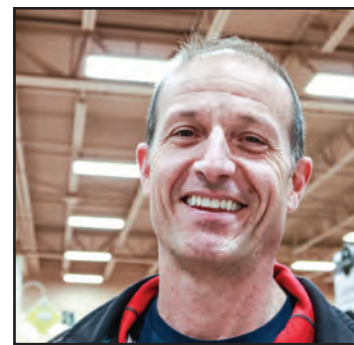
"The day after Thanksgiving. People start way too early."

Barbara Wagner
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"The spirit of it after Halloween, start thinking about Thanksgiving and what follows."

Patty Shaffer
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"Certainly not until after Thanksgiving."

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From the school board to the county board

Fenton's Drew Shapiro wins county commissioner race

By Vera Hogan

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Fenton Board of Education President Drew Shapiro, 28, will be leaving his school position at the end of the year, and starting his new endeavor as Genesee County commissioner for District 6 on Jan. 1, 2017.

Shapiro, a Republican, defeated Pete Ponzetti in the Tuesday, Nov. 8 election by a vote of 14,073 to 8,553. One of the first things Shapiro said he would like to work on as a new county commissioner is improve transparency and communication.

Currently, Genesee County Board of Commissioner meetings are held on Monday mornings — when most people are at work.

"So, there are two ways to find out what happens at those meetings," said Shapiro. "Either attend, or drive to downtown Flint, pay to park, enter the clerk's office and wait in line for a copy of the minutes."

"There is no way it should be this difficult for people to find out what their elected officials are doing," he added.

The fix is very simple, Shapiro added. "Post the minutes online." Right now, only the agendas are posted online.

"I definitely want to get the public more involved," he said.

Between now and his first day in office,



Drew Shapiro

"There is no way it should be this difficult for people to find out what their elected officials are doing."

Drew Shapiro
Newly elected Genesee County commissioner, District 6

Shapiro has a few things he needs to do, one of which is attend new commissioner training on Nov. 29.

A Central Michigan University graduate, Shapiro studied political science and entrepreneurship. He has been in contact with a former professor who recommended reading material that will help prepare him for the job.

"I want to be able to hit the ground running, and do the job for constituents that they deserve," said Shapiro.

Self-employed since he was 18 years old, Shapiro said he plans to continue to run his business as a financial planner.

The term of Genesee County Commissioner is two years. Shapiro said he would like to see that changed to four-year terms,

and term-limited after three terms. Two years, he said, is not much time to get things accomplished because you have to turn right around and start running for office again.

Once he takes office, Shapiro said he plans to attend Argentine and Fenton Township board meetings, and Fenton and Linden City Council meetings on a quarterly basis.

He then plans to give regular updates to his constituents via his website, drew4mi.com, and via Facebook at Drew Shapiro for County Commission.

"My priority is to be accessible to the residents — not just an elected official," he said. "There's so much I want to do and accomplish."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

AN OLD MAN'S senility prayer — God grant me the senility to forget the Republicans I never liked anyway, a good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

I'M LOOKING FOR volunteers to work down at the Ambassador Bridge to hold a lane open for all the Hollywood elitists who will move to Canada now that Trump is president.

GOODBYE, ANDREW HELLER. Don't go away mad, just go away.

WELCOME TO CANADA. Now can you

repeat after me? Say 'ay.'

IT'S AMAZING. THE suffering middle class has just voted to make the deep pockets of the one-percent even deeper.

SOMEBODY SHOULD TELL Hillary she lost the election. I think her troubles may just be beginning. She still hasn't been prosecuted.

I HOPE YOU feel proud of yourself for stealing from my barn sale Oct. 22. I did have a security camera up and someone also saw you.

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Cusson elected as Linden mayor

■ Over 70 percent of voters turn out for election

By Hannah Ball

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In the race for the city of Linden mayor, Councilor/Mayor Pro Tem Danielle Cusson came out on top in the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Cusson received 1,132 of the votes while challenger Warren "Jack" Furry, owner of the Linden Hotel, received 773 votes.

"I am very happy the people of Linden have put their trust in me to be the next mayor of Linden," she said.

The mayor seat is a two-year term. The seat was up for grabs after current Linden Mayor David Lossing announced he wasn't going to run for another term after serving as mayor for 12 years.

Cusson will be sworn in at the council meeting on Monday, Nov. 14, after serving on the council for almost 10 years.

"One of my first priorities is opening up

communication with the residents," Cusson said. "During my campaign, my family and I went to each residence in Linden so I could hear what the people want. I want to continue to have open communication with people and encourage them to get involved."

Cusson plans to set up dates when residents can talk to her.

"I also want to make sure that people know what is going on in the city. The city has been working on the road studies to plan improvement schedules as well as renovations to the mill building," she said. "I will discuss with our staff ways we can keep the residents better informed."

Cusson said she's been working on the

Linden Holiday Happening and Frosty Parade, which is on Dec. 2, two events she's helped plan for years.

"I am looking forward to showing people what a great city we live in and what we accomplish when we work together," she said.



Danielle Cusson

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Danielle Cusson

City of Linden councilor/mayor pro tem

Holly Dickens Festival director defeats Dale Smith, the five-term incumbent

■ Holly Township elects new supervisor

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The voters have spoken and Holly Township has a new supervisor.

In the Nov. 8 General Election, Republican challenger George Kullis defeated Democratic incumbent Dale Smith 2,785 to 2,535 votes in the Holly Township supervisor race.

Kullis, 60, is the director of the Holly Dickens Festival.

"I was very humbled to see that happen," he said. "To be able to beat a five-term incumbent is not something you expect to happen. My phone started ringing at 5:30 this morning with people congratulating me."

Kullis said he's going to sit down with people and have meetings to determine where certain issues stand. There are several issues he plans to address.

"My biggest concern is transparency. That's going to be the first thing in hand," he said.

Kullis said he is interested in working with the village of Holly, since village residents live within the township.

"Cooperation between those two groups is key," he said.

He will start his term Nov. 20.

Smith, 62, was Holly Township Supervisor from 1992 to 2008 and then from 2012 to present. After 20 years of experience, Smith said, "I gave it a good run but the electorate wanted change. Congratulations and good luck to Mr. Kullis."



George Kullis

"To be able to beat a five-term incumbent is not something you expect to happen."

George Kullis

Recently elected Holly Township supervisor

Newcomer upsets Argentine supervisor race by 354 votes

■ Board goes from two party to all Republican

By Hannah Ball

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Argentine Township experienced an upset in the general election Tuesday, Nov. 8. Township residents elected a new supervisor and trustee, making the board of trustees entirely Republican.

Brian Saad, 43, is the new Argentine Township supervisor, winning with 1,931 votes. He pushed out longtime board member Bob Cole, 59, the Democratic incumbent, who received 1,577 votes. These numbers are unofficial at this time.

"I'm humbled by the win," Saad said. "It's a learning curve. I was given a bunch of information from the Michi-

gan Township Association today and I'm looking forward to learning about this crazy political system we've got. I'm trying to figure out what I can do to make our lo-

cal government work more efficiently."

He said he had many goals. Two of his main priorities are figuring out road funding and making sure the Linden, Argentine, Fenton and Lake Fenton non-motorized pathway gets built.

Saad also hopes to create more transparency within the township by building a better webpage for the township and making information more available for residents.

"In this day and age, there's no reason why the information people need can't be right online," he said. "I am younger but I have ideas."

As a trustee, Democratic Incumbent Teresa Cielsieski lost to Republican challenger Scott Conner.

This makes the Argentine Township Board of Trustees entirely Republican.

Clerk Denise Graves said the township heavily swayed Republican in this election, and even Democrats were crossing party lines.

The township experienced a 71.08-percent voter turnout.



Brian Saad

"I'm humbled by the win. It's a learning curve."

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Newly elected Argentine Township supervisor

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Just sayin'...

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Who wants to be a millionaire?

Like many people, I sometimes dream of what it would be like to be a millionaire. Not to have to worry about money, just pay the bills when they come due (or hire an accountant to do it). Buy whatever I want, whenever I want. Be able to help family and friends, and maybe even strangers, when they need something.

I am a very firm believer that every single thing in life happens for a reason. We may never know what that reason is, but there is a reason. So, if I was meant to be a millionaire, I will be. If not, it wasn't meant to be.

There's one thing about being a millionaire that I don't think would be all that great and would actually make me very sad, and that is never really knowing if people genuinely like me because of who I am, or only because I have a lot of money.

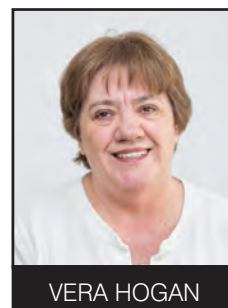
The first time I saw Michael LaJoyce was at the October 2015 press conference at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. We call it the "WOW" conference because this was where his big plans for the multi-million dollar Riverview project were revealed.

The VanGilder Room was packed with television and radio personalities, newspaper reporters, and a host of elected officials and other "dignitaries."

Along one side of the room were display boards covered so no one could see what was about to be revealed.

When I arrived, I sat in the seat that was second from the end in the front row. A young woman immediately came up to me and said, "Excuse me, that seat is reserved for Mrs. LaJoyce."

My first sour moment. Here I am, just a little on the north side of 60, my back was killing me and this particular seat was reserved for Mrs. Ashleigh LaJoyce, who is all of what, 27 or 28 years old? But I moved to another seat.



VERA HOGAN

When Michael LaJoyce was introduced, I was struck by two things I thought were very odd. One, he looked nervous and fidgety, and second, he was wearing a sport coat that did not fit. It was a little too big and looked like someone handed him any old jacket for the sole reason that he was supposed to be wearing one.

In my mind, millionaires are not nervous and fidgety and they don't wear ill-fitting clothes. They are self-confident and wear expensive, tailored clothing — at least in my thoughts about dressing like a millionaire.

And I never did see Ashleigh LaJoyce, she never did sit in the chair that wasn't for me.

Anyway, after Michael LaJoyce revealed the artist renderings of his project, and all the 'oohs and aahs' and gushing by those present over how wonderful he is, died down, Mr. LaJoyce took questions. When it was my turn I asked him 'How much is this project going to cost?' I was hoping his answer would reveal where he was getting the money as well.

But, he just stared at me for a couple of seconds and then mumbled something about all the figures not being in yet, before recognizing the next person with a question.

I am seriously nosy and could not stop wondering where he was getting all this money. In January, we got our answer when he turned himself in for embezzling \$20 million from his employer.

Anyway, now, instead of being treated like a king, revered for his generosity and being a millionaire with grandiose plans for the city of Fenton, Mr. LaJoyce, who has pleaded guilty, is sitting in a jail cell awaiting his sentencing. Many people are now disgusted at the mere mention of his name.

And Mrs. LaJoyce, she is sitting in the back of courtrooms on hard, wooden benches.

Do I want to be a millionaire? I would be lying if I said no, but not if it means people liking me and respecting me only because I have money — and definitely not if I have to steal it from hardworking citizens and making the people who genuinely liked and respected me look like fools.

The best advice I ever got was, 'If you want to feel rich, count the things you have that money can't buy.'

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LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Nov. 4.

The Legislature did not meet this week, so this Roll Call Report continues its review of key votes from the 2015-2016 session.

Senate Bill 434: Authorize highway drug testing pilot program

To authorize a one year pilot program in five counties for roadside drug testing, to determine whether drivers are operating vehicles while under the influence of a controlled substance (marijuana in particular) by means of "oral fluid analysis" (saliva test). After the first year, the State Police could continue the pilot programs in other counties.

Passed 28 to 10 in the Senate on Jan. 20

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

Passed 70 to 37 in the House on June 9

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ NO
Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES

Senate Bill 501: Require alien drivers have visa or passport while driving

To require resident aliens who drive a vehicle in Michigan to have both a

valid driver's license issued by their native land and a passport or valid visa. Current law only requires a valid driver's license. (A legal alien can also get a Michigan drivers license.)

Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate on Feb. 4

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

Passed 90 to 18 in the House on May 12

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

Senate Bill 302: Ban nude entertainment in bars

To ban fully nude performers at topless bars, or bars showing videos that depict this. This relates to a 2007 federal appeals court ruling that struck down Michigan's previous law banning fully nude performers in bars, holding it was a violation of the First Amendment. The House has not voted on this bill.

Passed 27 to 10 in the Senate on Feb. 10

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

House Bill 5219: Permit local tax hike electioneering

To allow local government and school district communications to reference property tax hike measures they place on the ballot in taxpayer-funded communications during the 60 days before the election. This repeals a ban on these communications within 60 days of an election. The Senate has not voted on this bill.

Passed 60 to 46 in the House on Feb. 23

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

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FRIENDSHIPS

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season has not only been tough for our country, but also has wreaked havoc on many of our personal relationships.

People who are closest to each other have fought bitterly over the two most unpopular presidential candidates in United States history.

Friends and acquaintances have argued for months on Facebook regarding positions the candidates have taken regarding crime and foreign policy, and both sides have contemplated hitting the "unfriend" button.

How can we ever enjoy their company or even speak to them again if we truly believe they have assumed harmful, hateful views, supporting someone we believe to be untrustworthy and unfit to be the leader of the free world.

The first thing all of us need to do is take a few deep breaths and begin the process of alleviating the stress, anxiety and negative thoughts and feelings that have overcome us this presidential election year.

Americans need to come to the realization that how we vote does not represent everything we are as people.

Remember, siblings fighting on Facebook over immigration policies or gun control have stood by each other through divorces, illnesses and the passing of their parents.

Best friends who are now hardly speaking have previously taken each other's

kids to after-school programs, attended together to feed the homeless and even helped clean up parks on weekends.

All of these wonderful qualities in each of these people make up the fabric of this country, and these qualities are arguably as important as their vote in this presidential election.

It's true, who we vote for says a lot about who we are, but it does not define everything in our hearts, according to Psychology Today.

People are complicated and why they vote a certain way or see the world the way they do is based on a lifetime of successes, failures, hopes, and fears, and dreams for what they see as a better tomorrow.

Look for the good in each person in your life and try to repair these relationships and our communities. Lead by example by getting involved with the issues brought up during this campaign season that matter to you.

Most of all, choose kindness to everyone, even those who do not agree with how you see the world, while continuing to stay truthful to who you are and what you believe.

The most amazing thing about this country is the ability for all of us each day to find common ground and begin again.

Maybe the divide will seem a little smaller when we all focus on how important we are to each other and how important community, family and friendship is in all of our lives.

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“Who we vote for says a lot about who we are, but it does not define everything in our hearts.”

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TIPPING

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The restaurant business accounts for 63 percent of all tipped jobs in the U.S., according to govdocs.com. Bartenders are the highest tipped workers.

According to Time, the median tip in the restaurant business is 19.5 percent.

Malinda Querio, who's been a waitress for 11 years, said, "Eighteen percent to 20 percent lets a good server know her hard work was appreciated."

When someone's job relies on tips, like in the restaurant business, they're eligible to receive a tip credit. This requires their employers to pay them the difference if their tips are insufficient to make the federal minimum wage.

There's controversy on what's considered a "tippable" event. Many consider a waitress who gets your order correct, brings drinks on time, asks if you want a refill, and promptly fixes any problems a tip-worthy waitress.

SUMMARY

■ While the tip you leave at a restaurant helps the server make a livable wage, many professions that receive tips do not need them to make a livable wage.

However, not all consumers believe they should help pay wages of employees who are paid at least the minimum wage.

A solution to the increasing expectations of tippers is to simply pay the expected amount for the service and ignore the tip jar.

"But a common theme seems to be emerging... customers tip people who work hard and go above and beyond. If they don't go above and beyond, neither should you," according to govdocs.com.

Tipping originated in the taverns of 17th century England. Patrons would slip their money "to insure promptitude," or T.I.P.

Wealthy Americans who witnessed the act brought it to America in the late 1800s. There was much debate over how the concept of tipping went against American ideals by making the service class dependent on the higher class.

The current debate dealing with tipping has to do with the rising minimum wage.

With the minimum wage increasing nationwide, hourly workers are saying they'll stop tipping at restaurants if their servers make more than they do.

“Others say they are confused about whom to tip and end up tipping everyone out of fear of looking cheap – which seems to have exacerbated the problem.”

Govdocs.com

Seven must-have apps for the tech-savvy hunter

In addition to "bagging" the big one, hunters also love just being able to get away from the pressures of everyday life and work for a few days in the woods, communing with nature.

Feeling out of touch with everyone and everything around them can be a bit unnerving for some hunters. To help solve this, hunters can bring their smartphone so they can connect whenever they want. By using their smartphone in areas with no wifi to connect to, however, hunters will want to remember the phone charger so they can plug it in when they get back to their hunting cabin or camp.

Here they are, the seven best hunting apps for the tech-savvy outdoorsman:

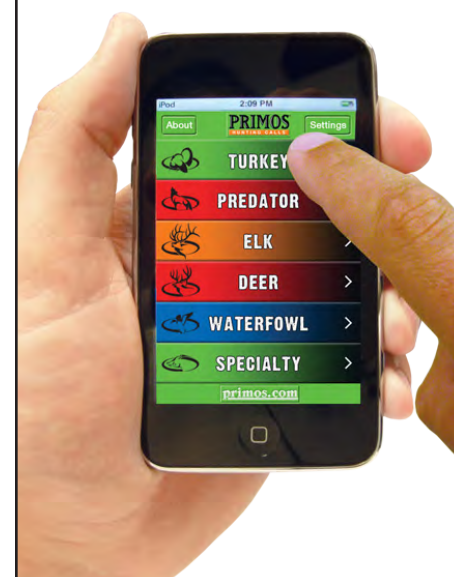
1. iSonular Hunting & Fishing Times

This app gives hunters and anglers up-to-date details regarding the best time of day for hunting and fishing anywhere in the world. Using astronomical data from the U.S. Naval observatory, users get access to location specific information on feeding/activity periods, sunrises and sunsets.

2. Primos Hunting Calls

Rated best-selling hunting app of all time, Primos Hunting Calls allows you to "speak the language" of nature to attract prey. With over 20 interactive calls you can select from a variety of categories including turkey, deer, waterfowl and 'specialty' sounds to excel your skills for bringing in prey.

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By Sally Rummel
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Hannah Ball, 23, is a journalist by day and Supergirl by night. A graduate of Western Michigan University and former arts and entertainment editor of the Western Herald, Ball now spends her days as a reporter for the Times. But her evenings and weekends are spent in an entirely different role, building her own cosplay costumes for area comic conventions.

How did you get interested in building and dressing up in your own costumes? Did you like to play ‘dress up’ when you were little?

I saw a lot of people create amazing costumes on Instagram and after going to a few comic conventions, I decided that I wanted to join the community. I probably played dress-up a little when I was little, but I certainly idolized particular characters from shows and movies I watched. My main motivation for cosplaying is wanting to essentially bring to life those characters I hold dear to my heart. Also, I made swords and they’re very fun to play with.

What is your favorite cosplay character? And what exactly is cosplay?

My favorite character to cosplay is usually the one I’m currently working on. Right now, I’m making a cross between Harley Quinn from ‘Suicide Squad’



“I taught myself, and watched a lot of YouTube videos about working with EVA foam, heat guns, worbla, certain types of paint, etc.”

Hannah Ball
Cosplay costume builder

and Negan from ‘The Walking Dead.’ Cosplay is a term describing when someone dresses up like a character. People often compare it to Halloween, but it’s very different.

Who have you cosplayed as so far and who do you have planned?

My first cosplay was Daenerys Targaryen from ‘Game of Thrones’ in October 2015, then I did Supergirl, Batgirl, Starfire, Erza, a different version of Supergirl, and now I’m doing Harley/Negan. I like DC if you couldn’t tell. I’m going to do Tinker Bell from Peter Pan, Raven from Teen Titans, and I really want to make Wonder Woman. I have pictures on my Facebook.

What’s the most difficult costume you’ve ever built, and what was the biggest challenge in creating it?

Erza Scarlet’s Heaven’s Wheel Armor from an anime called ‘Fairy Tail’ has easily been the most challenging costume. I started it July 5 and finished Oct. 20, after working on it an hour and a half a day. It was my first armor build, and a lot of friends told me I should do something easier. Have you ever

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Times reporter
Hannah Ball spent approximately 140 hours on her anime character Erza cosplay costume. She was photographed near Clover Beach in Fenton Township.

encountered a challenge that you just can’t back away from? I taught myself and watched a lot of YouTube videos about working with EVA foam, heat guns, worbla, certain types of paint, etc.

You won third place for your Ezra costume at the Grand Rapids Comic-

Con. What was that experience like?

I won third in the women’s category. That was so much fun. With the costume on, I have a wingspan of about 9 feet. The wings weighed about 20 to 25 pounds, and I’m only 5-feet, 2-inches so having it on my back for three hours was difficult. The walkways in the competition hall were small, so I had to walk sideways. I definitely wacked a few people with the wings. (I only felt a little bad.) I had to walk sideways up the stairs to get on stage, and my waist armor almost fell off. That was difficult, but everyone loved the costume.

How long does it take for you to get into your costume, get made up, etc.?

It depends on the character. For my Harley/Negan, that will take 45 minutes, tops. Erza took about 30 minutes of makeup and then 45 minutes of actually putting the costume on. The wings take a while to put together because of how I built them. There are 34 pieces divided into four sections. I secure those sections onto a piece of wood with nails and wing nuts, and then I put straps on that. It takes a good 20 minutes to put them together.

If you could, in real life, be any character from a book, movie or TV show, what would it be and why?

Oh man, I have no idea. Batman would be awesome, but he has a lot of angst I just wouldn’t want to deal with. Daenerys Targaryen from ‘Game of Thrones’ would be amazing, but she’s about to go off the deep end this next season. But then again, she has dragons so there are pros and cons. I think I would either pick Mulan, Wonder Woman, or Leslie Knope from ‘Parks and Recreation.’

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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I DON’T CARE if you call it a fetus or a baby, once it’s conceived, it’s considered a human life. And taking human life by abortion is the same thing as murder in my opinion. Amen.

■■■■
TO THE PERSON who says this present government is bringing us out of a severe recession, did you consider the long-time effects of doubling the national debt?

■■■■
THE PEOPLE HAVE spoken. I have renewed faith in America and the direction we are headed.

■■■■
ARE YOU SURE it was Christ telling you the Catholic Church should change with the times and allow the killing of innocent children He created? I don’t think so.

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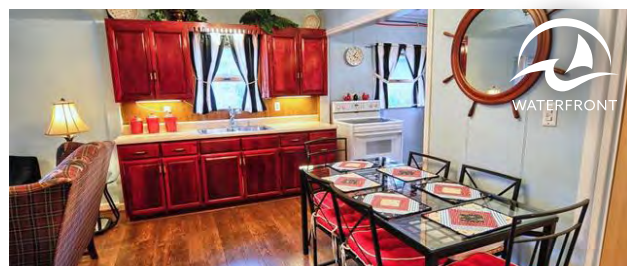
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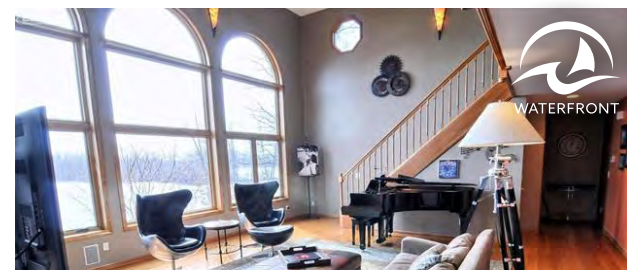
16289 WHITEHEAD DR, LINDEN

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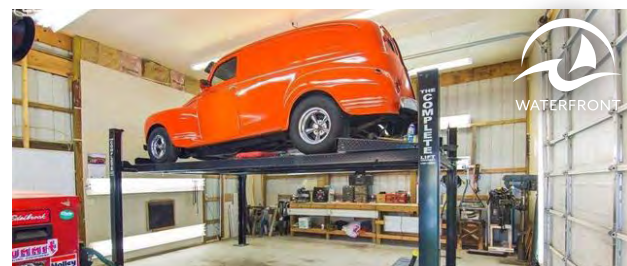
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LOBDELL LAKE \$699,999
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THE CROSSINGS OF SILVER RIDGE \$199,999
1916 SF, 3 BDR and 2.5 BA. Great kitchen with tile floors, stainless steel appliances, island, breakfast nook, lots of cabinet and counter space. Large bedrooms with Jack and Jill bathroom. Large deck, great landscaping and great location!



16070 ASPEN HOLLOW DR, FENTON

THE CROSSINGS OF SILVER RIDGE \$154,999
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9850 BURNING TREE DR, GRAND BLANC

WARWICK HILLS \$1,299,999
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11320 WIND SONG CT, FENTON

THE HILLS OF TYRONE SUB \$399,999
2680 SF, 4 BDR and 3.5 BA. Great room features fireplace, lots of natural light and soaring ceilings. Beautiful kitchen with granite counter tops, wood floors, pantry and breakfast nook. 3 car attached garage, close to shopping and expressways.



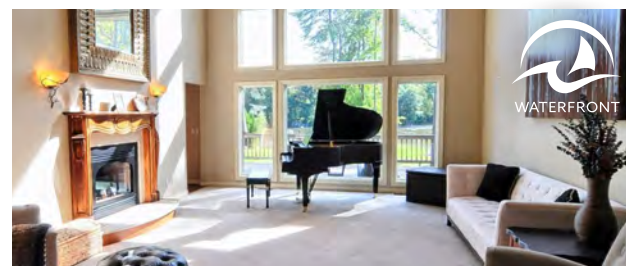
16215 GRAND VIEW RD, FENTON

SILVER LAKE \$1,050,000
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16225 SILVERSHORE DR, FENTON

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4130 WATERLAND DR, METAMORA

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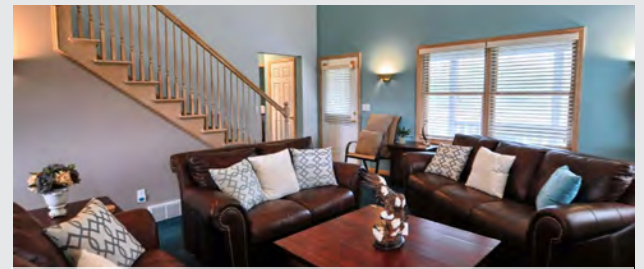
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16207 HILLTOP DR, LINDEN

ACREAGE \$214,999
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Who are our top rated presidents?

By Vera Hogan

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Determining who the best and worst presidents in United States history are could be a matter of opinion.

Here are those chosen by insidegov.com, and include the names of presidents that consistently appear in the top five as best presidents:

No. 5 is John F. Kennedy (D), the 35th president, serving from 1961 until his assassination on Nov. 22, 1963.

Another opinion poll favorite, JFK suffered slightly from Gerald Ford syndrome. He wasn't in office long enough to achieve his full potential. Even so, JFK sports the highest average approval rating of any modern president.

No. 4 is Ronald Reagan (R), the 40th president, serving from 1981 to 1989.

Originally an actor, dubbed "The Gipper," Reagan has strong marks almost across the board, from approval rating to the deficit to unemployment. His only spot of weakness is the federal debt, where he ranks among the bottom three for modern presidents (only better than Obama and FDR).

No. 3 is Dwight D. Eisenhower (R), fondly referred to as "Ike." He was the 34th president and served from 1953 to 1961.

Eisenhower boasted solid economic numbers throughout his presidency, but his most impressive feat may have been maintaining such a high approval rating over



eight full years. Throughout 96 months, he only dipped below 50 percent once.

No. 2 is Franklin D. Roosevelt (D), the 32nd president. He is the only president who served four terms in office, from 1933 to 1945.

Considered by many to be an all-time president, FDR earns the second spot, with historically large improvements in unemployment following the Great Depression, and consistently high approval ratings over four terms. FDR suffers a bit in the rankings due to a gigantic increase in federal debt. FDR naturally pushed the country into debt in order to finance World War II.

No. 1 and the best president is Lyndon B. Johnson (D), the 36th president, serving from 1963, immediately following Kennedy's assassination, to 1969

LBJ tends to get some respect in public opinion polls, but we're higher on him than most, according to insidegov.com.

It's tough to follow FDR on just about anything, but LBJ's numbers speak volumes — he won over the American people early, boasting high approval ratings and the largest average margin of victory on our list. He reduced unemployment by over two full percentage points, kept the national debt under control, and helped the country move on from a global conflict.

"By our numbers, he's the best president of the modern era," according to insidegov.com.

Literally millions of sites on this topic can be found online. However, many of the top sites share the above top five, which were ranked by accomplishments and approval ratings.



VOTES

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House Bill 5070: "Push back" against Obama NLRB franchise unionization rule

To establish that under state occupational safety and health regulations, the actual owner of a business franchise rather than the franchisor is considered the sole employer of the local company's workers. This is part of a package of bills responding to a 2015 action by National Labor Relations Board appointees to make it easier to unionize fast-food franchises by declaring the franchisor is the employer.

Passed 59 to 47 in the House on Dec. 16, 2015

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

Passed 26 to 11 in the Senate on Feb. 11

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

House Bill 4578: Authorize school recreation taxes

To add school districts to a law that lets several local governments organize a recreational authority with the power

to levy up to 1-mill of property tax for swimming pools, recreation centers, public auditoriums, public conference centers and parks. The law is silent on whether the recreational facilities could be school facilities if the bill becomes law, but does require them to be open to the public.

Passed 108 to 0 in the House on April 19

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

Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate on May 31

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

Senate Bill 564: Criminalize selling aborted fetuses or body parts

To make it a crime to receive a financial benefit or any type of compensation for transferring or selling an embryo, fetus or neonate, including organs, tissues or cells, if this was obtained as the result of an elective abortion. The House has not voted on this bill.

Passed 26 to 10 in the Senate on April 27

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

How technology has changed the college experience

■ Laptops and recording devices are common sight in college lecture halls

By Hannah Ball

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The college experience now is extremely different from the college experience a few decades ago.

One of the most important reasons for those changes is technology.

Colleges have embraced technology since computers were first being developed in the early 1980s, and by 2009, 97 percent of classrooms had one or more computers, according to Purdue University.

Ever since then, technology has become a necessity for learning.

Now, 83 percent of college students own a laptop, and many own and use more than one device.

“It’s where the world is headed and we all need to adapt to keep up with everything.”

Jack Sergent

Fenton native, Art Institute in Novi student

One local college student, Jack Sergent, 23, who majors in media arts and animation at the Art Institute in Novi, takes a mix of online and in-class courses.

He said, “I use (technology) constantly from logging in to take classes online to using Photoshop, After Effects and 3D software as well.”

Sergent uses many devices for schoolwork, including his smartphone, his DSLR camera for video recording and photography, his custom-built personal computer for editing, rendering and modeling using different software, and the tablets at school for the same reasons.

He also watches YouTube videos and online tutorials when he doesn’t understand something.

“In college it’s a lot more hands on now and more detailed,” he said. “College has presented a lot more opportunity with some of the more up-to-date software and tech that we do use today for real-world use in the industry.”

Nowadays with technology, students register for all of their classes online. The days are gone of waiting in long lines with computer cards in hand hoping to sign up for a specific class.

Classrooms are filled with laptops and students commonly take notes electronically. Some even bring audio recorders so they can listen to the lecture again.

Students turn many assignments in online and many universities use online systems as a communication method for teachers and students.

“Without the technology I have at school I wouldn’t be as ready to go out there and get a job. Technology makes everything so much easier and convenient,” Sergent said.

See **COLLEGE** on 17A

Spotlight on:

CANCUN MEXICAN RESTAURANT & CANTINA



• Authentic Mexican food comes to Fenton from owner’s family recipes

By Sally Rummel

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Guillermo “Memo” Valadez brought authentic Mexican recipes from his hometown of Jalisco, Mexico and began to serve them at Cancun Mexican Restaurant, open last winter at 1204 N. LeRoy St., Fenton, in the old Flame location.

What are your most popular menu items?

Molcajete comes on a lava stone with beef, chicken, shrimp, pork and vegetables. Once someone orders it, they come in again with friends and share it. Also popular are carnitas salads, Mexican Grande Burrito, tacos, our Texas-style Margaritas. We prepare every-



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WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you might have missed in the **Wednesday, Nov. 9** edition of the Midweek Times. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282

YOU ARE NOT GOING TO LIKE THIS WINTER FORECAST

Colder than normal temps and above average snowfall are predicted.



SHOULD I GET A SHINGLES SHOT?

Experts advise you to run, not walk, for a vaccine to prevent getting this painful disease.

ELECTION OF THE DECADE

Area voters flock to local polling places to vote in the most controversial presidential election in U.S. history.

CATCH OF THE WEEK



Jeff Simberg, Jr., 16, a Linden High School student caught this 31-inch Northern Pike on Marl Lake, from the dock, at approximately 6 p.m. on Oct. 31.

TAX

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The annual total for extra vehicle repairs and operating costs due to driving on roads that need fixing is just over \$2.5 billion per year in Michigan, which equates to \$357 per motorist.

But Michigan is not the worst, according to the FHA Connecticut and Illinois tie for first place when it comes to the percentage of roads — 73 percent — that are in poor to mediocre condition.

Wisconsin is next with 71 percent of the nation's worst roads, followed by Colorado, Oklahoma and Rhode Island that feature 70 percent of the country's worst roads. California comes in next at 68 percent, Washington at 67 percent, New Jersey at 66 percent and Oregon at 65 percent.

Conversely, motorists in Connecticut pay \$80 every two years to register a vehicle. Illinois charges \$101 annually for vehicle registrations. Wisconsin vehicle owners pay \$60 per year to register their vehicles. Colorado motorists are charged annually according to the year of the vehicle, weight, taxable value and month of registration.

Oklahoma charges fees based on the number of years the vehicle is registered. The first through fourth year is \$91, while the lowest \$21 fee is for 17 plus years of registration. All vehicles are subject to an extra \$5 in other fees annually.

Rhode Island registration fees are collected every two years based on vehicle weight and an additional charge of \$1.50.

In California, vehicle owners pay \$46 plus additional fees based on the type of vehicle, license plate type and the owner's county of residence and driving record. This takes place annually. Washington state charges yearly, too, with the fees based on vehicle type and weight, where the owner lives, plate type and more.

In New Jersey, annual registration fees range from \$35.50 to \$84, based on age and weight of the vehicle.

Oregon charges \$86 every two years.

Not considering other unknown factors, one could conclude that the states with the worst roads in the nation are not charging the highest fees for vehicle registrations.

Michigan's road funding package calls for \$600 million a year from the state's general fund to fix and maintain Michigan roads and bridges.

The \$1.2-billion won't be fully devoted to transportation until 2021. Many critics said major road fixes are overdue and needed immediately.

Other parts of the plan

The plan signed by Snyder on Nov. 3, 2015 also increases the Homestead Property Tax Credit. More Michigan homeowners and renters will be eligible for credits of up to \$1,500 a year — up from \$1,200 currently.

It also provides for an income tax rollback that would start in 2021 if Michigan's economy is showing sufficient growth.

Fuel taxes will increase by 7.3 cents per gallon, making Michigan drivers pay 26.3 cents per gallon tax, along with the 6-percent sales tax.

The state's current 19 cents per gallon gas tax is below the national average, but motorists often pay more for gas because of the 6 percent sales tax.

Starting next year with the 26.3 cents per gallon tax, Michigan's gas tax will be the 13th highest in the nation, according to the American Petroleum Institute.

Local legislators on fees, tax increase

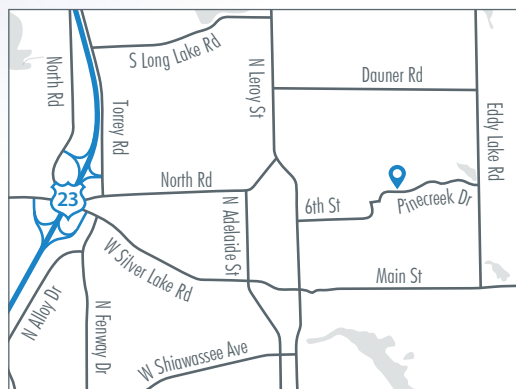
Senator Dave Robertson and State Representative Joe Graves voted in favor of the increases. They said in November 2015, that the package made roads a priority and that it was the most conservative package they were going to get.

Senator Jim Ananich voted against it. He said he didn't believe the package would do anything to fix roads. He said it will create new problems that will need to be fixed later.

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A rite of autumn



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Fenton area resident David Coleman rakes and burns leaves Wednesday afternoon in his yard. Normally he mulches his leaves, but he also enjoys the uniquely autumn smell of burning leaves in the fall.

COLLEGE
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Sergent is a visual learner, so only looking at a textbook for hours can be taxing. He said it’s good that colleges are embracing technology.

“It’s where the world is headed and we all need to adapt to keep up with everything,” he said. “But also we need to learn not to be so dependent of it at the same time. Keeping to our roots and learning how to do things instead of having tech do it for us is also important so that we know how to do the job even without the help of technology.”

Linden Mayor David Lossing pursued his Ph. D. in Higher Education Administration at Indiana State University in a mix-mode program, which means they have online work and meet on campus three times a semester.

“The use of technology in the undergraduate programs has changed,” he said. “When I was an undergraduate student, the computer labs were filled with students every day, and weekends, trying to get their assignments written and turned in.”

Now, most students have their own laptops, smartphones and sometimes a tablet.

“I’m using software from my Ph.D. program that didn’t exist when I was an undergrad,” he said. “Instead of physically visiting the library and doing a research search, I’m able to use the web-based library search, using Google Scholar, or virtually any other service, to find what I need.”

Technology as a distraction

More technology in the classroom doesn’t always create a more conducive learning environment. Students often text or check Facebook during class, and tune out their professor during a lecture they find boring.

A study conducted at the University of Michigan found that 75 percent of students who were surveyed said that using a laptop in class increased the chances they would engage in non-class related activities while class was in session.

Thirty-five percent of students surveyed said they spent more than 10 minutes on social media and email while using their laptop during class.

The study also showed that even if a student doesn’t bring a laptop to class, they can still be distracted by the glowing screens around them.

Technology in college

Teachers post the syllabus, assignments, readings, and other relevant material to their classes. Students can turn in assignments through eLearning.

Technology also helps students connect with people in their classes, teachers, and roommates before physically meeting any of them. Students search for people on Facebook, especially their roommates, and communicate about who has a mini fridge, a microwave, and other dorm essentials.

After a class is over for a semester, students often rate their professors at rate-myprofessors.com. Then, other students check this site and make academic choices based on which professor they want.

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VOTER

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voted for Republican Presidential Nominee Donald Trump, according to the Genesee County Election Division.

Local municipalities experienced higher numbers.

In Argentine Township, Clerk Denise Graves said they had a voter turnout of 71.08 percent.

"I projected a 70 percent turnout," she said. "It was a great night."

Graves said they didn't have any issues.

"No one was complaining and everyone seemed upbeat and happy," she said.

In Fenton Township, Operations Manager/Deputy Clerk Tom Broecker said 72.14 percent of eligible voters showed up to the polls. This is a slight increase from the 2012 General Election, which saw a voter turnout of 72.08 percent.

"Everything flowed very smoothly at the polls. There were times some of the lines backed up, especially the first hour polls were open, but overall no problems," he said.

The city of Fenton saw a voter turnout rate of 61.64 percent with 5,908 votes, ac-

ording to Clerk Renee Wilson.

"For a large election, things ran quite smoothly," she said.

Wilson said the turnout for this election is "virtually the same as 2012. Less than half a percent variance."

The city of Linden experienced a voter turnout of 71 percent with 2,258 voters, according to Clerk Lynn Henry.

Henry said they didn't experience any issues.

The voter turnout in the 2012 General Election was 72 percent.

"Over the four years, I have increased

from 3,022 voters to 3,172 voters," she said.

Linden, Argentine Township, Fenton and Fenton Township had more voters who voted straight ticket Republican than straight ticket Democrat.

Oakland County saw a voter turnout of 71.99 percent with 677,914 ballots cast, according to Oakland County Elections Division.

Holly saw a voter turnout of 64.78 percent, with 5,812 total votes.

Livingston County saw a voter turnout of 62.76 percent, according to Livingston County Elections Division.

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Tom Broecker
Fenton Township operations
manager/deputy clerk

SHOPPING

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Staying home to do your shopping does not do much, however, for your friends and neighbors, the merchants hoping to gain your business so their bottom line doesn't suffer.

According to thebalance.com, some advantages of online shopping are:

The stores are never closed and there is no dress code (no shirt or shoes, no problem).

In addition to saving money on gas, there are no parking problems. You don't have to deal with aggressive sales people or become part of annoying crowds. And you don't have to wait in long check-out lines.

Often, online sales representatives are more knowledgeable about the products they're selling than the clerks at local stores.

The disadvantages of shopping online is when an item that appears to be a great deal falls short of what has been advertised.

Communicating any dissatisfaction can be difficult to impossible online, and often takes a lot of time and patience to get successful results.

Solving a problem is often quicker and more satisfying when dealing face to face with a local store employee. Reaching the next level of management is much easier at local stores than online.

Another disadvantage of online shopping is that you can't try on footwear and clothing you think you might want to buy. Online companies often sell products made outside of the United States, making

sizes questionable in many cases.

Items ordered online are sometimes back-ordered, but the buyer may not find out about until weeks later. This is particularly problematic when buying gifts.

Online shoppers are not guaranteed a safe and legitimate site, something to consider when providing credit or debit card information.

When there is a problem, it is usually easier to deal with a store clerk or manager. And, it is sometimes easier to get money refunded locally when the item purchased drops in price within the guaranteed price period.

Since it is the holiday season, diehard online shoppers may wish to consider splitting their gift dollars between internet sources and local stores.

Consider the community where you live and shop. Are there a lot of retail vacancies? There maybe many reasons for that, and online shopping could be one of them.

Some local stores do both — have a brick and mortar present and sell goods online. They include popular merchants like Sears Hometown Store, Gerych's Distinctive Flowers & Gifts, and Fenton's CRUST, a Baking Company, to name a few.

When any local business fails and closes its doors, there are subsequent negative consequences, including decreasing housing values. This causes a domino effect that ultimately affects schools, law enforcement, roads and much more.

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NOV. 13

1974: Karen Silkwood, 28, is killed in a car accident near Crescent, Oklahoma. Silkwood worked as a technician at a plutonium plant operated by the Kerr-McGee Corporation, and she had been critical of the plant's health and safety procedures. A week before her death, she complained to the Atomic Energy Commission about unsafe conditions at the plant. The night she died, she was on her way to a meeting with a union representative and a reporter for The New York Times, reportedly with a folder full of documents that proved that Kerr-McGee was acting negligently when it came to worker safety at the plant. However, no such folder was found in the wreckage of her car, lending credence to the theory that someone had forced her off the road to prevent her from telling what she knew.

NOV. 14

1851: Moby-Dick, a novel by Herman Melville about the voyage of the whaling ship Pequod, is published by Harper & Brothers in New York. Moby-Dick is now considered a great classic of American literature and contains one of the most famous opening lines in fiction: "Call me Ishmael." Initially, though, the book about Captain Ahab and his quest for a giant white whale was a flop.

NOV. 15

1867: The first stock ticker is unveiled in New York City. The advent of the ticker ultimately revolutionized the stock market by making up-to-the-minute prices available to investors around the country. Prior to this development, information from the New York Stock Exchange, which has been around since 1792, traveled by mail or messenger.

NOV. 16

2001: British author J.K. Rowling's star creation—bespectacled boy wizard Harry Potter makes his big screen debut in Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, which opens in movie theaters across the United States. Based on the mega-best-selling fantasy novel of the same name, the film, which starred Daniel Radcliffe in the title role, went on to become one of the highest-grossing movies in history.

NOV. 17

1972: Wealthy socialite Barbara Baekeland is stabbed to death with a kitchen knife by her 25-year-old son, Antony, in her London, England, penthouse. When police arrived at the scene, Antony was calmly placing a telephone order for Chinese food. Antony's great-grandfather, Leo Baekeland, acquired his family's fortune with the creation of Bakelite, an early plastic product.

NOV. 18

1978: Peoples Temple founder Jim Jones leads hundreds of his followers in a mass murder-suicide at their agricultural commune in a remote part of the South American nation of Guyana. Many of Jones' followers willingly ingested a poison-laced punch while others were forced to do so at gunpoint. The final death toll at Jonestown that day was 909; a third of those who perished were children.

NOV. 19

1863: At the dedication of a military cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln delivers one of the most memorable speeches in American history. In just 272 words, Lincoln brilliantly and movingly reminded a war-weary public why the Union had to fight, and win, the Civil War.

Source: history.com

TECH-SAVVY

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3. iHunt Journal

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4. GoldenPic

The GoldenPic app was initially designed as a photography app but has since extended its utility to hikers, campers, hunters, anglers and even pilots. This app provides sunrise and sunset times as well as lunar phases. The special thing about this app is that it also gives information on the first and last hour of sunlight during the day. These are considered the ideal times for getting the best shots. With this app, you can also save locations, and of course share your pics on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

5. Hunting Light & Blood Tracker

This app gives hunters improved visibility in all lighting conditions. A unique feature of this app is its "blood tracking filter" which enhances the visibility of the blood trail left by wounded game so you can quickly recover the animal's whereabouts.

6. Predator Hunting Calls

With the Predator Hunting Calls app, predator hunters have 12 different precise call sounds, from a coyote pack howl to different wounded animal sounds. This app is very handy for bringing in all manner of game.

7. SAS Survival Guide

The SAS Survival Guide is must-have survival and safety guide written by a former Special Air Service (SAS) soldier. It provides vital information on safety and survival, a photo gallery that with detailed descriptions of anything from deadly mushrooms to poisonous plants, a survival checklist, key information supported with illustrations, a Morse code signaling device, a compass and more. Featuring video and images, this device will make sure you get the answers you're looking for when you need them most.

Source: Huntercourse.com

HUNTING

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Some hunters don't go "up north" for the hunt, and instead take advantage of private and state hunting land near home.

Vehicle-deer crashes help some businesses

Some of the economic impact of the active deer season is seen by auto repair shops.

Each year, there are nearly 50,000 reported vehicle-deer crashes in Michigan, according to the Michigan State Police. About 80 percent of these crashes occur on two-lane roads between dusk and dawn.

The cost of fixing car damage can easily run into the thousands of dollars. The average property-damage cost of deer-car incidents can run anywhere from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

The good news is, motorists who hit and kill a deer can get the meat if there isn't too much damage. Just ask the officer that responds for a tag so you can keep the meat.

Food for thought

Some hunters and their friends merely hunt for the sport of it, but don't really care to keep anything but the trophy racks and other non-edible parts.

Most of these hunters donate the venison from their kills to county food banks and charitable food organizations.

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Fenton High School sophomore Allyssa Walker (left) suits up for a brief encounter with a health sciences class that gets up close and personal with animals. Walker sampled two classes, and was joined by a mix of sophomores from different school districts.

Suiting up for a real career

■ Local high school sophomores visit Genesee Career Institute for hands-on programs

By Tim Jagielo
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Mundy Twp. — While some students rolled sugar cookies, other checked out a staged murder scene.

Instead of sitting in a lecture or pouring over a book, students from all over Genesee County got a sampling of the hands-on vocational programs at Genesee Career Institute (GCI) throughout this week.

On Nov. 2, Fenton High School sophomores were able to explore two programs of their choosing, from a group of nearly 30 classes.

Students narrowed the programs to two, and spent a half hour in each.

The GCI recently completed a \$12 million renovation, which includes the new "Innovation Space," and on overall refreshed look inside.

Sophomores must be enrolled by Feb. 16, for the 2017-2018 school year.

To enroll, students should talk with their school counselor about the programs offered there. There will be an open house on Jan. 26, 2017 from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

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• Fine watch repair/
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By Sally Rummel

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Guenter Beholz works on watches and jewelry with an attention to detail that comes only with years of craftsmanship and expertise. The store moved to its current location at 114 S. LeRoy St., Suite B, in downtown Fenton 18 months ago, in the same plaza as Brad Hoffman Insurance.

What is your main specialty?

We do watch and jewelry repair onsite, specializing in watches of value, restoration of old watches and antique pocket watches. We also make custom jewelry from fine diamonds and gemstones.

Reeny Sovel, who has earned her credentials from the Gemological Institute of America, does most of the jewelry repair in the shop.

What are your most popular brands?

We sell Rolex, Breitling, Omega, Movado, plus several luxury Euro-



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Guenter Beholz has been in business for 10 years in Fenton. He repairs jewelry, and is the only local watch repair shop. He also has his own private line of upscale watches, named "GB."

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JAN. 20, 2017 will be the end of an error, especially as we celebrate a new day with President Trump who will help to make America great again.

I CAN'T BELIEVE you people voted for Trump after all the bad things he said about women, and children, and handicap people. What is this country going to be?

OBVIOUSLY WHAT WE have here is a Comey-from-behind win. And yes, there was a winner involved.

HEY, LIBERALS, YOU lost. Now watch us use Obama's executive orders to undue all the crap he's done to this country.

I REMEMBER THE Wolcott Mill in Fenton. It sat right where the community center is and had the city dump in the back of it.

THE REPUBLICANS DID want to shut down the government to make Obama look bad, like they've done for the past

eight years. There are more Republicans in Congress than Democrats, they could have easily gotten anything through.

PUNISHING NETWORKS AND actors and other people for expressing their first amendment right sounds like a Republican activity.

HOW MUCH STUPIDER can America get?

SO YOU WOULD rather vote for someone with a big smile on their face. Thank God she didn't win.

I WAS CAMPAIGNING at the Fenton polls Tuesday for my Democratic candidate. A gentleman from the right to life group showed up and we struck up a good and friendly conversation. This is the best of America. No acrimony, just good will and respect for other people's opinions.

HILLARY CLINTON'S GRACIOUSNESS in defeat helped me to dry my tears and move on. I wonder if Donald Trump would have been gracious for the good of the country if he had been defeated.

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Fenton's
Chanse
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Setzke makes move from soccer to football pay off

By David Troppens
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Chanse Setzke was making some changes in his life.

He was changing schools from Montrose to Fenton. The soccer player figured why not make another change,

an athletic change.

"I was moving so I wanted to try something new," Setzke said. "Ever since eighth-grade I've been debating if I should play football or not, but after the move I decided I'm going to change things up a bit and decided to play football. It was the best de-

cision of my life."

The longtime strong soccer player was entering his junior season. Making such a move so late in one's career would seem to be crazy.

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Times Sports

Fenton Tigers win another five-setter

■ Volleyball squad wins regional title after beating second-ranked Clarkston Wolves

By David Troppens
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New Baltimore — There have been plenty of times during the postseason that the Fenton Tigers' unranked volleyball team appeared to hit a hurdle that was too daunting to overcome.

In the Class A district semifinals, the Tigers trailed area rivals Linden two games to none, but bounced back to win in five sets. In the regional semifinal the Tigers faced 10th-ranked Eisenhower, two sets to one, but found a way to avenge last season's regional semifinal loss by defeating the Eagles.

And then there was Thursday night's Class A regional championship game. Facing the second-ranked team in the state, the Tigers overcame another two games to one deficit, against the Wolves, and earned a 25-20, 27-29, 19-25, 25-17, 17-15 championship victory at Anchor Bay High School.

The team that always seems ready to fall just keeps climbing higher. And senior Jess Warford, who has been playing at about 70 percent during this week's regional tournament due to an ankle injury, knows exactly why this

See **FIVE-SETTER** on 23A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

The Fenton Tigers run on the court after winning a Class A regional championship after their victory against second-ranked Clarkston on Thursday.

David's Dabblings

A few thoughts about the area's sports scene and others not dealing with sports at all.



A FEW RANDOM THOUGHTS

With the fall sports season nearing its end, it won't be long until we have our poll of the top fall sports teams in the tri-county area.

One thing can be expected from this season's poll — there are going to be a lot of Fenton teams on it. Why? Well check and see what the Tigers have done this fall.

The Tigers won outright or shared seven of the eight Metro League titles competed for this fall. And the team that didn't win a title — Fenton boys tennis — did qualify for the state meet. Indeed it has been an outstanding fall for Tiger fans.

The **Detroit Lions** enter their bye week with a 5-4 record, in reasonable shape to possibly win the NFC North Division or at least earn a playoff spot.

This has been an interesting Lions' season so far. I think the Lions have trailed at one time in the fourth quarter in every game they've played. None of the games have been decided by more than a touchdown. The Lions' future foes have an overall 30-27 mark, but most of that record is based on the Dallas Cowboys' 7-1 mark. The Giants are the only other team Detroit hasn't beat already that has a winning record on the schedule. The Vikings are trending down, fast. Five of the last seven games are very much winnable games. If this team was named anything but the Detroit Lions, I'd be extremely encouraged. As it is, I still am reasonably optimistic this squad will make the playoffs.

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The Fenton Tigers celebrate after defeating Eisenhower in a Class A regional semifinal game on Tuesday.

Tigers avenge last year's loss, defeat Eisenhower

■ Fenton volleyball beats Eagles in five tight sets

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New Baltimore — This is the match Jess Warford, Chloe Idoni and the rest of the Fenton varsity volleyball team wanted for a year.

Last year the Tigers' season ended in the Class A regional semifinal in a five-set loss to Utica Eisenhower.

On Tuesday, the teams repeated

history, but this time there was a different victor. The Tigers got sweet revenge against the Eagles defeating Eisenhower 25-27, 30-28, 15-25, 25-15, 17-15 in the Class A regional semifinal held at Anchor Bay High School Tuesday night. The win means the Tigers will play Clarkston in the regional title contest on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Anchor Bay High School.

Fenton had to stave off a match point at 15-14 and then scored the final three points, capturing the thrilling victory. An Eisenhower hitting error

tied the contest at 15-all, giving Lily Elfstrom the service. She finished off the game with the help of senior outside hitter Warford. After Eisenhower tried two tip kills that were dug by Fenton, Warford attempted a rare tip kill of her own and succeeded, giving Fenton a match point. She followed the next volley with one of her more traditional hard kills for the regional semifinal victory.

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Tigers can make history vs. WL Western

■ Fenton football playing in its third regional title game on Saturday at noon

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The Fenton varsity football team has been in regional championship games before.

The Tigers played in back-to-back Division 2 regional championship games in 2010 and 2011.

However, the Tigers still have a chance to make history when they travel to Walled Lake Western on Saturday for the noon kickoff in their third D2 regional title contest. That would happen if the Tigers win, because if they do win it would be Fenton's first ever regional championship victory.

The Tigers (9-2) are excited to have an opportunity to get that first regional trophy against second-ranked Walled Lake Western (10-1).

"It would be big," Fenton quarterback Josh Czarnota said when asked how big a regional championship would be. "It would be the first time in history, and we can do it. We believe we can and we are going to practice hard to get it."

"It would be huge," Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke said. "If it is not the most defining moment in Fenton football history, it would be close to it because no one has ever done it. I told them this week we are only the third team that gets to experience (a regional championship game). The first two lost in the regional finals and



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For just the third time in school history, the Fenton Tigers lift a district championship trophy after defeating Midland Dow on Nov. 4. The Tigers hope to lift a regional championship trophy for the first time in school history on Saturday after the team's road contest at Walled Lake Western.

now they have the opportunity to knock down these doors.

"We talk about winning district titles and not fearing it. Now we have to get the kids to get a regional title so the kids that

come back behind them realize they can do it. Success breaks down those hurdles."

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team continues to push forward.

"We don't give up," Warford said simply. "We leave everything out there. We said at the beginning of the season that we were going to give everything we have because we don't want the season to end. That's our motivation."

The season isn't ending any time soon. The Tigers are off to a Class A state quarterfinal match being held at Midland Dow Tuesday at 5 p.m. The Tigers will face a team that should have a pretty dramatic home crowd advantage. Midland will be the Tigers' opponents after Midland defeated Davison three games to two on Thursday. But one suspects that won't bother the Tigers. After all, they have faced two-set deficits, one-set deficits and match points throughout the entire tournament. They've also been entrenched in three five-set matches during the tourney. Yet, they remain as strong as ever.

"What else can we see that could rattle us from this point," Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger asked. "We don't give up over anything. It's obvious we fight through everything. Even if we get beat bad in a set like we did against Eisenhower (in the regional semifinals), we come back and beat them bad the same way. It doesn't intimidate us. They are a great group of girls with great heart."



"Our will to win is the key," Fenton outside hitter Chloe Idoni said. "We didn't want the season to end at all. In practice we play hard and in the games we play hard, with heart and don't quit." "We believe in ourselves and we push each other so hard," senior libero Taylor Mowery said. "We practice every day so hard. We just push each other every day."

Clarkston got to experience that work ethic Mowery and Idoni was talking about, and probably wish they hadn't.

Fenton jumped out early, perhaps, surprising the second-ranked Wolves by earning a first-game victory. Clarkston led as late as 18-17 after a Fenton violation, but what followed that play was Fenton domination. Wolford earned a kill, giving Wolford the service.

Wolford responded with four straight points.

Her kill was followed by an assisted block kill by Delaney Miesch and Idoni, and that was followed

by an Idoni kill. Fenton led 20-18 as Clarkston took a time out. Back-to-back Clarkston hitting errors

raised Fenton's lead to 22-18, and then Idoni capped the run with another kill.

Fenton's
Jess Warford

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I am so happy the Fenton regional championship football game against Walled Lake Western was moved to Saturday at noon instead of Friday night. The reason is because I have tickets to Friday night's United States vs. Mexico World Cup qualifier match in Columbus. For those of you who are soccer fans and have never gone to a United States-Mexico men's soccer match, you need to go. This will be the third one I attend. If I can at all help it, I don't plan on ever missing one of these games played at Columbus.

In just the last couple of weeks, I have been asked a question I'm presented frequently. The question is what sports do I like to cover the most. The answer for me is pretty easy. I quickly rattle off soccer for one simple reason—it's the sport that requires the least amount of note taking while I am watching the event. In other words, I feel more like a fan than a reporter because I'm not always so busy writing down every play, possession or at bat in some notebook. I'm not a hard-core runner, but oddly cross country is probably second. Because you have to run to spots to see what's happening in the race, it does kind of make you feel as though you are a participant in the event.

Also, while I hate running long distances, doing some while watching the events has given me a great appreciation for the athletes that have decided to make running their passion.

What sports do I least enjoy covering? I'm reasonably smart so I'm not going to answer that question.

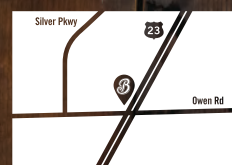
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