

Superintendents weigh-in on teachers sharing personal opinions on elections

■ Some parents upset with biased discussions

By Vera Hogan

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The recent presidential election continues to have many people in an uproar, and some adults have been known to share their opinions on the outcome in front of youngsters who

may or may not understand.

Among those are school teachers, leaving parents to wonder what policies are in place to protect their students from unwanted, unsolicited opinions from their teachers.

Former Holly Area Schools Superintendent Kent Barnes said this is an uncomfortable situation principals and superintendents have to

deal with after every election.

“Generally speaking, it does depend on the grade,” said Barnes. “A kindergarten student, for example, is not going to understand any of it.”

The “rule of thumb,” according to Barnes has always been for teachers to be helpful and professional.

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The appropriateness of political discussion or opinions from a teacher may depend on the students' grade level.



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Area marching band to perform Saturday in Chicago parade

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Family mourns death of teen

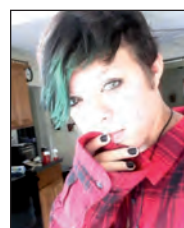
■ Despite warnings, Victoria Lane often listened to loud music while walking RR tracks

By Sharon Stone

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Family and friends of Victoria Lane, 15, of Fenton, are mourning her death and will be saying their good-byes to the Fenton High School freshman this weekend.

Victoria was struck and killed by a CN train as it passed through downtown Fenton Monday, Nov. 14, just before 3 p.m.



Victoria Lane

Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said Victoria was walking westbound down the middle of the

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Fenton man pleads no contest to CSC with a child

■ Sentencing Dec. 13; could get life in prison

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On Monday, Nov. 14, Robert Lee Dennis pleaded “no contest” to first-degree criminal sexual conduct with a minor under the age of 13.

A no contest See **PLEADS** on 10A



Robert Dennis



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For the second time this week, emergency responders were called to the scene of a fatal train accident in Fenton. On Wednesday, at 6:45 p.m., Fenton police and fire departments, CN Railroad police and the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to the railroad tracks beneath the U.S. 23 overpass between North and Silver Lake roads, where a 63-year-old man was fatally struck by a train.

Fenton man, 63, struck, killed by train

■ Second train-related death in 51-hour period

By Sharon Stone

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On Friday, Fenton police released the name of the man who was killed when he was struck by a train on Wednesday.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said Dale Clayton Burkel, 63, of Fenton, was killed after being struck by a train at approximately 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16 in Fenton.

Following the 911 call, Fenton police and fire departments immediately responded to the railroad tracks near the U.S. 23 overpass by North and Silver Lake roads to

investigate and search for a victim or victims.

The conductor of an eastbound CN train reported having possibly struck a person in the vicinity of the Poplar Street railroad crossing. The conductor told police that he saw another individual, however, the whereabouts of that person was unknown at the time.

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Dale Clayton Burkel

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“To those complaining that Hillary won



the popular vote, she didn't. Clinton only got 47 percent of the popular vote. Republican and third-party voters combined for 52 percent against her.”

“My daughter came home from school and told us about one of her teachers that was actually crying like a baby over the election results and scaring the hell out of the students with outrageous predictions. It's called propaganda and has no place in our school system. They should be fired as an example to other teachers.”

“Now that we have a new president, it is long past time to stop referring to people who come into our country illegally as ‘undocumented workers.’ Would you call a person who moved into your home without your permission ‘undocumented tenants?’ They are illegal immigrants, which makes them criminals, not workers.”



COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“I voted for Clinton and still feel that she would have been a far better leader than Trump. Nonetheless, Trump was elected and we should all support him until he proves otherwise. We are all Americans, it's time to act like it. God Bless America!”

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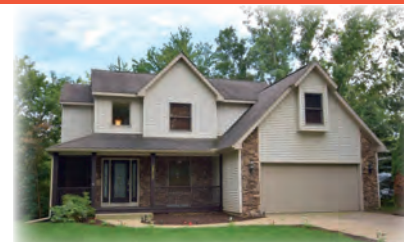
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MORGAN SOMERS

This unique photo was taken by an aerial drone at Deerfield Hills Nature Area in Deerfield Township this fall.

A different angle on autumn

Local photographer's hometown visions grabbing national recognition

By Tim Jagielo

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Morgan Somers, 23, of Fenton, has been shooting landscape photography for just three years, but he's already received national awards. He's also been arrested for his art.

Somers likes skateboarding, has dreadlocks, and dove into photography headfirst. His sudden passion explains how quickly he learned the art.

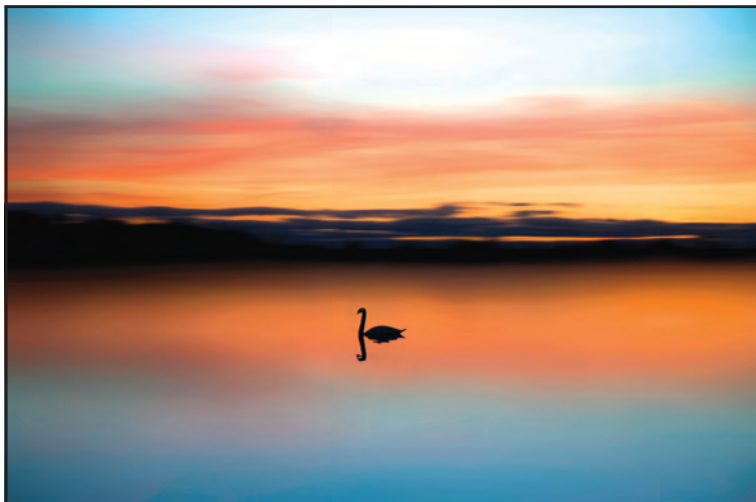
He learned everything he could and went shooting as often as he could. "That's

the biggest thing," he said. "No one is going to do that footwork for you."

Another important part of his growth is the connections he's made as he's been learning. "Photography is a spider web in general—it's like a big family."

Somers was featured in a "Best of Photography 2015" magazine sponsored by lens maker Sigma. The image is surreal, saturated with color with a lone swan anchoring the photograph.

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MORGAN SOMERS

This photo of a swan on Byram Lake in Fenton Township won Morgan Somers recognition in the 2015 Best of Photography magazine by lens maker Sigma.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved a cost participation agreement plan with the Genesee County Road Commission to fund the widening of Thompson Road.

Funding approved to widen Thompson Road

■ Township to pay up to \$240,000 toward \$1.4 million project

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton Twp. — Funding to widen Thompson Road from two lanes to three was approved at the Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, Nov. 14.

The board voted 5-0 to enter into a cost participation agreement with the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) to fund the project. Clerk Bob Krug and Trustee Vince Lorraine were absent.

Operations Manager/Deputy Clerk Tom Broecker said the projected cost is a little over \$1.4 million. The township is sharing the cost with the GCRC, and the township will not spend over \$240,000.

The cost for the township could be less depending on the bids they receive for the project.

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“Worst case is we take it out of our fund balance.”

Tom Broecker

Fenton Township, operations manager/deputy clerk



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The election edition...

It was silly and typical for Trump and others to say the post-election protests were ‘unfair’ or un-American. Peaceful protest is as American as you can get. On the other hand, as I watched footage of the protesters I couldn’t help but wonder how many of them actually voted.

Here’s the thing, millennials and others; The problem with elections is you actually have to participate in them to get your way. (That concludes today’s civics lesson.)

You won’t catch me moaning (much) about the outcome, in part because,



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

while he and his cronies may destroy the country, the world and the universe as we know it (I took my hysterical pill early today), at least Trump will be excellent column fodder.

I figure Democrats got what they had coming — they put up their worst possible candidate against the Republican’s worst possible candidate and their worst possible candidate managed to stink a little less. That’s how it goes. As Tom Hanks told the ladies in ‘A League of their Own’ ‘There’s no crying in baseball.’

Voter turnout is one of the biggest teardrops dripping down the faces of Dems. But it’s a crocodile tear. According to the U.S. Elections Project, this year’s presidential turnout was about 58.1 percent, about the same as 2012 and well above the 54.2 percent rate of the century’s first decade. Reality stinks, doesn’t it?

If you want a real accessory to the crime for the rise of Trump, blame CNN and the other networks. They helped him defeat his Republican challengers early on with gobs of free air time that wasn’t warranted by his position in the race. And they continued doling out free air throughout the general election.

All told, he received \$5.6 billion in ‘earned media’ compared to \$3.5 billion for Clinton, according to Mediaquant. It was so bad and so lopsided that CNN President Jeff Zucker said last month,

‘If we made any mistake last year, it’s that we probably did put on too many of his campaign rallies in those early months and let them run. Listen, because you never knew what he would say, there was an attraction to put those on air.’

Sure, most of what Trump said was outrageous and genuinely disturbing, but that only proves that America loves a good show. It also proves, to me at least, that Americans clearly didn’t think the show’s lead actor didn’t mean the mean, horrible things he said. To them he was just acting. Because that’s what actors do.

Hold on. Trump says ‘give me a chance’ and ‘I’ll be a president for all Americans’ and then hires Steve Bannon — a veritable rock star in the world of hate and intolerance — as his top advisor? What am I supposed to do with that? That’s essentially a giant middle finger to at least half of America, is it not?

So if Trump spends half his presidency living in Trump Tower, do you think he’ll rent out the Lincoln Bedroom on AirBNB? Would you put it past him?

And, finally, I notice Hillary now says FBI Director Jim Comey cost her the election, proving beyond a shadow of a doubt that Hillary Clinton cost Hillary Clinton the election.

‘If voting made any difference they wouldn’t let us do it.’ — Mark Twain

Hotlines

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DOES ANYONE FROM the media report that Trump won 31 states and Clinton 19? Founding fathers of our Republic wisely opted for electoral college, so states like California and New York could not decide each election by their heavy populace alone. Electoral college guaranteed each state would have fair representation in national elections.

JUST WONDERING, DO all of those post-election protesters take a vacation day or personal day when they miss work? What do they tell their boss when they miss work?

WANT TO PUBLICLY thank Dr. Patricia McGarry’s office for extending a very generous offer to us veterans this past Veterans Day — free dental work. Thank you.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME is unnecessary. Why has the Michigan Legislature not put this on their agenda for a vote? Each year we bring it up, complain, and then do absolutely nothing about it. Ignorant exercise to set my clocks back in fall and roll ahead in spring. Leave time alone. God handled it for a long time without our help and He does not need it now.

SOUNDS LIKE ALL the Hollywood folk telling us they would leave the country if Trump were elected, are now saying they’re not leaving. Now we know why they are Hillary supporters, they don’t see a problem with lying either.

THE RECENT COLUMN by Heller, suggesting that our Canadian neighbors are illiterate and simple-minded, is a disgrace and he owes the country an apology. Firing is even better.

I WAS WRONG. I was so sure that there are far more unintelligent and uninformed voters than smart, informed voters. So happy to be wrong on this one. My faith in mankind has been restored. Thanks to all who were paying attention.

WE VOTED FOR TRUMP because compared to Hillary Clinton’s mountains of misdeed, Donald’s talk about women seem trivial. We didn’t want to elect a corrupt, lying and greedy woman into office simply because she is a woman. Give us a smart, honest, caring female candidate and we’ll vote her in. Promise.

IT DOESN’T MATTER what these evil politicians and judges say about abortion. God is the one you are going to have to answer to someday.

HOW MANY OF these protests we see each day since the election are organized by paid protestors? Like Black Lives Matter and so many other protests across our nation they are led by anarchists trying to destroy America. The college kids and other participants are just uninformed, unwitting victims of the propaganda.

ONCE AGAIN, THE conservatives were easily duped by America’s No. 1 con artist and fraud, Donald J. Trump. In conjunction with the pro-rich GOP congress, bring on the tax cuts for billionaires and corporations that the poor and middle class will eventually pay for.

OBAMA HAS SAID that his three big legacy issues are the economic stimulus, Obamacare, and the Iran deal. Unfortunately, all three have failed miserably. They will be dismantled in two short months.

NO WALL WILL be high enough to stem big business appetite for cheap labor.

CORRECTION, A WRITER incorrectly said that Republicans controlled congress for the past eight years and did nothing. Democrats controlled congress during the 2008 recession and imposed Obamacare causing them to lose the House in 2010. Republicans didn’t win control of both houses until 2014.

TO THE HOT-LINER who said NPR was the only source of news facts. Witness they spewed the same propaganda as the liberal elite national media. What they spewed was not fact.

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Fenton



“A big family meal with Grandpa and Grandma.”

Bill Thompson
Linden



“Being with my out-of-state family.”

John Trecha
Fenton



“Last year, when my cousin spent the night before Thanksgiving and we got up and helped my mom make everything.”

Emma Lurvey
Linden



“I do the same thing every year. It’s the one time when everyone is together.”

River Taubitz
Fenton



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Lake Fenton High School Marching Band rehearses in August for its fall football season. The band headed to Chicago this weekend to perform in the nation's largest evening parade.

Two million spectators will watch local marching band

■Lake Fenton's marching band will be one of only six bands in Chicago parade on Saturday

By Sally Rummel

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The Lake Fenton High School Marching Band usually plays for a stadium filled with hundreds of spectators.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, they had an audience of millions as one of only six performing bands in the parade for the BMO Harris Magnificent Mile Lights Festival in Chicago, which spans Nov. 18-19. This festival marks the 25th anniversary of the largest evening parade in the United States, and is the official kick-off to the holiday season in Chicago.

"We're super excited," said LFHS Band Director Ryan Gonder. "This will be the largest number of people we've ever performed for, two million spectators plus a TV audience."

The band will perform "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" in Latin groove style.

The parade will be televised in the Chicago area as it's happening, however, it will be televised sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas elsewhere. TV times have not yet been announced.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Lake Fenton High School Marching Band Director Ryan Gonder

The 160-member band and 80 chaperones left Saturday morning in motor coaches. After marching in the 5:30 p.m. parade, they headed back home.

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Ryan Gonder
Lake Fenton High School band director

Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse and their friends from Walt Disney World Resorts in Florida led a parade while more than one million lights on 200 trees were “magically” illuminated.

This was the first time Lake Fenton High School has performed at this festival. The band raised more than \$7,500 for their transportation to and from Chicago through a Tin Can Raffle, which will once again be held this year on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2 and 3.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO GET THINGS done, President Trump will have a phone and a pen, but he will also have a Republican-controlled Congress, over 30 Republican governors and soon a conservative Supreme Court Justice.

DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT the Electoral College. Read article 4 sec.4 of the Constitution. Our founders gave us a Republican (representative) form of government. A Democracy (rule by majority) is mob rule. Ben Franklin said, 'a Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch.'

GOD HAS GIVEN us Donald Trump to be our next president. One way God is going to make America great again is appointments to the Supreme Court over the next four years to turn around the abortion laws and allow innocent babies to live.

DEMOCRAT LIBERALS ARE ruining this country. You are the party of hate and intolerance that is being spewed across this country today. If this country fails, it will be because of your ignorance of the truth, your lack of integrity, and your unwillingness to put aside differences to work with others.

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Did fake news influence the election?

■ One in five people change their minds due to social media posts

By Hannah Ball

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Fake news articles are rampant on the internet, and this past election cycle has put them, and Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg, in the spotlight.

Users shared articles on the social media site about the Pope endorsing Donald Trump and the President-elect winning the popular vote, which are both false. One false story circulating alleged that an FBI agent investigating Hillary Clinton's emails committed suicide.

The dissemination of false news prompted Zuckerberg to release a statement on his Facebook page.

"We don't want any hoaxes on Facebook. Our goal is to show people the content they will find most meaningful, and people want accurate news. We have already launched work enabling our community to flag hoaxes and fake news, and there is more we can do here. We have made progress, and we will continue to work on this to improve further," he wrote.

Users don't have to read or agree with the article to believe it and share it. Many simply see an agreeable headline or an outrageous one and share it on their timeline without checking its validity, origin or original date of post.

Facebook also tailors newsfeeds based on what users and their friends have previously liked and shared, especially partisan stories. This means users are more apt to believe fake news that appears on their newsfeed



Because Facebook has 1.8 billion active users, according to vox.com, it's likely that 360,000 of them were influenced by fake news.

because it fits with their views.

Fake news wouldn't be an issue if everyone knew they were fake.

However, according to Vox.com, a media site that attempts to explain the news and the world by making complex topics easier to understand for audiences in politics and police, business and pop culture, food, science and other matters, fake stories are shared more than accurate stories.

In a review of more than 1,000 posts from six large hyper-partisan Facebook pages, BuzzFeed found that the least accurate pages generated some of the highest number of shares, reactions and comments.

Approximately 38 percent of content published by far-right Facebook pages and 19 percent of content published by far-left pages were false or misleading, according to Vox.

The same study by BuzzFeed found that stories published by mainstream media pages, such as Politico, CNN, and ABC, earned a 94.8 accuracy rating.

However, mainstream media has faced scrutiny for taking Trump's speeches out of context and publishing articles based off one thing he said and omitting the context, according to quora.com. For example, left media wrote about how Trump called all Mexicans rapists when he actually said, "Mexico is not sending us their best. They are sending rapists."

If you've read news from pages like "The Other 98%," "Addicting Info," and "Occupy Democrats" on the left, or "Eagle Rising," "Right Wing News," or "Freedom Daily" on the right, there's a good chance that information was false or misleading.

People have questioned whether this dissemination of fake news influenced the election.

The Pew Research Center found that more than 40 percent of American adults get news on Facebook, and one in five people change their minds on a political issue or candidate after seeing information about the issue or candidate on social media.

Because Facebook has 1.8 billion active users, it's likely that 360,000 users were influenced by fake news.

Does Zuckerberg think the fake news influenced the election? No. Zuckerberg said that claim is "pretty crazy" while speaking at a conference.

"Of all the content on Facebook, more than 99 percent of what people see is authentic. Only a very small amount is fake news and hoaxes. The hoaxes that do exist are not limited to one partisan view, or even to politics. Overall, this makes it extremely unlikely hoaxes changed the outcome of this election in one direction or the other," Zuckerberg wrote.

Many have called for Zuckerberg to better weed out what's fake and what's real.

In response, Google and Facebook claimed they will cut fake news sites off from access to their advertising network, hurting them financially.

Zuckerberg said they must be "extremely cautious of becoming arbiters of truth ourselves."

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Mark Zuckerberg
Facebook creator

HOW TO FACT-CHECK AN ARTICLE

Tips from Staff Reporter Hannah Ball

- Research the publisher. If the story is from CNN, ABC, Fox, or other mainstream media, it's most likely accurate. If it's from a source you've never heard of, Google the site.
- Research the topic. If no other sites are writing about it, it's probably false. Google the topic and if no other sites have information on that article's claim, it's most likely fabricated.
- Question the crazy. If the article is claiming something absolutely crazy, even if it conforms to your personal opinion, don't automatically believe it. Doubt everything that seems too "out there." Be a skeptic.
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Faith City Church, a non-denominational congregation formerly on Thompson Road, has purchased the former Trinity Lutheran Church at 806 Main St. in Fenton. They will begin services there on Sunday, Nov. 27, at 10 a.m.

Faith City Church buys former Trinity Lutheran

■ Price tag of \$395,000 includes church building, parking lot and overflow lot

By Sally Rummel
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The building that housed Trinity Lutheran Church in Fenton for decades now has a new church moving in.

Faith City Church will hold its final service at 2084 W. Thompson Rd., Fenton Township this Sunday, and will worship for the first time at their new church on Sunday, Nov. 27 at 10 a.m. at 806 Main St. in Fenton.

"It's a really good change for us," said Pastor Andy Barancik. "We do so many things in the city (of Fenton) and we felt we were so far away. We want to be closer to where the people are."

Short-term plans are to hold worship services in the lower level, while re-facing the main level, including brand new sound and lighting. "We're hoping to have our main auditorium, café and guest services up and running by Christmas," said Barancik.

Faith City Church paid \$395,000 for the building, which also includes a large parking lot and overflow parking on the opposite side of Orchard Street. This transaction allows the newly built Trinity Lutheran Church to begin building its new Christian Education wing.

"We're happy for them," said Linda Hathaway, a member of

the Trinity Lutheran Church building committee. "We understand the value of being a neighborhood church. We're excited that our former church will still continue to be a church."

“We want to be closer to where the people are.”

Pastor Andy Barancik
Faith City Church

HOT LINE CONTINUED

ALREADY THIS PAST weekend a meeting took place in Washington, D.C. among big-money Democrats to devise a plan for the future of the Democratic Party and if they want to take it further left, which will pit regular Americans against communistic ideals.

■■■
THE HILLARY SUPPORTERS would have rioted in the streets no matter who

would have won. I'm glad my vote counted.

■■■
THIS NEW REGISTRATION tax scam would be wonderful if they were actually going to fix our roads with it.

■■■
I WOULD LIKE to encourage everybody to consider Adopt-a-Pet in Fenton for a portion of your year-end giving. I went there today and was amazed at the quality of the facility and caring volunteers. Adopt-a-pet is a Fenton gem.

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No place to go for Thanksgiving?

■ People in need will find a free hot meal and conversation at The Barn's second annual event

By Sally Rummel
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The Barn in Fenton is opening its doors for the second year, to those in need of a free hot meal or company on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"We want as many people to come who would enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal, including the elderly and local veterans," said Jason Warda, owner of The Barn.

"We just want to get the word out."

Last year was The Barn's first Thanksgiving event and they served

more than 130 people. "We're looking to serve 200 people this year," he said.

F.A.R.R. (Fenton Area Resource and Referral) is coordinating donations of winter outerwear for a donations table at The Barn.

“We want as many people to come who would enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal, including the elderly and local veterans.”

Jason Warda
Owner of The Barn and
organizer of this event

"People can bring donations of coats, hats, gloves, mittens and scarves, as well as travel-size toiletry items, to The Barn on Thanksgiving morning," said Heather Barta, F.A.R.R. program coordinator.

Anyone who needs help in getting these items to The Barn can contact F.A.R.R. at (810) 750-6244 or farr-network@gmail.com.

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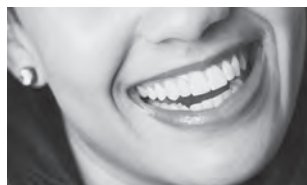
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Mike Rogers parts ways with Trump's transition team

■ Former U.S. rep looks forward to continuing to give advice and counsel as needed

By Sharon Stone

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With every election, there is a period of time when current leaders work with newly elected leaders for a smooth transition of power. Candidates are vetted for various positions within the new administration, and offers are made and accepted or turned down.

This is what is happening in Washington, D.C. as President-elect Donald Trump assembles his new administration and advisors.

Republican Mike Rogers, a former member of Congress representing Michigan's eighth district from 2001 to 2015, a former member of the Michigan Senate representing the 26th district from 1995 to

2001, an officer in the U.S. Army and FBI special agent, was until recently serving as National Security Senior Advisor to Trump's transition team.

This week, Rogers, 53, a Livingston County native, and Trump's team parted ways.

On Tuesday, Nov. 15, Rogers released this statement about his departure.

"These past six months, it has been an honor to serve as National Security Senior Advisor to the Trump transition team.

"It was a privilege to prepare and advise the policy, personnel and agency action teams on all aspects of the national security portfolio during the initial pre-election planning phase. Our work

will provide a strong foundation for the new transition team leadership as they move into the post-election phase, which naturally is incorporating the campaign team in New York who drove President-elect Trump to an incredible victory last Tuesday.

"I was proud of the team that we assembled at Trump for America to produce meaningful policy, personnel, and agency action guidance on the complex national security challenges facing our great country.

"My team and I are pleased to hand off our work to my friend and former colleague, Vice

President-elect Mike Pence, Executive Director Rick Dearborn, the Trump family, and the stellar new leadership team.

"America's challenges domestically and overseas are so enormous that we needed to move in a drastically different direction for our country. The Ameri-

can people felt that, and made a historic choice that shocked the political and media establishment. It was my pleasure to take to the national television and radio airwaves to highlight the stark choice between the bold change represented by President-elect Trump and the dangerous status quo represented by former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

"I look forward to continuing to provide advice and counsel as needed to the incoming Trump administration as they work to make America great again."

Rogers is currently a CNN National Security commentator and host, and executive producer of Declassified: Untold Stories of American Spies.



Mike Rogers

“My team and I are pleased to hand off our work to my friend and former colleague, Vice President-elect Mike Pence ...”

Mike Rogers
 Former U.S. Representative for Michigan's District 8

HOT LINE CONTINUED

HILLARY BLAMES THE election loss on the head of the FBI. She'll blame everyone else for all the mistakes. It was always somebody else's fault.

HEY, DING DONG. It's not up to the Times to tell you when to turn your clocks back. It was right on my 2016 calendar.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE an election makes. Last week's paper was full of negative comments about Obama, including the King's editorial. Yet, on this Sunday's front page we see 'retailers are expecting a banner holiday shopping season due to the favorable economic conditions.' Oops.

YEAH, WE GOT a boatload of family values in the White House now.

SO, YOU SAY I lack moral fiber because I'm a deplorable who didn't vote for a lying, thieving, murdering female?

THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE makes most sense because it prevents the loonies from California and New York from running the country. It's a warm feeling to realize the vision and wisdom of the original constitutionalists.

VICTORIA LANE IS in our thoughts and prayers. Such a tragedy.

THE LAW STUDENTS are burning the flag because now they know for sure they

have to pay their tuition. They thought the taxpayers would pick up their party tab.

TRUMP SHOULD REBUILD our military by drafting all the rioting, crybaby Millennials. It would make them grow up and see what real life is all about. Maybe it would instill in them a sense of patriotism and they would quit burning our flag. They could also earn the free college they think they deserve.

WHAT IS WRONG with this picture? Obama bashes America, starting with his apologetic tour, campaigns for the nominee for president of his party, and then bashes the new president-elect in his speeches at home as well as in foreign countries.

WATCHING THE RIOTS on TV, I fear for the future of our country. When I see the 'Not My President' signs, all I have to say is 'Not My America.' What is wrong with you people? Mainstream media has caused these riots and now are cashing in on the ratings.

I WAS TOLD there was a new bookstore in Linden. Does anyone know where it is and if it's new or used books? Thank you.

THE MAINSTREAM NEWS media needs to restart reporting facts. Example, Trump did not get 279 electoral delegates he got 306, crushing Hillary who got 232.

Linden cuts eight teaching positions

■ Will save school district \$520,000 annually

By Hannah Ball

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Linden Community Schools started something new this year.

In order to save money for an estimated loss of \$1.82 million due to a student population loss of 253 students over the next few years, the district rearranged the three elementary schools, causing big moves for some teachers and students.

This new configuration eliminated eight teaching positions district-wide.

Three months into the school year, teachers and principals are saying everything is running well.

Central Elementary Principal Robert Pouch said, "Overall, our students are very resilient and we have found they adapt well to change. The students are enjoying being with their grade level peers and the grade specific programming we provide."

According to Superintendent Ed Koledo, in the realignment, Linden Elementary and Hyatt Elementary both became K-3 buildings, and Central now houses all fourth- and fifth-grade classes.

Cheryl Thomas, Hyatt Elementary principal, said the change has allowed both K-3 schools to collaborate. She said the K-3 staff embraced the change and went "above and beyond" to be ready for the school year.

"Several of the staff members are putting in countless hours as they are teaching a new grade/subject area for the first time. We are appreciative of their time and dedication to the students of Central El," Pouch said.

Central Elementary has held a few bonding exercises, like a teacher vs. student dodgeball game.

Central Elementary Teacher Bridget Koledo said, "There was team building and getting to know you get-togethers put together by our principal. The dodge ball game was another example of an activity we rallied for as a staff."

She said the staff had many discussions during the summer on how to make the transition easier.

"It was amazing how easily the kids slipped into the building and adjusted so well. I believe part of that was the work of the teachers and staff," she said.

With this cost savings project, the district dropped trimesters and reverted to semesters.

"The shift to semesters has presented staff with challenges in curriculum delivery. The instructional period during the day for each course has moved from 72 minutes to 58 minutes and the number of days the course lasts has also moved from about 60 to 90,"

Koledo said.

Eliminating eight teaching positions helped put the district in a better position financially.

"We use \$65,000 as an average teacher salary when planning cost-saving initiatives. As a result, we expect to see an annual savings of about \$520,000 from salary alone," he said.

Last year, the district went into its fund equity by approximately \$273,000, spending more than they took in. Koledo said these changes will put them in a better position to operate under the current

state-funding model.

"Our students and parents have been extremely accepting of our changes over the past 10 years and continue to demonstrate why Linden is such a special place to live, work, learn and grow," Koledo said. "We'll continue to listen, make improvements and work together toward increased student-achievement."

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Ed Koledo

Linden schools superintendent



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The old Lang's Marina site could be developed with 11 condominiums.

Board to vote on Lang's Marina condos

■ Proposed plan would bring 11 condominiums to Sonora Drive, access to Lake Fenton

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton Twp. — Discussion on developing the old Lang's Marina site on Sonora Drive into condominiums continued at the Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting Monday, Nov. 14.

With the proposed plan, there would be 11 units. Three would be lakefront and eight would share lake access. Six of the lots would house attached single family units fronting Ford Street, three would be lakefront on detached single family units on Lake Fenton, and the other two would be non-lakefront detached single family units.

The boat launch will be restricted to fire department use only.

The current proposed site plan allows for 12- by 25-foot dock slips.

The main topic of discussion Monday was storm water management.

Attorney Patric Parker from Simen, Figura & Parker said his client's house is right next to the boat launch. If there were an onsite detention system, the outlet would be right next to his house,

which could cause many issues.

He expressed concerns over the placement of the dock slips, and said they were too big.

Fenton Township Supervisor Bonnie Mathis agreed with Parker that 12- by 25-foot dock slips were abnormally large for a dock.

Kevin Cook, civil engineer with CHMP Inc., in Grand Blanc, said, "At this point we have approval from the state of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

for a pretreatment device and discharge to the lake. We also have an understanding from the drain office, the Genesee County Drain Commission, that would also be acceptable."

He said the device, which will be monitored and maintained by GCRC, will filter out all the debris.

"We have county and state agencies that are in agreement that it doesn't make sense to put a pond next to a lake," he said.

Treasurer John Tucker said the plan still has to be reviewed and accepted by the township planning commission.

A second hearing is scheduled for the next Fenton Township meeting on Dec. 5, when the board will vote on the matter.

Clerk Bob Krug and Trustee Vince Lorraine were absent.

“We have county and state agencies that are in agreement that it doesn't make sense to put a pond next to a lake.”

Kevin Cook
CHMP Inc. civil engineer

PLEADS

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plea is similar to a plea of guilty. A defendant who enters a no contest plea concedes the charges alleged without disputing or admitting guilt and without offering a defense.

Dennis will be sentenced in Oakland County on Monday, Dec. 13.

Meanwhile in Genesee County, Dennis had a pretrial proceeding on Wednesday, Nov. 16. According to court records, an order was filed to provide a copy of the recorded forensic interview and Dennis' pretrial in Genesee County that will continue on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

In addition to the Oakland County charge, to which Dennis has pleaded no contest, he also is charged with eight counts of first-degree criminal sexual

conduct with a defendant under the age of 13 in Genesee County.

If he is found guilty as charged, he faces life in prison.

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

It is unknown if the Genesee and Oakland County victim are the same individual.

According to Genesee County District Court records, Dennis resides on Parallel Street in Fenton, one block west of State Road Elementary School property. He is free on a \$500,000 cash surety bond, is required to wear a GPS tether, must stay away from the victim and not use drugs or alcohol, or be in presence of any minor under the age of 18.

Spotlight on:

ED CONSTABLE,
REALTOR

People recognize him as 'The 9 to 9 guy' from ReelTimes video

By Sally Rummel

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Ed Constable has been in the real estate business since he was 4 years old, accompanying his dad, a real estate developer, on appointments. Now 27, he leads the EdConstable.com Team at Tremaine Real Estate, 1032, N. LeRoy St., Fenton.

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Q. How have you used the ReelTimes Video in marketing your own business as a Realtor?

A. The video has really helped me with my branding. I use it on my website, social media and as a commercial that



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Q. What are your best home selling tips?

A. High quality, bright, wide-angle photos of your home are an absolute must. Have your home in the best shape it has

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

I'D MUCH RATHER have Hillary Clinton's characteristics than Donald Trump's characteristics.

I SEE YOU'RE still whining about the turn signals. Could you please get a life? I'm getting sick of reading them every week.

I HAVE TO laugh at you people who voted for Trump because he wasn't a professional politician. Except for Trump, everyone person he's chosen is a professional politician.

TO THE PERSON in Holly who fell 20 times last year, don't blame your clumsiness on anyone else. Learn how to walk.

WILL SOMEONE EXPLAIN why poor people keep voting for tax cuts for the rich people? Look at Trump's tax plan. The rich will get huge tax cuts but his plan will raise the lowest 10 percent bracket to 12 percent. My taxes will go up.

I JUST WANT to comment on Hillary, and Trump promising to drain the swamp. Even if Obama pardons Hillary, I hope the AG for Trump will get all the evidence of all of her misdeeds and publish it.

I CANNOT UNDERSTAND why Gov. Snyder would even consider taking benefits away from the police department. I am at a loss for words to understand the reasoning behind his thoughts. Especially since millions were spent on the presidential elections.



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From U.S. 23 to Torrey Road, Thompson Road will be widened from two lanes to three to accommodate a new center turning lane for traffic, especially large trucks.

ROAD

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Thompson Road, from U.S. 23 east to Torrey Road, will be widened to three lanes to add a turning lane for large trucks. The northbound U.S. 23 ramp from Thompson Road will also be reconstructed.

Shumaker asked where the \$240,000 was coming from.

"Here's what I don't want to do. I don't want to take tax dollars for roads from residents to do this project for people putting businesses in with tax abatements. I don't

want to have to take from our residents to develop Thompson Road," he said.

Broecker said the township has a number of properties it can sell to offset the cost.

Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said they're expecting to get back three or four big residential properties from the county, along with a few other parcels they could sell that could potentially cover the \$240,000.

"Worst case is we take it out of our fund balance," Broecker said. "The township's general fund unrestricted fund balance at the end of 2015 was just over \$1 million."

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Beautiful Remodeled Waterfront Home w/40' frontage on all sports Lake Fenton. Gourmet Kitchen w/Marble Counters, 2 ranges & one has a grill, double convection oven, breakfast nook and amazing views of the lake. 4 BDR, 3.5 BA & 2508 SF.



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5 reasons you should send out Christmas cards

■ Whether you send a greeting card or photo card, people will appreciate being remembered

By Sally Rummel

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When was the last time you sat down with a cup of coffee or tea and really thought about the special people in your life who would enjoy getting a Christmas card greeting from you?

Yes, you can send a mass Facebook message or an e-card, but there's still nothing like opening an envelope with a beautiful card, maybe a photo, and imagining that you were important enough in someone's life to have been sent a personalized card.

That's the gift you give to someone else when you choose a card, sign it, address it, stamp it and send it—the old-fashioned way.

Here are a few other reasons to send out Christmas cards this year:

- 1. It can be** a wonderful feeling to connect with people on a deeper level than a social media site.
- 2. Your handwritten** note can be a reassuring keepsake for your family—heartfelt words written by you.
- 3. Cards can** be a memento of special people in your life.

Times Editor Sharon Stone keeps the Christmas cards she's received in a plastic bag dated with the year, and stored with the Christmas decorations. They serve as a remembrance of family and friends as you go through life. "With all of the family photo Christmas cards, it's fun to see how the kids have grown throughout the years," said Stone.

4. Some people don't do social media or emails, and would appreciate a mailed card, especially the older members of your family.

5. You can decorate your home with Christmas cards, by displaying them on your fireplace mantel, attached with a ribbon to a door, or strung like a banner.

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Sharon Stone

HOW TO RECYCLE YOUR CARDS:

If you have old Christmas cards you don't want to keep, you can recycle them into new greetings, and save a tree at the same time.

Materials needed:

- scissors
- white card stock
- x-acto knife
- recycled images from cards, magazines or wrapping paper
- ruler
- paper glue

Step 1: Print out templates from <http://www.hgtv.com/design/make-and-celebrate/handmade/recycled-paper-cards> Draw around template and cut out the shape.

Step 2: Lightly score down the middle of card stock with X-ACTO knife and ruler. Fold card in half and glue the cutout shape onto the front.

Step 3: Using the smallest star template, cut tiny stars from the recycled paper and glue them onto the card around the large star. Allow to dry.

Other ideas for homemade cards:

<http://www.hgtv.com/design/make-and-celebrate/handmade/16-handmade-holiday-cards-pictures>

Donate old cards to:

St. Jude's Ranch for Children Recycled Card Program, 100 St. Jude's Street Boulder City, NV 89005

- **Use scissors** to remove the back of the card as only the front of the card may be recycled. Make sure the front of the card is bare of any notes or writing.

• **Send Christmas** cards, thank you, birthday, anniversary or other cards to St. Jude's. The fundraiser runs year round.

• **Don't separate** the cards by type. St. Jude's resells the cards by general Christmas cards; religious Christmas cards; Easter cards; birthday cards; thank you cards and all-occasion general greeting cards. Tips: The program does not accept cards from Disney, American Greetings or Hallmark.

• **St. Jude's prefers** cards that are 5 inches by 7 inches or smaller.

Downtown decked out for the holidays



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO
Department of Public Works (DPW) employee Rob Spiece wraps a garland around a light pole in downtown Fenton Wednesday morning. The DPW hung 72 lighted garlands for the Christmas season.

AUTUMN

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Another photograph titled “Milky Way Skyline” earned him a Professional Photographers of America first-place prize in June.

Photography isn’t just a hobby. As a job, he gathers stock images for Detroit company Hello Innovation, which means he gets to travel for his job frequently. His favorite spot so far is a sea cave at the Oregon Pacific coast.

His riskiest spot was with a small crew of photographers, documenting the shuttered Packard Plant in Detroit last October. Suddenly the group was surrounded by eight plain-clothes Detroit police officers, with their guns out.

“We thought we were getting jumped,” he said, because the police didn’t show badges right away.

The whole crew was arrested for trespassing. He paid the fine to remove it from his record. It ended up being worth it — as Pure Michigan featured the photo later on.

Somers shoots with his feet on the ground, but also uses aerial drones to get those



MORGAN SOMERS
Photographer Morgan Somers used several types of studio lighting techniques for this self-portrait.

“Photography just taught me to appreciate things.”

Morgan Somers
Fenton landscape/
sports photographer

You can see more of Somers’ work at masphotomi.com

unique perspectives.

He likes shooting landscapes because it gets him outside, and gives him a way to share his visions of various local and far-flung landscapes.

“I just like to get out. Ever since I’ve been doing photography I see everything differently,” he said. “Photography just taught me to appreciate things.”



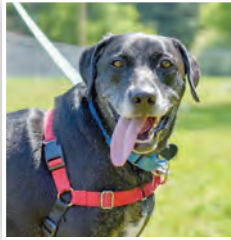
Morgan Somers of Fenton was photographed from the top of Mt. Mansfield in Vermont in October, by fellow photographer, Tommy Jakubiec. Traveling to distant locations is one of his favorite aspects of photography.

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Meet TOM TURKEY

- Juicy holiday favorite
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- Prefers pig roasts

By Vera Hogan

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Tom Turkey is in town for the Thanksgiving holiday this week. We plucked him out of the flock for an interview at the grocery store. He says it's freezing in there!

We'd like to ask you some questions, Tom, is that OK:

Sure, that would be fine. Wait, this is not an obituary is it, seriously, this is not an obit, right?

Why do they call you Tom?

Because I am a spectacular male. And, as most people know, the name 'Tom' is used to refer to the male of any animal species. It usually doesn't bother me except in the case of cats. I hate cats, especially tomcats! They



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After we calmed him a bit, Tom Turkey settled down and agreed to an interview about turkeys in general.

prowl around at night, strutting their stuff like they're all that and then some. I'm the one that should be strutting, with my beautiful feathers and all.

What is that red thing hanging below your beak?

That's a great question. The red fleshy pendulums hanging off turkeys' beaks are called "snoods." When a handsome male turkey, such as myself, is strutting during mating season, the snood engorges with blood and extends to hang down over the beak. The snood has no known function,

according to the National Wild Turkey Association. But, of course, (wink wink) we know better.

What is the difference between a wild turkey and today's factory turkey?

Intelligence, my friend, intelligence. Today's factory turkey's brains are about a third the size of a wild turkey's.

Is that why turkeys are so stupid?

Well, that's rather blunt. I admit that turkeys freak out in crowds. When they get spooked, they run for cover, an instinct that is useful in the wild, but works against them in pen conditions when they head to one place and pile up, smothering their neighbors that end up on the bottom.

Can turkeys fly?

Domesticated turkeys are too fat for their frames so they have foot and leg problems. They can neither run nor fly. Years ago, there was a TV sitcom called "WKRP Cincinnati." One of

their promotions for Thanksgiving was to drop turkeys from an airplane, thinking the people on the ground could get one for free for their meal. That episode taught a good lesson because that didn't work out well at all. The turkeys simply plunged to their deaths and believe me, it wasn't pretty. Wild turkeys, however, can fly up to 55 miles per hour.

Why do some people like the white meat of a turkey the best?

Turkeys have been bred to have abnormally large breasts to meet American customers' (especially males – ahem!) predilection for breast meat. As a result, factory turkeys are unable to breed naturally, and female turkeys are all artificially inseminated. Such a pity!

What do you know about the drink called Wild Turkey?

It's a classic! Wild Turkey bourbon is a super-premium, American bourbon, made in Kentucky. I think people should drink Wild Turkey on Thanksgiving instead of eating roast turkey. Afterwards, they will vow never to drink again, or at least until Easter when they can feast on some gross ham instead of us beautiful turkeys.

Tell us something that will surprise us about turkeys.

Many turkeys, much like a good dog, will happily sit for hours having their feathers stroked.

Tell us something that upsets you.

Well, in nearly every grocery market in America you can buy turkey ham, turkey bologna, turkey bacon and a dozen other so-called 'turkey' products. Truth be told, we believe in the creed of "just be yourself." It is blatant and intentional Turkey fraud. There oughta be a law.

Got any turkey jokes?

Yes, I do: Why did the turkey cross the road on Thanksgiving?

He wanted people to think he was a chicken. Get it? Haha, haha, haha....get it? Haha, haha...

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TEACHERS

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Prior to an election, 12th grade advanced government students may very well talk about and study the election and candidates for office.

Barnes said teachers are encouraged to have their students talk about the pros and cons, or strengths and weaknesses of each candidate.

Instead of name-calling referring to Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton in derogatory terms, however, students would be better to point out Clinton's Secretary of State experience, for example, or Trump's business acumen, Barnes said.

"When I taught history in Murray, Kentucky, my students loved to debate," he said. "I've had better discussions with high school students back then than what's going on now."

Barnes said teachers should never tell a child he or she is stupid for things they say about the election, or tell them that their parents are wrong.

"Kids like to deal in facts, not emotions," said Barnes.

Students should be told that as Americans, a new president has been elected according to the process that's in place, and that everything will work out for the betterment of the country.

"I see nothing wrong, if a student asks a teacher how he or she voted, to tell the student," said Barnes. "But follow up that answer with and here's why. Keep it professional on the reasons the teacher felt his candidate was the best choice."

A teacher should never tell students that "Trump is an utter buffoon," or "Hillary should be in jail," for example.

High school students could also talk about the process itself and have discussions on whether the two parties should have measures in place in the future to come up with better nominees, people the voters will like and support.

Barnes said again, the conversations about the election, if they are had, should be tailored to the grade level of the students.

"This is an issue," he said. "We're becoming afraid to say anything about anything. But in the absence of what people don't say, kids are going to fill their minds with something else."

Holly Area Schools Superintendent David Nuss said, "We promote critical and independent thinking and problem-solving. In this light, teachers should avoid trying to indoctrinate students on their personal views. We're looking for students to develop the skills to thoroughly analyze data and develop their own thinking on issues."

Staff Reporter Hannah Ball contributed to this report.

LINDEN AND LAKE FENTON PRESENT STAFF ETHICS POLICY

Superintendents Ed Koledo, Wayne Wright and Adam Hartley of Linden, Lake Fenton and Fenton schools respectively, referred to the staff ethics policies in place at their districts, which are identical:

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Burkel's body was found just before 7 p.m. but police continued searching the area with flashlights looking for another possible victim. Burkel's bicycle was located near the scene.

Aro said they located and interviewed the second man seen near the tracks. He is a 28-year-old Fenton Township resident. No foul play is suspected. The police chief said the Fenton Township man told police that Burkel was lying on the ground beside the tracks, in the right-of-way space. The man, who appeared to be highly intoxicated, told police that he and Burkel had been drinking and were crossing the tracks on their bicycles.

This was not the first time that the Fenton Township man had trespassed on the railroad tracks. (See sidebar).

Michigan State Police assisted with an aerial search using a helicopter. While conducting their search, someone on the ground pointed a laser light at the helicopter pilots. (See sidebar).

In addition to Fenton police, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies, CN Railroad police, Fenton fire and STAT EMS were on scene.

This was the second train-related fatality this week. On Monday, 15-year-old Victoria Lane was struck and killed by a CN train just east of South Leroy Street, just south of Main Street.

Fenton Township man cited for trespassing on railroad tracks

On Thursday, Nov. 17, Fenton police responded to the railroad tracks in the area of U.S. 23, Silver Lake and North roads to investigate a report of a man sitting on the tracks drinking alcohol.

Police located the man wearing a black and red hooded sweatshirt. As the officer approached the man, he yelled to get the man's attention. The man did not hear the officer until he was very close. The officer realized that the man was listening to loud music through his earbuds.

The 28-year-old Fenton Township man was issued a court appearance ticket for trespassing on the railroad tracks. He has a Jan. 30, 2017 court date.

Federal offense to aim laser light at aircraft

Fenton police responded to a home near Newport and North roads after learning that someone in a home was shining a laser light at the Michigan State Police helicopter. Pilots alerted Fenton police and officers responded to the home. Pilots were able to capture the shining of the laser light on video as evidence. Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said the man at the home faces a five-year federal felony for aiming a laser at an aircraft. Charges are pending and the case remains under investigation.



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President-elect Trump policies that could affect you

■ Middle class can expect tax reduction, Obamacare likely to be repealed

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During his campaign, President Elect-Donald Trump announced the changes he’s going to make in his first 100 days as president.

Here are the policies that could affect you.

Note — these are only a few of the proposed policies.

Middle Class Tax Relief and Simplification Act

With this act, there will only be three tax brackets instead of seven, with the middle class seeing the highest tax reduction rate. A middle-class family with two children will see a 35-percent tax cut.

The Trump administration hopes to use this act to grow the economy 4 percent per year and create at least 25 million new jobs.

School Choice and Education Opportunity Act

This will give parents the right to send their children to the public, private, charter, magnet, religious or home school of their choice. This act would end Common Core, expand vocational and technical education, and make two- and four-year college more affordable.

Repeal and Replace Obamacare Act

This act will fully repeal Obamacare and replace it with Health Savings Accounts, the ability to purchase health insurance across state lines, and it allows states to manage Medicaid funds.

Freeze on federal employee jobs

If you’re looking to become a federal employee, apply before Trump is sworn in. The President-Elect has proposed a freeze on all federal employee jobs to reduce federal workforce through attrition, except for the military, public safety officers, and jobs in public health.

Affordable Childcare and Eldercare Act

This will allow Americans to deduct childcare and elder care from their taxes, gives incentives to provide on-site childcare services and creates tax-free Dependent Care Savings Accounts for young and elderly dependents, with matching contributions for low-income families.

PROPOSALS WITH UNKNOWN BENEFITS OR CONSEQUENCES:

Selecting a new Supreme Court Justice

According to President-Elect Trump, he has 20 judges on his short list for Congress to consider as the next Supreme Court Justice. Since Congress is Republican-controlled, the next justice is projected to make the Supreme Court conservative controlled.

“Drain the Swamp”

Also known as the Clean Up Corruption in Washington Act, this would enact reforms to “Drain the Swamp” and reduce corrupting influence of special interests on politics.

Federal regulations

Trump aims to enact a policy that states that for every new federal regulation, two existing regulations must be eliminated.

Congressional term limits

A constitutional amendment would impose term limits on all members of Congress. This could adversely affect legislation going through the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Cancel President Obama’s orders

Trump has vowed to cancel every unconstitutional executive action, memorandum and order issued by President Barack Obama.

Source: npr.com

Restoring Community Safety Act

A task force on violent crime would reduce crime, drugs, and violence while increasing funding for programs that train and assist local police. It also would increase resources for federal law enforcement agencies and federal prosecutors to dismantle criminal gangs.

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LOOKING BACK
at this week in
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NOV. 20
1968: Methane gas explosions in a West Virginia coal mine kill 78 men. The damage to the mine was so extensive that it had to be sealed with the bodies of the men still inside.

NOV. 21
1980: On this day, 350 million people around the world tune in to television’s popular primetime drama “Dallas” to find out who shot J.R. Ewing, the character fans loved to hate. J.R. had been shot on the season-ending episode the previous March 21, which now stands as one of television’s most famous cliffhangers.

NOV. 22
1963: John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the 35th president of the United States, is assassinated while traveling through Dallas, Texas, in an open-top convertible. First lady Jacqueline Kennedy was beside him, along with Texas Governor John Connally and his wife, for a 10-mile motorcade through the streets of downtown Dallas. Sitting in a Lincoln convertible, the Kennedys and Connallys waved at the large and enthusiastic crowds gathered along the parade route. As their vehicle passed the Texas School Book Depository Building at 12:30 p.m., Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly fired three shots from the sixth floor, fatally wounding Kennedy and seriously injuring Connally. Kennedy was pronounced dead 30 minutes later at Dallas’ Parkland Hospital. He was 46.

NOV. 23
1936: The first issue of the pictorial magazine Life is published, featuring a cover photo of the Fort Peck Dam by Margaret Bourke-White.

NOV. 24
1947: The House of Representatives votes 346 to 17 to approve citations of contempt against 10 Hollywood writers, directors, and producers. These men had refused to cooperate at hearings dealing with communism in the movie industry held by the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC). The “Hollywood 10,” as the men were known, are sentenced to one year in jail. The Supreme Court later upheld the contempt charges.

NOV. 25
1950: The so-called “storm of the century” hits the eastern part of the United States, killing hundreds and causing millions of dollars in damages. Also known as the “Appalachian Storm,” it dumped record amounts of snow in parts of the Appalachian Mountains.

NOV. 26
1941: President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs a bill officially establishing the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day. The tradition of celebrating the holiday on Thursday dates back to the early history of the Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay colonies, when post-harvest holidays were celebrated on the weekday regularly set aside as “Lecture Day,” a midweek church meeting where topical sermons were presented.

Source: history.com

News briefs

'MERRY CHRISTMAS'

The Fenton Film Series announces its December movie night at the Loose Senior Center in Linden will take place **Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m.** The film is, "Merry Christmas," which is about a remarkable event on Christmas Eve 1914 during WWI in Germany. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

FENTON TOWNSHIP HONORS EAGLE SCOUT

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees passed a resolution honoring 14-year-old Bradley Trecha for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout within the Boy Scouts of America. In order to become an Eagle Scout, Trecha had to earn a minimum of 21 merit badges and finish a non-profit project within his community. Trecha earned every possible 130 merit badges, something only 325 Boy Scouts have ever accomplished. He finished repairing and repainting a pavilion and playground area for the Fenton VFW as his community service project. According to the resolution, "The township board of the Charter Township of Fenton hereby applauds the diligence and determination and dedication of Bradley Patrick Trecha in pursuing the highest honor award by the boy scouts of America." Operations Manager/Deputy Clark Tom Broecker read the resolution.



Bradley Trecha

MOURNS

Continued from Front Page

tracks when she was struck by the train. "We believe she had headphones (earbuds) on," said Slater. "They were found nearby."

Lyzz Petrie of Fenton spoke on behalf of Victoria's family on Thursday. Petrie is Victoria's aunt and sister to Victoria's mother Stephanie Hall. Petrie learned about the accident Monday while she was at work. Her husband called and told her there was an emergency, and to get to Sheila Hall's home quickly. Sheila is Victoria's grandmother and mother to Lyzz and Stephanie. Victoria had lived with her mother and grandmother on S. Lemen Street.

After she arrived, Petrie said the family learned that Victoria had been killed on the train tracks. "They ID'd Victoria," said Petrie.

Looking back on Monday it was a typical school day. Victoria rode the bus to and from school.

As she frequently did, Victoria put on her earbuds and began walking the tracks while listening to very loud music. Petrie said everyone was always telling her not to do that, as it was dangerous and illegal. Victoria often rode her skateboard listening to loud music prompting passing cars to honk at her, said Petrie.

"Fifteen-year-olds don't think about that," said Petrie, adding that many teens are seen taking the shortcut by walking the tracks. "If you saw her, you could see she was clearly jamming to music."

Petrie described Victoria as a free spirit, a wild child. She loved animals of any kind and was a stranger to no one. "She made a huge impression and was exceptionally kind, very energetic," said Petrie.

Although she didn't care too much for school, Petrie said Victoria was realizing that she wanted to be a veterinarian tech and was looking forward to that career because of her love of animals.

The family has been hurt by all the uninformed speculating on Facebook as

“She made a huge impression and was exceptionally kind, very energetic.”

Lyzz Petrie
Aunt of Victoria Lane



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Family and friends of Victoria Lane have begun leaving memorial items like flowers, pictures and toys near the site where she died on Monday.

to why Victoria did not get out of the way of the train.

"People think they know everything when they see her Facebook page," she said. "We know she has struggled with depression in the past and we know she was getting help."

"She was never deemed suicidal — ever."

Petrie said Victoria's best friend told the family that Victoria felt her life recently was so much better now. Petrie said Victoria left no indication otherwise.

"She touched the lives of so many," said Petrie.

Funeral arrangements are with Temrowski Funeral Home in Fenton. Visitation is Saturday, Nov. 19 from 3 p.m. until the time of her funeral service at 6 p.m.

A memorial for Victoria established by her family has been set up near the site of the crash, in a public legal area away from the tracks.

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By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

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IF YOU BELIEVE an abortion is murder, than you should definitely not have one. However, you have no right to force your views on those of us who believe the well-being of the pregnant woman is more important than protecting the development of an unwanted fetus.

DONALD TRUMP IS president. I can't wait to see the wall, I can't wait until the 15 million illegal Mexicans are deported back to Mexico.

I THINK THE comment of the week was outrageous condescending to Hillary supporters in this area. We should be building bridges.

ONE OF OUR amendments is on freedom of religion, so stop trying to push your religion on me.

YEP, THEY DID take us out of a recession. They also tried to take us out of a war and they also rebuilt our housing industry. You might want to consider George W. Bush's nearly 15-year old war and what it's done to our nation and our nation's economy.

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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. 16** edition of the Midweek Times. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

FHS student fatally struck by train identified

A Fenton High School freshman was struck and killed by a CN train passing through Fenton the afternoon of Monday, Nov. 14. Police confirmed the identity of the 15-year-old victim.



Two men shot in downtown Holly

Holly police are investigating a double shooting, which occurred at approximately 8:45 p.m. near the downtown on Monday, Nov. 14.

Davison city manager coming to Fenton

Michael Hart has been named the new assistant city manager and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) director for the city of Fenton.

News briefs

Free faxing for the unemployed

As the employment situation seems to be getting better, The UPS Store at 17195 Silver Parkway is continuing to do what they can to help those affected by unemployment by providing free faxing of resumes. Those, who are currently unemployed and are seeking employment, may bring their resume and the fax number to The UPS Store and they will fax it at no charge. They also can print resumes for those that may need to mail one.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO YOU COLLEGE students are who having a temper tantrum, I spent 30 years working in factories contributing to the system. If your woman didn't get into office, don't start a riot. That's for losers.

I HOPE TRUMP shuts down trade with China. Frankly, I'm tired of their low-quality crap clogging up the marketplace like it is. I'd rather spend money and get something that will last.

HEARTBROKEN. YES, THE intellect of the nation was not used in this election. But boy the heart sure was. This nation is tired of the status quo and the dishonesty of politicians.

MARIJUANA POTENCY. IN 1970, I smoked my first joint of Columbian red. I laughed for three to four hours non stop. Had the greatest time.

DEMOCRAT, REPUBLICAN, OR Christian. I was raised in a Democrat

home and a Democrat community, rarely ever knowing what a Republican was or what they stood for. I always thought Democrats stood for the working man. Now I see the working men out in the street, whining like little children.

EVERY VOTE COUNTS. Really? Clinton won the popular vote but lost the election. Didn't the same thing happen in 2000 when the Supreme Court declared Bush the winner in Florida even though he lost the popular vote, thus making him president?

I'M CALLING ABOUT Applebee's. They had free meals for veterans today and I sure appreciate it.

IT MAKES ME feel sad that people feel winning is everything and you get it at all costs. How we conduct ourselves with kindness, respect and dignity is winning and is what Jesus taught.

IF I RAN a restaurant, veterans would eat free at least once a week. You all deserve so much more than what you get. Thank you for your service, brave men and women.

LET ME HELP you with more Canadian language training. It's not 'eh, let's go fishing.' It's 'let's go fishing, eh?' Most importantly, for you baseball, football, and sports fans, there is no other sport. It's hockey, year round.

LEAVES. THEY ARE so wonderful. But then we hate them. A lot like people.

NOW THAT CONSUMERS Energy has torn up North Oak Street even more, will the city please redo this road. Oak Street was in rough shape to start, but now it is almost unusable.

AS I PRAY for the future of our country, I also hope more and more people will do the same, hoping our Lord will lead the way to a land of love and forgiveness.



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Sports

David's Dabblings

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



Tigers are Battle Creek-bound

■ Fenton defeats Midland, advances to state semifinals

By David Troppens

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Midland — There were a lot of happy Fenton varsity volleyball players at Midland Dow High School Tuesday night.

Players were smiling and hugging as they celebrated the Tigers' first-ever Class A state quarterfinal victory in school history. They were dancing and celebrating among friends and family as well.

But Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger made a confession during the celebration.

"As happy as they are, I am happier than they are," Eisinger said. "I'm like a school girl. I'm thrilled to be able to go (to the Class A state semifinals in Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena) and play whoever we play in the semifinals."

The Tigers (46-5-3) may be the most undervalued team that has gone deep in the state tournament this season, but that's OK with Fenton if they keep getting results. On Tuesday the results ended up being Fenton's best

of the state tournament so far, crushing Midland by a 25-17, 25-20, 23-25, 25-19 verdict in front of a large Midland fan base in Dow's gym. Fenton now plays Novi in Friday's 5:30 p.m. Class A state semifinal contest at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena. The winner of that match will play in Saturday's 2 p.m. state title game against the other semifinal victor, either Rockford or Temperance-Bedford.

"I told the girls after the game, I have been going to the state tournament and watching it for many years, always dreaming to be able to coach in it," Eisinger said.

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Fenton's Delaney Miesch is set by Kiley Aldred in the Tigers' four-set victory against Midland on Tuesday in the Class A state quarterfinals. (Left) Aldred and a couple of teammates celebrate a point during the match.

• FREQUENT DRIVING MILE • BONUSES SHOULD EXIST • WHILE FOLLOWING FENTON

When schools have postseason success, a lot of stuff comes with that success.

Excitement is created and trophies are won. Quite frequently, school history is made in the process as well. All of those things have been true during Fenton High School's incredible fall sports season.

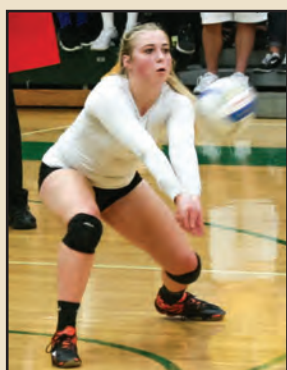
However, one other thing is pretty inevitable — putting a lot of miles on your car.

This fall that's been particularly true, and it will culminate with the Fenton varsity volleyball team playing at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena this weekend in pursuit of the school's first-ever state championship in volleyball. You can find out what happened with the team either in Wednesday's publication or at tctimes.com.

The Tigers had three teams have extended runs in the state playoffs. Fenton's varsity boys soccer team went to the D2 state semifinal, while the football team advanced to the regional championship round. And, of course, there's volleyball.

But with each success, there has been a lot of traveling. Since the start of November, I've been on two trips to Flint Kearsley and one to Auburn Hills Avondale for boys' soccer, a trip to Midland Dow and to Walled Lake Western for Fenton football and two trips to Ortonville-Brandon, two trips to New Baltimore Anchor Bay, a trip to Midland Dow and now a trip to Battle Creek for the volleyball team. I know that's also been the case for a good handful of Fenton supporters as well. One huge plus with all the driving — I've been listening to a lot of CDs (yes, I still have CDs) I haven't listened to in a long time.

It's always fun when I get to watch a specific sport make it to the state finals for the first time in your reporting career. This will mark the first time at any of my jobs I've attended a state tournament in volleyball, so it should be fun. I've covered prep sports at five different papers since 1991. Which is my favorite sport to cover at a state tournament? I'd have to say team state wrestling is my favorite.



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DAVID TROPPENS

Fenton's Chloe Idoni digs a ball during Fenton's Class A state quarterfinal match.

Moving Idoni was key to Fenton's success

By David Troppens
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Midland — Somewhere in the Fenton portion of the stands at Midland Dow High School, one could see a sign dedicated to Fenton sophomore Chloe Idoni during the Tigers' Class A state quarterfinal match against the Midland Chemics.

The sign read, "Chloe you are a beast."

Of course the sign is

meant as a compliment based on the way Idoni has played during the state tournament series. She clearly has been a beast. And she's been more dominant since Fenton moved her from the middle hitter spot to outside hitter.

Her production has skyrocketed to the point where the Tigers have one of the most feared 1-2 outside hit-

ting combinations in the state between Idoni and senior Jess Warford. That was on display on Tuesday when the Tigers defeated Midland relatively easily three sets to one, as the two hitters tied for kill honors with 12 each.

There are many reasons why the Tigers played in Friday's Class A state semifinal at Battle Creek's Kellogg

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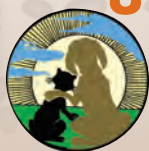


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Fenton captured its first-ever Class A state quarterfinal victory on Tuesday, defeating Midland. The Tigers also were Metro League champions and won five regular-season weekend tournaments.



Midland's Grace Rekeweg had 14 kills and 13 digs for the Chemics.



Ellie Jensen led Midland's attack with 16 kills.



Fenton's Delaney Miesch (left) is one of Fenton's three sophomores on the varsity team. The other two are Chloe Idoni and Erin Carter.

LEARNING

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Arena.

One of the biggest has to do with moving Idoni to the outside where she's getting many more kill attempts than she ever received while playing in the middle.

"It has completely changed (our team) for the better," Warford said after the Tigers won a regional title about a year ago.

"She is such a dominating player. Having her in the middle was a disadvantage because she wasn't set as much. When she's outside, she gets set and puts the ball down. That's what I love about Chloe. She is so aggressive. It seems every time we give her the ball, she puts it down."

"She was actually dominating in the middle, but she wasn't get enough sets so we had to move her to the outside so we could use her talents a little more," Fenton coach Jerry Eisinger said. "And, of course, Jess can jump high enough to match against anyone's height. That's certainly the strength of our offense."



Fenton's Jess Warford had a big game, collecting 12 kills and 11 digs against Midland.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger (back right) lead the Tigers to their first-ever Class A state semifinal trip this season.

Eisinger belongs

When Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger took over the Fenton position from legendary coach Linda Rusaw, he will admit he had reservations.

"There's such a tradition at Fenton, when I took the job I was pretty concerned I wouldn't be able to live up to it," Eisinger said. "It's a long-standing tradition and honestly, I couldn't be more proud."

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Class A State Quarterfinal Box

Fenton vs. Midland at Midland Dow HS

Scores by set	1	2	3	4	5	Record
Fenton	25	25	23	25	X	46-5-3
Midland	17	20	25	19	X	32-21-1

Set summary

First set - Fenton 25-17

The teams were tied at 8-all but Fenton's Jess Warford earned a kill, giving Fenton the lead for good. Warford earned the service after the kill, and scored four more points, including the final one on an ace. Fenton led 13-8 and never lost control of the set the rest of the way. Warford scored set point with a kill.

Second set - Fenton 25-20

The Tigers jumped to a 4-1 lead on the strength of two Chloe Idoni kills, and never trailed. Fenton led by as many as 23-16 when Kiley Aldred and Delaney Miesch combined for a block kill. Lily Elfstrom earned set point with a kill.

Third set - Midland 25-23

Midland led most of the set, but Tigers did take a 20-17 lead after a Midland service error. However, from there, Midland's Ellie Jensen dominated, scoring three kills, including set point, down the stretch.

Fourth set - Fenton 25-19

The Tigers never trailed and eventually took control as Midland had four service errors and four hitting errors plague their chances of remaining in the match. A Chloe Idoni kill capped the match, sending the Tigers to a Class A state semifinal contest for the first time in school history.

Attack stats (Listed in order of kills)

FEN Jessica Warford 33 attacks, 12 kills, 2 attack errors; Chloe Idoni 54 attacks, 12 kills, 7 attack errors; Lily Elfstrom 7 attacks, 3 kills, 1 hit error; Kiley Aldred 11 attacks, 2 kills, 0 attack errors; Delaney Miesch 12 attacks, 1 kill, 1 hit error; Elizabeth Thomas 2 attacks, 1 kill, 0 attack errors.

MID Ellie Jensen 16 kills, Grace Rekeweg 14 kills

Defensive stats (Digs/blocks)

FEN **Digs:** Taylor Mowery 28, Elizabeth Thomas 19, Chloe Idoni 15, Elise Delecki 14, Jess Warford 11, Kiley Aldred 7, Lily Elfstrom 5, Erin Kaye 3, Delaney Miesch 2.
Blocks: Jess Warford 1 solo block, 1 assisted block; Chloe Idoni, Lily Elfstrom & Delaney Miesch 1 assisted block each.

MID **Dig leaders:** Julia Gross 19, Grace Rekeweg 13.

Other stats (setting/serving)

FEN Kiley Aldred 76 sets, 29 set assists, 15/15 serving; Chloe Idoni 2 sets, 2 set assists, 10/12 serving; Taylor Mowery 3 sets, 1 set assist, 9/13 serving; Jess Warford 20/21 serving, 1 ace; Elizabeth Thomas 15/15 serving; Lily Elfstrom 8/9 serving.

MID Emma Wolf 37 assists.



Chloe Idoni had another big game, recording 12 kills and 15 digs in the four-set victory against Midland.



Fenton defensive specialists Elise Delecki (background) and Elizabeth Thomas (front) had 14 and 19 digs, respectively, in Fenton's win against Midland.

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