

Eclipse day could see problems from coast to coast

■Traffic gridlock, both on the highways and the internet, predicted

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Americans across the U.S.

will see the country’s first coast-to-coast solar eclipse in 99 years on Monday. While tens of millions of people get ready to watch the Aug. 21 phenomenon, authorities throughout states in the path of the eclipse are treating the event more like a natural disaster and are preparing for the worst.

According to CBS Local, the disaster prep work stems from the massive tourist attraction the solar eclipse has become. The eclipse’s path of totality, where the moon will almost completely block the sun, covers a 70-mile-wide lane that will cut across 12

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New zoning would prevent lake access for non-lakefront sites

■Subject to final approval by Fenton Township

By Hannah Ball  
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Fewer riparian units would be allowed at the new development on the old Lang’s Marina site under a zoning change.  
At the Fenton Township Planning Commission meeting on Aug. 10, a public hearing was held to discuss the rezoning of the property that used to be Lang’s Marina, at 2294 and 2300 Sonora Dr.  
Owner of the property, Ghasan Saab, requested the commission rezone the property from a Planned Unit Development (PUD) to R-3 and R-5, Single Family Residential.

See ZONING on 18A



SUMMARY ■The Fenton Township Planning Commission is expected to recommend that the Fenton Township Board of Trustees rezone the old Lang’s Marina site from PUD to R-3.

## Homebrew heaven



WATCH THE VIDEO AT TCTIMES.COM

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At the Lynchpin Beer Company Battle of the Brews, Allan Hoffman of Clarkston (center) laughs with his brother, Brian Stein (right) and sister-in-law, Michelle Stadler of Waterford Township, while Jason Pratt of Tyrone Township steps up for another pour of Stein’s Imperial Stout. Stein’s homebrew took second place of 17 beers on Thursday, Aug. 17 at The Laundry Room in Fenton.

See story and more photos on 17A

## Police chase ends at Mt. Holly

■Florida couple arrested for attempted check fraud

By Sharon Stone  
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Two Florida residents were arrested Tuesday, Aug. 15 on multiple charges after they allegedly attempted to gain funds fraudulently from a credit union in Brandon Township.

Those arrested were a 36-year-old woman from Daytona Beach Florida and a 32-year-old man from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

The Oakland County Sheriff’s Office Center received a call at 3:41 p.m. from an employee of

See POLICE CHASE on 21A

## The real reason college now costs so much

■Cuts in state funding dramatically reducing aid

By Hannah Ball  
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The cost of college is rising every year, and students and families are wondering how to pay the bills to better their future.

See COLLEGE on 21A


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“A 10-year millage to fix the roads while the DDA keeps giving taxpayer dollars to local for-profit businesses? The DDA shouldn’t give another dollar to any for-profit business until all roads in the city are repaired.”



“Call me crazy, but wouldn’t it make a lot more sense to keep the traffic light at Poplar Street and Silver Lake Road green all the time during the three-month construction period in order to keep traffic flowing?”



“The young man in Wednesday’s paper can be as sorry as he wants but at the end of the day there are still five dead people and five grieving families because of his actions.”



COMMENT OF THE WEEK  
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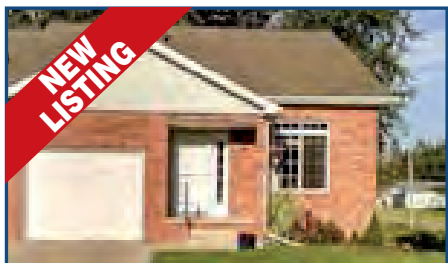
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7184 Van Vleet

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**\$267,500**

Call Judy Wright 810-845-4414



### SWARTZ CREEK

4084 Jennie Lane

**Home in Established Swartz Creek** neighborhood. 4BR 3.5B. A year round Florida room. Full finished walkout basement. Updates are roof, furnace, vinyl windows. First floor laundry. 2 sheds in beautifully landscaped backyard. Walk to city park. Great family home.

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### LAKE FENTON!

14244 Dartmouth

**60' Frontage on All Sports Lake Fenton.** Ranch with 1868 sq ft. 3 bedroom, 3 bath home with in-law quarters in finished basement. Plus! An additional lot across street with 2+ car garage for plenty of storage. Beautiful sunsets!

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### DAVISON TOWNSHIP

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**Stunning Davison colonial** has tons of updates!!! Two full baths both remodeled in 2016 one with jetted tub. Spacious Kitchen with plenty of storage and new appliances. Brand new hot water heater and softener in 2017. Timberline dimensional shingles. Large corner lot with large Hickory, Maple and Oak trees. Fantastic quiet Irish Village sub and Davison schools. Hurry on this one!

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6311 Silver Lake

**Come see this cute, clean, and adorable home on Byram Lake.** There is not one thing that needs to be done with this house. Beautiful hardwood floors, updated kitchen and baths, brand new stainless appliances that stay. The full basement has a full bath and is super clean just waiting to be finished. Beautiful piece of land over an acre and waterfront. Come enjoy you summer in this amazing home!

**\$299,900**

Call Tammy Harper 248-459-8688



### MILFORD

4141 Milford Ponds Lane

**Beautiful Country Home** on 4.6 acres in Milford Twp. Home includes 4 bedrooms 3.5 baths & finished WO basement great for entertaining with full bath, office, and custom bar with granite counter that walks out onto a beautiful flagstone patio. Just move in and enjoy country living at it's best.

**\$475,000**

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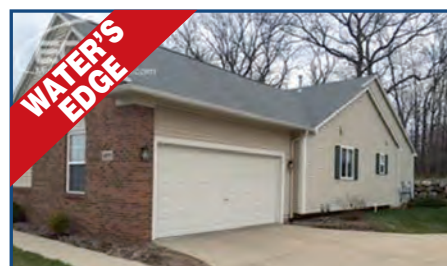
### LINDEN

16100 Whitehead Drive

**181' frontage on canal** to all sports Lobdell Lake, affords miles of boating with access to Bennett and Hoisington Lakes too. Nice 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath Ranch. Large deck at back of house & a deck at the canal by the dock to tie your boat or pontoon. Large 2.5 car garage and a shed for all the water toys. Over ½ acre of shaded property to enjoy the summers.

**\$250,000**

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### FENTON

677 Shoreline

**Sought after ranch condo** in high demand Water's Edge. Home has 2 bedrooms and 2 full baths with quite a large dining/living room that is perfect for family gatherings or entertaining friends. Full basement could be finished for additional living space. But no need to go downstairs with your first floor laundry. 2 car attached garage. Many walking trails close by as well as quaint downtown Fenton.

**\$199,900**

Call Dean Turkowski 810-845-3770



### FENTON

905 N. Leroy Street

**Location! Fenton Ranch**, 2 bedroom, 1 bath home with possible 3rd bedroom in basement. Updates include: Roof 2008, Windows 2014, Furnace 2010, Hot water heater 2017. Freshly painted throughout main floor. Blown-in insulation. Spacious entrance and good size rooms. Home is ready for your personal touch.

**Reduced to \$109,000**

Call Laura Pennington 248-245-5351



### HOLLY

19300 Taylor Lake

**Country home** located on 10 wooded acres, includes horse barn on property. Home also features full walkout basement with 4th bedroom and full bath.

**\$299,900**

Call Patrik welty 810-750-2300





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Real estate broker John Tremaine said that there are two markets in this area — lakefront and non-lakefront. Lakefront homes sell for an average of \$600,000. Non-lakefront properties sell for an average of \$200,000.

## Area home prices back up to 2005 values

■ Fenton is one of hottest markets in Genesee County

By Sally Rummel

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“Where are we going to go?” is a common question asked by tri-county area homeowners who may be interested in selling their homes, but aren’t sure where they would move to.

Low, low inventory and high sale prices characterize today’s local real estate market.

“An average market is usually 14 homes per couple looking for a home,” said Todd Warda, Realtor and director of



Modest one-story homes like these in Fenton still fetch more than \$100,000. (Left) This 1,100-square-foot ranch on High Street is listed for \$119,900. (Right) This home on Caroline Street is listed at \$138,000.



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operations for The John Wentworth Group at ReMAX Platinum in Fenton. “Now it’s 2.5 homes. That’s really low.”

The number of residential homes for sale nationally is at a 20-year low, according to Realtor.com. Many of the people holding onto their homes are Baby Boomers who are content in their homes and face the same inventory shortages

and price increases that plague young, first-time homebuyers.

This low inventory is driving up sale prices and the fast pace of home sales, especially in the Fenton, Fenton Township and Linden areas.

“Home prices are back at their 2005 values,” said John Tremaine, owner/broker of

See **HOME VALUES** on 18A



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People old enough to remember the June 8, 1953 Beecher tornado still shudder when they think about the devastation that resulted in 116 deaths and 844 injuries.

## In the event of a tornado, have a plan

By Hannah Ball

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While the Fenton area has only had a couple of memorable tornados in recent history, it always pays to be prepared in the event of a tornado.

Fenton City Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said the best way to be prepared is to have a plan so the whole family knows where to go if a tornado becomes imminent.

“Also have some emergency supplies like water, non-perishable food, a flashlight, and spare batteries are always important,” he said.

Cairnduff said the safest spot to be is the central room in the home or business and somewhere without windows, such as a bathroom or closet.

See **TORNADO** on 16A



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## Come *Heller* high water

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### 'That stupid, stupid school bus'

**E**ighteen years ago, Sam, our oldest, stepped onto a school bus for the first time. I remember getting misty about it because I'm a great, big, giant sap about that sort of thing. I wrote a column at the time talking about how this was it, the first step toward him leaving for good instead of just for his first half-day of kindergarten.

I get dramatic at times.

But I wasn't wrong. It was indeed the beginning of the end of him as a daily, huggable part of our lives. We wouldn't have it any other way, naturally. Birds gotta fly. We raised him to soar.

But it still smarts.

Sam is 22 now and a second-year law student at Vanderbilt down in Nashville. He's doing great. He just won a scholarship for second years — that's what they call them, second years. He just finished a summer internship with a federal judge, which blows my mind. (My kid? Helping a judge?) And he's interviewing with big law firms for where he's going to be next summer. He's hoping for Seattle or Washington, D.C., and I tell him I hope he gets the one he wants most.

But secretly I think — as every parent always has — "But that's a long way from us."

And it all started with that damn school bus. That stupid, stupid school bus.

Annie was next. She stepped onto the bus for the first time 15 years ago. And now she, too, is grown up and living her life away from us.

It goes without saying that she, too, is the smartest, most beautiful person ever placed on this earth. She's starting her third year at CMU, my alma mater. We just helped her set

up her first-ever apartment after two years in the dorm.

She's thrilled. But for a dad who viewed the dorm as somehow safer, it was a difficult thing. While Annie and her mom unpacked boxes, I walked around doing a dad security check on all the doors and windows, and grumbling mightily about the lack of a front porch light and how, by God, I was going to install wireless security cameras. Her response: an eye roll.

I love her eye rolls. I'll miss her eye rolls, which she'd fling my way five to 10 times a day throughout her teen years. Now I'll have to settle for her eye rolls when we chat on FaceTime or Skype, which isn't quite the same.

And it all started with that stupid, stupid school bus.

We're down to one last child at home now. Henry, my God, he's simply the best. Smart as a whip, a top athlete, and he has the kind of dry wit and wicked grin that makes people instantly love him. He's starting his last year in the public schools. Next year he's off to college and his future. He's going to do great. He's just that sort of kid.

Us? Well, the empty nest is in our near future.

Stupid, stupid, stupid school buses.

Opinions offered in Come Heller High Water are the author's alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email the Andrew at andrewheller@tctimes.com.

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**READ THE OLD** history books. The Civil War was not about slavery, it was about states' rights to secede from the Union.

**IS IT POSSIBLE** that a Republican president gets into a war situation because of reckless disregard by the predecessor's Democratic policy? Obama is a perfect example of recklessness.

**WE WALK THE** Linden walking trails in the park every day and are concerned that the employees who work in the park have been cutting back and removing brush along the trails. They've also pushed over some dead trees without removing. We think these employees need more direction.

**TO THE GUY** with the grade school education wondering about the environment, you have to remember that there were dinosaurs back then that don't exist now. There are a lot of animals that don't exist anymore. People weren't around then, but we're here now. If we want to stick around, we should clean up our act.

**WHAT IS WORSE?** The hate the white supremacists have toward blacks and Jews or the hate the Democrats have toward our sitting president? Hate is wrong in every form.

**TOO BAD WE** can't put Donald Trump and North Korea's Kim Jun Un in an arena and let them work things out. The

weapons of choice would be threats and insults. Trump is the choice to win at insults. Sadly, Kim can make the scariest threats. That's worrisome.

**YOU DO REALIZE** that your Bible, like my science books, were written by man, not God.

**IF YOU HAD** your Hot line party, I think the right-wingers would be eating crow and washing it down with a good dose of gullibility.

**ANOTHER REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT**, another war. It's good business. Invest your children.

**HARD TO BELIEVE** that these classic cars turning up for the bricks are more beautiful than they were when they were brand new. Where do they all come from?

**OUR TAXES PAY** the cops' salary. That makes us their bosses. They need to remember this.

**I DON'T BELIEVE** we are the most hated country right now. Are we hated by some? Absolutely. It's called jealousy.

**THE 'PROBLEM' WITH** Christianity, is people know they have to change.

**YOU DO REALIZE** that 'King Kong' is just a fantasy movie, don't you?

**WHEN YOU DIE**, you're put in a box inside the ground. Your body's energy will not be transferred to the earth, it will be contained in that box.

**YOU'RE WRONG. THE** King and Rush Limbaugh don't live free in my mind. When I hear some right-wing conservative quotes one of the those two, I realize 'hey look, another idiot.'

**I SLAMMED THE** door at Walmart into my leg and the blood started pouring out, it wouldn't stop. I just want to thank the people who helped. God bless them.

**ALL THESE BAD** parents for this or that, a valid point, but not always accurate, and just as likely to be Republican as anyone else.

**THIS IS A** shout-out to all you drug dealers. Do you people feel proud of yourselves for killing these young people?

**THIS IS FOR** Vera Hogan. Gosh, I wish I had her job. I just want to say, your column on the fall weather, yes. It's the best time of the year. Nothing is better than bundling up and going on a hayride, and apple cider. You brought up a lot of memories, so thank you.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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## How happy are you with your home?

Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor

## | streettalk



"Not really. I'd like to sell it. It's not what I wanted in the beginning. I wanted a ranch; it's a tri-level."

— **Carole Baker**  
Holly Township



"I love my house. My antiques, the location, good neighbors, good friends."

— **Donna Sperry**  
Fenton Township



"Extremely happy. I like the location, the style. It's a ranch with a walkout, full basement, 10-foot ceilings, a nice wooded lot."

— **Don Robinson**  
Fenton Township



"We're delighted with it. It's on the lake, we have a pontoon, we have great neighbors."

— **Ferda Stinehart**  
Fenton Township



"We're actually renting temporarily. We're working to find the perfect house. Homes where we're from cost twice as much as homes around here."

— **Chris Rumbold**  
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**HOT LINE** CONTINUED

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**THE THEORY OF** evolution is just as much a fact as the theory of gravity. Get yourself an education and learn about something before you start spouting off about things you don't know anything about.

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**THE BIBLE IS** true. Culture, countries and happenings that can only be known by a superior being. Read each word and think about it. It's good education.

■■■■  
**THE TIMES PAPER** is great to keep us up on all the major happenings. Many thanks.

■■■■  
**ALTHOUGH WE ALL** deplore the violence that was done in Charlottesville, Virginia, we do have to recall that it seems like it was yesterday when there was violence and inflammatory rhetoric in Ferguson and Baltimore done by Black Lives Matter. Then Obama invited those perpetrators of violence to The White House.

**Michigan commissioners invited to The White House**■ **First-ever invitation extended to county-level officials**

By Vera Hogan

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It was a whirlwind one-day trip, but Genesee County Commissioner Drew Shapiro said it was well worth accepting an invitation to The White House last Tuesday, Aug. 8.

Twenty-six of 83 counties in Michigan chose to send commissioners. "I was thrilled to have the opportunity," said Shapiro, noting, too, that he personally funded his entire trip, including the airfare.

In addition to Shapiro, who represents constituents in the cities of Fenton and

Linden, and townships of Argentine and Fenton in southern Genesee County, Commissioners Ellen Ellenburg and David Martin were there as well.

Ellenburg represents District 3 citizens on the east side of the city of Flint and the city of Burton. Martin represents District 9 citizens in the city of Davison and Davison Township.

"This type of meeting has never been done in any administration before," said Ellenburg. "It was very informative with department staff there to answer questions from area county commissioners. I will be able to use the contact information from the various departments to share with my fellow commissioners and municipalities that I represent."

"As a commissioner, it gave me another branch to have questions answered. I'm a believer that you need to have a variety of contacts to answer some of the questions you are asked as a commissioner. I hope they continue in the future with this plan," Ellenburg added.

Shapiro echoed some of his colleague's sentiments.

"This is the first administration to ever invite county commissioners to The White House," said Shapiro. "The main purpose was to provide people at the local level more points of contact in the federal government."

Shapiro said the county commissioners are visiting The White House state by state. Michigan was the third so far, having been preceded by Florida and Pennsylvania.

Commissioners heard from Billy Kirkland, President Donald Trump's intergovernmental affairs official.

"He briefs the president," said Shapiro. "Billy Kirkland told us 'with all the layers of bureaucracy in Washington, you guys are where the rubber meets the road.'"

Shapiro said commissioners heard from every department in the federal government except two, the Department of Defense and Department of Justice.

ANASA official gave a great presentation, Shapiro said, "You may wonder why it's important for Michiganders to hear about anything from NASA, but 67 businesses in Michigan receive \$46 million in funding from NASA, including some of the funding for the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) currently under construction in East Lansing."

Martin said, "Right off, in The White House invitation, it was clear that the Executive Branch wanted and needs feedback from the local perspective. The Office of Intergovernmental Affairs



Genesee County Commissioner Drew Shapiro (Dist. 6) poses with a portrait of former President Ronald Reagan during an Aug. 8 trip to The White House in Washington, D.C.

clearly has a mandate to create relationships with local government.

"Speaking directly with the director of Intergovernmental Affairs for Health and Human Services, I asked her to keep them focused on Flint's water issues now that water tests are well within standards and crisis is turning to recovery — confidence must be restored in our residents and businesses," Martin said.

"I also addressed the opioid epidemic and two days later the president issued a formal national emergency. Coincidence? I think all commissioners, from the three states to visit D.C., had a direct impact in that declaration."

"I believe input from all the counties, those already attended and more to follow, will show many similar issues. We shall see if local concerns are addressed or if the agencies continue to pass unfunded edicts from their ivory towers and grow their bloated bureaucracies. I doubt The White House intends to waste our time or their resources," said Martin.

Shapiro also said discussions also took place on tax matters, such as tax exemptions on municipal bonds, the drastic shortage of skilled workers in this country, the auto and technology industries in the Midwest, and the opioid epidemic to name a few.

Commissioners also had the opportunity to hear from Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos regarding education matters.

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## Old NOCFA building sold to Nebraska company

■ Dawson Tire & Wheel to begin construction on addition in September

By Vera Hogan

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After sitting vacant for nearly eight years, the old NOCFA (North Oakland County Fire Authority) fire hall on Grange Hall Road, east of Saginaw Street, has been sold.

According to Holly Township Treasurer Mark Freeman, the building sold for \$394,000 to Dawson Tire & Wheel, which is headquartered in Gothenburg, Nebraska.

"This is very beneficial for us (township)," Freeman said. "We had been marketing this building for a number of years. We're pleased to finally be able to sell it and put it back on the tax rolls."

Chuck Truan, co-owner of Dawson Tire & Wheel, said they are very happy to be coming to Holly. Dawson Tire & Wheel has a store in Gothenburg, Nebraska, one in Rosetown, Saskatchewan, Canada, and they have a service truck in Illinois, working almost exclusively for Jenner AG in Decatur, Illinois. Other service vehicles are located throughout the Midwest and Great Lakes area.

"My goal is to establish brick-and-mortar facilities across the country," said Truan.

"In Holly, we are putting on a fairly good size addition starting in September," said Truan. "We are adding a warehouse and shipping docks, and 3,000 square foot of offices for sales."

**“We will be open by Christmas.”**

**Chuck Truan**  
Dawson Tire & Wheel  
co-owner

"We will be open by Christmas," he said. "We are really excited that Holly wanted us. We went to four other communities but Holly said, 'We want you and we'll get you in here.'"

### NOCFA moved to new digs down Grange Hall Road

The fire hall became vacant when NOCFA moved into its new digs up the road — Grange Hall Road — in October 2009.

Construction on the \$1.8-million building began in September 2008 and took three months longer than expected due to poor weather that began in the spring, according to NOCFA Fire Chief Jeremy Lintz.

Nevertheless, the project still finished \$10,000 under budget. Of the \$1.8-million budget, \$1.1 million is from a 15-year loan, financed through The State Bank.

Money to pay the loan came from NOCFA's budget, with no tax increase for residents, Lintz said. The fire authority had been placing money in its capital outlay projects fund each year for the station, and Holly Township supplied \$550,000 for the new station.

The 15,000-square-foot building includes an 8,000-square-foot apparatus bay for vehicles. A three-story training tower provides an area for agility training, physical therapy and rooftop exercises. A large training room and the administration area feature donated tables, chairs, cubicles and filing cabinets.

NOCFA is funded by Holly and Rose townships, which have an agreement between them. The village of Holly has its own fire department.



*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, July 28. The Legislature is on a summer break with no sessions scheduled until Aug. 16. Rather than votes, this report contains some interesting or noteworthy legislative proposals to amend the constitution. To become law these require a two-thirds vote in the House and Senate and approval by voters.*

### House Joint Resolution P: Define legislature's authority to rein in state university speech restrictions

Introduced by Rep. Jim Runestad (R), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment establishing that the legislature may provide by law for the protection of free speech, expression, and assembly rights at state colleges and universities, which shall supersede any inconsistent restriction prescribed by one of these institutions. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### House Joint Resolution R: Replace House and Senate with unicameral legislature

Introduced by Rep. Jeff Yaroch (R), to place before voters, in the next general election, a Constitutional amendment to establish a

nonpartisan unicameral legislature (instead of a separate House and Senate) with 110 districts apportioned on the basis of formulas specified in the resolution. Legislators would have four-year terms and term limits would be repealed. Voters would no longer see a party designation after legislative candidates' names on ballots. Referred to committee; no further action at this time.

### House Joint Resolution S: Limit referendum on appropriations ban

Introduced by Rep. Robert Wittenberg (D), to place before voters in the next general election, a constitutional amendment to revise the current prohibition on citizen referendums challenging bills that contain an appropriation. The measure would establish that the ban only applies to bills that substantially fund one or more state departments, or which are needed to close current state budget shortfalls. A 2001 Supreme Court ruling interpreted the provision to prohibit referendums on any bill containing an appropriation. In several instances since then, the legislature has deliberately added modest appropriations to controversial bills, which without the appropriation, would likely have been challenged by a referendum. Referred to committee; no further action at this time.

### House Joint Resolution T: Taxpayer Bill of Rights' spending cap (TABOR)

Introduced by Rep. Martin Howrylak (R), to place before voters in the next general election, a constitutional amendment to cap annual state government spending increases at the rate of inflation plus increases in the state population, with any amount over that returned to taxpayers. Referred to committee; no further action at this time.



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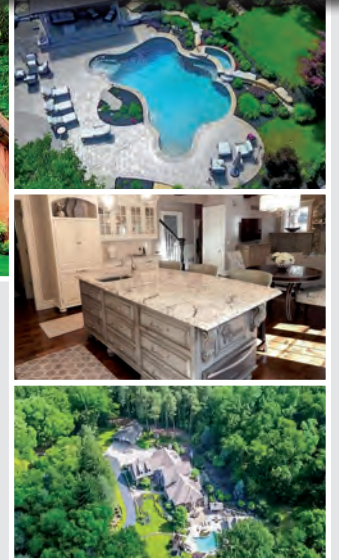
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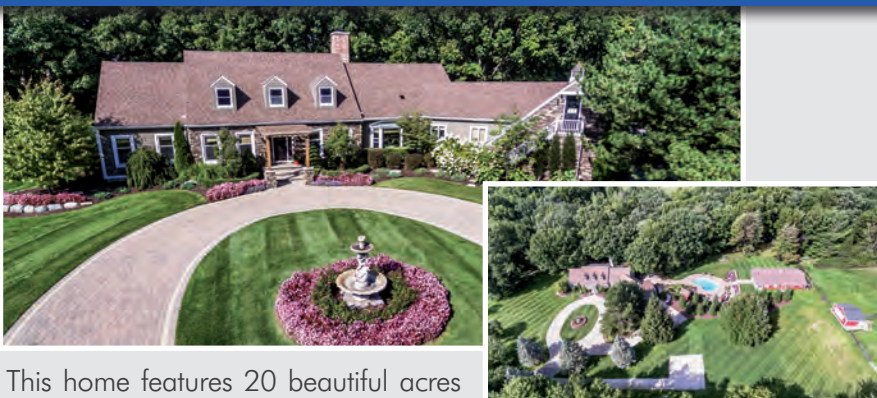
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## Spotlight on:

TYRONE  
PARTY STORE

■ Mike Wood added convenience store 25 years ago, now open 24 hours a day

By Sally Rummel

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Mike Wood opened Tyrone Party Store in Tyrone Township 25 years ago, following a long family history of business ownership and customer service.

His dad, Gaylord "Woody" Wood, owned the Sunoco station on Owen Road for many years and his brother, Bill, opened Woody's Auto and Truck Repair and Towing Services in the same business location as the party store, 9485 Center Rd.

"We started out as a convenience store, we



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The Tyrone Party Store has been in the Wood family for 25 years, and has sold gas for five years. Rebecca Wood is manager and father Mike Wood is owner. Mike said handmade pizza and a selection of beer, wine and liquor make the business unique.

didn't even have a beer license," said Mike. "Now we do a little bit of everything. We're probably best known for our pizza, and we also sell beer, wine, liquor and convenience store items."

Five years ago, Mike added Marathon

gas to his business. "It has turned into a huge success," he said.

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On Sunday, Aug. 13, at approximately 7:24 p.m., deputies with the Livingston County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to Fenton Road south of Read Road in Hartland Township for single motorcycle injury crash. The preliminary investigation has revealed that a 45-year-old Hartland resident was traveling south on Fenton Road, driving a 2007 Harley-Davidson XL1200 motorcycle. The motorcyclist lost control and the motorcycle left the roadway. He was ejected from the motorcycle. The motorcyclist was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. Livingston County EMS transported the man to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township. He was reported to be in critical condition. The road was closed for approximately three hours during the investigation. Neither alcohol nor speed appear to be a factors in the crash and the incident remains under investigation. Deputies were assisted at the scene by personnel from the Hartland Fire Department and Livingston County EMS.

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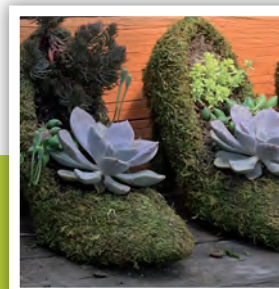
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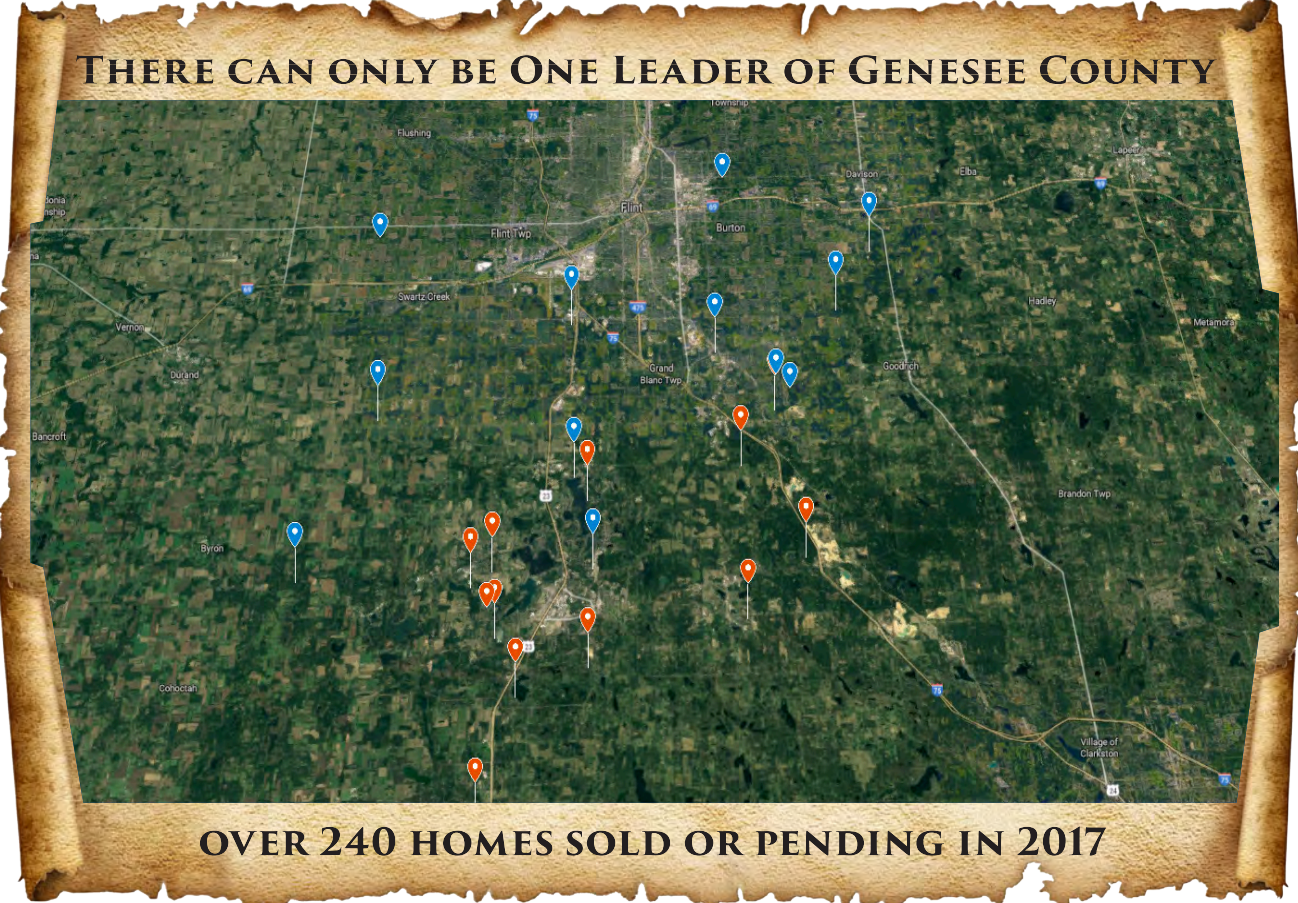
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## FINAL WARNING:

## Staring at eclipse likely to cause permanent damage

■ Once eye cells are destroyed, they cannot regenerate

By Hannah Ball  
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With the solar eclipse occurring on Monday, one local optometrist is warning people not to look directly at the sun.

Dr. Gerianne Mulanix, optometrist/president at Linden Family Eye Care, said, "Usually after an eclipse, there's this uptick in cases and problems."

The eclipse, which is when the moon blocks the sun's rays, will happen Aug. 21. In Fenton, the eclipse will start at approximately 1 p.m., and peak viewing time will be at 2:26 p.m. The moon will move past the sun by 3:46 p.m.

Staring directly at the sun can permanently damage the eyes. Mulanix said when she was training to be a doctor in Chicago, she treated a young boy who had central vision loss. His mom said their family believed that staring at the sun strengthens the eyes.

"She told him to stare at the sun for two hours every day," she said. "All that sun gazing for extended periods of time did permanent damage to his vision."

He now has a blind spot in the middle of his vision, and his best acuity vision is ruined.

"Some people think it burns like thermal damage like a hot laser. It's not the heat. It causes a chemical reaction called photo-oxidative reaction," she said.

This destroys cells, and once they're destroyed, they do not regenerate.

"There's no treatment," she said. "The only way is prevention. It might get a little better, but usually there's some permanent damage."

After an eclipse, Mulanix said she sees more cases of solar retinopathy, which is a photochemical toxicity and injury to retinal tissues, commonly associated with sun-gazing and eclipse viewings.

During an eclipse, Mulanix said the sun isn't more powerful, but there's a greater chance people will be looking at the sun. Kids are more at risk for retinal damage because their retinas aren't fully developed, so more light comes in their eyes.

**“She told him to stare at the sun for two hours every day.”**

**Gerianne Mulanix**  
Linden Family Eye Care optometrist/president

She said even looking at the sun for a minute has been shown to cause permanent damage.

Symptoms of solar retinopathy include blurred vision, a central blind spot, light sensitivity, and distorted vision, like if a straight line looks curved.

## How to watch eclipse

## Eclipse glasses

For these glasses to protect your eyes, they must be compliant with the ISO 12312-2 safety standard. They are darker than normal sunglasses and filter out more sun. It's safe to look at a partial eclipse with these.

If they get scratched, punctured, or torn, do not use them. Instead, buy new ones. Packs of eclipse glasses are available at Walmart, eBay and Amazon for under \$20. Ask your local eye doctor's office if they carry these glasses.

## Pinhole projection

Another way to view the partial eclipse is the hand method. NASA suggests stretching out your fingers on both hands and overlaying them, creating a waffle pattern. Stand with your back to the eclipse and look at your hands' shadow on the ground.

The little spaces between your fingers will project a small grid of the partial eclipse on the ground.

## Box method

This involves taking a large box and cutting out a hole for your head. The longer the box, the larger the projection. Then you tape a small square of aluminum foil near the top on one end of the box, and poke a small hole in it. Tape a sheet of paper on the inside of the box, on the opposite side of the hole. Stick your head through the hole and stand with your back to the sun. The light will come in and you will see a small projection, a negative image, of the eclipse.

## There have been reports of counterfeit eclipse glasses.

Amazon is issuing full refunds to those who believe they may have purchased the fake ones. The news comes after the American Astronomical Society issued a warning on its website about potentially unsafe glasses for sale ahead of the Aug. 21 solar eclipse. Even glasses stamped with an International Organization for Standardization seal (ISO) could be fake, the AAS said. Glasses should have the verification code ISO- 12312-2 printed on the side.

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states from Oregon to South Carolina. There are an estimated 12 million people in the eclipse's path.

Another 1.8 to 7.4 million people will travel into the path on Aug. 21. Several small towns and less populated states are preparing to see their populations double or even triple in the week leading up to the solar event.

This highly anticipated event is shaping up to be a traffic nightmare for regions within the rare phenomenon's path.

According to time.com, federal and state officials are racing to spread awareness and allocate resources to communities projected to experience what is known as near or full totality — the brief but stunning moment in which the moon passes between the Earth and the sun and blocks the sun's light, plunging the affected areas in 14 states into sudden darkness.

The visually arresting sight will last up to a couple of minutes depending on the location. But that's still enough time to throw off unsuspecting drivers, as well as to prompt major traffic congestion in states with prime viewing spots. This will be the first time in 99 years that the path of a total solar eclipse moves across the entire U.S. from coast to coast.

### Traffic gridlock

The Federal Highway Administration (FHA) has described the celestial occurrence as a once-in-a-lifetime event. The last time a solar eclipse spanned the U.S. was in 1918. Back then, there were only 6.16 million cars on the road. Today, there are more than 263 million. The risk of distraction is ever present on modern roads, and the eclipse could be the biggest driver distraction of the last century.

With the eclipse expected to cross 29 interstate highway routes, the FHA is taking a number of precautionary steps.

Motorists are cautioned not to rely on their automatic headlights when the eclipse blocks out the sun. The agency is working with traffic reporters in the 14 "totality states" to inform residents of appropriate planning and safety procedures.

Local governments have their work cut out for them. While a partial eclipse will be visible throughout the entire contiguous U.S., the states that will experience totality in some capacity are: Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Depending on the state, actions being taken include not issuing permits for wide commercial trucks, pre-deploying highway crews to respond to any incidents in heavy traffic, increasing police and other first responders on the highways.

On the East Coast, officials in South Carolina are reportedly stocking up on bottled water and portable toilet services to prepare for the influx of tourists. The Red Cross is also setting up emergency shelters in the 12 affected states to help with possible emergencies that may overwhelm local governments.

In many states, hospitals are canceling elective surgeries and increasing medical personnel to handle any emergencies.

### Impact on telecommunications

Experts think the total solar eclipse on Aug. 21 may become the most-viewed event in human history.

Record numbers of people are expect-

ed to photograph, share, and watch live video feeds of the eclipse online.

However, telecommunications companies and live-streaming video hosts say they're prepared for the crush of internet traffic.

Unlike the event 99 years ago, this eclipse will occur in an era of record internet usage — one in which 95 percent of American adults own a mobile phone.

Monday's eclipse is expected to be the most photographed and shared event in human history. It is unlikely that the internet will stop working on eclipse day. A vast majority of the country shouldn't experience any hiccups as providers build their networks to handle traffic far beyond what is considered normal.

### At home

For those who wish to skip the whole thing and stay home, many TV and cable networks plan to broadcast the eclipse live. Check your local TV listings for more exact information.

While you're sitting on the couch with your family dog or cat, don't be surprised if they fall asleep during the eclipse. It will, after all, get dark.

Sources: CBS Local and time.com

## MICHIGAN VOTES

### LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

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### Senate Bill 255 and House Bill 4086: Impose licensure on home inspectors

Introduced by Sen. Michael Green (R) and Rep. Jim Tedder (R), respectively, to impose licensure, fees, "apprentice" requirements, regulations, exams and more on home inspection services. A state board comprised of incumbent providers and

others would establish requirements for new entrants, with existing providers partially exempt. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### Senate Bill 269: Repeal crime of threatening excommunication for voting the 'wrong' way

Introduced by Sen. Patrick Colbeck (R), to repeal a law that makes it a misdemeanor for a member of a religious society to try to influence how another member votes in an election by threatening excommunication, dismissal, or expulsion. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### Senate Bill 292: Ban new underwater oil pipelines

Introduced by Sen. Rick Jones (R), to prohibit any new underwater oil pipelines in Great Lakes waters. Existing pipeline operators would have to submit a detailed risk analysis to state regulators within 90 days, and shut their lines down if regulators deem that "public trust" would be "impaired" by leaving them open. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

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## Community mourns loss of long-time banker

■ Robert 'Bob' Cole passes away at the age of 75

By Vera Hogan

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Robert "Bob" Cole of Fenton, former bank president, real estate agent, civic leader and community volunteer died on Tuesday, Aug. 15. He was 75 years old.

Cole's first banking job was with the Genesee Bank, in their college training program. He worked as a teller for about a month and later became the branch manager.

Three years later, the director of the First National Bank of Fenton offered him a job and he worked as the director of operations. Five years later, he was made an offer to work at The State Bank. He started out there in banking operations and eventually became president. He was there for 15 years. His last banking position was at People's State Bank in Hamtramck, from where he retired.

After he retired, Cole obtained his real estate license, starting out with Coldwell Banker in Fenton, and later with Legacy Realty Associates. He retired again a couple of years later.

Cole said he used to love to play golf and spent a lot of time at Spring Meadows Country Club.

Cole was a member of Fenton Kiwanis, the Fenton XX Club, Fenton Rotary and Fenton Jaycees. He served on the Fenton Downtown Development Authority and was past president of Michigan Community Bankers. He served on the Fenton Community Center Board of Directors and Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Direc-



Robert "Bob" Cole

tors for six years.

He and his wife, Christine, have been married for 37 years. They have five adult children, and 15 grandchildren.

During a 2015 "Our Town" interview, Cole said he grew up on a farm in the Hickory Ridge and Clyde Road area. He said he had a driver's license when he was 14 years old, something not uncommon among young people who worked on farms back then.

"In addition to raising cows, pigs and chickens, we grew wheat and potatoes for a short time. We didn't have a lot of money, but our freezer was always full," he said in 2015.

Funeral Mass was celebrated 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 18, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Visitation was held from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel 1000 Silver Lake Rd, Fenton, and from 10 AM until the time of Mass Friday at the church.

## TORNADO

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"If there is a basement, then the basement is always preferred over the upper levels of the home. The most dangerous would be outdoors or in a room with windows," he said.

If a tornado hits when you're out driving, Cairnduff said not to drive to an area to watch the storm.

"The shows on TV have made people think you can safely do that. There is a big difference between the weather chasers you see on TV versus here in Michigan," he said. "Our topography doesn't allow you to see a storm from a long distance away. The storm chasers on TV are out in the Midwest in places like Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, etc."

Out there, where the land is flat and with fewer trees, you can see from a long distance away, he said.

Instead, drive away from the storm. If you can drive to a place and get safely inside a store, do it. If not possible, drive in the opposite direction.

"If they can't due to visibility then they should make sure they are belted and get as low in the car as possible and cover their head, just like

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**Bob Cairnduff**  
Fenton City fire chief

we used to do in school drills," he said.

Cairnduff said Genesee County has one of the highest rates of tornadoes historically. The county doesn't get as many as the Midwest, but they're still possible.

"We have seen our fair share of tornadoes in the area and the Beecher tornado still ranks as one of the deadliest in the U.S.," he said. The Beecher Tornado,

which touched down in Flint on June 8, 1953, is one of the deadliest tornadoes in history.

According to weather.gov, that tornado killed 116 people and injured 844 others.

Fenton City firefighters receive annual training on recognizing and reporting severe weather. Cairnduff said they train for what to do during a severe weather

incident, which can include spreading out their apparatus over the entire response area during a tornado warning.

"We do this to make sure that if our station was struck by a tornado that we still have equipment and resources to respond. This also helps if areas are cut off due to downed wires and trees," he said.

This method helped them during the Aug. 24, 2007 tornado. He said the south end of town was blocked off by wires and trees across the roads, but they staged a few trucks south of town and they were able to respond.

### SUMMARY

■ While Fenton hasn't experienced a tornado touchdown in years, it's still good to be prepared.



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The summer 2017 Battle of the Brews sold out, with approximately 100 tickets sold. The event featured 14 homebrewers and 17 beers. The entrance cost \$20, and ticket holders received their own commemorative 2-ounce beer glass.

## Homebrew heaven

■ The Laundry Room provides venue for aspiring brewers to show off their beer

By Tim Jagielo

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**Fenton** — The beers kept coming in 2-ounce pours, and so did the individual votes, by poker chip for each of the homebrewers.

In one big room, 100 visitors were able to try 17 different beers ranging from Berliner Weiss, to best bitter to cream ales.

Of the approximate 1,700 pours that evening, the one that received the most votes was Bob Hart of Ferndale with his New England IPA (India Pale Ale), named “Sunshine in a bag.”

This is his second contest winning in a row. “It’s a lot of fun, it’s more relaxed,” he said. “Everyone’s here to drink good beer.”

The Lynchpin Beer Company’s Battle of the Brews was sold out with nearly 100 ticket holders judging 14 brewers and 17 beers. This was the company’s third event. The previous events were held in February and August of 2016.

“I did a few events like this and it was really fun for me,” said Lynchpin’s brew master Scott Hayes. Creating a brew and sharing it with the public can be difficult for a homebrewer and he likes providing that opportunity for homebrewers.

Hart won the top prize — his beer will be brewed at Lynchpin Beer Company. He will have a barrel of his winning New England IPA available until the barrel runs out. Hayes will try to coordinate a release party with Hart.

Other prizes included a \$100 gift certi-



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An estimated 1,700 2-ounce pours of beer, in several different styles, were served at the Battle of the Brews.

cate and beer growlers.

While a bevy of recipes were used, there were some limitations — brewers had to create something that can be brewed at Lynchpin. Hayes doesn’t produce sours or lagers or anything made with bourbon barrels at his brewery, so entrants couldn’t offer any at this contest.

Registration was open in the spring to give homebrewers a chance to come up with a plan, a recipe and then to brew their beer. He said some beers can be planned and executed in two weeks.

Unlike a “cook off,” the beer arrived ready to serve.

“I think a lot of brewers start out as homebrewers,” said Hayes. “(The contest is) just a way for hobbyists to get together, and many homebrewers are aspiring professional brewers.”

Lynchpin Beer Company brews out of a single barrel at The Laundry Room, next door to The Laundry restaurant. There are currently seven beers on rotation.

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## CATCH OF THE WEEK



**Joshua Holvick**, 6, of Fenton, caught this largemouth bass, his first catch ever. This fish was caught last weekend on Silver Lake while he was fishing with his grandfather, Gary Holvick Sr., also of Fenton.

## HOME VALUES

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Tremaine Real Living Real Estate in Fenton. "Baby Boomers have tapered off in sales activity, now it's mostly the 40- to 50-year-olds. The market is very responsive; buyers know when a property is priced right."

Warda says that Fenton's downtown growth has fueled the real estate market here locally.

"Prices per square foot are higher in Fenton than anytime in the last 12 years," said Warda. "Linden's about the same; there's not a huge gap between Fenton and Linden."

He estimates there has been an 8-percent increase in housing prices from 2016 to 2017, but doesn't anticipate prices getting much higher. "We're still on pace to have a banner year through 2018," said Warda. "Fenton is one of the hottest markets in Genesee County."

Even though potential sellers are concerned about their next housing move, Warda says there are options available through lending practices, especially if you have equity in your home. "We help with the whole process, not just selling



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On Thursday, Aug. 17, real estate broker John Tremaine stands in front of a lake house for sale on Torrey Road. He said he's one of 735 real estate agents operating in Genesee County, and that housing prices have returned to 2005 values.

your home," he said.

While the market is still going strong this summer, the sale of waterfront properties has begun to wane as potential buyers don't see much of a lakefront season left this year.

The waterfront sales season is even shorter than a typical real estate season. "The lake season is from April 15 through May 30 for buyers or sellers," said Warda. "That's the time frame they know they can still get in and enjoy the summer."

With the summer season coming to a close, Steve "Melch" Melchor of Berkshire-Hathaway Michigan HomeServices in Fenton sees the market definitely stabilizing and becoming less of a seller's market. "The inventory is still low but buyers aren't snapping them up as fast as they were," he said. "People are just taking a break. After you've been in the ring for awhile, you get tired of fighting. It'll pick up again after school starts."

Waterfront sales also are the place homeowners will experience the most gain from today's increased sale prices. "If you bought a home on Lake Fenton four years ago for \$400,000, you could sell it today for \$480,000 to \$500,000," said Warda.

Tremaine has a Lake Fenton listing for \$570,000 that sold less than a year ago for \$371,000. "There have been a lot of improvements made on the property, but it has also increased in price because of the market," said Tremaine.

Another of his Lake Fenton properties, this one off Torrey Road, sold in 2010 for \$250,000 and is now on the market for \$600,000. "Waterfront dollars depend on the view, the beachfront, sunrises and sunsets," said Tremaine.

"It's an exciting market," he added. "I do believe people are starting to think about back to school. September will be a busy sales market."

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## ZONING

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Planning Commissioner and Trustee, John Tucker, said, "Under the R-3 (or R-5) only the lots with frontage are riparian units. Under the PUD, his interior units were also allowed water access. That is the key thing he is giving up by rezoning away from the PUD."

PUD zoning combines different kinds of uses, like residential and commercial, along with greater flexibility with setbacks and sizing issues. Tucker said there were too many obstacles with the PUD zoning to be profitable, like upgrad-

ing the lift stations and resurfacing the road. Saab can still develop the same number of units with the residential zoning. He could still build condominiums on platted lots.

The recommendation from the commission to the Fenton Township Board of Trustees is to rezone the property to R-3 with no R-5, Tucker said.

### BACKGROUND

In December 2016, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved a rezoning request for a parcel on Sonora Drive in

order to turn the old Lang's Marina into condominiums.

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## BONNIE PRAY

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By Tim Jagielo

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Bonnie Pray of Fenton is proud to say that most of her time and all of her career has been wrapped up in the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) organization. While she has state-level duties with the VFW Auxiliary, her heart is with serving the veterans, which started with her own husband, Jack.

**How did you meet your husband?**

I graduated from Fenton High School in the class of '68. While I was in high school, the Vietnam war was happening and somehow I was writing letters to about 20 GIs. It was very interesting and that is when I started realizing what war was. So, I wrote cheerful letters. That is how I met my husband, Jack. He was in the Navy and our mothers were friends. So, I was given his address and started writing to him, too.

We married and Jack reenlisted in the Navy. We began our military life in California, followed by Florida, Colorado, and even Hawaii. Jack retired after 22 years.

I loved being a Navy wife and wouldn't trade that for anything. Then we moved back here to be home with our families. We have been in the same house for 26 years. I wouldn't trade my life for anything. I raised two children, and now I try to spend what time I can with my three grandsons.

**How long have you been with the VFW?**

I have been a life member of the Fenton VFW Auxiliary 3243 for 40 years. I have held several of the offices at my auxiliary and the district, and have been the Scholarship/Youth chairman for 18



**"I was very shy and only had a few friends. And now I speak at our conferences, and even have a gavel."**

**Bonnie Pray**  
Michigan VFW  
Auxiliary president

years.

**What is your career?**

My career has been with the VFW Auxiliary. I decided I could do even more for our veterans, their families and the communities by being a department officer and worked my way to be the president of the state of Michigan. I am so very proud to be where I am today. I totally enjoy working with our programs, which includes hospital, legislative, Americanism, Camp Trotter, National Home, membership, veterans and family support and all the extra things we do.

**What accomplishment are you most proud of?**

My accomplishment is being able to do what we do for our veterans. We have our parades, many functions, and fundraisers. We place flags in the cemeteries of our deceased members, we volunteer at the hospitals and nursing homes, and make sure the veterans know we are here for them. We work on that every single day.

**What do you do outside of the VFW?**

I really don't do much outside the VFW. I don't have much spare time right now, but I love what I am doing. We have about 25,000 members in our state, and I meet new members every day and there is always something going on.

**What is something someone may be surprised to know about you?**

Something surprising about me is when I was in school I was very shy and only had a few friends. My one friend, Sue, I have had for 52 years. And now I

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Bonnie Pray is a 40-year member of the VFW Auxiliary, (formerly Ladies Auxiliary.) She is also the state president of the VFW Auxiliary.

...speak at our conferences, and even have a gavel.

I am very ambitious, I love to work on jigsaw puzzles and really, I will do anything I can or need to do for our veterans. I thank veterans all the time for their service.

## MICHIGAN VOTES

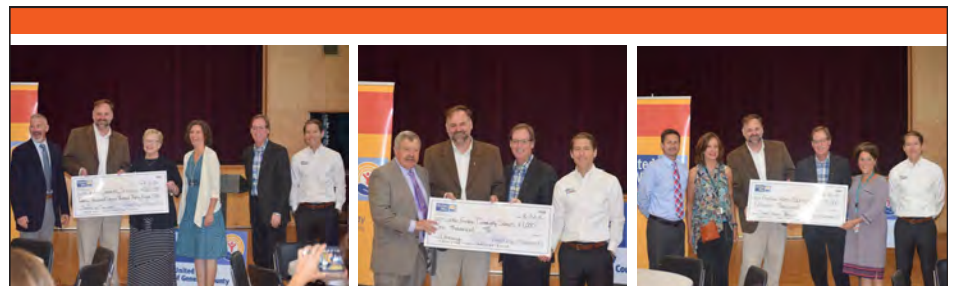
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**Senate Bill 327: Mandate state contract bidders get "equal pay certificate of compliance"**

Introduced by Sen. Coleman Young II (D), to mandate that firms accepting larger state contracts get an "equal pay certificate of compliance," by showing they are not guilty of sex discrimination, and that they pay compensation based on a concept of "comparable worth" specified in the bill. A firm would have to pay \$150 to get this certificate, and answer detailed questions about employee compensation, the gender and pay of current employees and any others posed state officials. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.



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## WHAT YOU MISSED *in the* MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following is what you missed in the **Wednesday, August 16, Midweek Edition** of the Tri-County Times. To subscribe and receive both the Sunday Weekend and Wednesday Midweek editions, please call (810) 629-8282

### Parolee assaults couple at local hotel

Michael Fisk, 41, formerly of Flint, has been charged with felonious assault after allegedly attacking and choking a man and woman at the Comfort Inn in Fenton.



### 'I wish I had died'

Matthew Carrier speaks about the crash that killed five people.

### Project is expected to be completed in November

Work to realign and resurface Poplar Street from Silver Lake Road to North Road in Fenton began on Monday, Aug. 14. Completion is expected in November.

## News briefs

### FENTON REGIONAL CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF

Officials with the United Way of Genesee County will kick off their 2017 campaign at seven locations throughout the county. Everyone is invited. The Fenton kick-off will be at **8 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 23** at Fenton Area Public Schools' Ellen Street Campus, 404 E. Ellen St. The kick-off will emphasize work to expand workplace giving throughout the county and help more than 85,000 men, women and children. Last year, the local United Way's total community impact was \$15 million in donations, grants, designated gifts and leveraged funds. These funds supported 150 programs throughout Genesee County. "The cornerstone of any successful campaign is workplace giving," said James Gaskin, CEO of the United Way of Genesee County. United Way officials are hoping to raise and leverage funds to support even more programs throughout Genesee County. "Our task this year is to re-engage not only donors and employers but also their communities," said Tony Burks, chairman of the United Way Board of Directors. If you have questions about how to support the United Way or run a workplace campaign, contact Amy Meister, Director of Development at [ameister@unitedwaygenesee.org](mailto:ameister@unitedwaygenesee.org) or 810.762.0855.

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### AUG. 20

**1977:** A NASA rocket launched Voyager II, an unmanned 1,820-pound spacecraft, from Cape Canaveral, Florida. It was the first of two such crafts to be launched that year on a "Grand Tour" of the outer planets, organized to coincide with a rare alignment of Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. Aboard Voyager II was a 12-inch copper phonograph record called "Sounds of Earth." Intended as a kind of introductory time capsule, the record included greetings in 60 languages and scientific information about Earth and the human race, along with classical, jazz and rock 'n' roll music, nature sounds like thunder and surf, and recorded messages from President Jimmy Carter and other world leaders.

### AUG. 21

**1959:** The modern United States receives its crowning star when President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs a proclamation admitting Hawaii into the Union as the 50th state. The president also issued an order for an American flag featuring 50 stars arranged in staggered rows: five six-star rows and four five-star rows. The new flag became official July 4, 1960.

### AUG. 22

**1992:** Hurricane Andrew hits the Bahamas. There and in South Florida, where it arrived two days later, the storm was responsible for the deaths of 26 people and an estimated \$35 billion in property damage. Hurricane Andrew was so concentrated that it resembled a tornado in its effects.

### AUG. 23

**1902:** Pioneering cookbook author Fannie Farmer, who changed the way Americans prepare food by advocating the use of standardized measurements in recipes, opens Miss Farmer's School of Cookery in Boston. In addition to teaching women about cooking, Farmer later educated medical professionals about the importance of proper nutrition for the sick.

### AUG. 24

**1981:** Mark David Chapman is sentenced to 20 years to life for the murder of John Lennon, a founding member of The Beatles, one of the most successful bands in the history of popular music. On Dec. 8, 1980, Chapman shot and killed the 40-year-old singer, songwriter and peace activist, outside Lennon's New York City apartment building, the Dakota, where he lived with his wife Yoko Ono and their young son, Sean.

### AUG. 25

**1984:** Truman Capote, the author of the pioneering true-crime novel, "In Cold Blood," dies at age 59 in Los Angeles. The book told the story of the 1959 murder of the Clutter family in Holcomb, Kansas.

### AUG. 26

**1939:** The first televised Major League Baseball game is broadcast on station W2XBS, the station that was to become WNBC-TV. Announcer Red Barber called the game between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, New York. At the time, television was still in its infancy. Regular programming did not yet exist, and very few people owned television sets. There were only about 400 in the New York area. Not until 1946 did regular network broadcasting catch on in the United States, and only in the mid-1950s did television sets become more common in the American household.

Source: history.com



## COLLEGE

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According to the Michigan League for Public Policy (MLPP), from 2003 to 2015, tuition at almost every Michigan university more than doubled, with some increasing by more than 150 percent. The average tuition for a student attending a state university is \$11,991 per year, the sixth highest in the country and second highest in the Midwest. If tuition matched the rise of inflation, tuition would have only been 20.4 percent higher than in 2003.

Matthew McLogan, vice president of University Relations at Grand Valley State University (GVSU), said, "In Michigan, for the last 40 years it has been the practice of the state government to move the cost of attendance off of taxpayers and onto students and their families."

He said in the 1970s, the state paid about 75 percent of university tuition and students paid the remaining 25 percent. Those numbers have flipped, and then some. At GVSU, students pay 80 percent of tuition and the state pays the remaining 20 percent.

Michigan cut university funding by more than \$262 million, which is a 30-percent decrease, from 2003 to 2017. "I hope it doesn't get worse," he said.

MLPP also found that tuition is rising faster than the national Pell Grant, which is a subsidy the U.S. federal government gives students for financial aid.

The situation got worse in 2011 when Gov. Rick Snyder cut funding for higher education by 15 percent in his first budget in 2011.

McLogan said Snyder has been working to restore that, but some colleges have not yet come back from that loss seven years later.

The 2017 fiscal year budget included a 2.9-percent increase, or \$39.8 million, for state universities.

Michelle Rhodes, associate vice president for Financial Aid at GVSU, said students should be looking for scholarships every year, which can help offset the cost of student loans. Students have a few loan options, from parent loans, to private loans to federal loans.

Rhodes said the government sets the interest rates for federal loans.

**“Most public colleges will work with students and families to make sure that the cost is not a bar to attendance.”**

**Matthew McLogan**  
Grand Valley State University vice president of university relations

Currently, the interest rate for an unsubsidized or subsidized undergraduate loan is 4.45 percent. The interest rate for an unsubsidized graduate loan is 6 percent.

"We encourage students to consolidate loans when they graduate. It's likely they can consolidate and get better interest rates," she said.

Rhodes said she wouldn't classify these rates as high, but they are higher than other interest rates.

McLogan said there are other costs, like housing if they move out of their parents' home, that students should take into account.

"Do not be off-put by the cost of attendance.

Most public colleges will work with students and families to make sure that the cost is not a bar to attendance," he said, adding to not let the "sticker shock" be a deterrent.

He said the first thing every prospective student should do is determine if they can obtain financial aid.

"Talk to financial campus aid, find out what's available," he said. "A college graduate is going to make \$1 million more in their lifetime than someone that does not obtain a college degree."

McLogan said it's the best investment a student can make.

### In-state 2017 annual tuition at Michigan universities

University of Michigan-Ann Arbor:	\$14,402
Michigan State University:	..... \$14,062
Central Michigan University:	.. \$12,150
Grand Valley State University:	\$11,520
Western Michigan University:	.. \$11,493
Ferris State University:	..... \$11,290
Eastern Michigan University:	.. \$11,209
University of Michigan-Flint:	... \$10,344
Saginaw Valley State University:	... \$9,345
Mott Community College:	..... \$3,785

Source: college tuitioncompare.com

### Rising student debt

In 1990, the average college student owed \$9,634 in college loan debt. In 2016, the average student graduated with a student loan debt of \$37,172.

The total student loan debt was \$1.31 trillion in 2016, which is the second highest debt in the nation, according to Forbes. Student loan debt is higher than credit card and auto debt, and only behind mortgage debt.

Source: Forbes.com, Pew Research Center

## POLICE CHASE

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the Michigan State Federal Credit Union, 4 South St., Ortonville, who was reporting that two individuals were currently in the drive-thru attempting to obtain funds fraudulently.

The driver was attempting to cash a fraudulent check. Prior to contacting the Sheriff's Operation Center, the credit union employee contacted the Brandon Township sheriff's substation directly to report the incident.

As a sergeant arrived at the credit union, the suspects fled the scene, driving away in a black Cadillac XTS. The sergeant pursued the suspects in his police vehicle. His emergency lights and siren were activated.

The pursuit entered Groveland Township and eventually, turned northbound on Dixie Highway near Grange Hall Road. While on Dixie Highway, the driver of the Cadillac made a sudden U-turn and proceeded to drive toward the pursuing sergeant's vehicle. At that time, the driver of the Cadillac intentionally struck the sergeant's vehicle head-on.

As a result of the crash, both the suspect vehicle and the sergeant's vehicle were disabled. Both suspects exited their vehicle and fled on foot.

Multiple units from the sheriff's of-

fice responded to the scene, including several sheriff's office K-9 units.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police Special Enforcement Section, the Metro North Post and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division responded to the area of the Mt. Holly Ski Resort in Groveland Township. One suspect was located by a conservation officer on the ski hill and turned over to sheriff's deputies.

The second suspect was apprehended a short time later by a state of Michigan Conservation Officer from the Department of Natural Resources.

Both suspects were treated for their injuries by paramedics from the Groveland Township Fire Department. There were no injuries to deputies during this incident.

The OCSO Traffic Reconstruction Unit responded to the scene to assist with the crash investigation. The sheriff's office vehicle involved in the incident was not equipped with in-car video.

The incident remains under investigation.

Charges could include fleeing and eluding a police officer, felonious assault with a motor vehicle on a police officer, attempted use of a fraudulent transaction device.

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# Bronchos hope to contend for Metro League title

By David Troppens

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It really wasn't that long ago when the Holly varsity football program was routinely one of the weakest in the Metro League.

However, that's changed since the turn of the decade. Since 2010, the Bronchos have made the state playoffs three times, and have experienced .500 or better seasons in five of the years. The Bronchos even finished in a three-way tie for the Metro League crown in 2011.

So it's fair to say since Ryan Culloty took over at the helm of the varsity football coaching position in 2008, the Bronchos steadily have been a better program, and are usually finishing in the upper-half of the

Metro League since 2010. The question is can they prove they can consistently compete with the league's top squads like six-time defending champion Fenton or traditional Metro contender and routine playoff participant Linden? Culloty would like to think so.

"The top five teams in the league can compete for the title," Culloty said. "Reviewing the depth charts, Brandon has all five starters back on its offensive line, Fenton has that wonderful quarterback that can be all-world. Linden is just a machine and I think Flushing is going to be in the mix. Those are the teams that are going to knock off each other each week, and we think we are among those teams. It's going to be fun

with the kids. I like being around them a lot, and when you like being around each other, good things can happen."

Good things can happen when a team returns eight starters on both sides of the ball as well, like Holly will this season.

On offense, the quarterback position is settled with three-year starter Cade Dallwitz returning.

"He's looked great," Culloty said. "He's gotten bigger, stronger and faster. He's throwing the ball much better than he did last year. He's taken

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## JACOB HONSTETTER

Honstetter should play a large role for Holly's rushing game during the 2017 football season.

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## Are Blue Devils rebuilding or reloading?

■ Lake Fenton appears to have enough back to defend their GAC Red championship

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Eric Doyle isn't one who likes to think about rebuilding.

The 2016 football season was a pretty good one for the Blue Devils.

Led by a strong senior class, the Blue Devils cruised by its first four Genesee Area Conference Red Division foes, setting up another championship contest with Corunna, a team that Lake Fenton had played three times in the previous two seasons in contests decided by seven points or less.

The teams didn't disappoint, as they had another classic confrontation, won by the Blue Devils, earning Lake Fenton the outright GAC Red title.

What can the Blue Devils do for an encore? Well, the senior class that made a lot of that season possible, obviously, has

graduated. However, plenty of pieces seemingly remain, giving the program every reason to think they have enough weapons to defend their title.

### Offense

Offensively, the Blue Devils have some strong starting pieces, starting with quarterback Jackson Nevadomski.

"He looks good," Lake Fenton varsity football coach Eric Doyle said. "He has to because we are putting a lot on his plate this year, but he's a competitor. He wants to learn and wants to get better. That's exciting for me to see. In my estimation, I would not trade him for anyone in the area. That's for sure. For what we do, he fits our program to a tee."

There are some strong pieces remaining on the offensive line, starting with Andy Lyons returns as an all-league player at right tackle.

"He's one of the best offensive linemen we've ever had," Doyle said.

Four-year starter Chris Tomczak is solid, too. He has played on defense in



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Matt Tomczyk will play a big role on offense and defense for the Lake Fenton Blue Devils this fall.

the past, but will be playing on offense this year as well. Jaeden Yurk was starting by the end of the year at left tackle. Others that could fill the starting lineup on the line are Rieley Novak and Ethan Dunkel.

The running game is Lake Fenton's

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BLUE DEVILS

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identity pretty much every year, and should be again this year. Returning is Jarrett Trombley.

“He’s going to be vital to what we do,” Doyle said. “He’s a lightning-in-the-bottle playmaker.”

Parker Goupil separated his shoulder and missed a good chunk of the season last year, but appears to be healthy. Others who will play important roles for the running game are Matt Tomczyk, Bryce Andres and fullbacks Sean Trombley and Brenden Carr.

Luke Tomczyk is the team’s top returning receiver and should work well with Nevadomski. Other receiving threats are Andrew VanVeelan. Hunter Schramm and Cody Schramm.

Defense

Doyle said the defensive line will be the biggest rebuild from a year ago because five of the top front six players graduated.

“There’s a lot of talent to replace, but we have a lot of talent up there as well.”

Chris Tomczak is a four-year line-

man and he’ll be the anchor for the group. Others who will play on the defensive line include Jimmy Hamilton, Andy Lyons, Jaeden Yurk and 6-foot-3, 250-pound Matt Turgeon.

At linebacker, Ethan Dunkel and Brenden Carr return after seeing good experience during their sophomore seasons. Cameron McNeil didn’t play football the last two years but he’s back out and quickly adjusting.

The secondary has plenty of experienced depth back. Luke Tomczyk will play more like a center fielder in the secondary and is a good start to the unit. Others who will play a lot as safeties are Sean Trombley, Matt Tomczyk and Mike O’Brien. Hunter Schramm, Cody Schramm and Parker Goupil are expected to play the corner positions.

“We are young on defense and they will get thrown in the fire right out of the gate against New Lothrop and Montrose. We did lose a lot but we have a lot back. We will lean on those kids initially until we get everyone in the right positions.”

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JARRETT TROMBLEY  
Trombley will play a key role for Lake Fenton’s run game this fall.

LAKE FENTON BLUE DEVILS

2016

Southwestern	41-7W
Olivet	18-14W
Beecher	61-14W
Mt. Morris	42-21W
Montrose	35-0W
Goodrich	40-0W
Corunna	22-20W
Waverly	63-35W
Williamston	35-38L
Powers	19-20L D4 playoffs

2015

Freeland	13-31L
Durand	44-6W
Montrose	49-21W
Mount Morris	48-0W
Sault Ste. Marie	42-33W
Beecher	26-27L
Goodrich	0-35L
Corunna	28-35L
Williamston	39-14W
Corunna	29-27W D4 playoffs
Flint Powers	0-41L D4 playoffs

2014

Freeland	0-42L
Durand	55-0W
Montrose	12-27L
Mount Morris	38-33W
Divine Child	24-38L
Beecher	6-44L
Goodrich	36-37L
Corunna	27-26W
Williamston	20-34L

2013

Gab. Richard	13-25L
Divine Child	28-21W
Mount Morris	33-12W
Bradford Ac.	56-0W
Beecher	33-14W
Goodrich	35-15W
Perry	59-6W
Durand	53-7W
Montrose	0-37L
Williamston	35-15W D4 playoffs
Sexton	14-32L D4 playoffs

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a bit step as a football player and as a leader. He’s had the tools since his freshman year, but he’s starting to look like the finished product. We think he’s ready to have a breakout year.”

“I feel like I am a better leader and mentally stronger than last year,” Dallwitz said. “I feel like I’ve improved a lot over the years.”

A couple of starters return on the offensive line, starting with Paul Elsey at center.

“He’s one of those steady Eddies that you don’t notice until you watch the tape and say ‘Wow, he did a remarkable job,’” Culloty said.

Another returner is Zach Miller. Others who should start on the line include Collin DeGriselles, Blacke Querio and Benjymin Domroese.

The running game looks in good shape with Jacob Honstetter returning for a third year. Collin Dallwitz returns at fullback and is a three-year starter as well as a captain. Wyatt Scribner, William Greer and DJ Tennis also return. Marko Ballard is expected to make an impact as well.

“We have a nice crop of player that will rotate in and out,” Culloty said.



Holly quarterback Cade Dallwitz

Grant Tooley leads the receivers. JD Landon is another quality receiver. Landon also spends time as Holly’s starting punter.

“Both are returning starters and both present unique skill sets,” Culloty said.

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HOLLY BRONCHOS

2016

Berkley	26-29L
Williamston	35-28W
Kearsley	21-0W
Clio	28-24W
Flushing	35-14W
Fenton	35-54L
Swartz Creek	35-16W
Linden	27-30L
Brandon	26-43L

2015

Berkley	29-7W
Williamston	6-7L
Linden	13-14L
Kearsley	42-12W
Clio	14-7W
Flushing	23-20W
Fenton	19-35L
Swartz Creek	21-13W
Brandon	23-27L
Fenton	20-21L D2 playoffs

2014

Berkley	7-34L
Williamston	7-26L
Linden	6-23L
Kearsley	20-21L
Clio	0-7L
Flushing	14-41L
Fenton	3-35L
Swartz Creek	23-26L
Brandon	6-27L

2013

Swartz Creek	32-26W
Linden	7-21L
Fenton	0-20L
Clio	7-0W
Kearsley	43-13W
Lapeer West	15-18L
Eaton Rapids	36-30W
Brandon	6-45L
Lapeer East	12-41L



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