

# Tales from Houston hurricane

Former Fenton resident shares her experience



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## Fenton grad: 'It's like a scene from a movie'



COURTESY OF MADELINE PREISS  
Fenton graduate Madeline Preiss (left) stands with Samantha MacLachlan and Stephanie Astle while taking a break from helping clean up the destruction left by Hurricane Harvey in Corpus Christi. All three are neonatal intensive care unit nurses at Driscoll Children's Hospital who worked throughout the hurricane.

By Hannah Ball

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Hurricane Harvey and the destruction it's wreaking over Texas might seem far away, but local connections make it seem much closer and more damaging.

Madeline Preiss, a 2012 Fenton graduate, is a nurse at Driscoll Children's Hospital and lives in Corpus Christi, where President Donald Trump visited earlier this week.

See **FENTON GRAD** on 11A

**“I was given the opportunity to switch to team B and evacuate but I chose to stay... I had to be there for my patients and their families.”**

**Madeline Preiss**  
Fenton graduate

## Can it happen here?

By Vera Hogan

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While Americans watched in horror as events unfolded last week in Texas and Louisiana, some are left to wonder, could that happen here?

**Fenton Fire Department**

According to Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff, “Flooding is always a possibility with any waterway, even the Shiawassee.”

See **HAPPEN** on 10A

**“Despite not having the geographical issues Houston faces, Genesee County can and has had catastrophic flooding.”**

**Jeff Wright**  
Genesee County Drain Commissioner

## Former Holly student dies from electrical accident

■ **Electrocuted while working in rafters at Spirit Life Christian Church**

By Sharon Stone  
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Eric French, 24, of Holly died Sunday, Aug. 27 following an electrical accident.

According to Livingston County Sheriff Michael Murphy, French died after being electrocuted while doing some work in the rafters at Spirit Life Christian Church on M-59 in Ocoola Township.

See **ELECTROCUTED** on 21A



Eric French

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**“No one in our country seems to be happy with what they have. Everyone is so angry. I remember my grandmother never saying anything bad about the Depression. No one seems grateful for what we have. What happened to happiness? We need to be grateful.”**



**“As she travels the country, trying to sell her new book, Hillary Clinton is charging up to \$240 for meet and greets with anybody. This is actually a good deal because most foreign leaders and dignitaries had to pay millions to the Clinton Foundation to meet with Hillary.”**



**“The best eclipse ever? That's a no-brainer. It was at noon on January 20, 2017, on the steps of the Capitol in Washington, DC.”**



**COMMENT OF THE WEEK**

**“My daughter lives in Houston. She lost everything but will be OK because we can help her. Unfortunately, that is not true for most because flood insurance is thousands of dollars a year. Most of those whose homes were ruined have nothing. Please donate if you can, God will remember it. Thank you.”**



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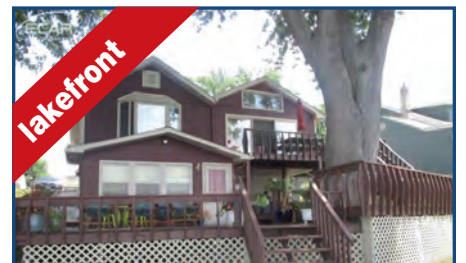
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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

The band Vinyl Tap performs at Barnfest 2017, Saturday, Aug. 26. Music lovers filled the barn and dance floor, watching, and singing along to the songs they knew. The crowd was energetic and the music was upbeat.

# BARNFEST

## FEATURES BEST OF MUSIC AND FAMILY

■ Weekend event nets 4,500 pounds of food for local families

By Hannah Ball

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**Fenton Twp.** — The place to be on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 26 and 27, wasn't out on the lake or walking downtown. The place to be was Barnfest in Fenton Township.

The 2017 Barnfest was about music,

fun, and collecting nonperishable food items to help feed hungry people.

Fenton Township residents Phil and Deborah Schmelter have hosted the event for the past seven years and say it gets bigger and bigger each year.

Phil said the event embodies "Love of music, love of family, the love of helping our

**“It's great watching people bring in their food. They are so proud of what they brought.”**

**Phil Schmelter**  
Barnfest organizer

fellow man... We started out doing one night and then so many bands wanted to

play that it went into two nights," Phil said. "We still have a waiting list of 30 to 40 bands that want to play here year after year."

Fourteen bands took the stage on Friday and Saturday, and attendees

**See BARNFEST on 15A**

## 'Serving the children of the world'

■ Kiwanis clubs exist to help kids thrive, prosper and grow

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*This is the second in a series about local civic organizations, their history and what they do for the community. This week we focus on the Holly Kiwanis Club. Read about the Kiwanis clubs of Linden and Fenton in the Sunday, Sept. 10 issue.*

Children in the tri-county area are fortunate to have three active Kiwanis clubs — Fenton, Holly and Linden — to help serve a variety of needs.

Research shows adults still value community service and volunteerism, and being a Kiwanis member can be rewarding in many ways.

According to Kiwanis International, "The greatest gift you could ever give yourself as a person is the gratification in knowing you are contributing your help, time, and efforts to people in and out of your community who are in dire need. Raising funds to help the poor, participating in fellowship, and giving something back to your community are the highest levels of self-satisfaction you can ever encounter."

**See KIWANIS on 14A**



A vintage photo of Ralph McKay shows him volunteering with the Holly Kiwanis Club during the holiday season.

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## Come *Heller* high water

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### Random thoughts

• **I'm stunned all** over again each time I read or watch Hurricane Harvey coverage and see homes half filled with water and people wading through neck deep water to save themselves or someone else. What an incredible, never-ending ordeal. But as always, this is when you clearly see how much good is in people. A tweet I saw said it best. Over a photo of a block-long line of people, it said: "Wanna know what this line is for? Food? Water? Housing? These people are waiting in line to volunteer." Yup. And that's the America



Andrew Heller  
FEATURED COLUMNIST

I know. Not the fringe collection of white supremacists, Nazi wannabes and Confederate mouth-breathers who descended on poor Charlottesville.

• **I never** mist up at news coverage. Ever.

And yet two Houston stories got me bad. One was a photo of a girl in muddy water up to her chin carrying a puppy in a basket on her head. Which is just so courageous and caring. Then there was the story about the 3-year-old who survived by staying atop her drowned mother's back. Rescuers said the mom had clearly been trying to swim the girl to safety. That's a hero among heroes. Amazing.

• **It's a helpless** feeling watching this nightmare from afar. But you can help. You can donate to the United Way of Greater Houston, the American Red Cross or the Salvation Army.

• **And let me** say this: The media coverage of the storm and flooding has been outstanding — and not unusual in the slightest. Reporters and photographers always rise to these occasions, just as they do every single day with things as mundane as township board meetings or as epic as political scandals and wars. The mainstream media — derided by the right as "fake" — is not fake, never has been and never will be. A free, aggressive and persistent press is in fact one of the best things

about this country. If our president had any sense of honor, he should at least acknowledge the media's job on Harvey. He won't.

• **You know how** I know Matthew Stafford shouldn't be the highest paid player in NFL history? Because at my fantasy football draft this weekend, he'll be at least the 10th quarterback off the board, and maybe the 100th overall player. Maybe Bob Quinn and the Fords should play.

• **So now, according** to a new study by Enbridge itself, sections of Line 5 beneath the Straits of Mackinac are down to bare pipe, meaning there's no enamel or fiberglass coating left. This is ridiculous. Why isn't the governor ordering it shut down? Where's the Legislature? This is the Great Lakes we're talking about. One breach — just one — means an ecological disaster.

• **So how alarmed** is our governor. He says he's "greatly concerned." And what does greatly concerned mean? It means he's ordering an "aggressive review" of Enbridge's operations. Which will no doubt take months. Way to swing into action, Spider Man. "Great Scott, that old lady's being attacked, I'd better call for an aggressive review." Sigh.

• **"Live as if** you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." — Mahatma Gandhi

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**HEY TIMES, HOW** about an update on the Caroline Street extension and the second Cornerstone building. Have they stalled?

**CALL ME CRAZY**, but how does all the new traffic and eateries in Fenton benefit the citizens of Fenton? Now they want to stick us with a 10-year millage to repair the roads the out-of-towners wear out. That makes no sense?

**IF YOU DON'T** support marijuana then don't smoke it. Simple. Don't attempt to deny people access to medical marijuana because you yourself cannot benefit from it. There are millions of us who do benefit. Don't like it? Don't smoke it. Educate yourself.

**IT SURE WOULD** be nice if Holly High School supported its soccer program by posting the games and scores of the varsity and junior varsity soccer games. The varsity team won the first game of the season 2 - 1 against Carman-Ainsworth.

**CAN WE PLEASE** have our headstone back? The one that was at the river with our beloved hometown heroes names that died. Where is it? Please put it back.

**'WAIT A MINUTE,** that can't be right.' Oh, but it is. 'Black people who were never slaves are fighting white people who were never Nazis over a confederate statue

erected by Democrats because Democrats can't stand their own history anymore — and somehow it's Trump's fault.'

**TODAY, SUNDAY 8/27** my husband and I ate breakfast at Fenton Coney. To our surprise when we asked for our bill, we were told it had been paid by someone. Thank you very much. We will pass it off in the future to do our part.

**NEANDERTHAL TO APEMAN.** Can you answer a simple question? Where is the missing link? School taught me there is no definite link between man and ape.

**THE CONFEDERATE BATTLE** flag of Northern Virginia is not the Stars and Bars. Learn about the Civil War before you write a Hot line.

**CIVIL WAR ISSUE.** Name one state that seceded over states rights. The answer is none! They did not believe in states' rights, as they believed that the northern states did not have the right to believe in abolition.

**PRESIDENT BUSH HAD UN** approval to invade Iraq. Terrorists were hiding in Afghanistan. Better to kill them there than here or anywhere else. Obama made little effort to get a good status of forces agreement with Iraq and pulled most of troops out. How did that work out? ISIS anyone?

**TYPICAL LEFTIST DEMOCRATIC** thinking, that lighting is more dangerous than terrorists. Lightning does not want you to serve it. Sharia does.

**I HAVE NEVER** seen such ignorance in my life. The Times tells you over and over again how the DDA gets its money and you still think they can pave roads in the whole city. Grow up, pay attention in class, learn and get over it.

**TO THE PERSON** complaining about the Men Working signs on the roads. I am a woman and I am wondering why you are so concerned about this. We have huge problems right now and this one isn't one of them.

**TO THE PERSON** in Sunday's paper that said there were only 2,000 at the Phoenix rally, were you sleeping? It was at a convention center, filled to busting open, besides the thousands outside.

**STEADY 60-DEGREE** temperatures in August? Does that mean we're going to see the snow forecast for September?

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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## | streettalk



"I worked at a grocery store. I was a stock boy. My last job, I owned a concrete swimming pool company."

— **Roger Mester**  
Highland Township



"J.L. Hudson Company in downtown Detroit. I took clothing and arranged it on the fifth floor. I also worked in the candy department when I started."

— **Dorothy Ducharme**  
Gaines Township



"A&W Root Beer in Fenton on LeRoy and North Road. I'm an artist now and I do quilling."

— **Reita Newell**  
Flint Township



"Working as a secretary at my high school co-op. My last job was at The State Bank — commercial loans."

— **Janiece Newberry**  
Linden



"Printing company — a printer's apprentice. My last was an electrical sales engineer."

— **Jim Plastow**  
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Police&Fire  
report

WOMEN STEAL DIAPER BAG FROM GOODWILL

Holly police are attempting to identify female suspects who they believe stole a Ju-Ju-Be diaper bag from the Goodwill store in Holly. An employee of the store on North Holly Road said the theft occurred on Aug. 17 at 5 p.m. The employee said a woman entered the store and looked several times at a diaper bag, which was zip-tied to a clothing rack. An older woman, who the employee believed was the first woman's mother, entered the store with a younger female, possibly the daughter of the first woman. The older woman cut the zip tie and took the bag into a dressing room where the first woman was. Soon, all three females exited the store. Employees searched the store for the diaper bag, however, they believe the women placed the bag into a larger bag that the first woman was carrying. The employee told police that Target provides some new items to Goodwill and that this was a Ju-Ju-Be diaper bag valued at \$129. Police are reviewing the store's surveillance video to see if they can identify the women.

CAR WINDOW SMASHED IN HOLLY

A 26-year-old Holly man filed a malicious destruction of property complaint with Holly police on Aug. 29. The man said that between 10 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 28 and 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29, someone smashed a window of his Saturn Ion. A 4-inch piece of broken pavement was found inside the vehicle. Police canvassed the area and found no other vehicles or homes damaged. The man said he heard a noise at 6:30 a.m. but thought it was garbage collection. There are no suspects at this time.

FLINT MAN TRIES TO STEAL CROWN ROYAL FROM FENTON STORE

At 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 29, Fenton police responded to a retail fraud complaint at a grocery store on Silver Parkway. The loss prevention employee reported that a man, later identified as a 68-year-old Flint resident, entered the store. The man was observed removing two bottles of Crown Royal from their boxes and then placing them inside the waistband of his black sweatpants. As he started to walk away, one bottle fell through his pants and crashed on the floor. The man scurried to the exit and was confronted by the employee. The man turned over the second bottle and quickly fled in a white sedan. Fenton police had previously arrested this man for retail fraud at another store on Silver Parkway. An arrest warrant is being sought.

STORE BROKEN INTO ON OWEN ROAD

At 4:03 a.m. on Aug. 30, Fenton police responded to an auto repair shop in the 3500 block of Owen Road after receiving a call from its alarm company. A motion detector alarm was activated. Upon arrival, police saw that an exterior door was open and loose change was found on the floor inside the store. A representative of the store arrived and said that a 50-inch TV and a flashlight had been stolen. The case remains under investigation.

News briefs

Lake Fenton High School raising funds to buy 250 new marching band jackets

After 15 years, the Lake Fenton marching band uniform jackets need to be replaced. Lake Fenton's band comprises one-quarter of the high school enrollment and Band Director Ryan Gonder said the band acts as a national ambassador for their school community. With a life expectancy of 10 years, their uniforms have surpassed expectations. It is their goal to raise the funds necessary to place an order of 250 uniforms by Jan. 1, 2018. Each new jacket costs \$200, but donations of any size are appreciated. Tax-deductible donations can be made to the Lake Fenton Music Boosters. Donations of \$100 or more will be recognized by the boosters on the band's website, in concert programs, and on a plaque at of the Lake Fenton High School Auditorium. Go to <http://www.lakefentonbands.com/uniforms> for details.

Fenton bridges to be inspected

The city of Fenton owns six bridges that go over the Shiawassee, and all of them are due for inspection this year in accordance with Federal Highway Administration and Michigan Department of Transportation regulations. Bridges are required to be inspected every two years. The bridges are on Torrey Road, North Road, Silver Lake Road, Caroline Street, LeRoy Street and East Street. OHM, the city engineers, will complete the job. At its Monday, Aug. 28 meeting, the Fenton City Council authorized paying \$4,800 for OHM's inspection services.

Notes of thanks

As the commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Curtis-Wolverton Post 3243 of Fenton, I would like to thank all of the people who helped with our pig roast Aug. 19, by donating their time and monies to help make this a rewarding fundraiser and wonderful family event. Many families came out and thoroughly enjoyed the event and are hoping to have another one. A special thank you goes out to Gerych's Distinctive Flowers and Gifts for their donation of the tent and Starrs farm for the sweet corn. I also would like to give a special thank you to TIDI Products for its donation for our ongoing infrastructure improvements and Diane Torrey-Walker helping us to receive this.

Thank you all,  
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## Former Times reporter immersed in Houston storm coverage

■ Will Axford, Holly graduate, reports for Houston Chronicle

By Tim Jagielo

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"In times of crisis, people look to journalists and reporters for information, for reputable help," said Will Axford, 2005 Holly High School graduate and former staff reporter for the Times.

He now works as a web producer/reporter for the Houston Chronicle, a large daily newspaper, located in the thick of Hurricane Harvey's flooding.

Axford lives about two miles from downtown Houston in the neighborhood of Montrose. He said local flooding was pretty bad, and would have ruined his car had he not parked in an elevated parking structure.

He's seen numerous flooded vehicles and empty store shelves. Family and friends have been checking on him since the storm started.

For the first two days of the flooding, he was on 12-hour days. His normal beat includes covering breaking local news and features for the website, Chron.com.

"All of our reporters were basically all hands on deck," he said. Stories are updated and pushed out continuously — extremely practical information, like where to find shelter and resources.

"Everyone was doing an incredible job and really powering through it," he said.

Instead of the regular interesting features and news stories, he focused entirely on storm coverage, and any useful information he could share.

"It's just been a blur of stories one after another; it's been tiring but extremely rewarding to work on it," Axford said.

He had to work remotely due to the weather over the weekend, but Monday he was able to drive in to work. "It's eerie driving through town," he said. "The businesses aren't open, it's raining, and the clouds are formidable."

He said it's not a welcoming atmosphere. It's more like something out of a movie.

He lives in a townhome with roommates and has stayed dry. He's seen heartbreaking stories and scenarios that



Will Axford



PHOTO COURTESY OF TIMOTHY MCINTOSH  
Residents of La Vita Bella in Dickinson, Texas sit in waist-deep water Sunday morning. Fifteen residents of the assisted living facility were rescued by boat.

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**Will Axford**  
Holly graduate  
Houston Chronicle  
web producer/reporter

have put things in perspective for him.

He spoke with the photographer who took the viral photo of residents of a senior living facility sitting in waist-high water.

He said no one thought it was real until bigger newspapers shared the story and photo. The photo grabbed enough attention to get the National Guard's assistance.

Axford said he feels like he is working in the middle of history, but that it's hard to have perspective right now. Long-time residents cannot remember a big-

ger storm or flood.

On Wednesday, it stopped raining, and the sun came out, but the floodwater has to go somewhere. Axford said many people lost everything, and have to figure out their lives going forward.

In contrast, Axford has also seen the best in humanity, such as people sheltering others in their homes, and heading out in their boats to help others. "They kind of forget what religion, creed, and ethnicity they are," he said, and they help one another.

Axford plans to spend a day volunteering this weekend, possibly with another Holly graduate, Jesse Nebus, who hopes to supply his boat for volunteer efforts.

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## Local fire departments ready for disaster

■ Every fire department has a plan for tornadoes and other emergencies

By Tim Jagielo

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Michigan is generally safe from hurricanes — the worst residents experience are the eventual remnants of a hurricane and increased rainfall, according to the National Weather Service.

Michigan residents, however, do deal with tornadoes. Plans are in place at the local, state and federal levels to handle them.

The city of Fenton has a citywide Emergency Operations Plan, for any kind of emergency or disaster. "It identifies everyone's roles within the city staff and assigns responsibilities," said Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff.

In the plan are sections for police, fire, EMTs, the Department of Public Works (DPW) and even finances. Each section outlines individual jobs and how employees are to perform them. Also included in the plan are damage assessment, public health and information sections.

In case of a tornado warning, the fire department will spread resources and personnel across the coverage area, after activating its storm spotters. "This is done in case the fire station is struck and we still have our resources to respond," said Cairnduff. "It also helps if severe weather strikes and makes roads hard to navigate." He said this is how they handled the 2007 tornado.

Linden follows the Genesee County disaster plan. It can escalate to the federal disaster plan if needed, said Linden Fire Chief Brian Will.

Once there is an incident of any kind,

his firefighters will arrive on scene and evaluate the situation. They'll determine what happened, and what equipment and staff are needed.

A few years ago, local DPWs and public safety organizations from surrounding cities and townships gathered to conduct tabletop tornado disaster exercises.

"Like the past Fenton tornado, several municipalities had to work together so this exercise talked about how to work together, what task had to be completed and how it was going to be paid for," said Will.

The Holly/Groveland Fire Department has also opted in to the countywide

disaster plan, according to Fire Chief Steve McGee.

"When a large incident occurs, the local fire department activates mutual aid utilizing the Michigan's Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS)," said McGee.

He said this type of team has been utilized for many years in managing large forest fires and is capable of assisting on an emergency for many months if needed.

Groveland Township is also home to Taskforce 1, which comprises more than 150 members that include rescue, search, logistics, doctors, planning and engineers that respond to large incidents throughout Michigan and beyond.

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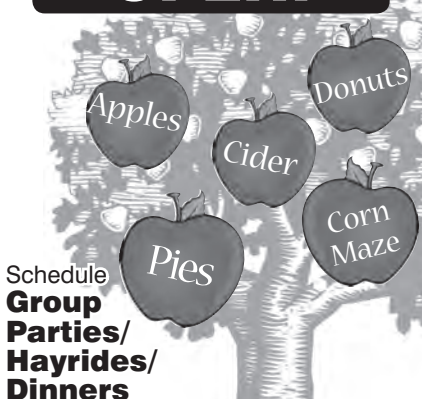
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"It has been a long time since we have had major flooding from the Shiawassee (River), but there are a few firefighters here that do remember having to sandbag behind the old fire hall because the water was coming into the basement of the old fire hall," he said.

The old fire hall is now the popular Fenton Fire Hall restaurant.

Cairnduff said the number one identified weather risk in Fenton is from a tornado or strong winds.

He offered some advice on what people should and should not do when an emergency occurs.

"Residents need to listen to any warnings or evacuation orders that are given and plan ahead to be prepared," said Cairnduff. "Don't wait until the last minute to have a plan."

"People need to realize that emergency service can't help everyone immediately

after a disaster," he said. "We have to prioritize the emergencies coming in. Obviously, the life-threatening emergencies take top priority. We must also focus on the higher risk populations first, like the special needs residents, the elderly and those who can't help themselves."

"People need to plan to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. That means having emergency supplies like non-perishable food, water, extra batteries, flashlights, and a radio," said Cairnduff.

He said people need to have a plan on where they could go, if necessary, such as the homes

of friends or relatives living out of the area.

"During large disasters it may take days or weeks to get the power back on," he added. "They also need to make sure they have insurance and understand what it will cover for the different types of disasters we can experience here in

Fenton, such as water, wind, snow and ice and more."

Cairnduff stresses the need to have a plan and be prepared in the event of an emergency.

"The local responders will be overwhelmed when a disaster happens and it will take hours to days to get other resources in place to help handle the event," he said. "People need to understand that it is up to them to be prepared as much as it is for responders and the government. I can remember during our tornado in 2007 people coming up to us in the field and at city hall asking how we were going to help them with things that we are not responsible for during emergencies."

"They wanted help with things like ice for their freezers to save their food, wanting us to provide generators, help clearing trees from their property, and assistance with making repairs. These are all types of things that the resident and property owner must be able to handle," Cairnduff said.

"We, of course, will respond and assist when there is an emergency situation. We will also establish temporary evacuation shelters that will provide shelter and food if they are needed," he added.

**Genesee County Drain Commission**

Genesee County Drain Commissioner Jeff Wright said, "First, it must be understood, that the tremendous disaster the people of Houston are facing is to a magnitude that no municipality in America can ever fully prepare for. It is also, to some extent, geographically specific to those areas that border the coast."

"That being said, there is much that municipalities do on an ongoing basis to prepare for worst case scenario circumstances," said Wright. "Proper maintenance of drainage systems is key to successfully navigating any rain event, which is why proper resources must be allocated year-round to that process. 'Individuals can help in this process by keeping ditches and drainage areas well maintained and clear of debris,' he added. 'Communities have also moved toward bulk leaf pick-up via bags, instead of loose leaf curbside pick-up. This helps maintain the integrity of drainage systems as well.'

"Despite not having the geographical issues Houston faces, Genesee County can and has had catastrophic flooding. We also have to be mindful of spring run-off, which can both cause and exacerbate a flood situation," said Wright. "It is important for every resident to have a plan before, during, and after a flood. The National Weather Service has a great guide for what to do in all three stages of a flood."

Readers can access that guide at [www.floodsafety.noaa.gov/during.shtml](http://www.floodsafety.noaa.gov/during.shtml).

"It is critical to be aware of weather events, as well as your surroundings. Flash flooding is a severe risk, since warning times can be short," said Wright.

The drain commissioner echoed Cairnduff's advice on having a 72-hour plan.

"For these, as well as longer term rain events, it is important for each resident to be able to follow the general '72 on you' plan. Make sure you have enough food and supplies for 72 hours, in case you are unable to leave your home due to the weather event," he said.

"Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with those suffering in the Houston and surrounding areas. The first responders, public officials, volunteers, and residents are involved in a herculean search and rescue effort. The same level of dedication will lead to a recovery of the area, in the months and years to come," said Wright.

**Fenton Public Works**

The Genesee County Drain Commissioner's Office has no direct jurisdiction over the Shiawassee River, so it is difficult to comment on a plan for that waterway itself. Jurisdiction currently lies with the state of Michigan.

"As for the river flooding, that is a possibility," said Dan Czarnecki, Fenton's public works director. Fortunately, according to the FEMA 100-year flood map there is room along the river to channel excess water that would keep flooding to a minimum.

"If we were to receive rainfall in quantities like they are in Texas, I don't believe the river or our storm water facilities would be able to contain or channel that amount of water," Czarnecki said. "There would be flooding of some manner spread throughout Fenton."

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## FENTON GRAD

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She worked through the storm Friday, Aug. 25 during the night shift.

“At the hospital, we have two teams — team A and team B. Team A was to stay and work throughout the storm and then team B was to come and relieve us when it was safe to return. I was given the opportunity to switch to team B and evacuate but I chose to stay,” she said.

Preiss said her patients come first. “You could see the worry in the parents’ faces and in their voices when they had to leave their babies in the NICU at the hospital, when their baby wasn’t deemed critical enough to transfer out to Dallas away from the storm. I had to be there for my patients and their families,” she said.

Preiss said she develops strong relationships with the families, and that she wanted to assure them that a nurse they know and trust was going to take care of their baby throughout the hurricane.

“I stayed for my patients. They are my life,” she said.

### The night of the hurricane

The night Harvey hit was scary.

“You could hear the front sliding doors rattling in the wind and it sounded as if any minute the wind would blow them in,” she said. “In addition to nurses staying at the hospital, we also had our chaplains. They were a true blessing. The anxiety of the unknown was contagious. There were a lot of emotions being felt. Nurses were assigned one patient and we had five or six nurses just floating around helping with whatever they could.”

They frequently had prayer circles to pray for everyone’s safety and to be able to do their jobs effectively.

“We slept on the tile floors in old patient rooms with our pillows and blankets and air mattresses if we had them. Walmart



COURTESY OF MADELINE PREISS

Madeline Preiss, a Fenton High graduate and Corpus Christi nurse, has been volunteering and helping clean the streets and repair the damage left by the hurricane.

and our grocery store HEB were sold out of most things,” she said. “We lined up each meal in the cafeteria and were given one serving of whatever they were serving. I ate Pop Tarts and granola bars for most of my meals.

“It was rough. But I’d do it all over again to have this same outcome for my hospital,” she said.

Because of their proximity to the storm, they transferred most of their critical patients, the ones who would be in most danger if they lost power for an extended period of time. They are slowly getting those patients back.

“A few of my nurse friends work at adult hospitals and said they had people come in asking if the hospital could ‘sell’ them oxygen because their father required oxy-

gen and was almost out.

“They are expecting a large influx of patients from our neighboring towns within the next few days,” she said. The hospital didn’t receive any damage be-

cause it’s elevated.

Preiss went to work with the mindset that she was going to lose everything because of predictions of 18 feet of water. However, her first-floor apartment was spared, only sustaining minor shingle damage. There was no water damage.

### The damage

The scenery is frightening.

“It’s like a scene from a movie. All the buildings boarded up, some buildings completely demolished, nobody in sight,” she said. “When we walked out of the hospital the morning after the storm was over it was so gray and gloomy and you could just feel the sadness and loss in the air.

“Boats were blown out of the water and tipped upside down in the middle of the road. Roofs are caved in. One of our doctors actually found out that they lost their home by seeing his home on TV at work with the roof blown off and his curtains in the wind. There are still a lot of branches scattered around the town and people who live directly on the coast have their docks destroyed.”

The roads are getting better. Signs that hang over the freeway were blown down and blocked expressways for a time, and other signs are bent at 90-degree or 180-degree angles.

“Many stop lights are out and in a big city it is a huge hazard. Four-way stops are hard enough to figure out and when you have to go through three separate stoplights just to go under our expressway bridge,” she said. “It’s dangerous.

“I know of a few safe places where

they are housing people. Actually, one of these places caved in during the storm,” she said.

### The Fenton effect

Preiss said people from Fenton, some who she hasn’t talked to since high school, have messaged her and called her to make sure she was OK. Some even donated money to her coworkers who lost things in the storm. “They don’t even know my coworkers but are still so generous,” she said. “Fenton truly is a giant family.”

### SUMMARY

■ Harvey, the Category 4 hurricane that hit Texas Friday, Aug. 25 and downgraded to a tropic storm by Saturday, has killed 37 people as of Aug. 29, according to CNN.com.

Preiss isn’t worried about the storm circling back, due to recent weather reports. She said she’s prepared for if it does.

“This was my first hurricane and

I couldn’t understand why some people were so calm the whole time until it was put into perspective. My coworker said, ‘If this was a blizzard I’d be freaking out and you would say, oh it’ll be OK. That’s how it is just a hurricane for you instead of a blizzard,’” she said.

On Tuesday, Aug. 29, she said things were improving with sunnier skies and a cool 73 degrees, which is nice for people who don’t have power and air conditioning. “I’m glad it’s sunny today, it’s as if the world is telling us to cheer up and better things are ahead,” she said.

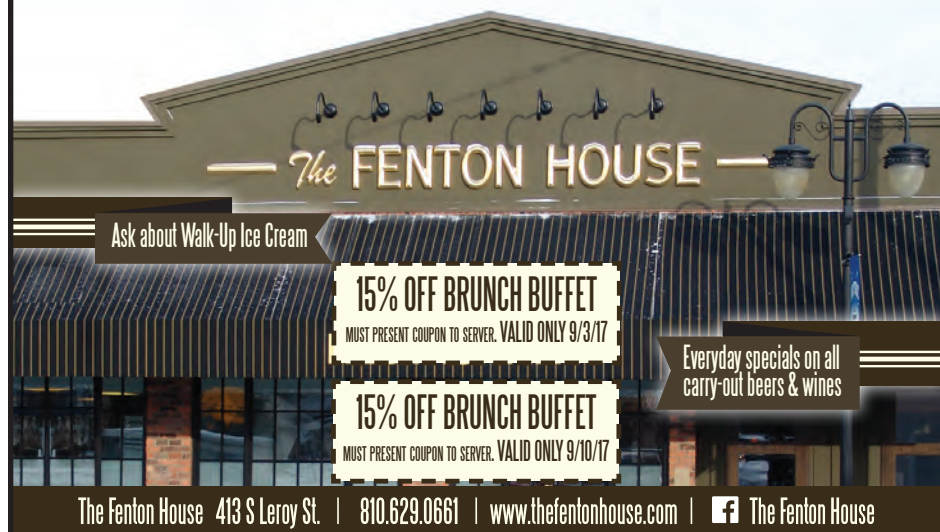
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**HATE FROM WHITE** supremacists toward blacks and Jews is much worse than hate anyone may have for the president. How can you even think that is a logical comparison?

■■■■  
**YOU HONESTLY THINK** Barack Obama was responsible for the war in Iraq? It started six years before he became president.

■■■■  
**IT SADDENS ME** to see the hypocrisy of our surrounding towns and villages condemning the use of marijuana and accepting or ignoring the use of alcohol. You all seem to embrace new bars opening but fight with all your might against medical dispensaries. What is wrong with you?

■■■■  
**EISENHOWER SENT THE** first troops into Vietnam in 1955, not Kennedy. Bush in 2003 launched invasion of Iraq.

**CORRECTION**

In the Sunday, Aug. 27 edition, the Times reported that the Holly Village Council placed a moratorium on voting for licenses for recreational marijuana. While there is an effort to legalize recreational marijuana for adults, it is not on the ballot. All municipalities have an opportunity to allow five different medical marijuana licenses in their municipalities, which is what the village postponed. The Times incorrectly reported that council discussion of the matter would be closed in public during the moratorium. There is only a moratorium on voting on the issue.

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2016 Kiwanis scholarship recipient, Allyssa Linn speaks about her first semester of college.

**KIWANIS**

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Brad Stilwell, owner of Stilwell Construction, Inc., is president of the Kiwanis Club of Holly. "We have around 35 members," he said.

Stilwell has been a member of the Holly club for 12 years and has served as the president for the last nine.

The Kiwanis Club in Holly raises about \$20,000 per year for their charitable works, through two major fundraisers.

"Our first fundraiser is the December weekend on-street newspaper drive," Stilwell said. "The second is the sportsman's dinner we hold the third weekend in March."

With the monies raised, Stilwell said, "We take care of our family in Holly and the surrounding area. On Christmas Eve day, we take baskets with a turkey and canned goods collected by local organizations, put them all together and deliver them to homes.

"With that, we give them a Holly Food voucher," he added. "We found that to be better because many families need other things, like diapers."

The voucher is only good for food items and other basic living essentials.

"We are grateful to our Holly firefighters and members of the police department, who helps us deliver baskets every Christmas Eve day," said Stilwell.

Personnel from both North Oakland County Fire Authority and Village of Holly Fire Department lend helping hands.

"We also give away five different scholarships of \$500 each to Holly High

School students, boys and girls," said Stilwell. Students apply for the scholarships and different people, including Kiwanis Club members and teachers in the Holly schools district, vote on who deserves the scholarships.

John Winglemire of Winglemire Furniture in Holly is the club secretary and Gordie Dryer of Dryer Funeral Home in Holly is the treasurer.

Anyone wishing to join the Kiwanis Club of Holly is welcome to come to a meeting (see sidebar), where they can fill out an application, Stilwell said.

**HISTORY**

Kiwanis International was founded in 1915 by a group of businessmen in Detroit. The organization was originally called the Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order of Brothers, but changed its name to Kiwanis a year later.

The name "Kiwanis" was coined from an expression in an American Indian language of the Detroit area, "Nunc Kee-wanis," which means, "we trade." In 1920, the motto of Kiwanis became "We Build." It remained the motto until 2005,

when members voted to change it to "Serving the Children of the World." In the early years, members focused on business networking but in 1919, the organization changed its focus to service — specifically service to children.

Today, Kiwanis clubs with more than 500,000 members are helping children thrive, prosper and grow in nearly 80 nations and geographic locations.

**LOCAL CLUBS MEET REGULARLY****Kiwanis Club — Fenton**

Meets Tuesdays at 12 p.m. at John's Pizzeria, 1492 N. LeRoy St., Fenton.

**Kiwanis Club — Holly**

Meets Tuesdays at 12 p.m. at Villager Restaurant, 1121 N. Saginaw St., Holly.

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## WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, Aug. 30, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

### Winning lottery can be hazardous to your health

Massachusetts woman who won \$758.7 million Powerball last week lives with cops outside of her house.

### Fenton wins big at Ann Arbor's 'Big House'

The Fenton High School varsity football team played its first game of the season at Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor on Saturday, Aug. 26.



### Local gas prices spike in Harvey's wake

The catastrophic hurricane that pummeled Houston, Texas last week has resulted in local gas prices going up to \$2.65 per gallon.

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## BARNFEST

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had the opportunity to participate in an open microphone event on Sunday.

"We're living in the type of age where all of the bands come together, they share different drummers and musicians and everyone is very lovely. It's fantastic," he said. "The music is just off the charts. It's all professional. The talent that we have in this area is really unbelievable."

On Friday, 750 people attended, and on Saturday, approximately 1,200 people came.

A security team helped traffic run smoothly and keep guests safe. Numerous volunteers helped by cooking classic American food like hamburgers and hot dogs, and generally helping run the event.

Many people chose to camp on the 10-acre property for the weekend, enjoying the music and sitting around a bonfire when it got colder at night. This added to the family oriented feel of the whole weekend.

"A lot of the bands will camp out with their friends. Many have family gatherings. We have many generations here, young people, old people," he said. "Our neighbors come, they come in groups of 20 or 30. Some come by golf carts, some by buses."

The Schmelters first created the event for their love of music. Someone suggested that guests bring canned foods to help hungry people, so people started to bring nonperishable food items. The food used to go to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, but they decided to keep it local and donate it to the Linden Presbyterian Church.

"We filled up every room in the Presbyterian church in Linden," Phil said. "It was a great feeling. It's great watching people bring in their food. They are so



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Dozens of volunteers helped at Barnfest 2017, from organizing the bands to grilling hot dogs and other food for attendees.

proud of what they brought." People also will bring items like toothpaste, and donate money to help keep the event running.

Phil has served on the Board of Directors for the Linden Sportsmen Club and Linden Summer Happening, and they're creating a Board for Barnfest.

"It's the best thing I've ever done in my life, I think. It's very rewarding," he said.

Deborah said her favorite part is "all the love... and helping the community. Everyone has got so many new friends. It's like a big family."

Phil and Deborah also celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary at the event, on Friday, Aug. 25.

"I kissed my wife on stage and I felt like a rock star," Phil said.



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Barnfest raised approximately 4,500 pounds of nonperishable food to donate to the Linden Presbyterian Church.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE BIG "FIGHT" between MacGregor and Mayweather was a scam of epic proportions. It was totally choreographed in order to have a 'rematch' in a year. What a rip-off of \$100 to watch it. The rich get richer.

COULD THERE BE a bigger scam than cable TV? Nearly \$200 a month for the same old movies to be on eight different channels at the same time? And then \$6.99 to watch a movie. Goodbye Spectrum or whatever your name is, I'm outta here.

HEY, ROCKY. CAN'T wait for that filet, medium rare. See you when the lights are on.

I KNOW ALCOHOLISM is a disease. I know it's bad. In Linden, at 7 a.m.,

watching people staggering on the sidewalks is ridiculous. Alcoholics used to be hanging out in bars, not in the street, what are you proving, you can drink all night and stagger all day? Grow up.

COME ON CHARTER. If they can put a man on the moon and talk to him, you can at least communicate with us through a TV and proper cable.

BEST CONCERT? THERE'S so many. One of my favorites was Pine Knob, seeing Grand Funk. In the audience, was Kiss. All the members were enjoying the concert, too. That was awesome, seeing bands enjoying other bands. Bob Seger is awesome, he's my total favorite.

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# Meet GAYLE MATTHEWS

- Fenton schools' transportation director
- Loving aunt
- Passionate cook

By Sally Rummel

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Gayle Matthews, or "Miss Gayle," as she has been known in her 30-year career as a bus driver, has been transportation director at Fenton Area Public Schools for almost three years.

**How did you get your position as transportation director for Fenton schools?**

I was a bus driver for Swartz Creek Community Schools for more than 30 years. My supervisor encouraged me to take the courses needed to get my certificate to become a director of transportation.

**School is starting on Tuesday. Just how stressful is this time of year for you?**

It's an extremely busy time. The biggest challenges we have are getting all students assigned to buses, and getting all routes as accurate as we can get them. I do work a lot in the summer, but take about six weeks off.

**What would be the most helpful things parents could do to make your job easier?**

It helps if parents get all pertinent information to the transportation department as soon as possible — things that might have changed over the summer, like a change of address, a new daycare, a new phone number, things like that.

**How do you reassure parents who are putting their kids on a school bus for the very first time?**

Putting your kindergartener on a big school bus the first day of school is an extremely hard thing to do for many parents. I can hear in a parent's voice just how scared they are when they call me to ask questions and get reassurance that everything is going to be OK. I try very hard to ease their fears and let them know that their child is safe with us. We always strive for the best experience for each and every student, parent and family, on the first day of school and throughout the year.

**How important a role does a bus driver play in the life and education**



**"I got a thank-you note from one of my students after they graduated, thanking me for all the great memories on my bus. I still have that note."**

**Gayle Matthews**  
Fenton Area Public Schools  
transportation director

**of students?**

The bus driver is the first person to see a student in the morning and the last one to see them at the end of their school day. I've heard many stories in Fenton about how our drivers form very special relationships with "their kids" — from being invited to one of their student's weddings, after transporting them for many years (the bus driver drove the limo for the newly married couple), to giving a crying child a quarter for popcorn day because he lost his. I even know of a driver who picked a certain route at the beginning of the year, so they could keep driving their favorite student.

**What's the most heart-warming thing that has happened with one of your students?**

It's always very heart-warming when a student from years gone by sees you out in public years later, and walks up to you with a big smile and says hello. Usually, they have a story or two of things they remember when riding my bus.

In my last year as a bus driver, I drove special education students. I had a 4-year-old little guy with autism that I transported for three years, and I never heard him speak a word. After leaving Swartz Creek, I returned a year or so later to this now fifth grade boy's classroom to see him. He walked up to me and said, 'Hi, Miss Gayle.' I have never been so touched by anything in my life.

I got a thank-you note from one of my students after they graduated, thanking me for all the great memories on my bus. I still have that note.

**What's something about you that most people don't know?**

I just love to cook. I cook, I bake, I do it all.

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TIM JAGIELO

Gayle Matthews has been director of transportation for Fenton Area Public Schools for three years, and she has driven a bus for 31 years. She's responsible for getting all of the Fenton buses on the road each school day.

## Tri-county fundraisers

**The Rock Church holds fundraiser for new building**

The Rock Church of Fenton is asking people to donate items for a yard sale as a fundraiser for its planned 44,000-square-foot building. Starting on Sept. 3, two large tents will be on the property planned for development, across from The Rock Church at 11400 Linden Rd. Collection will run from Sept. 3 to Sept. 5, and the sale will go from Sept. 6 at 9 a.m. through Sept. 8. They will have an outdoor concert and worship Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. and an outdoor church service on Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. The planned development, called "The Box," will serve as a new church building and community center that can house weddings and events. The Rock Church estimates the building will cost \$3 million and they have raised approximately \$1.3 million so far.

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## Walker, Yates earn top education awards

### Fenton Education Foundation will make presentations at Sept. 7 Black-Tie Awards Dinner

By Sally Rummel

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The Fenton Education Foundation will honor two award recipients at its annual Black Tie Awards Dinner this Thursday, Sept. 7 at The Laundry in Fenton.

The annual event celebrates the academic achievement and careers of Fenton's community members and school faculty members.

This year's award winners are former Fenton school board president and owner of Hartland Insurance Agency, **David Walker**, who will receive The State Bank Community Contribution to Education Award and former Fenton Superintendent **Peggy Yates**. She will receive the Edward H. and Nancy E. Petruska Lifetime Achievement in Education Award.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a seven-course dinner and program at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$250 per person.

"It's a sell-out every year," said Pat Lockwood, vice chair of the FEF Board of Directors. "In the past 10 years, this event has raised over \$250,000 to support academics, athletics and the arts."

As of press-time, there were still a handful of tickets left, and interested persons can contact Lockwood at (810) 516-9480.

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Vice chair of Fenton Education Foundation

### About David Walker...

#### Winner of The State Bank Community Contribution to Education Award

David Walker served on the Fenton Board of Education for 16 years, four of them as president. He chose not to run for re-election in 2011, as reported in a Tri-County Times article dated April 22, 2011. "I've been on the board since 1992," said Walker. "It's time to let someone else step up and take the position."

Walker said that he enjoyed interacting with students, teachers and administrators during his time on the board, and watching the Fenton area grow.

Walker and his wife, Barbara, own Hartland Insurance Agency. Both of their children graduated from Fenton schools.



### About Peggy Yates...

#### Winner of the Edward H. and Nancy E. Petruska Lifetime Achievement in Education Award

Peggy Yates began her career in 1972 at Holy Family School in Grand Blanc and spent the next 38 years in the field of education.

She came to Fenton in 1997 as the high school assistant principal, then became principal, director of instruction and her final position as superintendent, which she held until her retirement in 2010.

At the time of her retirement, when asked about her greatest accomplishments in Fenton, she said it was introducing the International Baccalaureate (IB) program to the district and the passage of the \$41.5-million bond, which enabled the district to build AGS Middle School in 2000.

Yates now resides in Charlevoix with her husband, Dave Gallinet.



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### SEPT. 3

**1900:** The first car ever made in Flint makes its debut in the town's Labor Day parade. Designed and built by a county judge and weekend tinkerer named Charles H. Wisner, the car was one of the only cars built in Flint that did not end up being produced by General Motors. In the end, only three of the Wisner machines were built. Wisner's car, nicknamed the "Buzz-Wagon," was a somewhat ridiculous contraption. It was very noisy, its only door was in the rear, and it had no brakes. In order to stop, Wisner had to collide with something sturdy, usually the sidewall of his machine shop. At the Labor Day parade, however, he didn't have a problem with the brakes; instead, in front of 10,000 spectators, the car stalled and had to be pushed off the parade route.

### SEPT. 4

**2002:** Kelly Clarkson, a 20-year-old cocktail waitress from Texas, wins season one of American Idol in a live television broadcast from Hollywood's Kodak Theater. Clarkson came out on top in the amateur singing contest over 23-year-old runner-up Justin Guarini after millions of viewers cast their votes for her by phone. She was awarded a recording contract and went on to sell millions of albums and establish a successful music career.

### SEPT. 5

**1972:** In the early morning hours, six members of the Arab terrorist group known as Black September dressed in the Olympic sweat suits of Arab nations and jumped the fence surrounding the Olympic village in Munich, Germany, carrying bags filled with guns. Although guards spotted them, they paid little attention because athletes often jumped the fence during the competition to return to their living quarters. After changing into disguises, the terrorists, toting machine guns, burst into the apartments of 21 Israeli athletes and officials.

### SEPT. 6

**2012:** In a case that generated national headlines, former Illinois police officer Drew Peterson is found guilty in the 2004 murder of his third wife, Kathleen Savio. Savio's death originally was ruled an accident after her body was discovered in an empty bathtub at her suburban Chicago home; however, the 2007 disappearance of Peterson's fourth wife, Stacy, led authorities to reopen the Savio case and eventually label her death a homicide.

### SEPT. 7

**1813:** The United States gets its nickname, Uncle Sam. The name is linked to Samuel Wilson, a meat packer from Troy, New York, who supplied barrels of beef to the United States Army during the War of 1812. Wilson (1766-1854) stamped the barrels with "U.S." for United States, but soldiers began referring to the grub as "Uncle Sam's." The local newspaper picked up on the

story and Uncle Sam eventually gained widespread acceptance as the nickname for the U.S. federal government.

### SEPT. 8

**1986:** The Oprah Winfrey Show is broadcast nationally for the first time. A huge success, her daytime television talk show turns Winfrey into one of the most powerful, wealthy people in show business and, arguably, the most influential woman in America.

### SEPT. 9

**1976:** Chinese revolutionary and statesman Mao Zedong, who had been suffering from Parkinson's disease and other health problems, dies in Beijing at the age of 82. The Communist leader and founder of the People's Republic of China is considered one of the most influential figures of the 20th century.

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*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, Aug. 25.*

The Legislature continues a summer break with no sessions scheduled until Sept. 6. Rather than votes this report contains some interesting or noteworthy bills introduced during the first half of the year.

### Senate Bill 443: Revise definition of school bullying

Introduced by Sen. Darwin Booher (R), to revise the definition of "bullying" in a state law mandating that schools adopt response policies, by expanding it to include an action that "involves a real or perceived power imbalance between pupils." Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### Senate Bill 475: Mandate 50 percent of Michigan electricity come from renewable

Introduced by Sen. Rebekah Warren (D), to mandate that at least half the electricity consumed in Michigan be generated from renewable sources. Nationwide, not counting hydro-power from dams, renewable sources provide 8.4 percent of U.S. electricity. In Michigan, adding renewable sources primarily means more wind turbines, of which there were nearly 900 when the bill was introduced. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### Senate Bill 477: Define "reduce and maintain a safe speed"

Introduced by Sen. Dale W. Zorn (R), to amend a law that requires drivers to move over or "reduce and maintain a safe speed" when passing police or emergency vehicles on the side of the road. The bill would define "reduce speed" as slowing down by at least 10 miles an hour. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### Senate Bill 487: Ban "Redskins" team name in public schools

Introduced by Sen. Wayne Schmidt (R), to prohibit public school groups or teams from being named "Redskins." Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### Senate Bill 488: Establish foster care alternative

Introduced by Sen. Peter MacGregor (R), to establish a potential alternative for court-ordered foster care that would allow a parent or guardian to sign a "safe families" power of attorney form delegating to another person the care, custody or property of a minor child for up to 180 days with no

intimation of "abandonment," subject to rules prescribed by the bill including background checks, home inspections and more. Unlike foster home providers, the delegated caretaker would not get per diem payments from the state. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### House Bill 4621: Earmark more income tax to schools, repeal EITC

Introduced by Rep. James Lower (R), to increase the share of state income tax earmarked to public schools. Also, to eliminate the state earned income tax credit, which grants recipients an amount equal to 6 percent of the federal EITC, which is a refundable tax credit (or "reverse income tax") that sends checks to low income workers. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### House Bill 4622: Establish vehicle insurance verification systems

Introduced by Rep. Peter Lucido (R), to require vehicle insurers and state officials to establish a system for verifying the insurance status of vehicles in something closer to an ongoing "real time" basis, for purposes of enforcing the state's mandatory no fault insurance regime. House Bill 4623 would cancel the vehicle registration (license plate) if the system indicates the vehicle is not insured. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### House Bill 4645: Prohibit independent corporate subsidy agency revenue sources and spending

Introduced by Rep. Martin Howrylak (R), to no longer allow the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (and its parent agency the "Michigan Strategic Fund") to automatically get Indian casino gaming compact revenue and other "off budget" sources. These agencies' staffers and political appointees select particular firms and developers to receive direct and indirect subsidies. Under the bill, all of these agencies' revenue and assets would be "declared public money and assets" and could only be disbursed through an appropriations bill passed by the legislature. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### House Bill 4686: Authorize local rent control mandates on landlords

Introduced by Rep. Stephanie Chang (D), to give local governments the power to impose a rent control mandate on landlords, requiring them to limit rent for tenants who are disabled or older than age 70 to no more than 50 percent of their income. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### House Bill 4720: Ban investigating or enforcing immigration law violations

Introduced by Rep. Abdullah Hammoud (D), to prohibit state or local law enforcement agency funds, personnel or resources from being used to investigate, interrogate, detain, detect or arrest individuals for immigration enforcement purposes. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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**UNITED WE STAND**, divided we fall. It doesn't matter if you're Democrat, Republican, Independent, we have to stand together. The way our country is going, it makes me heartsick.

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## ELECTROCUTED

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Co-workers lost contact with French for approximately 15 minutes and found him unresponsive when they went to check on him. Emergency crews arrived at 7:15 p.m. and found French in full cardiac arrest. After clearing a path, rescue workers used a ladder to bring him down from the rafters. Firefighters performed life-saving

techniques and Livingston County EMS paramedics transported him to St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

According to French's obituary, he was born in Royal Oak and attended Holly High School. He was the son of Mark and Kimberly French and fiancé of Amanda Ankeny. He and Ankeny have a daughter and another baby on the way.

# Times DINING GUIDE

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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I DON'T LIKE Trump, nor did I vote for him, but I commend him on his behavior about Hurricane Harvey and the devastation in Texas. Thank you, Mr. President. I'm sure Texans are happy they're in your thoughts.  
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I WISH THEY would have thought a little bit about what they were doing with Poplar Street. If they would realign Fenway Drive with Poplar Street, they could eliminate one light and congestion.

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# Blue Devils dominating conference foes, crush Corunna 8-0

By David Troppens

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**Lake Fenton** — Watch out Genesee Area Conference boys soccer squads.

The Lake Fenton Blue Devils look mighty tough again this season.

Just two games into the GAC season, the Blue Devils already have two mercy-shortened victories,

earning the most recent on Wednesday in an 8-0 victory against Corunna. The win made memories of Linden's 7-1 victory against Lake Fenton a distant memory.

"Overall I told the team that game was like a practice and it didn't mean anything. All those games do is get us ready for the GAC," Lake Fenton varsity boys soccer coach

Sam Jawhari said. "They moved the ball really well (against Corunna). We ran good set plays and good crosses. We had people attacking the net. They were doing all of the fundamental things we are capable of doing."

Nicholas Abdalla and Elijah Bourdeau led the Blue Devils' offense with two goals each while Ameer Jawhari, Riley Besser and Austin Wood had a goal each. "We had a couple of freshmen who

played in the JV game help us out," Sam Jawhari said. "It worked out really well." Jawhari thinks the depth is helping create competition.

"Nick Abdallah isn't usually a starter, but he's busting his butt to make that starting lineup," Jawhari said.

"He has the most goals of anyone on the team this year because he completely hustles on his end, gets in front of the net and looks for the bounces."

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## Eagles' defense dominates Clio Mustangs, 49-0

■ Linden's 'D' scores two TDs on interception returns

By David Troppens

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It's hard to say if the offense or the defense played better in the Linden Eagles' 49-0 Metro League road victory against the Clio Mustangs on Thursday night.

Well, maybe not. Let's just say the defense was a bit more impressive.

The Eagles' defense limited Clio to just 48 yards total offense, and also forced the Mustangs to commit three turnovers, helping lead the Eagles to the win. Two of those turnovers became touchdowns.

Of course, the offense was pretty efficient as well, collecting 364 yards total offense on just 45 plays.

The win gives the Eagles a 2-0 Metro and overall record.

Cade Dickson started the offensive barrage with two rushing TDs. He had a three-yard run in the first quarter and then a five-yard run early in the second quarter, putting the Eagles up 14-0.

From there the defense matched Linden's offense with the next two scores. Seeger DeGayner returned an interception 32 yards for a score, followed by Easton Giacomantonio's 79-yard interception return for a score. The Eagles led 28-0 at the half.

The Eagles scored three more TDs in the second half. The first came on a 55-yard TD reception to Corbin Sines from George Walterhouse. The final two were one-yard runs by Josh Abernathy and Owen Wagnitz.

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MARK BOLEN

(Above) Linden's defense held Clio to just 48 yards total offense in the Eagles' 49-0 victory on Thursday night. George Walterhouse (left) runs downfield during the Metro League victory.

## Bronchos trounce Owosso Trojans

By Jordan Climie

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**Holly** — After only one quarter, Holly was up 34-0, and it only got better from there for the Bronchos. In the Owosso Trojans' welcome game to the Flint Metro League, Holly gutted the newcomers 61-12.

"We challenged our kids to execute, and come out and make sure they stayed focused, and they certainly did. I was really proud of them," Holly head coach Ryan Culloty said. "The way they approached the week, and the way they approached the first quarter, they really left no doubt about how they were going to approach this game."

On the first drive of the game, junior quarterback Cade Dallwitz connected with junior back Jacob Honstetter for a 39-yard catch that put Holly at the 1 yard line. On the next play, senior back Collin Dallwitz punched it in to start the Broncho onslaught.

He added another 2-yard touchdown run later in the first quarter after two big facemask penalties against Owosso gave Holly great field position.

"It felt great," Collin Dallwitz said on getting the scoring started for his team.

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## Blue Devils run over Montrose Rams, 21-0

By David Troppens

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**Montrose** — Andy Lyons had a few reasons to feel good on Thursday night.

The Lake Fenton lineman had to feel good with how both lines played against the Montrose Rams.

He also had to feel good about how the Blue

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Brendan Carr tries to find a hole in the Blue Devils' 21-0 victory against Montrose on Thursday.

Devils' victory against Montrose represented the fourth straight time he's been on a Lake Fenton football team that ended up beating the Rams.

But something else special happened — he scored his first touchdown. And how did the 6-foot-2, 210 pound framed player score it? Why on a 0-yard punt return, of course.

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# LF, Linden XC teams compete at Corunna Earlybird

By David Troppens

Last season, both Linden varsity cross country teams qualified for the state meet as did the Lake Fenton boys squad.

Out of the area's talented squads, the Linden varsity girls performed the best at the Corunna Earlybird Invitational, taking third in the large school division. The Lake Fenton boys were next, taking fourth in the medium school division. Meanwhile, the Lake Fenton girls and the Linden boys placed sixth each in their respective divisions.

The Linden girls had two performers in the top 10 of their race, helping the Eagles to their third-place effort.

Audrey Steiert finished third (20:09.26) while Hannah Wabel placed ninth (21:13.92). Megan Hitt was Linden's third finisher, taking 15th (22:01.57) while the next four finishers finished in a pack. Zoe Brown placed 22nd (22:33.08), followed by Amelia Bradfield in 23rd (22:38.94),

Shelby Holscher in 24th (22:43.66) and Emma Miller in 25th (22:47.60).

The Lake Fenton boys had three runners finish within the top 20. Eric Niestroy a strong first place by placing 13th (17:15.37), while Thomas Hufton followed in 14th (17:19.48). Sam Selley placed 16th (17:21.99). The Blue Devils had another pack of three runners tight further through the pack. Freshman Joseph Gilbert made his varsity debut by taking 35th (18:43.21), followed by teammates Brenden Schroeder



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Lake Fenton's top three performers at the Corunna Earlybird Invitational were (front to back) Eric Niestroy, Thomas Hufton and Sam Selley.

in 36th (18:43.38) and Easton Fray in 37th (18:47.52).

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Fenton's girls golf team is off to a hot start, earning victories in each of their first three Metro League dual meets.

## Helmet stickers helping provide motivation for first-place girls golf team

By David Troppens

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Fenton varsity girls golf coach Kurt Herbstreit wanted to find a way to keep his always strong Fenton varsity girls golf team motivated throughout the season, and he figured a way to do it.

He says he's keeping the girls motivated by taking a page out of what football teams do. He's giving out stickers.

"We started giving them helmet stickers like football teams do," Herbstreit said. "We give them a heart to put on their bag. We give them stickers for things like birdies or shooting under certain scores. You get a personal-best, you get a sticker. Things like that keep the girls motivated. It seems they like it so far."

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# Holly boys tennis team's dual meet unbeaten streak increases to 100, then 101

By David Troppens

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The date was April 29, 1999. The United States was starting to concern itself with the Y2K bug, creating hysteria about the computer grid that never really

happened.

The Detroit Tigers just started their final season at Tiger Stadium. The date also marked something else; the Holly varsity boys tennis team lost a dual meet, falling 4-3 to Lapeer West. The Bronchos

haven't lost a dual meet since.

The Bronchos' unbeaten streak reached 101 matches as Holly defeated Swartz Creek 6-2 and then defeated Owosso 8-0 in a pair of Metro League matches on Tuesday at Swartz Creek High School.

The victory against the Dragons resulted in the streak reaching the century mark.

"It was cool," Holly varsity tennis coach Will Sophiea said. "A handful of seniors have been on the team since freshman year

and they were talking over the summer (about getting the 100th win). We went out for pizza afterward."

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## BLUE DEVILS

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Montrose on offense, defense and special teams in the Blue Devils' 21-0 victory.

On a night filled with special teams highlights, two big ones came within four plays of each other, setting up Lyons' TD memory. It was first set up by Lake Fenton junior punter Dylan Hillger when he kicked a ball that was downed on Montrose's 2. After Lake Fenton's defense stopped Montrose for three straight plays, the Rams were forced to punt. A bad snap forced Montrose punter Josh Shaski to have to scramble for the ball and try to get a punt off under duress. It didn't happen.

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Lake Fenton's defense shut out Montrose's offense in the Blue Devils' 21-0 victory Thursday night.

## PREP REPORT

### GIRLS GOLF

► **Linden 198, Holly 221:** Payton Leedle and Heather Compton earned match medalist honors, leading the Eagles to the victory against Holly at Spring Meadows Country Club. Isabel Eright and Deanna Jenkinson each shot 56s. Holly was paced by Kate Brown's 48 while Emma Murton shot a 55. Megan McReynolds followed with a 56 while Taylor Vines carded a 62.

► **Holly at Oakland County Meet:** The Bronchos placed seventh in the Division 2 Oakland County Meet on Wednesday with a team score of 396. Kate Brown led the Bronchos with an 18-hole score of 93, while Emma Murton carded a personal-best 94. Megan McReynolds shot a 96 while Kelsey Malone carded a personal-best 113.

### VOLLEYBALL

► **Fenton vs. Valley Lutheran, La-**

**dywood:** The Tigers defeated Valley Lutheran and lost to Ladywood. Against Valley Lutheran Chloe Idoni led the team with 15 kills, eight assists, seven digs and five aces while Erin Carter had five kills. Delaney Miesch had four kills and two aces while Lily Elfstrom had 11 digs.

Against Ladywood, Idoni had 19 kills and 14 assists while Sydney Acho had 23 assists and 13 digs. Anna Janowak provided 11 kills while Lydia Podlesak had six kills.

► **Holly JV vs. West Bloomfield, Harrison and Troy:** The Bronchos beat West Bloomfield and Harrison while losing to Troy. Sam Randall finished the day with 19 assists while Maddie Wilson had nine kills. In the win against Harrison, Joelle Widdis had seven aces.

### BOYS SOCCER

► **Brother Rice 3, Fenton 0:** Noah Martin made 13 saves in Fenton's (1-2) loss.

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