Tales from Houston hurricane
Former Fenton resident shares her experience

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Fenton grad: ‘It’s like a scene from a movie’

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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.

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.

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Former Holly student dies from electrical accident

Electric shocked while working in rafters at Spirit Life Christian Church

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

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

• I never mist up 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 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 concern 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 been户口! 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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heating or plumbing, must be 70 words or less and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Tri-County Times. Check the Hotline on andrewheller@tctimes.com.

HEYYY TIMES, HOW about an update on the downtown Street ever 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 headphone back? The one that was at the river with our beloved downtown 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 on 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 LEFT DEMOCRATIC thinking, that lighting is more dangerous than terrorists. Lighting 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 and, besides the thousands outside.

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

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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 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.
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.

Will Axford, Holly graduate, reports for Houston Chronicle

By Tim Jagielo

“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 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.

“Axford 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 bigger 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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Every fire department has a plan for tornadoes and other emergencies

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

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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. Don’t wait until the last minute to have a plan,” 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.

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Bob Cairnduff
Fenton Fire Chief

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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 managing any 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 runoff, 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.

“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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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 could ‘sell’ them in asking if the hospital could tell them what was going on with 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 back. Getting those patients 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 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 oxygen 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 because 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.’

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 get 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.”

Preiss isn’t worried about the storm canceling 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.

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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.

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

HOT LINE CONTINUED
TO THE HOT-LINER comparing the hate in the country, don’t leave out the hate that the Republicans had for Obama. How soon we forget.

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?

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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 gather-
ings. 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 sug-
gested 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 Pres-
byterian church in Linden,” Phil said. “It
was a great feeling. It’s great watching
people bring in their food. They are so
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 Direc-
tors 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.

Dozens of volunteers helped at Barnfest 2017, from organizing the bands to grilling
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Barnfest raised approximately 4,500
pounds of nonperishable food to donate
to the Linden Presbyterian Church.
By Sally Rummel
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Local parents, students and teachers are about to JUMP for JOY, because school is starting on Tuesday. Just in time, too, because every one will have a new schedule to JUGGLE and a new JOURNEY to begin.

September is a time of fresh starts, whether you’re going to school or to a new JOB. You can shop for new clothes like JEANS and JEGGINGS and cooler temperatures may require you to zip up a JACKET.

Shop at our local stores first, and your peers will be JEALOUS of all the good deals you have found at the end-of-season sales. If you miss the sales, the JOKE will be on you.

Soon, it will be time to put away your JACKS and other summer games, and get ready for JIGSAW puzzles and other indoor pursuits. Summer foods like JELL-O salads and grilling out will soon make way for soups and stews like JAMBALAYA.

But summer is still here until Sept. 22, so get out there and enjoy it. There’s still plenty of time to enjoy local concerts and all that JAZZ, plus JAMS and JELLIES at the Farmers Markets in Fenton and Linden and at roadside stands. Watch for apple season coming early this fall, with JONATHANS and JONAGOLDS will be ready in mid-October.

It’s time to stop eating JELLY BEANS and JAWBREAKERS and start eating a healthier crunch like carrots and delicious fall apples. It’s also a good time to start a new exercise program to remove the JIGGLE, maybe something like JAZZercise, JUMPING ROPE, JUMPING JACKS or JOGGING.

Check out the Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation Fall Guide for many other fitness classes and enrichment activities, whether you’re a JUNIOR or a senior.

There’s still plenty of time before JACK O’LANTERN season comes, but we all know that summer’s a-fleeting and that autumn will be here in a JIFFY.

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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 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 thanking me for all the great memories on my bus. I still have that note.

What’s something about you that has touched you the most?

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 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.

Gayle Matthews, or “Miss Gayle,” has been a teacher, bus driver and transportation director for Fenton Area Public Schools for over 30 years. She’s been known in her 30-year career as a bus driver, has been transportation director at Fenton Area Public Schools for almost three years.

Meet Gayle Matthews

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Gayle Matthews, transportation director
Fenton City seeks DDA applications

The city of Fenton is seeking applicants interested in serving on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

- Qualified candidates must be 18 years of age and either 1) reside within the boundaries of the DDA district, or 2) have a business interest within the boundaries of the DDA district.

For more information and an application, visit www.cityoffenton.org and click on the Boards/Commissions menu button on far right, then scroll down to the Downtown Development Authority button.

The purpose of the DDA is to:
- Improve the Downtown District through effective planning and implementation of public improvement projects.
- Promote and coordinate activities aimed at improving the business climate within the district.
- Retain existing businesses and attract new operations that complement the existing commercial offerings.
- Foster development, redevelopment and expansion within the Downtown District.
- Establish a defined, attractive, and distinctive character for the Downtown District.
- Conserve and revitalize existing private operations by eliminating incompatible uses of land or structure.
- Support high standards for the future site improvements and new developments as a method to upgrade the quality of life within the city in innovative ways that are beneficial to all facets of the community.

Walker, Yates earn top education awards

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

By Sally Rummel

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.

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.
LOOKING BACK at this week in NATIONAL HISTORY

Compiled by Vera Hogan

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 Wiener 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 sidewalk 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 grab 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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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 6.4 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

OBAMA REALLY LEFT the economy in a mess. The stock market was around 20,000 when he left, from 6,000 when he became president. The automobile companies were secure and making profits, same with the housing and banking industries. Now go back and look at what Bush did.

WELCOME BACK to all of our teachers and support staff. We’re glad you’re in the classrooms, hallways and buses.

TO THE PERSON who accused a person of a lack of knowledge of history, when you make accusations make sure you get your own facts straight. George Bush was the president responsible for Iraq, not Obama. He is also responsible for Afghanistan.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE STATES’ RIGHTS that caused the Civil War was slavery, Slavery drove the Civil War.

COME TUESDAY MORNING, be on the lookout for all big yellow buses and the even slower kids dragging their feet to get on them. It’s that time again.

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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.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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.

I WISH THEY would have thought a little bit about what they were doing with Poplar Street. If they would realign Fenton Drive with Poplar Street, they could eliminate one light and congestion.

WHICH COUNCIL MEMBER was the one who wanted to extend millages to 10 years? Whoever it was, I want to vote them out of office.
Blue Devils dominating conference foes, crush Corunna 8-0

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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.”

Eagles’ defense dominates Clio Mustangs, 49-0

Linden’s ‘D’ scores two TDs on interception returns

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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.

Blue Devils run over Montrose Rams, 21-0

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Montrose — Andy Lyons had a few reasons to feel good on Thursday night. The Lake Fenton linemen had to feel good with how both lines played against the Montrose Rams. He also had to feel good about how the Blue 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 also had to feel good about how the Blue Devils rebounds from last week’s overtime loss at New Lothrop by dominating Montrose 21-0 victory on Thursday.

Debbie Dickson started the offense with a 39-yard punt return of course. The Blue Devils rebounded from last week’s overtime loss at New Lothrop by dominating Montrose 21-0 victory.

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