It’s Applefest time!

St. John Church festival one of the biggest events of the year

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The 45th annual Applefest kicks off this Thursday, Sept. 14 at 3 p.m. and runs through Sunday, Sept. 17 on the grounds of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church of Fenton. With apple pies, a midway to entertain the thousands of families each year, car raffles, Fr. Harvey’s famous chili, road races, an entertainment tent with live music, Bingo, and more, attending Applefest is a must-do for families throughout the greater Fenton area. See APPLEFEST on 18A

-Therapy dogs — bringing joy to patients one wag at a time

Mary Ann Pietryzk (second from right) of Fenton Township stands with Loki, her 15-month-old golden retriever, before therapy dog training on Tuesday, Sept. 5 in Goodrich. The training session, ran by Mid-Michigan Therapy Dogs, welcomed 21 new teams to a 13-week therapy dog course. See story on page 17A.

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-SUMMARY

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Gerry and Kay Willey pose with the sculpture "Stainless Steel Butterfly," in downtown Fenton on Thursday, Sept. 7. The Willeys donated the $17,000 to purchase it for the city last fall. He appreciates the support his business has received from Fenton residents. "We wanted to give back," he said.

**Butterfly lands permanently in city of Fenton**

Gerry and Kay Willey donate $17,000 for city to acquire popular sculpture

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Local businessman Gerry Willey admired the butterfly sculpture at Gazebo Park in Fenton so much that he and his wife, Kay, donated the funds so the city could acquire the piece for permanent display.

"It’s such a beautiful piece of art that we wanted the city of Fenton to have it," said Willey, owner of Fenton Home Furnishings since 1979.

The sculpture, called "Stainless Steel Butterfly," was created by internationally known Ohio artist James Havens, a retired steel union worker. Handcrafted from 100 percent stainless steel, the sculpture stands 9½ feet high, 9 feet wide and weighs about 700 pounds.

"Over the years, Havens’ works have been some of the most complimented," said John Strayer, chairman of the Sculpture Selection Committee and Fenton DDA board member.

This sculpture is part of the Midwest Sculpture Initiative that partners every year with the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to bring quality sculptures downtown for display and enjoyment of the arts.

Willey feels a special kinship with the arts, both personally and professionally. His son, Rod, who is general manager for Fenton Home Furnishings, is very artistic. Willey also feels that this particular upscale butterfly piece correlates with the Willey Arts Council for the Performing Arts, which he serves on.

"It’s such a beautiful piece of art that we wanted the city of Fenton to have it," said Willey, owner of Fenton Home Furnishings.

"If we could get about $10,000, we have a sign that we’re going to use," he said. "If we can get the money, we can have it usable before snowfall." The 36-acre park, which includes the 2-acre park, is off Thompson Road, just east of Wiggins Road. It was approved by the Fenton Township Board of Trustees in October 2015, and the cities of Linden and Fenton joined the planning a few months later.

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Krug said they hope to open the dog park by Oct. 1, when the first phase of the park will be complete. This phase includes adding the fence and sign. Krug said they have a few bids for the fence.

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Fenton Township clerk.
Groundhogs and dry ice?

The University of Michigan is catching heat for stuffing dry ice down groundhog holes to kill the little buggers, which are apparently tunneling the heck of out north campus.

The university is worried their passageways will “undermine the foundations of structures, porches and pavement,” according to a news account. So one minute the Lurie Bell Tower is there, then, poof, it’s gone, swallowed whole by a groundhog sinkhole.

That would suck.

A university spokesperson said groundhogs “are capable of moving a lot of dirt in their digging,” which can create a tripping hazard. Fair enough, except for the fact that most of the university is crisscrossed with sidewalks, so unless they tunnel through concrete the risk of tripping seems a bit remote. College students, of course, are known to lounge, play and cavort in the grass. So that could be problematic.

But to my surprise I’ve become more of a pacifist over the years. I never used to think twice about crushing spiders — something creative and not so crass.

Or how about this: just don’t kill them at all. By killing groundhogs instead of capturing and relocating them, UM is abandoning its principles as a liberal bastion of love, peace, freedom and intellectualism.

UM is better than that.

As a lifelong UM fan that irritates me enough to suggest that, on the evening before this fall’s big game, MSU students seed the heck out of the entire UM campus with groundhogs wearing green Spartan sweaters.

And maybe equip them with little backpack oxygen tanks for the inevitable retaliatory strike.

Just in case.

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

THE WRITER REGARDING Hillary’s $240 meet and greet had no concerns. Yes, it isn’t illegal to charge. She was simply pointing out the fact that Hillary is a greedy, self-serving individual. Still thanking God every day that she lost the election.

WHOEVER SAID THAT Holly needs a White Castle, have you been to one in recent years? Their burgers are smooth-ined in grease. I wouldn’t want one unless you’re wise to stamp out in the bathroom.

‘NEO-NAZIS ARE A group of thugs financed by the left’? That is one of the most nonsensical conspiracy theories I have ever heard.

DOES ANYONE know why someone has pushed over 28 trees along the walking path between the play-scape and Inden Road across from park? They’ve also destroyed the wild raspberries along this walkway.

I HAVE RECENTLY attended several forums on medical marijuana. I am convinced that medical marijuana can and does help sick and suffering people, but also I know there are more pot heads than sick people.

THE ONLY REASON I keep up my subscription to the Tri-County Times is because both of our children are incredible student athletes at a local high school and I like to keep up with their teams. Otherwise, I would be gone due to the “Hotlines” comments.

IT’S MUCH BETTER that Hillary is on book tour collecting $240 for a meet and greet then another world tour as president collecting $240 million a year for the Clinton Foundation in crime syndicate.

PLEASE READ LINCOLN’s letter to Horace Greeley where he clearly states he didn’t care about slavery, only to save the union. Not the country, not the U.S. The ‘Union.’

IN REGARDS TO Andrew Heller’s comment on President Trump’s donation to Houston, I would be curious as to how much Mr. Heller has donated. And by the way, get rid of that guy.

HAIL THE KING. His words of wisdom are priceless. I am sending copies of his ‘Death Spiral of America’ to all my family and friends because I love them and America.

WHY DOESN’T ANYONE on the news ever talk about the hexagon-shaped storm that’s been around Saturn for the last three years.

IN JUST A few short months, Trump has given us economic optimism. We have a good stock, one million jobs, low unemployment levels and a 2.6-percent growth thus far. What’s not to like?

WHAT’S TAKING THEM so long to tear down the Pizza Hut and the Big Boy?

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Praying for all those affected by Hurricane Irma
Proposed bill would give divorced parents equal time with kids

Exceptions include cases such as distance, domestic violence

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One proposed Michigan bill, which would give parents equal time with their children in the case of a divorce, passed the House Judiciary Committee in late June.

Sponsor of the legislation, Representative Jim Runestad (R-District 44), said House Bill 4691 has been around for decades and reintroduced numerous times.

“I’ve talked to many parents who have experienced basically being taken away from their children for the bulk of their childhood. It’s a devastating experience,” he said. “I’ve talked to children who…felt the scars of long-term for a parent they went from having 100 percent access to, to maybe 15- to 20-percent access.”

The bill would not guarantee 50/50 access for both parents. Instead, the bill would guarantee that both parents, if they are fit and loving, start with a presumption of 50/50 access during court proceedings when judges decide how much of the child’s time the parents get.

“For two loving, caring, fit parents who want to be involved, the starting point would be 50/50,” he said. Currently, most of these cases give one parent 80 percent of physical time with the child and the other parent receives 20 percent.

If something like domestic violence or drug addiction is found on the side of either parent, then the judge reverts to the older laws. Same goes if the physical distance between the parents is too far.

Runestad said even if there’s a preponderance of evidence, which is the lowest amount of evidence needed, then the 50/50 presumption would be off the table.

If parents come to an agreement of any kind, the judge will go with that decision, barring safety and welfare issues. The bill also states that if the child is at least 16, the judge must give predominant weight to his or her preference.

The bill would also prohibit a parent from moving more than 80 miles away from the other parent.

Proponents of the bill say the bill could be unhealthy for children. Rebecca Shiemke of the Michigan Poverty Law program told freep.com that, “This bill presumes that one form of custody is best for all families and that’s equal time. And that’s not necessarily true.”

An important issue the bill would solve, Runestad said, is the transparency issue.

“Decisions are all over the map in cases where a judge deviates from 50/50,” he said.

When searching for information on why judges deviate, he couldn’t find any information from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for numerous years. DHHS is supposed to get the information from the courts, but in 2008, a bill that passed allowed judges to not disclose that information.

Runestad said since then, Runestad said there’s been a huge transparency issue.

“When you make laws, you need to make sure you’re not making unintended consequences,” he said.

Runestad said when he speaks with judges about recording their decisions for deviating from the 50/50, it seems to cause them “a lot of grief.”

“They say ‘I make these decisions myself.’ Don’t you think it’d be simple to write why you’re deviating?” he said. “Judges are completely different county by county.

One judge told him they don’t keep this data.

“Transparency and getting data is something you need to make decisions. I have had the most unbelievable time trying to get this information,” he said. “There’s transparency issues here and part of our bill is to clean this up. If a judge finds there’s a reason to deviate, that’s fine, but tell us what the reason is.”

Runestad cited studies proving that shared parenting is the best arrangement for children.

“The science is in,” he said. “This is for the children. It is primarily for the children.”
Vera Hogan named Times associate editor

By Sharon Stone
Vera Hogan has been named the new associate editor for the Times.

Hogan has worked as a freelance reporter, staff reporter, associate editor and editor during her 13-year stint at the newspaper from 1995 to 2008.

During a seven-year break, she worked as a free-lance reporter, staff reporter, associate editor and editor during her 13-year stint at the Times in 2015 as a staff reporter.

Hogan rejoined the Times in 2015 as a staff reporter.

Hogan is a proven reporter, writer, and editor who has won numerous awards from the Michigan Press Association.

She’s earned the reputation of reporting local news factually, with no bias, and she does not hesitate to ask the tough questions to our city leaders and other elected officials.

A committed fact-checker, Hogan is stickler for details, which is what our valued readers of the Times have come to expect from their hometown paper.

Hogan also loves history, especially when it pertains to the tri-county area. Anytime a writing assignment involves businesses and residents from the past, she’s the first to grab that story and run with it.

“Since I love to write, love the Tri-County Times and our local communities, returning to the paper gave me a perfect opportunity to be a part of this exciting business again.

“I am honored to be named the associate editor again and look forward to doing my part to continue moving this award-winning publication into the future.”

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IT WOULD BE so nice to read a full article in your paper, as we enjoy it so much, instead of maybe all of the silly Hot lines. I know you’re short on space but some of the Hot lines could be eliminated.

PLEASE SEND A few of your journalists out to interview auto mechanics and find out how to identify flood-damaged cars.

I HAVE TO agree with the caller calling in about Charter cable. It sounds like the biggest rip-off scam in the world. I have Direct TV now and I am more than happy with them. They don’t tell you one thing then charge you another.

PRESIDENT OBAMA IGNORED our immigration laws and kicked immigration down the road. Kudos to President Trump for obeying our country’s law and sending the DACA ruling back to Congress to come up with a coherent law.

IMMIGRATION: ISIS, NORTH Korea, Russia. These are all issues that President Obama was incapable of solving.

Thank God we now have a tough business leader as our president.

I AGREE. THERE were thousands who entered the streets after becoming disenfranchised with Trump’s continued radical discourse. Too bad you weren’t there.

NAME ONE COUNTRY that celebrated its civil war by having anniversaries where both sides came together? That is the problem that caused the recent problems.

HEY HOLLY TOWNSHIP, do we really need another auto parts store or another dollar store? How about a White Castle restaurant?

IN RESPONSE TO past Hot lines, the primates you see now and the primates we evolved from are different. Many species existed in our past. From one of those sub species we derived. Modern human and Neanderthal did mate and this leftover gene code again is proof. I don’t believe there is just one missing link, but several.

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Fireworks over Lobdell Lake

Fireworks explode over Lobdell Lake, Saturday, Sept. 9. The fireworks show, hosted by the Lobdell Bennett Lake Association, has been a Labor Day tradition for eight years. Volunteers created a boat perimeter around the fireworks barge for safety. The light display was followed by a boat parade on Sunday, when lake residents decorate their boats.

Police & Fire report

STUDENT STRUCK BY VEHICLE
Genesee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a personal injury crash involving a pedestrian at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at Lake Fenton High School. According to 911 dispatch, a vehicle struck an 11-year-old student. Afterward, the student was reportedly bleeding from her head. Interim Superintendent Julie Williams said Thursday that the student is doing fine. She had minor injuries and was kept overnight at the hospital for observation. The student was expected to be released from the hospital on Thursday.

WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the Wednesday, Sept. 6, Midweek Times. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Fenton Township home destroyed by fire
There were no injuries and Michigan State Police investigate as to the cause of the fire on Wenwood Parkway.

Sell alcohol at college sporting events?
More and more universities profiting from alcohol sales.

Local businesses helping with hurricane relief
The aftermath and devastation of Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana has hit the hearts of tri-county residents in a big way.

Public hearing scheduled for fire protection special assessment roll
Residents of Fenton Township are invited to attend a public hearing during the Sept. 18 Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting to discuss the fire protection special assessment roll. The cost for fire protection services will remain the same at $65 per parcel, according to Clerk Bob Krug, who said that amounts to about 17 cents per day. The meeting will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive at 7:30 p.m.

Lake Fenton High School Homecoming parade route changed
Due to the Thompson Road traffic and construction, the Genesee County Road Commission requested that the Lake Fenton Community School District use Torrey Road for the homecoming parade held on Friday, Oct. 13. More drivers are using Torrey Road when heading south because westbound traffic is not allowed on Thompson Road from Torrey to U.S. 23. Instead, the school district will use an alternative route from the Lake Fenton Middle School at 11425 T orrey Road to the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 3001 Wenwood Parkway.

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Kiwanis clubs exist to help kids thrive, prosper and grow

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This is the third in a series about local civic organizations, their history and what they do for the community. Last week we focused on the Holly Kiwanis Club. This week we focus on the Kiwanis clubs of Fenton and Linden.

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.

KIWANIS CLUB OF FENTON

The Kiwanis Club of Fenton features 20 active members, according to Cathy Utter, club secretary.

“Last year, our Fenton Kiwanis Club was presented an award for having 75 years of service to the Fenton community,” Utter said. “Typically, we raise between $10,000 to $15,000 yearly that go toward the projects we support in the community.”

The Fenton club has signature service projects they do annually.

“Our two Key Clubs, which are at Fenton High School and Lake Fenton High School, and our Builders Club at Lake Fenton Middle School are active participants in most of our service projects,” she said.

The Fenton club’s projects also include: Back to School Backpack and Shoe Project (partnered with Fenton First Presbyterian Church); The Backpack Food Project (partnered with Project Hope); Holiday Food Baskets (partnered with Rotary’s Angel Tree); Brunch with Santa during Jinglefest and more.

The Fenton Kiwanis also fund Key Leadership Training Weekend for Students, and the Michigan State Police Kiwanis Law Enforcement Career Academy. The club also provides senior scholarships, children’s games at the Fourth of July Freedom Festival, and Safety Town for pre-schoolers in August.

The Fenton club meets every Tuesday at 12 p.m. at Johnny’s Pizzeria in Fenton. “We welcome all interested in finding out more about Kiwanis and are always welcoming of new members,” said Utter.

The club’s website is www.fenton-kiwanis.com and they are starting a Facebook page soon. Email them at FentonKiwanis@gmail.com.

Lake Fenton Community Schools Interim Superintendent Julie Williams is the current club president. She will be stepping down this month and Vice-President Debbie Decker will take over. Heidi Howieson will become the new vice president. Donna Peters is the treasurer and Utter will continue as secretary.

The Fenton club also supports many local and state organizations, including the American Legion Auxiliary Michigan Girls State, and one high school girl to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Michigan Boys State.

“Four takes place in Lansing and they actually learn about local government,” said Rajsich. “They break up in groups, have a mayor and treasurer and try to solve problems. The cost is $325 to participate.”

See KIWANIS on 18A
Holly Day celebrates families and community

Event will be held Saturday, Sept. 16 with family oriented activities

By Sally Rummel
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“We love where we live, so let’s have some fun together!”

That’s the goal behind Holly’s large community celebration, Holly Day, set for Saturday, Sept. 16 throughout the village and township.

“It’s like a big block party,” said Katy Hughes, Holly Downtown Development Authority (DDA) director, who is also parade chairperson for the Holly Day Parade. “It’s our third annual Holly Day, which actually got its start as the Carry Nation Festival many years ago, then returned when Holly celebrated its Sesquicentennial event on Sept. 16, 2015.”

The idea of a Community Play Date came about from Holly’s designation as a “Playful City USA.” By KaBoom!, a national non-profit organization dedicated to bringing balance and active play into the daily lives of all kids, especially those growing up in poverty.

Thanks to the Holly Outdoor Recreation Coalition, the village earned this designation by laying out an action plan to improve area parks. The parks will be a focal point of the day’s activities, but there will be a number of events throughout the downtown and north end business district.

“We asked local businesses, churches and schools to provide a free activity in exchange for promoting their cause and giving it back to the community,” said Chris Rankin, chairperson of the village of Holly Parks Commission.

The day’s fun will begin with a 5K Color Fun Run through the streets of Holly from 9 to 11 a.m., sponsored by the Holly Area Community Coalition.

Sidewalk sales will take place throughout Holly, and watch for a free book giveaway, in celebration of families. “We want this whole event to be a celebration of families and community,” said Laura Legant, a business owner and volunteer who is helping organize this special day.

The Holly Day Parade will step out at 12 p.m., with a mile-long route from the Holly VFW on Airport Drive, right on Saginaw Street, left onto Maple, ending at Holly Elementary School, according to Hughes.

Watch for Holly Youth Theatre in the parade, promoting its upcoming fall production of the Broadway musical “Annie,” with auditions the week after the parade, according to Legant.

Crapo Park will host hundreds of families from 1 to 4 p.m. for active play, including bounce houses and children’s activities, and a tug o’ war between the Holly police and fire department.

The Oakland County Medivac helicopter is scheduled to land next to the park, weather permitting, according to Rankin. “Fire and police vehicles will be there and we’ll have tours of the police, fire and Department of Public Works (DPW) facilities,” he said.

There will also be a climbing wall at the north end of town at the Holly Foods Plaza. Also, watch out for “Holly Rocks!” being painted and hidden throughout town. Holly Rocks on Facebook have gathered 1,300 members and is growing. Once you find a rock, post a picture of it and re-hide it for someone to find, invites the Facebook page.

Holly Day will continue after 4 p.m. with a Hospitality Tent sponsored by the Moose Lodge, a dunk tank, music in the streets and a street dance.

Northern Oak Brewery will host an Oktoberfest event with tents, music, dancers, sausage and beer.

The evening will end with a spectacular fireworks display at Crapo Park, over the water tower, at 10 p.m.

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HollyDay events

Crapo Park
9am - 5k Color Run
hosted by the Holly Area Community Coalition (must pre-register before the race)

1pm – 4pm - Community Play Day events

1pm - Aimed 1 Helicopter Landing and demonstration (weather permitting)

2pm - Free Hot Dogs (while supplies last) sponsored by Wilgers, Holly Foods, and Grande Belle

4pm - Tug-of-War
Holly Police vs. Holly Fire

Historic Downtown
All day - Scavenger Hunt sponsored by Inspirations Arts and Crafts Workshop

12pm - Holly Day Parade (VFW Hall on Airport, South on Saginaw, East on Maple, ends at Holly El.)

10am – 6pm - Sidewalk Sales
hosted by the Downtown Holly Merchants

4pm – 6pm - Municipal Tours:
Police Dept., Fire Dept., and Water Plant (use the free event shuttle)

6pm - Free Cake
(whtile supplies last) provided at Cupcakes and Kisses

Broad Street
4pm - Dunk a Council Member sponsored by the Holly Village Council

4pm – 12am - Hospitality Tent sponsored by Holly Moose Lodge #1168

8pm – 12am - Live Band performance

Dusk - Fireworks over the Water Tower, near the Fire Station

Battle Alley
10am – 5pm - Vendors / Sidewalk Sales

6pm – 9pm - Street Dance
hosted by DJ Nick Klempo

For Mainstage performance times see page 3B

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Holly Rocks!... rock

Nationwide scavenger hunt craze hits Holly with painted rocks displayed on Holly Day

By Sally Rummel
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Holly Rocks! has become a Facebook community phenomenon with more than 1,300 members in this local group.

Painting rocks and hiding them for others to find has become part of a nationwide craze for spreading kindness and positivity.

This local effort will be especially visible during Holly Day on Sept. 16, when painted rocks that have been hidden and found will be on display for everyone to enjoy.

What is Holly Rocks! all about?

“It’s a community-focused activity getting families together doing something active outdoors,” said Katy Hughes, director of Holly’s Downtown Development Authority (DDA). “I’ve been really championing this cause, because it’s really positive.”

Holly resident Kelly Judson is in charge of the Facebook group and explains what the activity is all about:

• Find some rocks and paint them. Get creative.
• Hide them around our town. More people playing equals more fun, so tell your friends.
• Get outdoors, enjoy the summer sun and have fun.

Getting families to enjoy an active pursuit outdoors is one of the most positive aspects of Holly Rocks!, according to Hughes. “It’s like treasure hunting,” she said. “It encourages people to go out looking for painted rocks.”

Some people have really gotten into the creative aspect of the project. See HOLLY ROCKS! on 20A

Music in the streets

Entertainment and street dancing will be part of Holly Day afternoon and evening fun

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“Dancing in the Street” by Martha & The Vandellas must’ve been on the minds of organizers as they planned the Holly Day music and main stage entertainment for Saturday, Sept. 16.

Terry Connell handled all the arrangements and scheduling and is excited about the entertainment line-up.

The excitement of music will fill the air all afternoon and evening as musicians and performers hit the stage at 2 p.m. at Crapo Park, with the following schedule of performances:

2-2:30 p.m. Nick Lafano
solo musician

2:30-2:35 p.m. Jenna Royle
poetry reading

2:40-2:55 p.m.
‘A Different Perspective,’
rock music

3-3:30 p.m. Katelyn Vallier
acoustic/folk/modern

3:30-4:30 p.m. “Human Slate,”
acoustic, original music

4:30-5 p.m. Jamison Jones,
modern acoustic musician and vocalist

5-5:30 p.m. Gary Musgrave,
acoustic/folk/modern

5:30-5:40 p.m.
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5:40-6 p.m. Dance Arts of Holly
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Brian Wendt of Gaines is willing to bet his 13-inch beard to raise a little cash for charity. The public can vote with their dollars whether Wendt shaves or saves his beard.

Fundraiser lets donors decide if Gaines man can keep his 13-inch beard

By Hannah Ball
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Save it or shave it. That’s the name of a new and unusual fundraiser organized by two Gaines residents over a dispute about facial hair. Gaines resident Brian Wendt’s 13-inch beard has been a source of pride for three years, but his close friend, Audra Warner, said he needs to shave it.

“It’s a rivalry between us,” he said. They’re letting the people decide the fate of his beard by holding a fundraiser for the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society. People can donate in two categories: shave it or save it. Their goal is to raise $1,000.

Wendt and Warner used to work together at Gaines Bar, when Wendt was a disc jockey and Warner was a bartender. They became close friends and Warner is dating Wendt’s brother, Lee.

“I set that up,” Wendt said. “We have a brother/sister type friendship. We just pick on each other constantly.”

Wendt said when he started growing a beard three years ago she hated it.

“Well, he’s always had a beard,” she said. “But it’s never been long. He’s so much better looking without it. I’ll never get a sister-in-law over. They’ll never like the beard.”

“That’s not true,” Wendt said. “Beards are very in.”

“His is still just under the beard,” she said.

“I’m still good looking, it’s just under the beard,” he said.

“Beards are very in,” she said.

“Guys have beards, and his father has a beard he’s been growing for 11 years. When he had a heart surgery, Warner braided his beard into his hair so it wouldn’t get in the way of the operation. ‘I’ve never seen his clean shaven face,’ he said.”

Wendt and Lee are both volunteer firefighters in Gaines. Lee had a beard until he had to shave it for the department. They had the idea for the competition at a friend’s wedding when Wendt thought he might be ready to shave it.

“We’re voting in monetary value and we’re donating it all to the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society,” he said. The NMCRS helps Marines, veterans, and their families members with financial assistance during tragedies.

Wendt and his two brothers are marine veterans. His middle brother passed away in 2010. Wendt was stationed in Japan at the time, and his other brother, Lee, was in California.

“They flew me home because I was overseas, but he had to come up with his own plane ticket to fly home. Plane tickets overnight are pretty expensive. He didn’t have the money sitting in his account so the NMCRS gave him a six-month, interest-free loan to buy his plane ticket to fly home for the funeral,” he said.

They’re hoping to get more than $1,000. They have jars sitting at Wendt’s grandparents’ house, and a pair at the Gaines Bar at 114 Genesee Ave., Gaines.

WHERE TO DONATE
People can also donate at gofundme.com/saveitorshaveit, or call either Warner, at (810) 730-9534, and donate in support of saving it. They created a Facebook event called Save it or Shave it.

The deadline is Sept. 16 at 7 p.m.

“I grew the beard just to do it. I want to keep it. It takes dedication. When a woman grows her hair out really long, you don’t want to cut it because it took you long to get it long,” Wendt said.

“I don’t see a nice girl wanting to date someone with a huge beard,” Warner said.
It’s back-to-school this week, Applefest time and the start of our beautiful fall season in Michigan. KIDS are back in their classrooms — who KNEW the summer would go by so fast, leaving KOOL-AID stands and KITES in its wake.

There’s still plenty of time to enjoy KAYAKING on our lakes and rivers, so check out the KEEPERS of the Shiawassee website and Facebook pages for more details on upcoming events.

You can continue to enjoy your gardening hobby well into the fall. Grow KALE, broccoli, spinach, radishes and more. If the cooler fall weather KEEPS you indoors, check out classes for KICKBOXING or KARATE to give you a KICK where you need it most.

With school underway, it’s a great time of year to think about remodeling, including large-scale projects like your KITCHEN and bathrooms. You can re-face or re-paint your cabinetry, add new KNOBS or other hardware and update your room with minimal expense.

KEY is to work with a professional who has experience and vision in designing new spaces. You can also use KITS to re-do many of your projects, giving even KLUTZY do-it-yourseles a chance to complete a task without risking bad KARMA.

Cleaning and de-cluttering are other household tasks that do well in the fall. Go through your KEEP SALES and decide what needs to be KEPT and what can be sold or given away.

With Applefest coming this week, make sure to KNEEL in thanksgiving for your local KNIGHTS of Columbus and KIWANIS members for their help in volunteering, along with the other members of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton. Or at least, blow them a KISS!

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RALLY’S DRIVE-IN

National burger chain brings signature burgers, fries and shakes to Fenton

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Rally’s-Checkers, one of the largest drive-through restaurant chains in the U.S., opened June 10 at 15155 Silver Pkwy. in Fenton, the former location of What’s Shake’n Burger Grille. Franchisee Alan Balen has employed 30 staffers in this new Fenton restaurant and is very pleased with the community response.

How did Rally’s happen to locate in Fenton?

We are familiar with this area because we have been located in the tri-cities — Saginaw, Bay City and Midland — for 27 years. We got acquainted with Uncle Ray’s Dairyland owner Dave Durant, and took over the What’s Shake’n building after about six weeks of remodeling. We re-did mostly the exterior, adding our polished chrome canopy, to match the look of our other Rally’s-Checkers locations. We also put tables with red umbrellas outside. That’s our trademark.

What’s the difference between Rally’s and Checkers?

They’re essentially the same restaurant, having merged in 1999. The chain was founded in the 1980s, actually started by a former Wendy’s franchisee. That’s why you’ll find a lot of similarities, including our chili.

What sets Rally’s apart from other hamburger chains?

Every burger is made to order. Our signature burger is a one-third pound double cheeseburger, known as the Big Buford. We’re also well-known for our seasoned, batter-dipped fries, creamy shakes and our hand-blended Kool-Aid Slushies. Our chili dogs, made with Koegel-brand hot dogs in our Michigan stores, are very popular, too.

What new products are being rolled out?

We work with the Culinary Institute from the University of Florida in making new menu items. Our new value concept item, boxed Chicken Dippers with assorted sauces, became available on Sept. 7.

HOT LINE

CONTINUED

AFTER VICTIMS ARE helped, will Texas continue to resist government regulations allowing homes to be built on flood plains next to unregulated chemical plants?

JUST CURIOUS AS to how many nations across the world we give aid to or have helped when there was trouble. How many of them have come forward and offered help for the victims of Texas?

SITTING HERE, WATCHING the coverage of the hurricane and counting my blessings.

DONALD TRUMP REALLY scared the daylights out of those Koreans. They’ve only launched five more missiles last week, Ooooh, scared to death.

SO THERE’S A gas shortage because of the hurricane, but what I don’t understand is raising the price of gas. How does that create more gas?
Calming canines can be found in schools, nursing homes, hospitals and more

**By Hannah Ball**

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They frequent nursing homes, reading programs, and hospitals to cheer up people with their wet noses and excited tails.

Therapy dogs are identified by their vests and good behavior.

Lynn Behr of Linden has a therapy dog, Lilly, who’s a 2-year-old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. Lilly became a certified therapy dog in November 2016 from Mid-Michigan Therapy Dogs.

“She likes pets, she likes people, and she loves to lick people,” Behr said.

Behr takes Lilly to a variety of places like nursing homes, extended care facilities, parades, schools, and she’s even visited veterans at Bishop Airport when they’re coming home for the holidays.

“I just think that there’s this calmness and a kindness about dogs. They’re not judgmental,” she said. “When she puts her vest on, she turns into a whole different animal,” she said. Lilly must wear a vest and leash when she visits people, and both Behr and Lilly wear nametags. Behr said people love to pet Lilly and Lilly loves to be pet.

“She (Lilly) takes the job pretty seriously,” Behr said. “She’s very gentle when she puts her paws on someone’s legs, she lets them pet her head. She’s just happiness when you look at her. I want to share her happiness with others.”

Her highlight trip, though, is to Camp Copneconic when they have Camp Qual-a-ty. The camp is for kids who have cancer or survived cancer.

Marianna Ziegler-Hickey, vice president of Mid-Michigan Therapy Dogs, became involved in the field with her dog, Maddy, who has since passed.

“While with her at the dog park, instead of playing and running around, she found a man in a wheelchair and made fast friends,” she said. “She told us she wanted to do this work and we fit it into our work.”

They now have two therapy dogs — 4-year-old Ellie May, a rescued golden retriever, and a 10-year-old black Labrador retriever Ola, who used to belong to a neighbor. They took her in after the neighbor died.

The course at Mid-Michigan Therapy Dogs is a 12-week course. The dogs have to know basic commands like sit and stay, and they learn not to be afraid around wheelchairs,utches and walkers. Owners teach them not to get into trash and to focus on the patient or client. The dogs cannot be aggressive and they cannot bark. They also learn to focus on the patient, not other animals that might be around.

They hold sessions twice a year. The class costs $190, which includes the training, vest, ID badge, certificate and the graduation ceremony.

During the first six weeks of training, classes are held in a gym in Goodrich. The dogs must pass the Canine Good Citizen test outlined by the American Kennel Club. After they pass the test, the dogs and handlers go into the community with a training team observing them for another six weeks.

Once they pass, they graduate and receive their vests. The class also comes with a hefty insurance policy in case anyone is injured by a canine. A new session just started the week of Sept. 5.

Places that welcome therapy dogs usually require proof of vaccinations and proof the animal is a therapy dog. Ziegler-Hickey said some people do fake it, meaning their dog is not a certified therapy dog. “They buy the vests on Amazon. There’s nothing to back that up, no training, We have pretty high standards,” she said.

She said visiting people with their dogs is all volunteer work.

“If you have a dog that has a heart for people, that loves the public, and you think that you have a heart for service, that’s really what it’s all about,” she said.

**If you have a dog that has a heart for people, that loves the public, and you think that you have a heart for service, that’s really what it’s all about.**

Marianna Ziegler-Hickey
Mid-Michigan Therapy Dogs vice president

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**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

**STATES’ RIGHTS THAT caused the Civil War were not about slavery. Slavery didn’t enter the picture until Lincoln was sure that the North was going to win, which was two years after the war started. Lincoln brought up the slavery.**

**THERE’S A SONG by Buffalo Springfield that is so current to today. “Hush children, what’s that sound. Everybody look what’s going down. There’s battle lines being drawn. Nobody’s right if everybody’s wrong.” There’s a lot more to it but I can’t sing. Everyone should listen to it.**

**NEITHER PRESIDENT BUSH nor President Obama were responsible for the war in the Middle East. The responsible parties were terrorists.**

**IT ISN’T PRESIDENT Trump dividing our country. Look in the mirror.**

**TO ALL THE gun enthusiasts out there who fire their weapons, hours on end sometimes, and the larger ones. I’m pretty sure you can’t hit North Korea from here so you’re wasting ammo.**

**WOULD YOU EXPLAIN in your Hot lines what DACA stands for? Editor’s note: DACA stands for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. On June 15, 2012, the Secretary of Homeland Security announced that certain people who came to the United States as children and met several guidelines may request consideration of deferred action for a period of two years, subject to renewal, according to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. **
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The Kiwanis Club of Linden also gives two $1,500 scholarships.

The Linden Kiwanis contributes to a number of other worthwhile causes such as the Helping Hands Fund started by Ed Koledo, the former Linden schools superintendent. “We were the first organization to donate to that,” Rajisch said. Today, they have donations from other groups to keep the fund fluid. The fund is used for anything related to scholastics, such as paying for a field trip if a student’s family can’t afford it.

“We also support the Students Against Destructive Decisions and Project Graduation,” said Rajisch. The club has also purchased a bulletproof vest for the police department. It has in past years donated to the Battle for the police department. It has in past years donated to the Battle.

The club has provided financial assistance to Cub Pack Scout (girls and boys) 111, the FISH (For Instant Sympathetic Help) program administered by the Presbyterian Church in Linden. Kiwanis Club of Linden also donates to Christmas Express, a food collection program through the Lutheran church at Christmastime, Rajisch said.

During the Linden Christmas Parade, the Linden Kiwanis give away free cider and doughnuts as a way of giving back to the community and thanking them for their donations when they stand on the street corners with the Kiwanis newspapers, and supporting the barbecues.

“On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we hang 44 to 45 Christmas decorations throughout Linden,” said Rajisch. The decorations are owned and maintained by the Kiwanis Club of Linden.

The club also has donated to numerous additional worthwhile causes. The club is always looking for new members. People are welcome to attend one of their meetings and complete an application. They also have a Facebook page for more information.

John Walsh, the current president, will be stepping down during an October changing of the guard. Annette Murphy of Broad Street Insurance will be the new president. Rajisch will continue as secretary and Rick Miracle, superintendent of Shiawassee Shores, is the treasurer.

LOCAL CLUBS MEET REGULARLY

Kiwanis Club — Fenton
Meet Tuesdays at 12 p.m. at John’s Pizzeria, 1492 N. LefRoy St., Fenton.

Kiwanis Club — Holly
Meet Tuesdays at 12 p.m. at Villager Restaurant, 1221 N. Saginaw St., Holly.

Kiwanis Club — Linden
Meets 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, and 6:15 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Shiawassee Shores clubhouse, 1515 W. Rolston Rd., Linden.

APPLEFEST

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Applefest evolved from an annual event held every late August in the 1940s and ’50s, called St. John’s Barbecue. Because of the abundance of apples and orchards in the Fenton area, apples became a “core” part of the festival, hence the name, Applefest.

The Applefest Raffle featuring cars, boats or cash is the backbone of the event, today still providing the biggest revenue of the Applefest. Proceeds go back into the Fenton community through parish activities, including support for the St. John Outreach Program, the St. Vincent DePaul Society, St. John School and other parish ministries.

See more stories about this year’s Applefest starting on Page 7B.

DOG PARK

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The Genesee County Road Commission will remove some trees by the road so the sign, which will be just west of the parking space, will be visible to motorists.

“You’ll be able to see it from both sides (of the road),” he said, adding that a man volunteered to put in a well. Because the park will be for public use, the county is giving the township 100 trees to plant throughout the park.

“Maybe we’ll even create a tree line ... throughout the drive,” he said, adding that Cook Excavating constructed the drive way and parking area as an at-will gift.

As soon as they get the sign, park planners want to get all the officials from the three involved municipalities on site for an unveiling.

In the general park area, the planners hope to build baseball diamonds and soccer fields.

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J.R. Kirtek
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FALL COLOR

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he said. We’re having low temper-atures in the 40s. That may get the color season underway a little bit bit.

That means if you’re planning to travel up north to view the color along the scenic M-22 highway along Lake Michigan or another destination, you may want to head up sooner than you originally planned.

Last year, Michigan’s fall color was at least one week later than normal, because of the warm, dry summer. With cooler temperatures than normal, this year’s peak color may be closer to our state’s long-term average or a few days earlier than normal.

Here are the suggested time frames for peak color in Michigan. “It all boils down to chilly nights and bright, sunny days,” said Kirtek. “A gray, wet autumn would result in a sub-par color season.”

Early September — Near peak in parts of U.P.

By early September, parts of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula will be seeing near peak conditions. Meanwhile, the northern Lower Peninsula will see some partial color.

Week of Sept. 17 — Best week for U.P.

This just may be the peak color in the U.P., especially from Copper Harbor and Marquette to Munising and Sault Ste. Marie.

Week of Sept. 24 — Best week for Charlevoix

The northern tip of Michigan and the lower southwest portion of the U.P. will see peak colors this week. Meanwhile, most of Michigan’s Lower Peninsula will be brightening up with fall color with some peak colors showing.

Week of Oct. 1 — Best week to travel the M-22 highway

If Michigan’s scenic fall beauty along the M-22 highway is in your plans, this just may be your perfect week. Michigan’s Lower Peninsula, all the way up to about Frankfort, will feature dazzling colors. North of Frankfort will be past peak color.

Week of Oct. 8 — Say goodbye to the changing colors

By this week, the entire state of Michigan will be past its peak foliage.

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## FEAST GOURMET KITCHEN SHOP

Well known local chef Sean Gartland opens Fenton kitchen/cooking store

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Sean Gartland, 40, has expanded his private chef business into a store that offers upscale kitchen supplies and cooking classes. Feast Gourmet Kitchen Shop opened July 10 at 495 Fenway Dr., next to Eclections. He and his wife, Kellie, and their three children, Louisa, 9, Ryleigh, 7, and Cooper, 4, live in Fenton.

What are your main products and services at Feast? We carry several upscale kitchen brands such as Staub, Demeyere, Global Knives, Emile Henry and Schott Zwiesel. People can expect to find a chef-curated line of products as well as locally sourced food brands. We offer products you can’t just find in a department store or anywhere else in the area.

What motivated you to open this kind of business? After graduating from Carman-Ainsworth High School, I attended culinary school at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island. I started Feast in 2011, as a private chef business. In 2014, I became culinary director of the Flint Farmers Market and was able to host cooking classes for the public — everything from basic knife skills to traditional Vietnamese.

I got my love of teaching at a business in Chicago called The Chopping Block that really focuses on bringing a unique experience to its guests. I really wanted to bring that same experience to the residents of Fenton.

Are your classes geared more for beginners or experienced cooks? They’re definitely for everyone. I focus on techniques that you can replicate at home. I love to offer unique ethnic classes to expose people to exotic ingredients and new flavors. We are planning to begin classes in September.

What is your favorite dish to prepare at home? I love to cook seafood whenever I can get my hands on fresh fish.

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**HOLLY ROCKS!**

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Holly Rocks! including one local dad who has painted all the Star Wars characters. It also brings neighbors together, some of whom are choosing to paint rocks as an activity to enjoy with others.

Businesses are also getting into the act. Local Realtor Lori Goldsmith has painted rocks red, white and blue with her name on them, and invites people who find them to redeem them for a treat at Cupcakes & Kisses in downtown Holly.

It’s a way of connecting with people all around the U.S. and even the world, with rocks found in Holly from dozens of other states and countries. People take them on vacation and leave them in special places, including park areas, downtowns and tourist attractions.

“Our stars are traveling all over the world, too,” said Hughes. “We encourage people to write Holly Rocks 2017 on the bottom of the rock, so people know where the rock came from.”

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She and the kids, ages 8 to 15, plus their dog, Sofie, left for Orlando on Wednesday to spend the night, and planned to head toward Atlanta, Georgia to wait out the storm.

They made it to a hotel in Panama City Beach on Thursday night. “Georgia isn’t looking very safe,” Cathy said. “The Panhandle seems safe so far. We’ll probably end up going to Alabama; that’s where they are sending people now.”

Georgia has declared a state of emergency, along with Florida and South Carolina.

The highway going north from Orlando is packed with people trying to evacuate, Cathy said. “We are fortunate we can leave. There were kids at my daughter’s school who said they weren’t leaving because they couldn’t find gas. There are people on the side of the road pulling gas tanks out of the back of their cars to fill up,” she said.

She’s trying to make the evacuation an adventure for all of them, to keep everyone calm. “I’m anxious because the news just tells you what’s going to happen in the destruction of the hurricane and they leave it at that. The kids are excited. As long as they are fed and watered, they are good. Having our dog with us adds a bit of fun,” she said.

Cathy added via text that the Governor of Florida has waived all tolls.

Scarcity of gas continues to be an issue for most Floridians and is keeping some people from evacuating. “We’ve got a full tank and a full cooler for now,” she said. “Last night we went 200 miles before we found a gas station with gas.”

Some drivers are riding with extra gas tanks strapped to the top of their cars.

In other updates, Tony and Margie Shard and son Keegan arrived safely to her sister’s home in Raleigh, North Carolina, after evacuating Wednesday morning from their home on Anna Maria Island, Florida.

As of Friday morning, Bob and Shirley Norman of Linden were still waiting it out at their mobile home park in Palmetto, but keeping a very close eye on the storm and were prepared to leave.

“We have secured everything, packed up anything important, gassed up the car, have water and food to go and pillows and blankets in the car,” Shirley said. “We’re just watching the news reports. There is a voluntary evacuation for our park, starting tomorrow.”

If the Normans find that their location is just getting the edge of the storm, they will go to their friend’s hotel and wait it out. “If it looks worse, we’ll get in our car and head toward Tallahassee. I wish I was in Michigan.”
Fenton girls finish on top at first jamboree

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Goodrich — Cami Tiemann was comfortably in third place, seemingly in a great position to help support her Fenton varsity girls cross country team to a first-place finish at the first Metro League jamboree of the season at Goodrich High School on Wednesday.

But then something happened with about 400 meters left. Tiemann and teammate Abbey Lee made a wrong turn near the finish, suddenly moving their positions from the top five to about eighth and ninth place. Suddenly, it looked like the Tigers may be in jeopardy of taking second place in the meet to fellow league contender Flushing.

Tiemann wasn’t having any of it. After she realized the mistake, she made a turn toward the finish and sprinted to third place, taking about 100 meters to correct her mistake.

Her sprint to the finish resulted in her passing Flushing’s top two runners, assuring the Tigers of three finishers in the top eight positions and assuring the squad of first place at the meet.

“My mom said ‘I didn’t have much time to think, so the adrenaline kind of kicked in and I figured if I am going to go, I have to go now,’” Tiemann said recalling the moment just minutes later. “It was definitely unexpected, but it was kind of cool because besides the fact I lost about five seconds because of it. That was fun.”

“I was pretty afraid that cost us the race, so it’s good to see we were able to push through and take the win. It’s such an honor because Flushing is such a strong team.”

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Eagles’ boys soar to top of first league meet

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Goodrich — Linden’s varsity boys cross country team has a proud tradition since the turn of the century. The Eagles have won a state championship and were state runner-ups another season. They’ve won many Metro League and regional titles as well in that time.

However, the Eagles have not won a Metro jamboree or the Metro crown since 2012. So despite still earning postseason success each year since then, the Eagles have found navigating the Metro League rough going the last few years. However, that dryspell ended on Wednesday.

The Eagles posted three runners within the top seven spots and its entire top five within the top 16 places, capturing the first Metro League jamboree of the season at Goodrich Middle School.

Linden won with 41 points, just six points ahead of defending Metro champions Fenton. Holly remained tight as well in third with 58 points. The top three teams pretty much dominated the race, earning 14 of the top 16 places in the event.

“Last year we were able to push through and get the Metro crown and take the win. It’s such an honor because Flushing is such a strong team.”

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A good team. We knew they were going to be our toughest competition, so it’s really great we were able to compete against them today and win.”

“She got something else,” Fet-

ton varsity cross country coach Jesse Anderson said about Tiemann. “I love watching her race not just as a coach, but as a fan of the sport.”

“I actually missed the whole naviga-
tion debacle. I was further up the course looking for our fifth and miss-timed getting back. When I heard what happened, I assumed we lost. It was a surprise for me when the results came out.”

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