

Beware of cheap, flood-damaged cars

■ Nearly 1 million affected cars could be heading for market

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As news coverage continues for Hurricane Irma in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, consumers have seen dozens of videos and photos of vehicles half under

“Even if you get it for the most amazing price, you’re going to find out the price isn’t as amazing once you’re done trying to repair it.”

Burt Beidler
Wilkinson Auto
Repair technician

water, with the insides filled with the toxic sewage water that still flows through many streets in Texas, Florida and other states.

In the coming months and years, consumers could see those same cars being sold cheap in other states.

Burt Beidler, technician at Wilkinson Auto Repair in Holly, said he expects states around the country

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TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN INSTRUMENT GAINS POPULARITY WITH TEENS, BEGINNING MUSICIANS

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Shapiro case continues to drag through court

■ Five judges have disqualified themselves; the sixth has been asked to consider recusing

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Genesee County Commissioner Drew Shapiro (R-Dist. 6) was in court again on Thursday, Sept. 14 for a pretrial hearing before Judge Vikki Bayeh Haley (Mt. Morris), the only remaining 67th District Court judge to hear the case.

See SHAPIRO on 18A



Drew Shapiro



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Raymond Belz of Skerbeck Family Carnival looks for the next prize to select for a player at the “Fishin’ Hole” Thursday night at St. John Applefest. The 2017 St. John Applefest kicked off Thursday afternoon with ideal weather. The 45th annual event featured apple pies, “Padre’s Chili,” and a full Midway and carnival. **See more photos and video online at tctimes.com.**

Gerrymandering — why your vote might not matter

■ ‘Voters Not Politicians’ seeks to end partisan district borders in Michigan

By Hannah Ball • hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

This is the third article in a series of articles on landmark Supreme Court cases. In this case, this topic is one the Supreme Court is expected to vote on in October, and will significantly affect the country’s voting system.

Not all votes are equal.

During election season, politicians talk about how every vote matters. However, due to drawing voter district lines to gain

See GERRYMANDERING on 21A

“Michigan has the unfortunate distinction of being one of the ‘top three’ most gerrymandered states in the country...”



Nancy Wang
Voters Not Politicians vice president and policy director

Legionnaires suspected in undisclosed Fenton residence

■ Isolated case is being investigated by health department

By Vera Hogan
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Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland has confirmed that the city has been looking into an isolated health issue at a “certain facility” in Fenton.

See LEGIONNAIRES on 21A

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“Quote: ‘We all have likes and dislikes, but when we are reporting the front page news, when we’re doing the daily news, when we are reporting on politics – it is our duty that we not permit our personal prejudices to show.’ — Walter Cronkite”

“Liberals have become addicted to the courtroom, relying on pre-disposed liberal judges and lawyers to mandate massive social changes rather than through our elected leaders or the ballot box. Gay marriage and assisted suicide are two of the best/ worst examples.”

“If the world were fair there would be a margarita truck that drives around the neighborhood each evening and adults could run excitedly out to the street with our money in our hand — like an ice cream truck, but you know, with margaritas.”

COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“If I had a dollar for every girl that ever found me unattractive, they would eventually find me attractive.”

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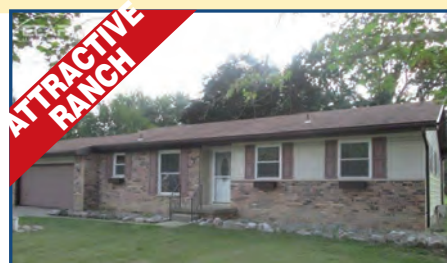
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Adopt-A-Pet hosts inaugural pet blessing

■ Approximately 60 pets blessed by Orthodox Church

By Tim Jagielo

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On Wednesday, Sept. 6, many canine companions were blessed by St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church at Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton.

Fr. Gabriel Bilas held a short prayer service on the front lawn for more than 100 people and approximately 60 dogs at 6:30 p.m. that evening.

He prayed to St. Mammas, a third century martyr who, according to Bilas, is a saint in both the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches. St. Mammas is generally revered as the patron saint of animals, said Fr. Bilas.

This saint's name is spelled several ways, including "Mamas," and "Mammes."

Bilas not only blessed the animals, but all those who were present, and anyone who cares for animals.

See **PET BLESSING** on 7A



“We pray that the pets be a constant source of joy in their homes, a comfort to those in sorrow, a therapy to those who are sick and an aid to get us through difficult moments in our life.”

Fr. Gabriel Bilas
St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church, Fenton

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Fr. Gabriel Bilas of St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church in Fenton blesses pets at Adopt-A-Pet on Wednesday, Sept. 6. Approximately 120 came to the inaugural event.

‘Touched, honored, humbled’

■ Dave Walker and Peggy Yates celebrated for service to schools at black-tie event

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — The din at The Laundry on Thursday, Sept. 7 was warm and cheerful, celebrating positive efforts by community members.

The Fenton Education Foundation (FEF), which supports Fen-

ton Area Public Schools (FAPS), hosts an annual black-tie event, which recognizes long-term concerted efforts by local citizens in the area of education.

This year, two prominent community individuals were given awards — Dave Walker and Peggy Yates. Both had their moment in the spotlight at FEF black-tie event and were given their framed awards before enjoying dinner.

See **BLACK TIE** on 8A

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TIM JAGIELO

(Left) Hartland Insurance Agency owner Dave Walker holds The State Bank Community Contribution to Education Award. He served more than 17 years on the Fenton Board of Education. (Right) Peggy Yates received the Edward H. and Nancy E. Petruska Lifetime Achievement in Education Award. She was in the FAPS district for 13 years and ended her career as superintendent. She helped get a bond passed that enabled the district to build AGS Middle School.



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Random thoughts

• What a gorgeous week in Michigan. Good weather is so rare here I've always thought we need a law giving everyone the day off on any sunny day over 65 degrees. You wanna sign my petition?

• A new study says coach seats in airliners are so cramped you could die. Like they needed a study for that. That's like saying peanut butter is sticky.

• Every fall, I get excited for the start of the new TV season, even though I don't watch much TV anymore. Then I remember, "Oh yeah, they don't really do that anymore."



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

• What I do watch is news. Too much news. I'm a news junkie, even though TV is the single worst way to get your news. I'm scaling back, though. Fox News is ridiculous. CNN is one-tenth reporting, nine-tenths people

arguing. And the evening network news is mostly commercials, many of which are for prescription drugs, which I refuse to watch because the pharma giants are killing American health care.

• I also miss the J.C. Penney's and Sears catalogues at Christmas — another seasonal thing gone forever.

• Shouldn't the title of Hillary's new book have had a question mark on the end of it? Instead of "What Happened," as if she knows, it should be "What Happened?" right? Even better: "What the Eff Happened?" It was that kind of election.

• A new poll says more than half of American voters say Hillary shouldn't run again. Oddly enough, those are all the Democrats. Republicans are saying "Heck, yeah, run again!"

• Sports fans are saying Little Caesars Arena is a lousy name for the new home of the Pistons and Red Wings. I don't think it's so bad. At least it's named after pizza. What bothers me is the public money (\$324 million) used on it. How come rich

people can't use their own money?

• At its unveiling, the new \$1,000 iPhone X's face recognition log-in software failed to recognize the Apple VP demonstrating it. If his iPhone is anything like mine, he then asked Siri what was wrong and she said, "Sorry, I didn't get that" or it took him to a wiki page about a thousand dollar bill.

• The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers wants to use noise cannons, water jets, and electrified water to keep Asian carp from getting into the Great Lakes. And you thought my column saying we should declare them a delicacy so people fish them to death was ridiculous.

• The only micro-distillery whiskey I've ever loved is produced by Traverse City Whiskey Co. They make five varieties — all delicious. Too delicious. The American Cherry Edition is my favorite. Goes great with a cigar. Which I did not just write because I'm not supposed to smoke cigars or drink whiskey, so forget I said anything.

• "The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity. The fears are paper tigers. You can do anything you decide to do. You can act to change and control your life; and the procedure, the process is its own reward." — Amelia Earhart

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THE DEFINITION OF irony? That's easy, Donald Trump, because both he and the left have the same habit of demonizing those who disagree with their views, rather than providing opposing arguments armed with facts and logic.

I WANT TO thank whoever took care of the groundhogs on the south end of Runyan Lake. Great job. Thank you.

THANK YOU TO the very kind man and woman who helped me pick up my 92-year-old dad when he fell from his walker after hitting a bump on the sidewalk in front of the medical building on Fenway on Monday, Sept 11. It's nice to know there are such good people around.

WE GOT HIT by Harvey and Irma. Thank God, Hillary missed us.

PEOPLE ON WELFARE are currently making more than \$12 an hour with benefits. You better make it worth their while or they are going to stay home on your dime.

SCARY HOLLY HAS a council member who wants to end the war on drugs and allow opioids and other narcotics to legally flow through the streets of our community. Time for a recall.

SCARY! THE ZOMBIES return to Linden at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13. Plan to be there.

'DEATH SPIRAL' KING. When you said we live in a country that rewards sarcasm instead of wisdom, rudeness instead of insight and the squeaky wheel instead of the patriot, you described your Don.

THERE IS SOMETHING out there that mimics marijuana without the high. It is CBD or hemp oil. I use it daily. It helps with pain and anxiety a ton. Worst thing is the price. Pot is probably cheaper but I choose to go the route that won't make me feel high. It's my personal choice but I respect others for having the freedom to choose what works for them.

THE TV SPORTS show won't show empty seats at a sporting event because it doesn't look good but shows players not standing for the national anthem?

THE MISSING LINK evolving us into Homo sapiens occurred by extra-terrestrial aliens genetically engineering us.

THE PERSON WHO proposed inventing no-high medical marijuana is right on. How can we get this done?

YOU, SIR, SOUND uneducated on the matter. There already are strains that don't get you high. They're called CBD and have different medicinal values than those with THC. Get educated, Over 50 percent of the U.S. is in favor of recreational.

WE NOW HAVE \$1,000 cell phones. Kids have to have it. Parents are going to buy it. Kids are number one in our upside down society.

HILLARY CLINTON'S NEW book is called 'What Happened' and I'd like to explain what happened. She and the Democratic party cheated, lied, rigged, committed fraud, wiretapped, and smeared their way to try to get elected and she still lost.

MY FAVORITE DONALD Trump ice cream is 'impeach-mint.' Impeach Donald Trump.

I'M WATCHING PEOPLE drive by while I'm waiting for my wife to be 'just a minute' in a store. This is a parking lot, not a freeway. An elderly person or a kid is going to come out and you're going to run right over them. They won't have a chance.

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What do you think about political gerrymandering?

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

street talk



"Voters should choose their elected officials, not the other way around. People rightfully feel discouraged and disenfranchised right now because gerrymandering has distorted our politics. I am proud to join a group of Republicans and Democrats who are fighting to end partisan gerrymandering. This should not be a partisan issue."

Dan Kildee

U.S. congressman, D-Dist. 5



"Republicans control 71 percent of the state Senate right now, despite only winning about half of the popular vote in the last election. The makeup of our Legislature should reflect the composition of our state, but right now, politicians in power have the right to pick and choose which voices get to be heard the loudest on election day."

Jim Ananich

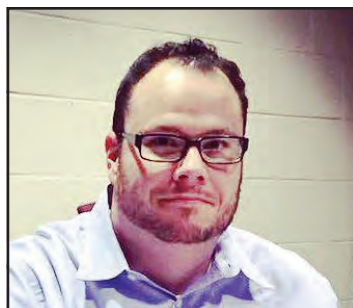
Michigan senator, D-Dist. 27



"Gerrymandering, in my mind, is a process that can be manipulated either way in getting the desired results and I personally don't give it a lot of credibility. It's an example of, not the numbers, but maybe those that figure the numbers."

Bob Krug

Fenton Township clerk



"I believe in accurate redistricting after a Census takes place. The current issue of gerrymandering is the result of both parties (whomever is in control at the time the census is complete) trying to gain control. This is more about keeping power vs. making appropriate districts that represent the people who live in it."

Dave Cruickshank

Holly Village councilmember



"I am opposed to gerrymandering because I think it favors the political party that's in office. It's been going on for so many years. I would be in favor of an independent commission that can look at the districts so that it's fair for both parties. You want to make sure there's balance."

Patricia Lockwood

Fenton City councilwoman

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1981: Jack Henry Abbott is captured in the oil fields of Louisiana after a two-month long manhunt that began when he killed Richard Adan at the Binibon restaurant in New York City on July 18. At the time of the murder, Abbott had been out on parole largely through the efforts of author Norman Mailer, who convinced officials that he had a great writing talent.

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Fenton Township seeks input for Master Plan

■Residents encouraged to take online survey by Oct. 1

Fenton Township is embarking on a new Master Plan, and community input is pivotal to the success of this multi-month process.

To learn residents' insight on the township's strengths and areas of improvement, a survey has been posted at www.fentontownshipmasterplan.org/online-survey. Visit the link and tell Fenton Township what you think. The survey will be open until the end of the day on Sunday, Oct. 1. Your responses are greatly appreciated.

The Master Plan is comprehensive in scope and will research major topics such as demographics and housing, land use, natural features, community facilities and

services, open space, transportation, and economic development.

In addition to formal analysis, a Master Plan hinges on its residents' vision for the Township's future. The plan uses community feedback to craft goals and objectives and to outline action strategies that guides the township growth and development in accordance with its values.

Community engagement sessions are coming to Fenton Township this fall. For any questions or concerns about the survey or the master planning process, contact Michelle Bennett of Beckett & Raeder, Landscape Architecture Planning, Engineering and Environmental Services at (734) 239-6614 or email her at mbennett@bria2.com.

Police&Fire

report

CARNIVAL WORKER INJURED AFTER FALLING FROM RIDE

A 25-year-old man is recovering after falling more than 15 feet while assembling a carnival ride for St. John's Applefest, which begins Thursday, Sept. 14. Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said the fire department received the 911 call at 6:56 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12 and personnel were on location in three minutes. He said an employee of the carnival company was assembling a ride when he fell. Witnesses estimated he fell between 15 to 17 feet to the parking lot surface. He was transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township with minor injuries.

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TIRES AND RIMS STOLEN FROM FORD ESCAPES IN FENTON AND FENTON TOWNSHIP

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office is investigating a larceny complaint filed Tuesday, Sept. 12 by a Fenton Township resident who lives in the 16000 block of Pine Lake Forest Drive. The resident said they parked their black 2017 Ford Escape in their driveway at approximately 10 p.m. on Sept. 11. At 6:30 a.m. on Sept. 12, the resident discovered that the vehicle was balancing on landscaping blocks and all four tires and blacked-out rims had been stolen. The Fenton Police Department also is investigating a larceny complaint involving stolen tires and blacked out rims. Police Chief Jason Slater said they received a call at 7:25 a.m. from a 44-year-old resident who lives in the 800 block of Whisperwood Drive. She said that sometime between 8 p.m. on Sept. 11 and 7:25 a.m. on Sept. 12, someone removed all four tires and blacked out rims from her white 2017 Ford Escape, which was parked in her driveway.

PET BLESSING

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The Orthodox Church is known for blessing an array of items. "We bless material things like cars, icons, and houses, as well as living things like animals, people, flowers, and plants, to make them 'holy,'" said Bilas. Holy means "to set aside for a special purpose," he said.

"We pray that the pets be a constant source of joy in their homes, a comfort to those in sorrow, a therapy to those who are sick and an aid to get us through difficult moments in our life."

Bilas also blessed all the dogs and cats inside the Adopt-A-Pet facilities, including the sick and those awaiting surgery.



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Approximately 60 pets were blessed at the inaugural Blessing of the Pets.



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The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce holds a kick-off meeting, training for their volunteers.

Chamber to hold three-day membership drive

■Hopes to recruit 50 new members

Hoping to spread the word of its instrumental role in the community and regional area, the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce will be spending a week this month recruiting and educating local businesses. Although the Chamber boasts nearly 500 members, they have plenty of room for more.

The three-day membership drive, Sept. 19-21, will allow Chamber board members, Ambassadors and volunteers to reach out to others in the community and metro area to spread the word about the benefits the Chamber has to offer.

The goal for the 2017 Membership Drive is to recruit 50 new members.

"The focus of the campaign is to increase the understanding of the Chamber's role in the city of Fenton and how membership can be valuable for not only local, but businesses outside of Fenton," said Shelly Day, IOM, executive director.

"Our Chamber is dedicated to be a partner in the future of this regional area. Our motto is 'Building Business ... Building Community.'"

"Instead of trying to sell somebody the chamber of commerce, we are going to bring it back to the basics," said Lee Mitchell, membership director. "The Chamber isn't a donation, it's an investment that will help people grow their business. If they buy into the Chamber, everyone wins."

This will be the third time the Chamber has held a membership drive and each time they have increased their membership significantly. This increase has allowed them to do more programming for local schools, grow their networking events and program offerings.

The seminar presenter is Chelsea Mills of Behind Your Design in Fenton. Mills is a past board chairman and has been through two membership drives during her years on the Chamber board. She has led previous seminars and trainings in the past 15 years and has a deep understanding of how the Chamber works and the value it brings to a community.

"We're going to ensure that our volunteers are not only equipped with the tools they need to be successful, but they have fun doing it, too," Day said.

For more information, visit www.fentonchamber.com/drive or call (810) 629-5447.

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■ Physician with local relatives releases new book, 'Ask Dr. Nandi,' with Simon & Schuster

By Sally Rummel

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As a physician, Partha Nandi, M.D., FACP, 48, star of the award-winning TV show, "Ask Dr. Nandi," is used to having professional designations after his name.

Now he is adding "author" to this list, with the release on Tuesday, Sept. 12 of his first book, "Ask Dr. Nandi: 5 Steps to Becoming your Own Health Hero for Longevity, Well-being and a Joyful Life," published by Simon & Schuster.

"We're number 11 in all book categories at Barnes & Noble," Nandi said.

Nandi, his wife, Kali, and two sons, Partha "P.J.," 5, and Shaan, 3, are in the midst of a whirlwind 12-day book tour across the U.S., promoting the book's release.

“My biggest message is for people who want to make a change in their lives, but they feel there’s no hope. You don’t have to climb a mountain; you can go step by step.”

Partha Nandi, M.D.

Physician, TV show host and author



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The Nandi family includes (from left) Shaan, Partha, Kali, Charley, 14, and P.J..

Kali is the daughter of Fenton residents Craig and Beth Rockman.

"The response has been phenomenal," Nandi said. "We're traveling from New York to Nashville, Dallas, LA, Phoenix, Chicago, Atlanta, Denver, Houston and Detroit, doing book signings and TV and radio shows." In October, Nandi will travel to Europe, in December, to the Far East and in January 2018, to Africa.

The book empowers readers to become their own #HealthHero by following five steps, including nutrition, movement, "tribe" (sense of commu-

nity), mindfulness and purpose.

"This book will help you establish an approach to health that is all-encompassing," Nandi said.

"I'm passionate about helping people realize that taking control of their health is in their hands. Science is finding that

our genes don't

determine our

health, we do. So

this book is really

a movement to

turn every reader

into their own

#HealthHero."

Nandi defines

#HealthHero as

being an advocate

for yourself and

your family in

sickness and in health. It's about building the confidence to gain knowledge and use that knowledge to make tough decisions.

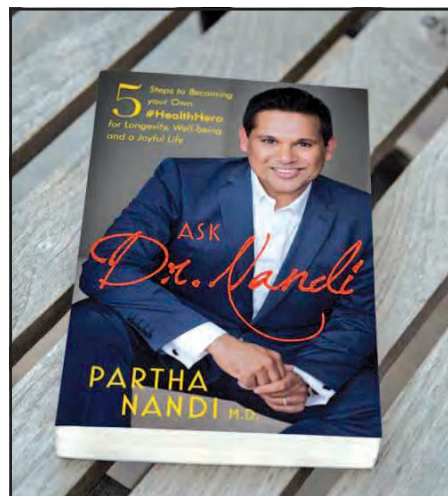
Nandi's book is already the best-selling new release on Amazon in the categories of alternative medicine and self-help and is in the top five in personal transformation and holistic medicine.

Ask Dr. Nandi is available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Costco, Kroger, Target, com, Books-A-Million and at independent book stores.

The TV show, Ask Dr. Nandi, reaches more than 85 million U.S. households. In addition to his show, Nandi is also chief health news editor for WXYZ-TV Channel 7 in Detroit.

Nandi continues to practice gastroenterology in his Rochester Hills practice, but with a reduced schedule. He feels he can reach more people now with such an important message.

"My biggest message is for people who want to make a change in their lives, but they feel there's no hope. You don't have to climb a mountain; you can go step by step. Everything starts with that first step."



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Partha Nandi, M.D., launched his new book, "Ask Dr. Nandi: 5 Steps to Becoming your Own Health Hero for Longevity, Well-being and a Joyful Life" on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

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"I love what the foundation does for the school district, so it means a lot to me, and I'm humbled to receive it," said Walker, co-owner of Hartland Insurance Agency.

Walker received The State Bank Community Contribution to Education Award. He served 17 years and five months on the Fenton Board of Education. He feels that serving on a local school board or city council is the best way to impact your child's future education.

"It's the best way to get involved," he said.

Peggy Yates received the Edward H. and Nancy E. Petruska Lifetime Achievement in Education Award. She was in the FAPS district for 13 years and ended her career as superintendent. She helped get a bond passed that enabled the district to build AGS Middle School. "It's absolutely wonderful, I'm touched, honored, humbled — all of the above," she said.

The event itself cost \$250 per person, and is used to raise funds for FEF, which supports academics, athletics and the arts.

News briefs

AFFORDABLE HEALTH SCREENINGS IN LINDEN

Local residents can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Loose Senior Center, 707 N. Bridge St., in Linden, will host this community event on Wednesday, Sept. 27. Screenings can check for:

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'We serve'

■ Lions clubs empower volunteers, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and international understanding

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This is the fourth in a series about local civic organizations, their history and what they do for the community.

The Fenton Lions Club

The Fenton Lions Club, chartered in 1964, is best known for fighting blindness — it's part of their history as well as our work today, said MaryAnn Brostek, club president.

All money raised by the Lions Club goes to assist the blind and other worthwhile community projects such as providing financial assistance for eye exams, glasses and hearing aids for needy local people.

"We collect used eyeglasses at a dozen locations and sort and transport them to the Special Needs Clinic in Saginaw for further processing," Brostek said. "This year alone, we have sent over 3,000 pairs of glasses. At our booth at the annual Fenton Community Expo we offer KidSight exams for young children and Titmus machine exams for adults."

The Fenton Lions Club provides transportation for visually impaired (VI) individuals to informal bi-weekly luncheons with other local VI persons; and to monthly meetings of the VIABIL group (Visually Impaired And Blind In Livingston County) at the Brighton Lions clubhouse.

"In the summer we host a picnic at a local park for area VI residents," Brostek said.

Other local support includes four annual scholarships awarded to Fenton and Lake Fenton high school graduating seniors. They also support Boy Scout Troop #212 of Fenton.

"Some of our club members work on spring clean up at Lions Bear Lake Camp for the Visually Impaired in Lapeer and volunteer for other organizations' projects like Habitat for Humanity, Christmas in Action, the Red Cross, and Gift of Life organ donations," Brostek said.

The Fenton Lions Club holds three major annual fundraisers. In early May, the White Cane Awareness Drive takes place, collecting donations outside of cooperating businesses.

"At the Fourth of July Fenton Freedom Festival we set up a tent, cook and sell BBQ chicken dinners, hot dogs, bratwurst



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Each year, the Fenton Lions offers eyeglasses recycling and free vision screenings for children at the Fenton Community Expo.

and other eats to the public," she said.

The third major fundraiser is an October Money Raffle. This one-evening event includes dinner for ticket-holders and provides an opportunity for members of the community to come together, enjoy a meal (provided by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary), and participate in a drawing sprinkled with small additional prizes as the evening progresses. The Raffle's top three prizes — \$5,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 — are selected from a drawing of only 175 \$100 tickets. Even in these difficult financial times, the Money Raffle has been the club's top fundraising program.

The Fenton Lions Club has enjoyed the support of its community for more than five decades. In response, the money our community provides is put to work for Fenton-area residents who need help, as well for many other worthy Lions' causes. "Most recently, we presented Terry and Amy Brown a check in the amount of \$1,500 from the Lions Disaster Relief Fund, when their house in Fenton burned to the ground on July 10," Brostek said.

They are also working to assist another family whose home was recently destroyed by fire. They currently have 40 members.

Meetings and membership

The Fenton Lions Club holds dinner meetings at John's Pizzeria Restaurant in Fenton on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, starting at 6:30 p.m. New members are invited to come to a

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Voters will be asked to extend Lake Fenton schools bond in November

■\$11.7 million, three-year extension on ballot

The Lake Fenton Board of Education unanimously adopted a resolution on Aug. 14 to place a bond proposal on the Nov. 7, election ballot.

The Board will ask voters within the Lake Fenton Community Schools district to consider an \$11.7 million bond for basic upgrades and the replacement of aging infrastructure and equipment at every school building in the district.

This would be a three-year extension to the district's current bond and there would be no tax rate increase to its current debt millage.

"Our goal is to keep the Lake Fenton community strong," said Board President Larry Godlewski. "The Board of Education had an outside company complete an evaluation of our facilities, staff was surveyed about the needs in each building and board members toured district facilities to gather information before determining what items to include in the bond proposal.

"A great deal of time was spent evaluating all of the data. The bond will impact the educational environment for our students and future generations to come."

The bond is focused on addressing the district's aging and inefficient buildings (most are more than 60 years old) and improving safety and security, both inside and outside the school. As state funding has declined in recent years, the Board has been closely scrutinizing, evaluating and prioritizing every cost and expense. The district's buildings will continue to age and need improvements without stressing the general fund budget, which is geared toward classroom learning.

Earlier this year, the Board commissioned a thorough assessment of the district's facilities. The findings in this assessment highlighted critical needs, deferred maintenance, and potential property enhancements. The complete report can be found on the district's website, under the Superintendent's Office page www.lakefentonschools.org.

All schools will be addressed. Highlights within the bond proposal include:

WEST SHORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Add air conditioning
- Add access control and security cameras
- Replace windows, doors and classroom cabinets
- Replace aging boiler and fire safety system

TORREY HILL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

- Add air conditioning
- Add access control and security cameras
- Replace complete water treatment system
- Replace classroom carpet and cabinets
- Replace fire safety system

LAKE FENTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Add air conditioning
- Add access control and security cameras
- Remodel toilet rooms
- Replace musical instruments
- Replace locker rooms (series 2)
- Replace aging roof (series 2)

LAKE FENTON HIGH SCHOOL

- Add access control and security cameras
- Create secure entry to main office
- Replace complete water treatment system
- Replace musical instruments
- Upgrade auditorium sound system and lighting
- Add synthetic turf
- Replace aging roof (series 2)

News briefs

ZONTA CLUB HOSTING EVENT ON TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

On Sept. 19 and Nov. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m., the Zonta Club of Fenton will host Expect Respect, a program that teaches preteens about dating violence. At the program, in the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, attendees will hear about teen dating violence from the parent perspective and teen perspective. They will learn about warning signs, and how to teach teens and parents to recognize unhealthy teen relationships and how to get out of them. People wishing to attend the Expect Respect event must RSVP by Sept. 17 by emailing Trish at zontaxrazy@gmail.com.

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■■■
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Michigan State Trooper Steve Kramer takes a pony ride at the Police Appreciation Picnic on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016 in Tyrone Township.

Police Appreciation Picnic set for Sept. 23

■Second annual event will honor law enforcement officers from Michigan, surrounding states

By Sally Rummel
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The second annual Police Appreciation Picnic is set for Saturday, Sept. 23, from 2 to 10 p.m. at Wind Walker Farms in Tyrone Township.

Last year's inaugural event drew 725 people, including 83 law enforcement officers and their families.

"We're expecting officers from throughout Michigan and surrounding states," said Herman Ferguson, who organized last year's event with Wind Walker Farms' Tim Scarberry, to show their support during a national crisis of law enforcement.

So far, he has handed out 1,000 invitations for this year's picnic through his Concern Over Police Safety (COPS) organization.

"It's exciting to have so many officers thanking us for hosting this event in such a beautiful setting," said Ferguson.

Since founding the COPS organization, he has sent 45,000 COPS wrist bands to law enforcement officers in all 50 states and eight countries.

The day's events will include a hot dog picnic, ice cream, live music and many family friendly activities, plus a number of special activities.

At 4 p.m., a huge 15- by 25-foot flag from the Fenton Fire Department will be raised 80 feet in the air by members of local, county and state uniformed officers.

After the national anthem, a bagpiper will play "Amazing Grace" in memory of all law enforcement officers worldwide who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

A K-9 Unit from Livingston County will offer demonstrations at 6 p.m.

Ferguson is working with the Michigan State Police for a helicopter fly-over during the event.

At dusk, the event will end with a show of patriotic fireworks.

Wind Walker Farms is at 9204 Valley View Dr., off Foley Road in Tyrone Township.

“It’s exciting to have so many officers thanking us for hosting this event in such a beautiful setting.”

Herman Ferguson
Police Appreciation Picnic organizer

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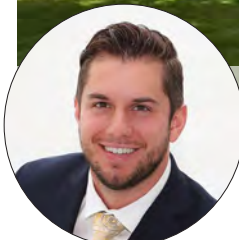
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Cute home on almost 1/2 acre, 2756 SF of finished living space, 4 BDR and 2.5 BA. Open floor plan, inviting living room with gas fireplace, dining area with great natural light and door wall leading to back yard. Beautiful kitchen, first floor master suite complete with walk in shower, large tub, granite counters, dual sinks and door wall leading to patio. Second floor laundry conveniently located near large additional bedrooms. Adorable finished basement with daylight windows and lots of storage.

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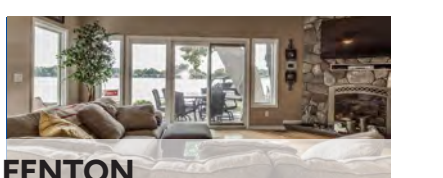
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14194 DARTS DR, FENTON



**Water
Front**

LAKE FENTON

60' of frontage on All Sports Lake Fenton. 2086 SF, 4 BDR & 3.5BA. Open floor plan with beautiful flooring throughout the main floor. Great kitchen with granite countertops and island. Great room offers fireplace and spectacular views of the lake. First floor bedroom with private bath. Second floor master suite with stunning views of the lake. Large deck perfect for entertaining, additional lot across the street for parking and 2 car garage.

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Taking the *scenic route* this fall

■ The autumn beauty of Michigan calls for a road trip

By Sally Rummel
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Don't let Michigan's most spectacular season come and go without taking a scenic drive, whether by car or by motorcycle.

Here are a several "don't miss" drives in Michigan, according to Midwest Living:

Upper Peninsula Drama: 75 miles

This 75-mile tour starts in Marquette, the Upper Peninsula's largest city. With many big-city amenities, the landscape still dominates with the town's steep streets and proximity to Sugarloaf Mountain. A 30-minute trek to the summit opens onto a view of Lake Superior and the inland sprawl of trees.

Take County Road 550 with curves northwest along the shore to the town of Big Bay, which marks the loop's halfway point.



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Drive along Grand Traverse Bay, where, in the fall, fiery-hued maple and oak leaves stand out against green pine, fir, and spruce trees.

Visit the Big Bay Point Lighthouse Bed & Breakfast overlooking Lake Superior or plan ahead for an overnight stay. Wind back to Marquette on County Road 510 through the dense woods of the Huron Mountains.

Thomas Rock is a must; it's a 20-minute round-trip walk on a winding gravel trail leading to an overlook encompassing the Keweenaw Peninsula.

Side trips: The 60 miles between Munising and Grand Marais include the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. Take the Tahquamenon Scenic Byway on this 63-mile arc of M-123, starting in Newberry.

Southwest Michigan's Fall Flavors: 45 miles

The orchards and vineyards of Michigan's southwest corner draw visitors year-round, but fall brings the peak experience. Capture the taste of it on a 45-mile loop from Fennville, around Lake Allegan and back. Visit Crane's Pie Pantry Restaurant and U-Pick Farm, and the nearby Fenn Valley Vineyards. Less than five miles away, Virtue Farm crafts Virtue Cider from Michigan apples, bringing the flavor tour full circle.

Side trips: Visit Holland, making a stop at Boatwerk's Waterfront's patio, then take a 15-minute drive past Lake Macatawa to Holland State Park. Take this 29-mile stretch of two-lane road on the Red Arrow Highway between New Buffalo and St. Joseph/Benton Harbor. Visit the three-mile sandy shore of Warren Dunes State Park with irresistible flea markets, antique shops and art galleries lining the route.

M-22 Peninsula Views: 116 miles

This 116-mile scenic byway of M-22 brings together the fall grandeur and splendor of the Traverse City region, arcing through the thick forests of the Leelanau Peninsula and down the western shore dotted with small towns, beaches and restaurants serving farm-to-table flavors.

See **SCENIC** on 16A

Eight secrets of super safe driving

When you drive defensively, you're aware and ready for whatever happens. You're cautious, yet ready to take action and not put your fate in the hands of other drivers. Ninety percent of all crashes are attributed to driver error, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Here are eight defensive driving tips to help reduce your risk behind the wheel:

- 1. Think safety first.** Avoid aggressive and inattentive tendencies. Leave plenty of space between you and the car in front of you. Always lock your doors and wear your seatbelt to avoid being thrown from the car in a crash.
- 2. Be aware of your surroundings.** Check your mirrors frequently and scan conditions 20 to 30 seconds ahead. Keep your eyes moving. If another vehicle is driving too aggressively, slow down, pull over or even exit the roadway, if it's safe to do so. Also keep an eye on pedestrians, bicyclists and animals along the road.
- 3. Don't depend on other drivers.** Be considerate of others but look out for yourself. Don't assume another driver is going to move out of the way or allow you to merge. Plan your movements anticipating the worst-case scenario.
- 4. Follow the 3- to 4-second rule.** Since the greatest chance of a collision is in front of you, maintain that safe distance to provide adequate time for you to brake to a stop if necessary. Increase your distance an extra second for each condition such as rain, fog, driving at night or following a large truck or motorcycle.
- 5. Keep your speed down.** Posted speed limits apply to ideal conditions. It's your responsibility to ensure that your speed matches conditions.
- 6. Have an escape route.** Always leave yourself an out — a place to move your vehicle if your immediate path of travel is suddenly blocked.
- 7. Separate risks.** When faced with multiple risks, manage them one at a time. Your goal is to avoid having to deal with too many risks at the same time.
- 8. Cut out distractions,** which includes any activity that diverts your attention from driving. Driving deserves your full attention.

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What is your 'car color personality?'

■ The color you choose when buying a car says a lot about you

By Sally Rummel

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If a new car is in your future, think carefully about the color you pick as it can give insight into your personality.

Consultant and trend forecaster Leatrice Eiseman offers these insights into your "car color personality" from Today.com.

Black: Powerful, classic, elegant

It's the ultimate power color. The person who chooses this color isn't easily manipulated. They love elegance and appreciate what is classic. This is probably a person who also has a lot of black in their wardrobe because this color stands for empowerment.

White: Pure, pristine, and direct

Car owners with white cars tend to be fastidious and hard to please. These are people who generally like things to be very pure and pristine, clear and direct. You can't hide under the color white, said Eiseman. A person who chooses a white ride is more likely to keep the car very clean and lives the rest of their life this way, too.

Silver: Futuristic, prestigious, and elegant

Silver has a cool, futuristic connotation, much different from its gray counterpart.

Anything that's a true metallic, whether it's silver or gold, carries a perception that it's worth more. The metallic finish

makes the car look more prestigious, and the driver of this color car appreciates elegance with a bit of flash.

Red: Sensual, dynamic, outgoing

There's an element of sensuality that goes with red, plus a dynamic quality and high energy. Even the two different shades of red, vibrant and bluish red, still express the same traits, but those who go vibrant are bolder. People who choose deep red cars like to call attention to themselves. They are definitely more outgoing in personality.

Those who ride around in a deeper blueish red (wine or maroon) vehicle, have the same inclinations, but are more subtle. You have to look a little deeper to find the true meaning of who they are.

Gray: Neutral, sober, practical

What you see is what you get with the owner of a gray car. The person who chooses it is usually very practical, very pragmatic. They are people who make lists and talk things out.

Blue: Light- to mid-blue — calm, faithful, true; Dark blue — confident, credible, authoritative

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Powerful

driver of a blue car, no matter what the shade, although there is a distinct difference between light and dark hues.

Light- to mid-blue is considered cool to the touch, cool to the eye. These drivers have a calm demeanor, are very faithful. This is the kind of person that if it's your friend, they'll be your friend forever.

Dark blues are much more confident. These drivers like being credible, an authority figure.

Orange: Artistic, individual, complex

An orange car screams unique, creative and original. They are very individualistically charming, said Eiseman.

Brown: Powerful, unique; **Beige:** Natural, down to earth

Cars in these colors have multiple meanings, and have changed in the last 15 years. The new browns have a connotation of rich chocolate and coffee browns, which can mean the driver is

Confident

down to earth, or is someone who craves the same elegance, power and high style that black carries, but wants to come across as more unique. It's a more glamorous take on a neutral dark color.

Beige, like brown, is also a nonsense color, but it doesn't have the strength of the darker shade. It's more down to earth and natural. It also denotes common sense.

Yellow: Joyful, sense of humor

The owner of a yellow car is usually young at heart with a sunny disposition. A person who chooses yellow knows they are going to be noticed and they usually have a great sense of humor.

Do red cars really get pulled over by police more than other cars?

Red actually came in second place in police stops in a recent study.

The top color is white, with gray and silver coming in third and fourth place, respectively.

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Just how safe is the vehicle you drive?

■ Several 2017 American-brand vehicles pass high-way safety crash tests

By Sally Rummel

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Cars are certainly safer today compared to the days before there were mandatory seatbelt and airbag regulations. Today's safest cars feature rear backup cameras, blind spot detectors, lane-keeping assistance and heads-up display, to name just a few.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) conducts vehicle tests to determine crash worthiness — how well a vehicle protects its occupants in a crash. It also rates vehicles for front crash prevention, systems that warn the driver or brake automatically to avoid or mitigate a front collision.

The vehicles that perform best in the tests

qualify for Top Safety Pick, which has been awarded since the 2006 year.

To qualify, a vehicle must earn a "good" rating in five tests — small overlap front, moderate overlap front, side, roof strength and head restraints, as well as advanced or superior rating for front crash prevention.

Models that earn this designation are the best vehicle choices for safety within size categories. Size and weight influence occupant protection in serious crashes. Larger, heavier vehicles generally provide more protection than smaller, lighter ones. In other words, a small car that's designated as a safety winner doesn't necessarily mean it offers more protection than a bigger car that doesn't earn the award.

These are the safest 2017 American car brands in their respective categories,



according to the IIHS. Many foreign car brands also made the list.

• **Small cars:** Chevrolet Bolt, Chevrolet Volt

• **Mid-size cars:** Chevrolet Malibu, Chrysler 200, Ford Fusion

• **Large cars:** Buick LaCrosse

• **Large luxury cars:** Lincoln Continental.

• **Small SUVs:** Fiat 500X

• **Mid-size luxury SUVs:** Cadillac XT5, Lincoln MKX, Buick Envision

SCENIC

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As you're driving north through Manistee County, you'll find yourself on top of the county when you reach the Arcadia Overlook. Climb 120 steps and you'll be rewarded by a view that takes your breath away.

Don't miss Suttons Bay and Northport, the Grand Traverse Lighthouse and the historic Fishtown in Leland. Follow the coast to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

From Empire, cut back to Traverse City on M-72 or continue through villages like Frankfort and Arcadia.

Side trips: Drive the Tunnel of Trees, a 27-mile route from Harbor Springs to Cross Village, where fall color drapes the landscape. Don't miss a meal at Legs Inn, an architectural gem, or a sunset stroll at Sturgeon Bay in Wilderness State Park. Enjoy the 100-mile drive between Grayling, Houghton Lake and Torch Lake — the state's longest inland lake boasts Caribbean-turquoise water.

SUMMARY

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In Midland, explore the 110-acre Dow Gardens and meander along the Pere Marquette Rail Trail, which bridges the intersection of the Chipewewa and Tittabawassee rivers.

Side trips: Enjoy the Irish Hills thread among 50-some kettle lakes in southeast Michigan. Follow U.S. 12, once a five-day stagecoach trip between Chicago and Detroit, to stops like the Walker Tavern Historic Site. Nearby in Brooklyn, the Michigan International Speedway draws thousands of fans to NASCAR and ARCA races on the two-mile track.

Visit seven Metroparks string, a 60-mile stretch of Huron Rive Drive from Hudson Mills Metropark north of Dexter to Lake Erie Metropark, south of Detroit.

Along the Au Sable River: 22 miles

Au Sable Road, a National Scenic Byway, hugs a section of the river west from where it enters Lake Huron in Oscoda. The Lumberman's Monument introduces the river's heritage with a 14-foot-tall statue, while trailheads, such as the Highbanks River, opens to miles of hiking and mountain bike loops. The byway fittingly ends at the Westgate Scenic Overlook, with a peaceful panorama of the Au Sable.

Side trips: Gaylord to Indian River with woods and waters marks this 30-mile route. U.S. 23 Heritage Route weaves along 200 miles of Lake Huron shoreline. Along the way, discover maritime history and shipwrecks, small towns rich with hiking trails, sugar-sand beaches and art, wine and birding trails.

CARS

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to see an influx of cheap, flood-damaged cars for sale because of hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

"Car places will go down to a place like Florida where it (hurricanes) happened and buy those cars for cheap and bring them back," he said.

Cox Automotive estimates the two hurricanes flooded 500,000 to one million cars.

These cars are rusted on the inside of the floor, not the outside, and have a moldy odor from the water and whatever was in the water, like sewage.

"A lot of them have extensive electrical damage. It all depends on how bad the flooding was, how deep it got, if it was submerged in the floodwater. You would have all kinds of issues," Beidler said. "Usually it's illegal to sell a car to a consumer that has been flood-damaged simply because the toxic waste that potentially can get in them. It's like a biohazard."

SUMMARY

■ After hurricanes Harvey and Irma brought devastating flooding to Texas and Florida, consumers should be wary of buying a nice car too cheap — it might have been damaged in the floods.

"To anybody who even thinks a car is flood-damaged, have it thoroughly checked out, and I recommend not buying one," he said.

He said consumers might see deals like a new, 2016 vehicle that sold for \$40,000 going for \$5,000.

"Even if you get it for the most amazing price, you're going to find out the price isn't as amazing once you're done trying to repair it," he said.

Dan Shannon, owner of Shannon Auto Collision, said the main issue with the cars in hurricanes is the water damage.

The damage sustained to the body by flying debris can be fixed, but water issues are not that easy.

"Cars can be cleaned and taken apart and dried out and they'll look fine, smell fine, but what happens is if any of the electrical system gets wet, it'll be fine for a little while but they start to corrode and ... the little gremlins come out," he said.

Shannon describes these "little gremlins" as when your windows stop working, your check engine light comes on, and other electrical issues. The electrical parts are very expensive to replace, he added.

"Everything in the car is computerized and you know what happens when you spill water on a keyboard. It's shot," he

said. "Salt and metal don't mix so you're going to have a lot of corrosion."

Once the vehicle is flood damaged, Shannon said it's not worth it and he would not buy the vehicle.

"Sooner or later you're going to have problems. Buyer beware. Make sure you know where the car is from, who the last owner was, before you buy a vehicle," he said.

He said insurance companies will try to sell them for salvaging, but if they don't sell, sometimes they try to sell them in other states without marking them as "flood damaged." Shannon said in Michigan, companies are required to state when a car is flood damaged, but a lot of states don't.

"There's going to be a lot of this going on the next years with all the hurricanes," he said.

Check CARFAX

Consumers can check CARFAX if they think a vehicle they want to buy is flood damaged. Search for "CARFAX Flood Check" and enter the vehicle identification number (VIN) and your email address. The site will let you know if that vehicle has been reported as flood damaged.

the invited groups, the "Association of Lions Clubs," and a national convention was held in Dallas, Texas, in October of that year. A constitution, by-laws, objects and a code of ethics were approved.

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SHAPIRO

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Instead of a pretrial, however, Shapiro's attorney, Edward Farrell III, filed a motion to have Haley recuse herself from the case because Shapiro, as a county commissioner, has oversight over court budgets. A decision on the motion will be heard on Oct. 3.

Shapiro's prior court appearances were rescheduled during the summer while five district court judges disqualified themselves. They are Judge Mark McCabe (Fenton), Judge Jennifer Manley (Davison), Judge Mark Latchana (Burton), Judge David Goggins (Flushing) and Judge Christopher Odette (Grand Blanc).

Courtney Rose, a clerk in the Genesee County District Court office said the judges listed the following reason for getting off Shapiro's case.

"I believe based on objectivity and reasonable perception that my continued assignment would create an appearance of impropriety."

Haley was the only 67th District Court Judge willing to hear the case.

Shapiro, 28, was charged with one count of reckless driving of a boat and two counts of indecent language stemming from an alleged incident on the morning of May 27. Shapiro is accused of yelling ethnic slurs from his pontoon boat to an unidentified individual on shore.

Following an investigation by the Genesee County Sheriff's Office, the county's prosecuting attorney, David Leyton, chose not to pursue felony ethnic intimidation charges. He instead referred the matter to the Fenton Township attorney, Jack Belzer, to determine if any local ordinances may have been violated.

On Thursday, June 29, Belzer brought

forth the charges and misdemeanor warrants were issued. On Friday, June 30, Shapiro was arraigned on those misdemeanor charges, which carry possible penalties of up to a \$500 fine and/or 90 days in jail and two months probation.

Although he said he did not speak with any of the judges, Belzer said, "The reason the judges have recused themselves is because there's a potential conflict, probably because he (Shapiro) is a county commissioner."

The fact that five judges have recused themselves has "nothing to do with the case," said Belzer.

When asked why Fenton Township is pursuing this case, since it has the potential to cost more to prosecute than the \$500 fine Shapiro would have to pay if found guilty, Belzer, who earns \$135 an hour as the Fenton Township attorney, said, "Justice isn't a dollar and cents thing. Justice for anyone, on any case, whether it's drunk driving, domestic assault ... Any criminal case is not a financial thing. That would be a horrible way to look at justice."

"You have laws, there's no way that you can't pursue justice based upon dollars and cents," Belzer said.

After court on Thursday, Sept. 14, Shapiro said, "I think it's extremely frustrating when people try to paint you to be someone who you know you aren't."

"Anyone who thinks this prosecution isn't politically motivated needs to wake up to the corruption that exists in local government throughout Genesee County," he said. "The Fenton Township Board should be focused on solving issues that affect their constituents, rather than trying to settle personal scores with frivolous litigation funded with taxpayer dollars."

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GERRYMANDERING

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partisan advantage, called gerrymandering, that's not always the case.

Nancy Wang, from the organization Voters Not Politicians, said, "Gerrymandering affects a state in a myriad ways. To name just a few — it dilutes the votes of members of the minority party, increases partisanship, reduces competitiveness, causes politicians in 'safe' districts to be less responsive to their constituents, and leads to voter cynicism and lower voter turnout."

Gerrymandering is defined as manipulating the boundaries of an electoral constituency to favor one party or class. The

party with the state majority has the power to draw district lines, but Voters Not Politicians created a proposal that would give the power to an independent citizens redistricting commission, and away from politicians.

This technique is why people involved in redistricting Maryland to favor Democrats in 2011 are facing a lawsuit for suppressing Republicans' votes. Gerrymandering is why in 2016 in Michigan, Republicans won 1 percent more of the total votes for Congress than Democrats, yet took nine out of 14 seats.

Political gerrymandering gains partisan advantage in a few ways. One way, called "packing," is to pack like-minded voters in the same district to concentrate their impact into only a few districts. Another method, called "cracking," is putting like-minded voters in many different districts to dissolve their impact.

Doing this creates an efficiency gap, which measures the political advantage gained with "packing" and "cracking."

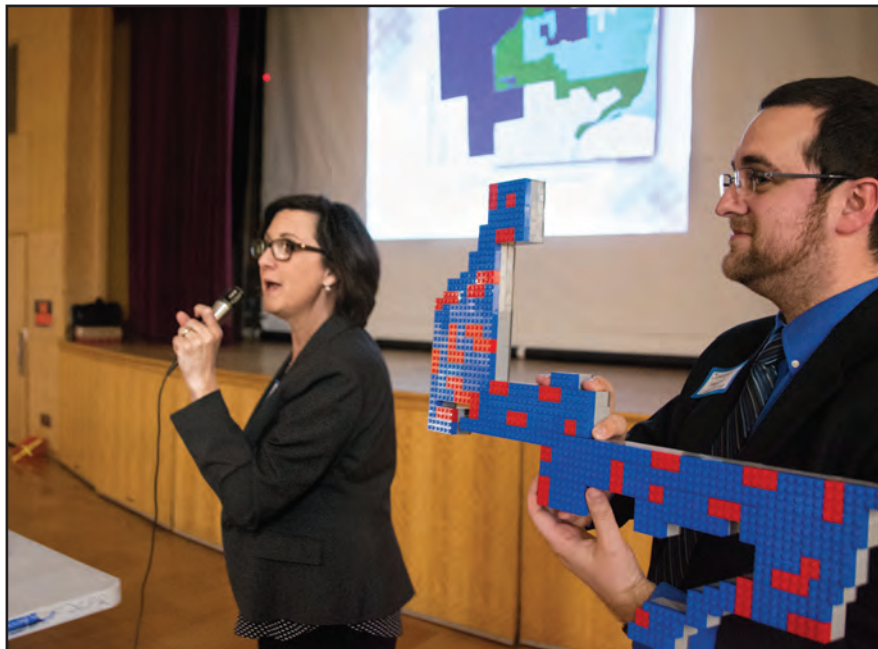
"Currently, there is no limit on how many more seats one political party can essentially give itself through redistricting. By adopting some threshold, calculated using the efficiency gap, for example, the (Supreme) Court would for the first time put a ceiling on that. That would eliminate the very worst gerrymanders," Wang said.

In June, the Supreme Court announced that it will hear *Gill v. Whitford* to decide if gerrymandered election maps favoring one political party over another violate the Constitution. In Wisconsin last year, a panel of three federal judges ruled that the redistricting plan, done by state Republican leadership, was so partisan that it violated the Constitution's First Amendment and equal rights protections.

In that 2012 election, after the new map

SUMMARY

■ Gerrymandering, which is drawing district lines to favor one political party, is a hot topic in Michigan.



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To illustrate gerrymandering to the audience in March, Jordan Smellie of Voters Not Politicians holds a Lego model of the 14th congressional district in Michigan, as Jamie Lyons-Eddy explains. There are places on the map that are slimmer than the room the crowd is in, she said.

Gerrymandering issue could be on November ballot

■ 'Voters Not Politicians' has gathered more than 100,000 signatures for ballot proposal

By Tim Jagielo

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What started as an idea earlier this year, is starting to gain momentum, and could change the literal landscape of politics this year. The non-profit, non-partisan group, "Voters Not Politicians," is collecting signatures for a ballot initiative designed to end the practice of gerrymandering.

"Gerrymandering" is the political

manipulation of legislative and congressional district maps, through legal redistricting.

Voters Not Politicians have gathered more than 100,000 signatures in 25 days, according to a Monday, Sept. 11 news release. "We've been averaging more than 4,000 signatures a day since we started the petition drive on Aug. 17. That's just incredible," said Katie Fahey, chief organizer for Voters Not Politicians, in the news release.

They have six months to gather the 351,654 signatures to make it on the November 2017 ballot. To find out more, go to votersnotpoliticians.com/signingevents.

was adopted, Republicans obtained 48.6 percent of the statewide vote, but captured 60 seats compared to 39 for the Democrats in the State Assembly, according to The Washington Post.

The Supreme Court will hear the case in October to determine if it's unconstitutional to draw district lines to gain partisan advantage.

Wang said she's excited for the case to go to the highest court, but even a favorable ruling would not end all gerrymandering.

"In states like Michigan, redistricting would still be in the hands of the politi-

cians, who would still have an incentive to draw maps to gain an unfair advantage," she said.

Michigan has one of the worst cases of gerrymandering, according to the Brennan Center a nonpartisan public policy and law institute.

"Michigan has the unfortunate distinction of being one of the 'top three' most gerrymandered states in the country along with North Carolina, Pennsylvania," Wang said.

In the 2014 race for state Senate, Republicans barely gained the majority of votes but won 27 out of 38 seats. This spurred

LEGIONNAIRES

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This was his response to a Hot line received by the Times regarding a case of Legionnaires' Disease in the city.

"This has nothing to do with city water," said Markland.

Mark Valacak, health officer with the Genesee County Health Department confirmed that his department is investigating one suspected case of Legionnaires' Disease in a Fenton residence. In order to confirm that it is the disease, Valacak said samples of water have been collected and sent to the state for testing. Those results should be back by the first of next week, he said.

Because of health privacy laws, Valacak could not confirm the location of the residence.

On Sept. 5, the Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) issued a press release to remind residents of the risk of Legionnaires' disease as it is most common during the summer and early fall months.

Legionnaires' disease is a respiratory infection characterized by the bacteria *Legionella*. A milder form of the illness is called Pontiac fever. Legionnaires' symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath, muscle ache, headache, pneumonia, and sometimes diarrhea and mental changes. Pontiac fever has similar symptoms but does not progress to pneumonia. Antibiotics are highly effective against *Legionella* bacteria. To date, there have been nine cases reported in Genesee County for 2017.

Legionella bacteria are found naturally in the environment (rivers, lakes, streams), but can also be found in man-made water supplies that aerosolize water, such as cooling towers, hot water tanks, humidifiers, nebulizers, showers, hot tubs, and decorative fountains. People get Legionnaires' disease when they breathe in a mist or vapor containing the bacteria. The bacteria are not spread from one person to another person. One cannot become ill from swallowing water containing *Legionella* bacteria.

voters not politicians to create the proposal to give the power of drawing district lines to civilians, not politicians.

"Voters Not Politicians" proposal would eliminate all gerrymandering, not just the worst of the worst," she said. "Politicians have a personal stake in having the boundaries drawn to increase their chances of winning. This is a fundamental conflict of interest, and there is no way to eliminate it. Experience in Michigan and other states shows that no matter how carefully we try to direct them, politicians will find creative ways to get around the requirements to their benefit."

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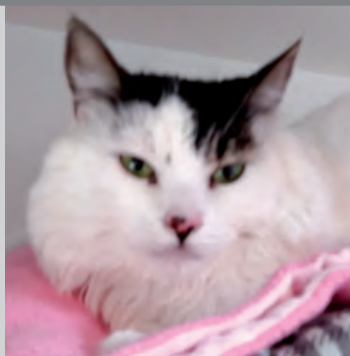


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Fenton volleyball cruises by Kearsley Hornets in straight sets

By David Troppens
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Fenton — One of the toughest things to do in volleyball is play an opponent that is clearly not to the same standards as the superior squad.

The two-time defending Flint Metro League champion Fenton Tigers experienced that phenomenon on Tuesday. Kearsley struggled mightily with Fenton's weapons and just struggled with its own fundamentals, resulting in a quick 25-7, 25-13, 25-10 Fenton victory at Fenton

High School.

Fenton's dominance was on display from the opening moment the match began. Kearsley did manage to score the first point, but Chloe Idoni earned a kill, tying the first set at 1-1. That gave the service to Fenton's Lauren Lamb who went on to serve for the next 15 volleys. During that run most of the volleys weren't very long. Five ended in Fenton kills while several ended in Kearsley violations. Already leading 15-1 before the Tigers even had a second server touch the ball, it was appar-

ent that the Tigers were going to have to rely on themselves to maintain their focus throughout the match, which can be one of the toughest things to do in volleyball against an inferior opponent. To the Tigers' credit, they did so admirably well, finishing the match in less than an hour.

"Our goal tonight was not to worry about what they were doing but to just play our game," Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger said. "We wanted to play fast on our side, pass the ball well and not take any steps backward, and I think we did that tonight. It was a pretty impressive outing for what it was. I'm really happy with the way we played."

Despite the lack of extended volleys, the Tigers offense did get enough action to impress the Fenton hometown fans.

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Fenton's Sydney Acho sets teammate Delaney Miesch.



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Linden's Connor Sproule (right) tries to shield the ball from Holly's Nick Parker in the Eagles' 8-0 win against the Bronchos.

Eagles soar vs. Bronchos, 8-0

By David Troppens
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Linden — Halftime wasn't a fun time for the Linden varsity boys soccer team on Wednesday.

Holly had played strong defense against the Linden Eagles and held the state-ranked squad scoreless for the first 40 minutes. Of course, the Eagles looked at the performance as more of a reflection of their play, frustrating everyone involved, including Linden varsity boys soccer coach Kevin Fiebernitz.

"They wasted 40 minutes of my time, so for 40 minutes tomorrow they will be running," Fiebernitz said. "It's ridiculous. You can't show up and play the game. It wasn't

Linden soccer in the first half. It was in the second half, but not the first."

So what happened in that second half? Linden's offense erupted, scoring eight goals and earning an 8-0 mercy-shortened Metro League victory.

"Our coach got on us at halftime," Linden senior forward Julian Shier said. "We know that's not how we are supposed to play. We got each other up, talked about it, made some adjustments and played like we should."

A woken up Linden team (10-1-1) looked downright scary if you are fans of other Metro League squads. Shier began the second-half onslaught with



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Aubrey Fray led the Lake Fenton girls cross country team at the first GAC jamboree.

LF boys place third at first GAC meet

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The Lake Fenton varsity boys cross country team had an outstanding season a year ago. The Blue Devils capped the year by placing 15th at the Division 2 state meet.

Considering a couple of key seniors graduated, it looked like the Blue Devils may take a step back this season. However, one jamboree into the Ge-

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Fenton swimmers break records in victory vs. St. Johns

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The Fenton varsity swimming and diving team has just started their season, but records have already gone tumbling down.

Diver Taylor Shegos broke a pool record at St. Johns High School by posting a first-place score of 242.65, helping the Tigers

earn their first dual meet win of the season. The Tigers defeated St. Johns 130-56.

"We swam very well tonight," Fenton varsity girls swimming and diving coach Brad Jones said. "Taylor Shegos set the pool record at St. Johns and Sabrina Hall just missed her D2 state cut in the 50 free-style."

Fenton took firsts in nine events, including in all three relays. Fenton opened the meet by taking first and second in the 200 medley relay, and never trailed in the dual.

The winning 200 medley relay team was Lillie Kromer, Abigail Dolliver, Caitlyn Dailey and Sabrian Hall (2:02.56).

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Young Bronchos make a statement

Holly wins five-set thriller vs. Linden

By David Troppens

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Linden — When Victoria Karakuc went to the first volleyball practice this year, she thought she would know all of the girls in the program.

After all, she's a senior who helped coach the middle school team last season.

But that didn't end up being the case.

"I helped coach the eighth grade at Holly Middle School but (all the freshmen) came from Holly Academy and I had no clue about them coming in," Karakuc said. "I thought I would know all of the freshmen and I would know who was going to be on what team and then they all came in. It was a complete shocker for sure."

It has been a good shock, though. The Holly varsity volleyball team and its roster of six freshmen posted a memorable 25-12, 25-21, 17-15, 28-26, 15-7 Metro League victory against the Linden Eagles at Linden High School on Thursday night.

The win was Holly's first against Linden in recent history and also erased the memories of a tough five-set loss to the



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Linden's Allison Conly attempts an attack against Holly's Jessie Hepner (15) and Kennedy Hogan (7).

Eagles a year ago. The win also has Holly tied atop the Metro League standings at 3-0 with the Fenton Tigers. Linden fell to 1-2 in league play.

"It feels so good," Karakuc said. "I can't remember the last time we beat Linden at volleyball. It's an awesome feeling."

"We have a much younger team this year and I think it helps. All of those girls that came in as freshmen don't have the, 'Holly doesn't do good in sports' vibe because they all believe in the

team and know we can win. There is a lot of encouragement on the court among them."

"I'm very proud of how they played tonight," Holly varsity coach Deena Maher said. "Linden is a very good team, a very strong program and I know we wanted to beat them. We came really close last year and we felt we could prove ourselves tonight. I'm very proud of how they played and how they fought."

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Lake Fenton's John Oraa (left) scored a goal against Montrose. He is pictured here playing against Linden.

Blue Devils fall to Montrose, 4-2

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The Lake Fenton varsity boys soccer team's run for a Genesee Area Conference championship got a little bit harder on Tuesday.

The Blue Devils had to deal with their share of injuries and red card suspensions at Montrose, and couldn't overcome those issues, resulting in a 4-2 loss to Montrose on Tuesday.

"It was a game that we didn't have any three of my captains," Lake Fenton varsity boys soccer coach Sam Jawhari said. "Elijah Bourdeau and Ben

Polehna were hurt and out and Ameer (Jawhari) had to sit out because he had a red card against Kearsley, so we were short-handed. But we outplayed those guys. Take away three minutes of that game and we kicked their butts. But they had one shot and it went in and then they scored three goals in about three minutes in the second half. We fought back but my other midfielder (Riley Besser) pulled his hamstring and then Luke Rimarcik hurt his back."

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Genesee Area Conference season, it looks like Lake Fenton has the ability to accomplish exactly what they did last season in league play.

The Blue Devils finished in third place

at the first GAC meet, just two points behind second-place Montrose. Lake Fenton placed second in the GAC a year ago, and Tuesday's event at Cummings Center suggests the Blue Devils have the capability of doing the same this season.

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PREP REPORT

GIRLS GOLF

► **Fenton 175, Holly 202:** The Bronchos posted their best score of the season at Heather Highlands, but still couldn't beat the Metro League leading Tigers (5-0).

Fenton's Molly Gundry was match medalist with a 40 while Keegan Miller carded a 43. Angela Hanners shot a 45 while Lily Horning carded a 47. Kate Brown led the Bronchos (1-4) with a 46, followed by Emma Muron with a 51, Taylor Vines with a 52 and Megan McReynolds with a 53.

► **Fenton 175, Clio 212:** Keegan Miller was match medalist with a 40 while Margaret Berry shot a 42. Lily Horning carded a 45 while Molly Gundry shot a 48.

► **Swartz Creek 195, Linden 210:** The Eagles (2-4) were paced by Payton Leedle who earned co-medalist honors in the match played at Spring Meadows with a 45. Heather Crampton and Isabel Wright each had 51s while Alyssa Bowen and Hanna Baldwin each carded 63s.

VOLLEYBALL

► **Fenton def. Owosso 25-9, 25-13, 25-4:** The Tigers (4-0, 17-5) were paced by Chloe Idoni's 15 kills on 20 attempts. She also had six aces. Sydney Acho had 24 assists while Erin Carter had four kills and eight blocks. Lauren Lamb was a perfect 24-for-24 serving and 10-for-10 passing.

► **Linden def. Clio 25-15, 28-26, 25-19:** The Eagles (1-1) Jordan Moros had 25 assists and three blocks, helping Linden earn the win. Makenna O'Keefe led the offense

with nine kills while Lauren O'Brien and Linnea Wittbrody had six kills. Ellie Klocek and Alli Conly also had five kills each. Ashley Kritzman led the defense with 16 digs while Cayla Turner had 11 digs.

In freshman action, Linden beat Clio in three sets. Ashlyn Cooper, Maddie Shier and Mallory Ross played strong contests for the Eagles (11-3).

► **Holly def. Owosso 25-15, 25-7, 25-10:** Lauren Lesch had eight service points with four coming on aces. Katie LaClair also had three aces to go with her seven digs. Holly had 18 aces overall. Victoria Karakuc had 10 digs while Paige Weeder paced the offense with five kills. Danielle Coleman had three kills. Maggie Shaw had three digs and two kills. Sydnie Meszler had 15 assists.

Holly's JV squad also beat Owosso two sets to one. Sam Randall had nine assists while Joelle Widdis had three kills and three blocks. Maddie Wilson had three blocks.

BOYS SOCCER

► **Fenton 5, Owosso 2:** Chase Poulson scored two goals while Kevin Pojer, Alex Flannery and Luke White had one goal each. Owen O'Brien, Flannery, Billy Pesch, Poulson and White had assists. Noah Martin made two saves in net.

BOYS TENNIS

► **Flushing 7, Fenton 1:** Gabe Hand won at No. 1 singles by a 6-1, 6-0 score. No. 2 singles player Baylor Hamilton lost a close three-set match at No. 2 singles.

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