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 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.

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

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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 an advantage, the same democratic principles that guided democracy since the country was founded are being trampled.

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Adopt-A-Pet hosts inaugural pet blessing

Approximately 60 pets blessed by Orthodox Church

By Tim Jagielo

Approximately 60 pets 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. Mammes, a third century martyr who, according to Bilas, is a saint in both the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches. St. Mammes 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.

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‘Touched, honored, humbled’

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

By Tim Jagielo

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 Fenton 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.

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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, wrestled power 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.

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Starting Monday night, Sept. 18, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be closing the on and off ramp at North/Torrey Road exit on northbound U.S. 23. MDOT will also need to close the right lane on U.S. 23 in the area to perform maintenance on the ramps. The detour for the exit will be to stay on northbound U.S. 23 and use the Thompson Road exit. Come back on southbound U.S. 23 and use the exit for North Road. The detour for the on ramp will be to use North Road to the ramp for southbound U.S. 23. Then use the exit for Silver Lake Road and come back to northbound U.S. 23. The closures will start around 8 p.m. and should be open back-up each morning at 7 a.m. MDOT anticipates that the work will take about four nights and is weather dependent.

Discussion on Underground Railroad in Michigan
From slavery to freedom. Please join the Tyrone Historical Society on Monday, Sept. 18 for an informative discussion about the Underground Railroad in Michigan. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. for a potluck dinner. Their speaker, Carol Brightford, will begin at approximately 7:15 p.m. All interested people are welcome to attend.

SEPT. 17
1963: Vanessa Williams, 20, becomes the first African American to win the Miss America crown. Less than a year later, on July 23, 1984, Williams gave up her crown after nude photos of her surfaced. Despite the scandal, Williams later launched a successful singing and acting career, including a featured role on the hit television sitcom “Ugly Betty.”

SEPT. 18
1981: The 20,000-car parking lot at Canada’s West Edmonton Mall makes the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest parking lot in the world. The mall has held other records, too. At one time or another it’s been the World’s Largest Shopping Mall (5.2 million square feet, or about 48 city blocks), the World’s Largest Indoor Amusement Park and the World’s Largest Indoor Water Park (which includes the World’s Largest Indoor Lake and the World’s Largest Indoor Water Pool).

SEPT. 19
1957: The United States detonates a 1.7-kiloton nuclear weapon in an underground tunnel at the Nevada Test Site (NTS), a 1,375-square-mile research center located 65 miles north of Las Vegas. The test, known as Rainier, was the first fully contained underground detonation and produced no radioactive fallout.

SEPT. 20
1963: An optimistic and upbeat President John F. Kennedy suggests that the Soviet Union and the United States cooperate on a mission to meet an expedition to the moon. The proposal caught both the Soviets and many Americans off guard. In 1961, shortly after his election as president, Kennedy announced that he was determined to win the “space race” with the Soviets. Outer space became another frontier in the Cold War.

SEPT. 21
1780: During the American Revolution, American General Benedict Arnold meets with British Major John Andre to discuss handing over West Point to the British, in return for the promise of a large sum of money and a high position in the British army. The plot was foiled and Arnold, a former American hero, became synonymous with the word “traitor.”

SEPT. 22
1953: The first four-level (or “stack”) interchange in the world opens in Los Angeles, California, at the intersection of the Harbor, Hollywood, Pasadena, and Santa Ana freeways. It was, as The Saturday Evening Post wrote, “a mad motorist’s dream,” 32 lanes of traffic weaving in eight directions at once. Today, although the four-level is justly celebrated as a civil engineering landmark, the interchange is complicated, frequently congested, and sometimes downright terrifying.

SEPT. 23
1981: Jack Henry Abbott is captured in the oil fields of Louisiana after a two-month long manhunt that began when he killed Richard Adam at the Blue Bonnet 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.
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 mibenett@bri2a.com.

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.

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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FENTON TOWNSHIP SEeks input for Master Plan
Partha Nandi, M.D. is now a best-selling author

By Sally Rummell
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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

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 community), 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.”

Partha Nandi, M.D. is now a best-selling author

Black Tie
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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.
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- Lions clubs empower volunteers, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and international understanding

*By Vera Hogan*

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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 Timms 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 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 See LIONS CLUB on 17A
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 Board has been looking at putting new money into areas which we’ve been for many years just maintaining, which is geared toward classroom learning. The new bond proposal would allow us to maintain the facilities, as well as improve the facilities.”

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:

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

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- Add access control and security cameras
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- Replace classroom carpet and cabinets
- Replace fire safety system

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

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- 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)

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

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 Scarr, 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.

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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 some “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.

Visit the Big Bay Point Lighthouse Bed & Breakfast overlooking Lake Superior or plan about 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.

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 Holland, making a stop at Boatwerk’s Waterfront’s patio, then take the three-mile Highway between New Buffalo and St. Joseph/Benton Harbor. Visit the three-mile sandy shore of Warren Dunes State Park. Take this 29-mile side trip to Holland State Park. Take this 29-mile side trip to Holland State Park.

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.

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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 at risk 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.

4. Follow the 3- to 4-second rule. Since the greatest chance of a collision is in front of you, maintain 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. Includes any activity that diverts your attention from driving. Driving deserves your full attention.

Source: Kidshealth.org
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 behind the 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 silver will come across as more elegant, unique, and high style that black carries, 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

A person who chooses yellow knows they are 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.

Source: National Motorist's Association

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Several 2017 American-brand vehicles pass highway 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

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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.

**Central Michigan: 80 miles**

Closer to home, you can enjoy an 80-mile journey on M-52 through the center of the state. Visit Michigan State University in East Lansing and the dairy-delicious MSU Dairy Store. In Owosso, the railroad history comes to life at the Steam Railroading Institute.

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

**Side trips:** Enjoy the Irish Hills thread among 30-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 River 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.

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**SUMMARY**

- **Fall is the season to find yourself on a road trip in Michigan, with autumn beauty surrounding you at every turn.**
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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.

Cost Automotive estimates the two hurricanes would have all kinds of issues," Beidler said. "It was submerged in the floodwater. You how bad the flooding age. 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."

In Michigan, consumers don't really have to worry about flood damage. In his 40 years of being a mechanic, Beidler said he's seen four or five flood-damaged cars.

"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 $50,000 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.

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

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meeting and join the organization. Contact them at Fenton.lions@gmail.com or phone (819) 354-5610.

History

In 1917, Melvin Jones, a 38-year-old Chicago business leader, told members of his local business club they should reach beyond commercial issues and address the betterment of their communities and the world. His group, the Business Circle of Chicago, agreed.

After contacting similar groups around the United States, an organizational meeting was held on June 7, 1917, in Chicago. The new group took the name of one of 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.

Within three years, Lions became an international organization. Since then, they have earned high marks for both integrity and transparency. They are a well-run organization with a steady vision, a clear mission, and a long — and proud — history.

One hundred years later, Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service club organization, with 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs around the world.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

FOUND IN LINDEN on Sharp Road — a paper sky lantern from Dom. Happy Birthday Big O’Le 50.

LET’S CALL PASSING laws for medical marijuana what it is, a lawful road to a joint. You don’t need new laws. CBD (cannabidiol) is one of 85 cannabinoids found in Cannabis Sativa and is the major non-psychoactive part of the plant. There are many therapeutic uses for it. It is from Hemp, same plant, and now available in all 50 states. THC, the psychoactive portion, is what the potheads are after. Not nearly as much therapeutic good in this part. New laws will only make it easier and lawful for the joint. I’ve been using it for years — potheads need not reply.

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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 wouldn’t 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.

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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 (Burt- ton), 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, “Gerryman-
dering 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 worst of the 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 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 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, Repub-
licans barely gained the majority of votes but won 27 out of 38 seats. This spurred voters not politicians to create the proposal to give the power of drawing district lines to citizens, 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.”
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 apparent 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 swimmers break records in victory vs. St. Johns

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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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Eagles soar vs. Bronchos, 8-0

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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 Geometrician.

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Young Bronchos make a statement

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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) come 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 was even a good shock, though. The Holly varsity volleyball team and its roster of six freshmen posted a memorable 5-2 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 Tigers a year ago. The win also has Holly tied atop the Metro League standings at 3-0 with the Blue Devils.

“We have a much younger team this year and I think it helps,” Karakuc said. “All of those girls that came in as freshmen 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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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 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.”

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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 out-thought 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 (Kiley Besser) pulled his hamstring and then Luke Rimanick hurt his back.”

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