Says $324 million from taxpayers shouldn’t have been used without vote

By Hannah Ball
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Should taxpayer money be used to build sports stadiums?

That was the controversial question at the heart of the Little Caesars’ Arena newly constructed in Detroit. The Ilitch family, owner of Little Caesars Pizza and Olympia Development, announced the plans

See LITTLE CAESARS on 19A

"The supreme law of the state is what they violated...
The people wanted to have a vote on it."
John Lauve, Holly resident

Lawmakers want to raise age to buy tobacco

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The age to buy tobacco could be raised from 18 to 21 in Michigan.

House Bill 4736, introduced by Rep. Tommy Brann (R-Dist. 77) in June, would prohibit the selling, giving, or furnishing of tobacco to anyone under 21.

"To me, this is about protecting citizens.
Tommy Brann
Michigan representative (R-Dist. 77)"

"How about no more Republicans, no more Democrats, just a group of Americans. We can’t fix anything if we’re constantly fighting against each other."

"see the so-called stars at the Emmys’ were slamming the president, showing no respect at all. Remember the rodeo clown who got fired because he wore an Obama mask and the left screamed how he was disrespecting the president."

"Shame on readers who criticize the Hot lines because they represent both sides of every issue. Try closing your mouth and opening your eyes, explore various news sources and listen to different opinions — you just might learn something. We are fortunate to have a public forum. I’m very thankful for the Times."

"Most of the damage from the hurricanes is done by the wind. They’re so powerful it rins the roofs off the buildings. If we could only use what Donald Trump uses on his hair to keep that in place, I think we could protect all those homes."
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How will you know when it’s time?

By Sally Rummel
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Mark Sullivan of Argentine Township remembers very well the last day on earth that he was able to spend with his dog, Brandy, a German shepherd who was 10½ years old at the time and riddled with cancer and arthritis.

“I stayed home from work and called the vet in the morning,” said Sullivan.

“Sandy (Dr. Sandy Smith of Animal Health Clinic) couldn’t come to the house until the end of the morning,” said Sullivan.

Sullivan’s deep emotions regarding the day his dog was euthanized strike a familiar chord with just about anyone who has ever lost a beloved pet to euthanasia — commonly known as “putting a dog to sleep.”

“We prefer to use the more professional word ‘euthanasia,’ because associating it with sleep scares kids,” said Sandy Smith, DVM, a veterinarian for 32 years.

I’ve had to deal with it a lot, both personally and professionally. I’ve never had a healthy pet in my life. My 11-year-old dog was diabetic when he was brought to me as a 4-month-old puppy. My cat was brought to me at 6 weeks old.

Paulette House of Fenton takes her 11-year-old lab Winnie for a blood draw at Animal Health Clinic in Fenton on Wednesday, Sept. 20. Winnie suddenly didn’t want to have her blood drawn and decided to sit instead.

RESOURCES FOR PET LOSS GRIEF

For pet loss support groups, check first with your veterinarian. Here is a sampling for several in Michigan, from Petpartners.org:

• Beyond the Paw Print, Farmington Hills, www.beyondthepawprint.com
• MSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Pet Loss Support Group, East Lansing, cvm.msu.edu/alumni-friends/pet-loss-support

Sandy: It is the hardest thing to do but it’s a must when it’s the right time. As a pet owner putting down three of my beloved dogs you always know when it’s time.

Natalie: We had to put our dog of 12 years down two years ago due to a fast growing facial tumor. We gave him the best last day.

Courtney: It definitely was not an easy decision to make. But I knew it was best for him as I would have been keeping him alive for selfish reasons.

Kimberly: We just put our yellow lab down about a month and a half ago. It is the hardest decision to make! It was very hard for my daughter who is 22 and was very attached to him.

Jean: We had to put down one of our dogs down June 9, due to a back injury. I think of him daily. We still feel the loss of his presence. We knew it had to be done. It didn’t make it and easier.

Pam: The most difficult decision ever. You know when it’s time, your pet will silently let you know.

Gail: It’s like losing a member of your family. I still think of all my dogs from the past 50 years that became a big part of my life. Miss them all.

Ending your pet’s life is one of a family’s most difficult decisions

SUMMARY

• Losing a dog or cat to euthanasia is one of the saddest experiences for many people who feel their pets are part of their family.

• The best guideline is when they’re not having fun anymore and you know they won’t be getting better.”

Chris Repke, DVM
Owner of Animal Points Hospital

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Someone needs to pay

The most frustrating thing about the Equifax data breach – other than your life savings potentially disappearing overnight, now or 25 years from now – is that no one will truly ever pay for it.

The CEO certainly won’t pay for it, even though half of America had its private information stolen – Social Security numbers, dates of birth, probably even the pass codes to their garages.

As of this writing, he still has his job, if you can imagine that. Try screwing up that big at your job and see if you keep yours. And even if he’s eventually forced to resign, it’s really no big deal. He can retire if he wants. He’s rich, what does he care?

And if he wants to keep working, that’s the great thing about being a CEO in America. You can fail big time, drive your company into the ground, Heck, drive two or three of them into the ground, and someone else will still make you their CEO. CEOs have a lot in common with baseball managers in that regard.

You’re thinking, “Well, maybe he’ll go to prison.” Or someone will, at least, right?

Don’t count on it. The Great Recession threw the entire nation into the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression. People lost their jobs, investments, retirements and sense of security. For many, life has never been the same since and never will be again.

But do you know how many top Wall Street bankers went to prison for it? One, according to the New York Times. So the odds of anyone going to jail for a data breach are pretty low.

“Oh, maybe the government will fine Equifax then,” you’re thinking. Maybe. But even if the government fines them, it’ll be a fleabite to a Great Dane. Equifax made $3 billion last year. Do you think they’re going to care if they’re fined a couple hundred million or even a couple billion dollars? Not likely. And even if a fine is huge, it won’t matter in the long run, especially now that they have 134 million new potential customers.

“What about a class action lawsuit then?” you’re thinking. “That’ll fix ’em.”

No it won’t. Equifax will almost certainly get stung for a huge judgment, very little of which you’ll ever see. But in the end – once again – it’s just money. They can make more. Meanwhile, you’ll have to worry about your identity and money being stolen until the day you die. Nice, huh?

Here’s how I see it: For companies to take protecting our data seriously, the people in charge have to pay a cost. And to me, it makes sense that they pay the same cost as everyone else. By that I mean they should have their private information exposed and see how they like it.

Specifically, I’m thinking Equifax CEO Richard Smith, his executive team and the nitwits in their security department should all have their Social Security numbers, birth dates, bank account and credit card numbers published on billboards nationwide until the last of them pass away decades from now. The information should be refreshed monthly. That way they’ll have to worry until the end of their days.

Right along with the rest of us.

Either act, or my hair is going to grow in funny. How about you?

— Penny Callard
Fenton Township

“IT requires large government grants to build the Horizon Building it shouldn’t be built at all.

THOSE NORTH KOREANS sure are afraid of Donald Trump and his threats. I just heard they launched another missile over the northern part of Japan. They’re terrified.

HOW SICK HAS THE world become? A good barometer would be the protests against Kid Rock becoming a senator, as if he has a chance. I wouldn’t get off my couch to protest that.

I’M REALLY IMPRESSED by the knowledge of some of the readers regarding marijuana. I wonder if they know anything about our Constitution, our form of government or who their congressman is.

WHAT DO YOU think President Bush’s two wars did to our national debt? President Obama took us from a stock market of around 6,000 up to over 25,000 in over eight years, from a near depression to a viable economy.

HATE SPEECH and promoting upheaval and yelling fire in a movie theater are not free speech and are not protected under the Constitution. If you don’t agree, that’s too bad.

HOW MANY LONG range missiles were launched during the Obama Administration? How many have been launched under Trump? How many hydrogen bombs were detonated under Obama? How many under Trump?

LIE OPENING A can of worms? I’ve seen canned vegetables and canned tuna, canned milk. Has anyone ever seen canned of worms? While we’re at it, a shaking a leg would slow you down. Think before you speak, or write.

SCHOOL LUNCHES can be justified when there are still CEOs without jets.

RONALD REAGAN gave amnesty to three million illegal aliens, sold weapons to Iran, and supported a ban on assault rifles.

IT SURE WOULD be nice if people would stop for stop signs and use their turn signals when changing lanes or turning.

PLEASE, PEOPLE WHO don’t know about politics, go to the library to learn about politics. Up is down, down is up. Blue is black, black is green. It’s ridiculous; don’t read the Hot lines to learn something.

WHY WOULDPEOPLE be confused that we drive on the parkway, park on the expressway, we usually have to stop. Runners and pedestrians use the street but cars don’t dare go on the sidewalk.

HOW IN THE world can they allow illegal immigrants to vote — in at least 12 or 14 different cities? Why even have a country?

THE 800,000 DREAMERS in this country have had their education paid for by U.S. taxpayers. Now, as they come of age, and would be able to give back, we talk about sending them back to their place of origin. What a waste of resources.

TO THE PERSON thinking liberals have become addicted to the courtroom, I think you’ve been spending too much time chasing that margarita truck that someone was writing about.

WE MIGHT HAVE missed out on Hurricane Hillary but we got something far worse, Hurricane Trump.

GERRYMANDERING MAKES a mockery of democracy. It is illogical to expect one to do extensive research, study the issues, update voter ID, donate money, then stand in line.

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WHAT YOU MISSED
in the
MIDWEEK TIMES
Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the Wednesday, Sept. 20, Midweek Times. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Deputies use Taser to subdue man at RenFest
A 26-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested just after 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Michigan Renaissance Festival, after allegedly assaulting a family on a pedestrian trail between parking lots. Police had to use a Taser to subdue the suspect.

More than 30,000 in attendance throughout four-day St. John Applefest
The 45th annual festival at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton attracted approximately 30,000 visitors.

Lake Ponemah homeowners oppose weed control
Misunderstanding between lake association and Fenton Township sparks debate.

JEWELRY STOLEN FROM HOGAN ROAD HOME
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Police&Fire report

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Renovation plans finalized for animal control

Commissioner hopes to start construction in spring

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The long-anticipated plans to renovate Genesee County Animal Control are going before the Genesee County Board of Commissioners for a vote on Wednesday, Sept. 27.

The original estimate for the renovations was approximately $3 million, said Genesee County Commissioner Mark Young, and now those renovations are estimated to cost $2.7 million. Young is the chairman of the Genesee County Board of Commissioners and the Animal Control Subcommittee.

“When we first started looking at plans, we had a ballpark estimate. As time went on, we were able to bring in more experts and look at the formal design process and realize that those plans were oversimplified and would not meet the standards for today,” he said.

Now, Young estimates the total cost to the project, which includes building permits, architectural fees, and engineering costs, will increase to nearly $8 million.

He said part of the reason renovations seem to be taking so long is because they keep updating the plans to meet today’s needs.

“We do have an animal control facility that was built in early ‘70s,” he said, adding that it does not meet today’s standards as far as building codes. Currently, most of the animal cages are 2 by 5 feet. They don’t give the animals a lot of space, Young said, and they don’t accommodate the larger animals.

The new cages will be 4 by 10 feet, and will give all the animals more room to move around. The cages will have roofs so the animals cannot jump out. Renovations will increase the amount of square footage to accommodate the same number of animals.

“That’s the direction that we’re going,” he said. Ventilation is also an issue. With the building now, the heating and ventilation systems are not adequate by today’s standards, Young said. This causes cross contamination.

“That’s when animals get colds, it’ll spread,” he said. “We have to do upgrade that so we can isolate those types of things so we don’t allow kennel cough to spread.”

They’re also building a fire suppression system, which is expensive.

The renovations will also include building a new front entrance. Currently, everyone entering and exiting the building uses the same door, which means people leaving with healthy animals cross the path with people bringing in strays, which might have diseases.

“There will be two doors. One to adopt a dog or cat, and another one is for bringing in strays,” he said. “Strays could have diseases that could contaminate the entire facility. The new design takes that into consideration and should allow us to make the building more efficient and makes life a whole lot more comfortable for the animals.”

Young said they also want to get rid of the old incinerator.

“It’s an antique technology that’s kind of frowned upon,” he said.

The estimated cost to get rid of it is $10,000.

“It’s not going to be a cheap process. It shows that we’re taking this forward into this century and it will also free up some space going forward for the remodeling,” he said.

The plans were approved by the Public Works Subcommittee on Sept. 18. Because Michigan is a snowy state in the winter, they hope to start construction in spring of 2018.

“It’s going to be a facility that should serve well for the next 40 or 50 years,” Young said. The Genesee County Animal Control. 20 millage, which was approved by voters in 2014, will help pay for the renovations.

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On Wednesday, Aug. 16, Henry “Hank” Wojtaszek IV, 11, of Howell and Holly caught this largemouth bass on Tipica Lake. He was fishing from his dock, and used a night crawler. The fish was approximately 8 pounds and 14 inches long.
Police chief: ‘Tahoe saved my life’

Recovers from concussion, neck injuries after head-on collision

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Argentine Police Chief Daniel Allen believes he is lucky to be alive as he shared his story this week about a serious automobile crash he suffered in July.

On Wednesday, July 26, after meeting with a lieutenant with Flint Area Narcotics Group (FANG), he was driving his police issued Chevrolet Tahoe westbound on Maple Road in Burton at about noon. A 76-year-old woman driving a Chrysler Town and Country minivan was traveling eastbound in this same stretch of road.

Allen said a garbage truck and another truck were in the eastbound lane and the woman passed them by driving in the westbound lane, crashing head-on into his Tahoe. From the impact with the minivan, Allen’s Tahoe struck a utility pole, snapping it in half, which fell onto the vehicle's roof.

He remembers hearing the sound of the crash and smoke filling his SUV. All of the airbags deployed making it impossible for him to see out the windows.

Allen remembers blood gushing from his head and the roof of the Tahoe crushed. “I tried to open my door, but was disoriented and couldn’t. As I tried to crawl to the other side, someone opened my door and I got out.”

Once out of the Tahoe, he said he went over to check on the other driver.

He was transported by ambulance to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township and was treated for a broken nose, concussion and a cervical neck injury. He was there for nearly four hours.

The crash happened on a Wednesday. He took off work on Thursday and Friday and returned the following Monday and attended the Board of Trustees meeting later that evening.

The 2015 Tahoe was totaled from the crash. “That Tahoe saved my life with the equipment it had in it. Without it, I would have been dead,” Allen said.

The other driver was not injured and was listed at fault for failing to yield to the right of way. She did not receive a ticket.

Allen said GM engineers wanted to inspect the mangled wreckage and analyze the Tahoe’s crush zone for their own studies.

Allen’s 2015 Chevy Tahoe was replaced by a 2017 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor.
Cameron Carlson, his family and crew of volunteers are shown here after last year’s walk to help raise awareness and funds in the fight against Alzheimer’s Disease.

**Battling a giant, one child at a time**

AGS eighth-grader takes on Alzheimer’s fight in honor of grandmother, other relatives

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Cameron Carlson may be only 13 years old, but he has already figured out there is something everyone can do to combat debilitating diseases like Alzheimer’s. An eighth-grader at AGS Middle School in Fenton, Cameron has been waging a war on Alzheimer’s with the help of Tiffany Hall, student leadership member and group coordinator.

What began as a modest act of community service has evolved into a multi-building effort to raise awareness and funds to support those battling Alzheimer’s, which according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is the sixth largest cause of death in the United States.

His dedication began in 2012 when his grandmother, Alma Daniels, was diagnosed with the disease. She died in December of 2016 at the age of 84. She was the 10th person in the family afflicted with Alzheimer’s.

“All of my father’s siblings and her, with the exception of one living sister, had the disease, said Cameron’s mother, Treva Daniels-Carlson.

After his grandmother’s diagnosis, Cameron chose this topic as the subject of his fifth-grade exhibition project, which was presented at the Fenton Community Expo. Since then, Cameron, who is a student leadership member and group leader, raised more than $970.

Cameron and his family have participated in five Walks to End Alzheimer’s in memory of the 10 family members stricken and in honor of his uncle, currently living with early onset of the disease.

This year’s event takes place Sept. 30, at Creasey Bicentennial Park in Grand Blanc. Opening ceremonies begin at 11:15 a.m. More details are available at www.alz.org.

“Cameron has been doing this Alzheimer’s Awareness Day at our school for the last two years. This being his eighth-grade year we looked forward to him taking action on it again,” said AGS Principal Heidie Ciesielski.

“His taking action has made us a better example of the great kids we have here at AGS.”

Cameron said, “Earth is a penny, compared to the sun. We are ants. We can move the penny. Although the battle may be tough, and we are small, we can do much more than expected with effort and teamwork. Size or age mean nothing, where there is will.”

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First Rotary club started more than 112 years ago

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This is the fifth in a series about local civic organizations, their history and the many good works they accomplish.

The Rotary Club of Fenton is 37 members strong. Additionally, they have honorary members from the community, who are Bob Harris, Nick Popa, Bill Piper, Chris Weir and Rick Walchens.

“The Fenton Rotary Club is 100 percent a service organization,” said Noah Morgan, a club member and one of its media representatives. “Each year, we do Angel Tree in the community where we deliver gifts to over 200 children in need. We have a literacy program where we distribute books to children in need, and run a local debate program for fifth-, sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-graders,” he said. “We host an annual veterans breakfast at Spring Meadows. This year we will have the commander, Brig. Gen. John D. Slocum, speak to over 100 local veterans from all branches of the United States military.

“We support scholarships to seniors at Linden, Fenton, and Lake Fenton high schools, and we build wheelchair accessible ramps,” Morgan said. “We also have a senior picnic and a youth picnic for disadvantaged children of Lake Fenton.”

Morgan said, “We do all this through our fundraisers, including the Rubber Duck Regatta during the Fenton Fourth of July Freedom Festival, the 4 Grand Feast, and sponsorships from the area’s local businesses.

“Being a Rotarian is about being involved in our community and giving back,” Morgan said. “We are a group of local business people and active citizens who have a heartbeat for the places in which we work and live. We believe in service above self.”

To learn more about the Rotary Club of Fenton and get involved with its organization, visit www.Fentonrotary.org or follow them on Facebook Rotary Club of Fenton.

Meet Joe DeKroub — the man behind the RE/MAX Platinum name

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Bigger is always better when it comes to equipping and training one of the most knowledgeable and experienced groups of Realtors in the entire state of Michigan.

That’s why a brand new 2,400-square-foot expansion of the RE/MAX Platinum office in Fenton now provides every bit of space for training, office administration and conferencing for the 50 Realtors who work out of one of the busiest real estate offices in Michigan.

“We continue to add more Realtors and support our current staff in today’s very dominant market,” said Joe DeKroub, owner of the RE/MAX Platinum office.

While you may not know DeKroub by name, he is the man behind the very well-known local RE/MAX brand in Fenton. It’s his support of many of RE/MAX Platinum’s most successful sales teams, including The John Wentworth Group, that makes it all happen.

“He (DeKroub) is the top broker I’ve ever worked for,” said Tom Jones, manager of the Fenton office. “He’s low-key and doesn’t micromanage our office, but it’s his support and training for all our agents that has made us the number one RE/MAX office in Genesee and Shiawassee counties. He brings out the best in each of our 50 agents here in Fenton. They’re all very qualified to handle today’s very busy real estate market.”

DeKroub has been in the real estate industry for 34 years, starting out as one of three agents with The Livingston Group, then branching out and expanding to The Michigan Group.

Today, his business is known as RE/MAX Platinum and includes offices in Hartland, Brighton and Ann Arbor, in addition to Fenton. In all, he has 275 agents. “We have the most successful RE/MAX office in all of Michigan,” DeKroub said.

The success of RE/MAX Platinum is the result of DeKroub’s extensive emphasis on training. “We take great pride in saying our agents are among the best trained in the industry,” DeKroub said. “You’re only as strong as your weakest link.”

DeKroub works for the benefit of all his agents, because in the end, it’s their knowledge, care and concern for their clients that is their main goal. The sale will take care of itself when an agent has been trained in product knowledge and customer care.

“Our job is to train and teach agents how to listen to their clients, first and foremost,” DeKroub said. “They are more of a consultant than anything else. Then they have to have product and market knowledge. By the time their clients see their first prospective home to buy, the agent has already been out previewing properties that fit their lifestyle and budget.”

This level of training and expertise has earned DeKroub and RE/MAX Platinum many awards in the industry. “I’m most proud of my ‘Number One Broker Award in North America,’” DeKroub said. “I’m also proud that the RE/MAX brand is number one worldwide.”

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Owner of RE/MAX Platinum

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Hundreds of people gather along the Shiawassee River on the Fourth of July to watch the annual Rubber Ducky Regatta race hosted by the Fenton Rotary Club.

Meetings

The Rotary Club of Fenton meets every Tuesday, 7:15 a.m. at Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden. They have quarterly dues of $150 that cover the cost of a warm breakfast every week, and a presentation from a local leader, business or nonprofit organization.

The Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings:

Of the things we think, say or do
• Is it the TRUTH?
• Is it FAIR to all concerned?
• Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
• Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

History

For more than 112 years, Rotary members have been addressing challenges around the world.

Rotary links 1.2 million members to form an organization of international scope. It started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on Feb. 23, 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities.

Rotary’s name came from the group’s early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of its members.

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- As the weather cools down, there are fewer competing buyers, so you have more options to choose from when you are looking for a home to buy.

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**Certainty of Move-In:**
- Moving in the fall can be a great option, as the weather is mild and there are fewer crowds of people moving at the same time.

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- Buying a home in the fall can often mean taking advantage of lower interest rates and finding deals on homes that have been on the market for a while.

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- Home prices tend to appreciate more in the fall, so you can be sure that your investment will be worth more in the future.

**Certainty of Comfort:**
- Fall weather is usually mild and comfortable, making it a great time to enjoy your new home.
Counselor tackles anxiety and depression through unique setting, sometimes outdoors

By Sally Rummel
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Don’t be too surprised if Mark Carpenter, MA, LPC of VAE Life Coaching in Fenton Township asks you if you’d like to walk (or run) outside at Clover Beach during a counseling session.

He has seen first-hand how kids relate to being outdoors rather than an office, and is willing to do pretty much whatever it takes to help teens and adults overcome anxiety and depression.

That also includes offering evening and weekend appointments, to make it easier for kids and adults to get the counseling they need.

Carpenter opened his practice two years ago in the North Towne Professional Center. He followed his own life coaching process by setting one-, three- and five-year goals, which included opening his own practice and then offering insurance to his clients — a goal he has recently met.

Today, VAE Life Coaching takes many different insurance plans, from Blue Cross Blue Shield to Optum (United Behavioral Health), McLaren and Molina.

As a veteran marine, Carpenter knows exactly what it’s like to live in fear of the future and anxiety in one’s current circumstances.

He was also a member of Personal Security Detail Teams in Iraq and Afghanistan for the U.S. Department of Defense, and still keeps photos in his office drawer as a reminder of horrific events he lived through.

“You’ve got to have a purpose and a mission,” he said. “You have to learn to confront fear with real logic and truth.”

This 1991 Fenton High School graduate went on to become a life coach/licensed professional counselor to help others in all walks of life to overcome these issues.

“Life coaching is for everyone,” said Carpenter, although he said 70 percent of his practice is young people from age 12 to 21. “It gives you more joy and clarity for your worth as a person.”

VAE stands for Vision-Achievement-Excellence, which is Carpenter’s goal for the process of life coaching. “You’re not pre-destined to be a victim,” Carpenter said. “You can put in time and effort and see the results and improvements in your life.”

Carpenter helps others create a routine and a schedule for stability and structure. He teaches cause and effect, and consequences. These help give people confidence. “Organize your days and your weeks,” Carpenter said. “Writing it down gives your words ‘muscle memory’ and helps develop self-discipline and awareness.”

Through Carpenter’s practice, he helps teens and adults set goals for the future. “The main word is ‘hope,’” he said. “We focus on the successes of the past and people can see from their goal-setting that they can accomplish anything.”

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VAE Life Coaching can help you or your teen

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Jeff Wedding grew up as the grandson of a master carpenter and has had a passion for building ever since. After two decades in the corporate world and large commercial construction, he founded his own residential home construction company in 2015, Lake & Land Custom Homes, P.O. Box 394, Fenton.

Where did you get your passion for building? I grew up building bridges for my model cars and anything else out of my grandfather’s scrap wood pile. I spent 12 years at a Big Three automaker, managing the installation of large overhead power and free conveyors for track body shops throughout North America. For 10 years, I managed large scale commercial construction projects for a local general contracting company.

What is your niche in the local building market? We focus on new home construction, from mid-priced 1,800-square-foot ranches up to 4,000-square-foot custom homes, plus interior and exterior renovations of existing homes and interior renovations for retail and food service space. We have partnered with local developers to complete the build-outs of existing developments that may have vacant lots still available.

What sets your building company apart? Years of experience in construction allows us to budget, schedule, manage and supervise every project as efficiently and economically as possible. We’ve built relationships over the years with architects, subcontractors, suppliers and lending institutions. We focus a lot of energy on communication with our new homeowners, keeping them informed of all aspects of their new build, including the budget, so they can see where their money is being spent. Nothing is hidden.

What is your turn-around time? It depends on the type and size of the home, but typically it’s eight to 10 months. Large homes with extensive attention to detail and higher-end finishes may extend to 12 months.

What would you like prospective clients to know? We’re a local company using local subcontractors. Our goal is to establish a partnership with our new homeowners, making the construction process as stress-free and enjoyable for them as possible. All consultations and construction budgets are free of charge; there are no upfront fees or deposits required to begin the construction of your new home — only your excitement.

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PET’S LIFE
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For her laser therapy treatment, Winnie the yellow lab waits with owner Paulette House of Fenton for her appointment on Wednesday, Sept. 20. Winnie has some health problems in her senior years that the family takes care of.

How do you know when it’s time?

“It’s the hardest thing to do, but it’s a must when it’s the right time,” said Sandy Leone of Fenton, who has had to euthanize three of her family’s dogs. “For me, the biggest sign was when all of a sudden they just didn’t want to eat. The look in their eyes told me it was time to go to the gates of the ‘Rainbow Bridge.’”

Sandy Leone

Both of these “seniors” still wag their tails, enjoy car rides and have a good quality of life. “We know their time is coming, but as long as they’re eating and enjoying things, we keep going on,” Paulette said.

BRUXISM (TOOTH GRINDING)

Have you ever woken up in the morning with sensa-
tions in your jaw, an earache, headache, neck or shoulder pain? Have you ever broken a tooth when biting into a soft piece of food? Have you ever experi-
enced a cold or sweet sensation in your teeth that seemed to disappear as quickly as it came without any apparent reason? Or, have you noticed the bit-
ing edges of your front teeth becoming flatter and straighter across? Well these are all signs and sym-
ptoms associated with bruxism, or tooth grinding. Research and studies find that 80 to 90 percent of us clench and grind our teeth during the night when we sleep. Some people grind throughout the day as well. Only about 10% of those who grind are even aware that we are doing it. About 30% of us who grind our teeth are doing significant irreversible dam-
age to the teeth and TMJ’s (jaw joints). The average normal bite force on your teeth is about 160 pounds. During episodes of bruxism researchers have meas-
ured upwards of 1,000 pounds per square inch of bite force pressure on the teeth. That amount of force on the teeth can cause major damage. I often tell my patients that teeth don’t break because of the normal bite forces during eating and chewing. Teeth break because of bruxism. This could be happening because of stress we experience in our lives and how we subsequently deal with it. Because of this, the brain cannot be stopped permanently. However, we can ensure that the damage done is limited. A very effective form of protective treatment is bite splint therapy. A bite splint is a U-shaped, hard acrylic, pres-
cription-fit appliance made by your dentist. In short it is a mouth guard for either your top or bottom teeth. It is very comfortable and easy to take in and out. It has a bite splint that I wear at night to protect my teeth and I find it sleep much better while wearing it. If you are experiencing any of the signs and symptoms of bruxism, I would like to talk to you about treatment options.

I welcome your questions and comments. Feel free to e-mail me dslufaro@comcast.net

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**NO-FAULT**  
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there’s never been a consensus on what to do with it,” said State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township). His goal is to reduce rates without reducing benefits, and get bills passed in this term.

According to a January report by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), Michiganders pay the third highest insurance premiums in the U.S., just behind Louisiana and Oklahoma.

Michigan is one of 23 states, according to the NAIC, with some form of compulsory no-fault insurance, including Texas and New York. Michigan is unique in that it provides unlimited medical benefits following a crash. This Personal Injury Protection (PIP) section of the coverage has been a main target for reform.

Right now, there are 12 Michigan bills floating around in various stages of development. Graves said he doesn’t remember when there have been so many bills designed to attack this issue. “There’s a lot of proposals out there that lower rates, without reducing benefits,” he said.

Graves has sponsored a bill, HB 4672 (2017) that would create a fraud authority in the state of Michigan to investigate fraud in both the insurance cardholder and the insurance company as well. He said Michigan is one of eight states without a fraud authority.

Another bill he supports would change how tenant care works. Instead of paying a family member up to $15,000 to be the caretaker of an injured family member, they would be paid the going rate of a caretaker, which is about $15 an hour, to encourage a medical professional being hired instead.

These changes, along with a streamlined medical fee schedule are what Graves supports, not capping the PIP.

The Michigan Legislature has introduced bills to rein in these fees, which are currently gathering dust.

House Bill 4612 was introduced in April of 2013, and made it no further than a second reading in May 2013.

The Senate’s companion bill, Senate Bill 0818 (2014) made it as far as the Committee on Insurance, where it has been stagnating along with the House Bill.

Graves said he would support incremental reform progress; not a large package of bills that is too difficult to get consensus on.

**About no-fault auto insurance**

No-fault insurance essentially covers both parties during a crash, no matter who caused the crash for property damage and medical problems. It does not cover damage to the driver’s own vehicle. Michigan no-fault provides unlimited medical benefits related to crashes, and benefits for a family caretaker. It will also pay up to 85 percent of your lost income, up to $5,200 per month, and the same amount for three years to your family should you be killed in a crash.

Currently you are protected, limited to $1 million in property damage in Michigan, and can be sued only in some cases, such as causing death or disfigurement.

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**TWO SMALL PEANUT butter yogurts in a waffle cone cost over $10. No thank you, goodbye.**

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**SO TRUMP’S MILLION dollars to help the people in Texas is like $10! How much did Obama give? How about Hillary? She got $145 million from the Russians.**

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**THE EMMYS DREW**  
an audience that was one of the worst in its 68 years. The Emmys turned out to be a hate-fest for the Democrats. We all have to be honest because most of the Democrats were not watching because they were too busy robbing and looting and smashing police cars.

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**WALTER CRONKITE’S QUOTE**  
on media neutrality should be required daily reading for everyone in the media.

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**News briefs**

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The old Campbell Soup jingle, “MMM MMMM, Good!” describes life in the tri-county area to an M (not to a T!).

We’ve got so MANY things to do in our communities in these early MONTHS of fall. Some of it is work, like MOWING and MULCHING (take a look at our Fall Home & Garden in this edition for MORE information), but other activities are fun.

With MICHIGAN’S MAJESTIC autumn color show arriving this month, now’s the time to get outdoors and enjoy last-MINUTE fall activities, including MOTORCYCLING, cider MILLS (MUELLER ORCHARDS has MARVELOUS cider and doughnuts), MILLPOND events and MINI-GOLF. MAYBE your fall plans include a MOTEL getaway, where you can take in all the beauty on a weekend vacation.

Don’t miss the outrageous MAYHEM of the MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL, taking place now in Groveland Township, Holly through Sunday, Oct. 1. Other fall excitement includes Friday night football games, MARCHING to the tune of the MUSIC of local high school MARCHING bands at half-time.

Speaking of school, this may be the perfect time to think about going back to school to get that degree that will provide you with more MONEY, job security and career satisfaction. Take a look at MOTTCOMMUNITY COLLEGE, or University of MICHIGAN-Flint, to name a few.

Now that the kids are in school, MOMS can take a few hours strolling, browsing and buying at local MOM-TO-MOM sales. Cooler weather also means a change at MEALTIME. Say farewell to summer’s MACARONI salad and cozy it up with a warm, gooey dish like MACARONI and cheese. Other fall favorites are MEATLOAF, MASHED potatoes and other hearty foods.

Personally, M&MS by the MARS Company just may be the MOST satisfying comfort food in the world, perfect for a sweet ending after a MEAL.

Winter will be here before we know it, and our thoughts will turn to MORE wintry activities like skiing at MT. HOLLY SKI AREA, as well as active indoor pursuits including the MARTIAL ARTS. This is the best time of year to get cozy in the evening, watching MOVIES and reading MAGAZINES.

Whatever you do, don’t MISS a MINUTE of MICHIGAN’S glorious fall...

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Lori Leverett’s entire home had to be emptied of its contest, most of it ruined, and floors and drywall ripped out because of water damage and mold.

RESCUE
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“Our whole neighborhood was underwater,” said Leverett (maiden name Lambert), a 1984 graduate of Fenton High School. “We lost pretty much everything. I’ve lived here since 1993 and have never had anything like this happen.”

While she wasn’t home at the time of the flooding because of a mandatory evacuation, she came home to an uninhabitable house that coincidentally, had just been sold. “I had a contract to sell the house,” Leverett said. “We were supposed to close on Sept. 20. Now I’m not sure exactly what will happen.”

Leverett immediately contacted her church, River City Church in Jackson- ville, which sent out a desperate plea, “Lori needs help.”

What she didn’t expect was a van marked The Freedom Center to drive into her driveway, a gift of help and hope from her hometown.

“Of my goodness, I was speechless,” Leverett, 51, said. “They swarmed in, gave us hugs and prayed over the house, my daughter and me. Then they went to work.”

In just a few hours, a team of 16 workers from The Freedom Center ripped out everything in her house, including all the contents, plus carpeting, flooring and the lower 4 feet of drywall.

These relief workers were supposed to have been in Haiti, not Florida, for a long-planned mission trip. But the trip was called off at the last minute because of Hurricane Irma, so half of the team decided to head to Florida to help where they could.

“We just started driving on 9/11,” said Faye Jones, one of the relief workers and wife of The Freedom Center’s associate pastor, Carl Jones. “We weren’t exactly sure where we were going to end up. On our way, we slept at a church in Atlanta, Georgia for a few hours. We made sure to fill up on gas every two hours so we wouldn’t run out.”

A friend offered the workers a church to stay in at Jacksonville, which just happened to be the church that Leverett attended. Neither church knew of the special hometown connection that would bind Leverett’s heart to The Freedom Center forever.

“The first house we went to was Lori’s and it got hit really bad,” Jones said. “We got it done fast, in about three hours, because we had so many people helping with the work. It gave Lori an opportunity to mourn the house. She wasn’t quite sure what was going to happen.”

The Freedom Center team then went on to help other flood vic- tims, including an older couple who had lost all the shingles on their roof, and others who needed cleanup of fallen trees and debris. “We helped 18 homes in three days,” said Jones. “It was very much an honor to have an opportunity to help so many people who were in such a bad place in their lives.”

For Leverett, the help came at a time when everything else seemed to be falling apart. “I’m newly single, and I’m also in the process of changing jobs. They came at such a hard time in our lives,” she said.

“It was such a God thing. It was very, very heartwarming.”
LITTLE CAESARS
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for the arena in 2013 with a price tag of $450 million. The entire project was completed for $863 million, with $324 million coming from taxpayers. Olympia Development is covering approximately $539 million of the total cost.

The use of public money has been controversial. John Laube of Holly filed a lawsuit against the Ilitch family and the city of Detroit because of the taxpayer money going to the arena.

“We collected 8,000 signatures for a referendum on Ilitch’s third-of-a-billion-dollar deal he has for the arena and the Pistons,” Laube said. “He’s waiting to hear the decision from a federal District Court judge in Detroit.”

Laube said they violated the Michigan Constitution because it requires a two-thirds vote from the people if a municipality gives public money to a project like this.

“There are provisions in the constitution. The supreme law of the state is what they violated...The people wanted to have a vote on it,” he said.

Another lawsuit, filed June 1 by government transparency advocate Robert Davis and D. Ettta Wilcoxon, who’s running for Detroit City clerk, would have blocked using public funding to help the Detroit Pistons move into the Little Caesars Arena without a vote of Detroit residents, according to freep.com. They claim their constitutional right to vote was violated because they couldn’t vote on whether to use public money on the arena or not.

The judge ruled the lawsuit lacked standing (see sidebar).

The arena is now home to the Detroit Red Wings and the Detroit Pistons, which moved from Auburn Hills.

The Detroit Downtown Development Authority will contribute the $324 million to the arena, according to freep.com, which will be captured through a tax increment financing plan. Taxes will be captured until 2051 and will go to paying off bonds issued for the arena.

The Detroit DDA owns the arena, which is exempt from property taxes, and Olympia will lease it and keep all revenue.

The Ilitch family owns the Red Wings, the Detroit Tigers and Little Caesars Pizza. Along with building the new stadium, the family has promised to bring development into the same district as the arena. In the years to come, along with attracting more business and residential areas near the arena, Olympia Development is planning to bring restaurants, offices and new surface lots and parking structures to the area.

Public money used to help relocate Pistons

In late June of this year, the Detroit City Council voted 7-2 to approve a $34.5 million taxpayer contribution to help the Detroit Pistons move into Little Caesars Arena. The money will be used to modify the area specifications to accommodate the team.

Council President Brenda Jones and Councilwoman Raquel Castaneda-Lopez cast the dissenting votes. Both said there was no guarantee of a full return on investment that could benefit the public in the form of education, new jobs or other community investments.

Lopez sent a memo to Pistons management to seek specifics on what the $34.5 million would be spent on. She said plans included using $220,000 to remove and relocate a beer cooler.

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At Diehl’s Orchard in the fall of 2016, people carry their pumpkins after going for a wagon ride. Picking pumpkins is a popular activity at local orchards.

Orchard activities in abundance

Wagon rides, picking apples, and learning to make cider are favorite fall activities

By Hannah Ball

Even though the weather seems to be stuck on summer, it’s orchard season in the tri-county area. Orchards and mills have opened their doors and wagon rides to patrons for fall.

MUELLER’S ORCHARD AND CIDER MILL

At Mueller’s Orchard and Cider Mill, wagon rides are available on the weekends, from noon to 5 p.m. for $3 a person. The orchard regularly hosts field trips from local schools, and takes them on a wagon ride and a tour of the mill, where they get a cup of cider, and a doughnut. They also get to try the different apples. Group tours can be arranged by calling the mill.

People can watch the doughnuts being made through a screen. The playground is open for kids, and they can feed the chickens and goats.

 DIEHL’S ORCHARD AND CIDER MILL

At Diehl’s, families can already enjoy fall activities.

The corn maze opened Saturday, Sept. 2 and will remain open until Tuesday, Oct. 31, Halloween. The maze is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hayrides began on Saturday, Sept. 9 and will end Monday, Oct. 19. They run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., on weekends only, unless riders wish to schedule a group. The orchard’s annual Ciderfest Craft Show will take place Saturday, Sept 23 and Sunday, Sept. 24. Families will be able to go on the corn maze, go on the hayrides, enjoy pony rides, the playground, and eat apples, doughnuts, and cider.

You can also schedule a tour or field trip of the cider mill to learn how the apple cider is made, or schedule a dinner and a hayride with a group. With a dinner and hayride, your group will receive a buffet dinner under a tent, a hayride, and a bonfire. Go to dielhlsorchard.com to learn more.

SPICER ORCHARDS FARM MARKET

Spicer offers a host of kids’ activities, starting early September through Oct. 31. Patrons can go on hay rides to pick apples, go on train rides, and view the cider-making process and doughnut production line. Kids can play on the farm play area, and enjoy pony rides.

The corn maze is open daily, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in September and October and costs $7 per person. Many activities are only available on the weekends, like the train rides, bounce houses, zip line, sand art, face painting, and pony rides.

The wagon rides start at 9 a.m. and the last one goes out at 5:30 p.m. It costs $1 per person and ages 2 and under are free.

The farm playground costs $2 per child, adults are free, and children under 2 are free.

PARSHALLVILLE

Open Monday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until mid-November, Parshallville Cider Mill offers cider, doughnuts, caramel apples, homemade pies, and cider slushies. You can shop at their gift shop and buy a variety of products made in Michigan.

Patrons can visit the beehive and buy honey, and take a stroll by the old mill stream. Schedule a guided tour to see the mill, see how the cider is made, and learn about the history of the site. Another tour teaches groups the art of pie making. Patrons can learn how to make crust and assemble a personal pie to take a bake at home.

Starting on Oct. 1, the mill will host Music by the Sundowners every Sunday, an event for country and folk music. It will take place on the lower desk, next to the mill stream, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. weather permitting.
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of tobacco and tobacco paraphernalia to minors, people under the age of 21.

“I thought it would make sense to make being legal at 21 to save some lives,” he said.

Brann said many teenagers start to smoke around the age of 15 or 16, partly because they may have friends who start smoking at age 18 and share their ciga-
rettes with minors.

“They wouldn’t have a way to get ciga-
rettes as easy, I’ve caught people younger than 18 smoking,” he said. “I just want to discourage it.”

The change would be a four-package deal. Brann said he’s gaining bipartisan support.

The bill includes electronic cigarettes, electronic cigars, electronic pipes, and electronic hookahs, along with chewing tobacco, snuff, and pipe tobacco. A to-

bacco product is anything derived from tobacco or nicotine intended for human consumption, whether it’s smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled or any other consumption method.

Fewer people smoke cigarettes every year. According to the Centers for Dis-

ease Control and Prevention (CDC), in 1997, 36.4 percent of high school stu-
dents and 24.7 percent of adults smoked cigarettes. By 2013, 15.7 percent of high school students and 17.8 percent of adults smoked cigarettes.

“Still, 16,200 people die each year because of tobacco and cancer-related products,” he said. “Ninety-five percent start under the age of 21.”

People guilty would be responsible for a state civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a fine of not less than $1,000 or more than $2,500 for the first violation or more than $5,000 for a second and subsequent violation occurring within 24 months after a previous violation of this proposed law.

Brann used to smoke, he said, but gave it up cold turkey after he ran out of breath swimming to a dock when he was younger.

“This just a good decision,” he said.

From an economic standpoint, Brann said raising the age to use tobacco prod-

ucts would help the state save money on healthcare. He said the state spends approximately $1.1 billion on Medicaid for cancer every year.

“We spend more money on Medicaid for cancer-related expenses,” he said.

“Me, this is about protecting citizens.”

Brann has heard the argument that people should have the freedom to smoke if they want, but “I look at it as freedom to live longer,” he said.

The bill is currently in the Committee on Regulatory Reform. The next step would be for the committee to take testi-

mony and vote it out of the House floor, said Jeff Noble (R-Dist. 20), one of the bill’s cosponsors.

Similar move failed in Genesee County

On Monday, June 19, Genesee County Court Judge Judith Fullerton ruled against “Tobacco 21,” an ordinance passed by the Genesee County Board of Commissioners in February, prohibiting anyone in the county under the age of 21 from purchasing tobacco and tobacco products.

Monday, May 15 was supposed to be the day that retailers in Genesee County would be forced to abide by the new Tobacco 21 ordinance.

But a lawsuit filed by RPF Oil Com-
pany in Grand Blanc challenged that ordinance. The lawsuit alleged that the regulation is in direct conflict with the Age of Majority Act (MCL 722.51), and direct conflict with the sign requirements of the Youth Tobacco Act (MCL 722.641)(2).
**Eagles on top of Metro standings, defeated Kearsley**

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The race for a Metro League boys soccer title is on for the Linden Eagles.

The fifth-ranked Eagles in Division 2 remained in a three-team race for the league crown by defeating Kearsley 8-0 on Wednesday.

The win means the Eagles are now 4-0-1 and in first place, a point ahead of Swartz Creek (4-0-0) and Brandon (4-0-0) who have each played one less league game. All three teams have control of their own destiny in the league race because all of the conference games played among the squads will happen during the second half of the season. That means if any of the three squads win the remaining contests on their schedule, they’ll win the league crown outright.

Linden, who last won a league crown in 2015, scored three first-half goals against Kearsley. **CONTINUED AT TCTIMES.COM**

**Tigers remain perfect in Metro League**

**Eagles struggle while Fenton thrives in area rivalry match**

By David Troppens
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Fenton — It was an outstanding night if you were a Fenton Tiger.

If you are a Linden Eagle, it was a night you’d rather forget.

The Tigers played a strong volleyball contest on the same night Linden was clearly not playing its best, resulting in a lopsided 25-15, 25-16, 25-12 Metro League win for Fenton.

While Linden struggled, the Tigers’ offense, led by outside hitter Chloe Idoni, was on fire. Idoni’s impact was immediate. The junior provided the match’s first seven kills. She ended up with 24 kills for the contest, which was seven more kills than Linden had for the entire match. Yes, Idoni was that dominant.

“She’s a dominant player,” Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger said. “She can take over a match like that. Obviously, we are trying to get her the ball as much as we can. We mix it up a fair amount, but in the end, when you have her out there, you have to feed her. She was just putting the ball down. They couldn’t stop her.”

The Tigers remained undefeated in Metro play after earning the win. The two-time defending league champs are looking strong despite the fact the squad lost so many key seniors on last year’s Division 2 state semifinalist squad.

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Holly competing for title in Metro race

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Life on the Holly varsity volleyball team continues to get brighter every day.

Just about halfway through the Flint Metro League season, the Bronchos continue to turn heads as one of the surprising contenders in the league race. The Bronchos improved to 4-0 in Metro play with a 25-7, 25-21, 25-18 home victory against Kearsley on Tuesday night.

“It feels good,” Holly varsity volleyball coach Deena Maher said. “We know we have some tough teams coming up, but we are excited where we are at.”

We know we have some work to do and we know it won’t be easy work to do. But we are excited about the challenge.”

The Bronchos started getting noticed a year ago when the squad improved to 4-3 and finished in fourth place in conference action. Those four wins marked the league victories the Bronchos have had in a league season since 2008 when they also had four wins. Now, just four matches into the season, they’ve already matched that total.

Kearsley never had a chance against Holly on Tuesday. The Bronchos won the first game 25-7 and were on cruise control from that point on, earning the three-set sweep. However, Kearsley did cut the deficit to 2-1 at one point in the second set, giving the Bronchos a good lesson for future matches.

“It was a good match for us,” Maher said. “The first game our serving was spot on. In the second game we were a little more lax and we were making errors we usually don’t make. It was a good lesson. We can’t relax in any game situation whether we are facing an easier or a more difficult game. Anyone can beat you if you let them.”

Holly’s offense was led by Sarah Jewell’s nine kills while Kennedy Hogan added eight kills.

PREP REPORT

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good team when we play hard,” Idoni said. “We knew what we had to do. They went five games with Holly and Flushing, so we knew if we won one or two games, that third game we knew we still had to play hard all the way through.

“At the beginning of the season, we were looking a little shaky but as we practiced, we made a lot of goals and we are continuing to pursue those goals. We are getting better every day in practice and are continuing to get better. We are not taking any days off, and we are going at it hard.”

By the time Idoni got her seventh kill of the match, the Tigers led the first set 10-3.

GIRLS GOLF

Linden 401, Owosso 405: Payton Leidel captured medalist honors at Owosso Country Club, carding a 59. Hannah Baldwin had a career-low score of 69.

Kearsley 55, Waterford Mott 95:

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Aug 24 New Lothrop 22-28L 0-1
Sept 1 Montrose 21-0W 1-1
Sept 8 Mount Morris 44-6W 2-1
Sept 15 Goodrich 20-7W 3-1
Sept 22 Byron
Sept 29 Durand
Oct 6 Flushing
Oct 13 Otisville LakeVille
Oct 20 Williamston

Linden Eagles

Aug 24 DeWitt 27-22W 1-0
Sept 1 Clio 49-28W 2-0
Sept 8 Holly 49-28W 3-0
Sept 15 Fenton 13-48L 3-1
Sept 29 Kearsley
Sept 29 Swartz Creek
Oct 6 Brandon
Oct 13 DeWitt
Oct 20 Owosso

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Fenton Tigers

Aug 26 Brandon 46-21W 1-0
Sept 1 Flint Kearsley 63-27W 2-0
Sept 8 Owosso 42-0W 3-0
Sept 15 Linden 48-13W 4-0
Sept 22 Clio
Sept 29 Holly
Oct 6 Flushing
Oct 13 Swartz Creek
Oct 20 Waterford Mott

Holly Bronchos

Aug 25 Swartz Creek 32-18W 1-0
Aug 31 Owosso 61-12W 2-0
Sept 8 Linden 28-49L 2-1
Sept 15 Kearsley
Sept 22 Flushing
Sept 29 Fenton
Oct 6 Det, Unrv Prep
Oct 13 Brandon
Oct 20 Clio

Is Chiropractic Care Safe or Effective?

Back Pain, Arm or Leg Pain like Sciatica, Numbness, Tingling, or Weakness in the Arms or Legs, Headaches, Migraines and problems with the Discs are often times what brings people into a chiropractic office. The major question we all keep wondering is this: IS CHIROPRACTIC REALLY SAFE or TRULY EFFECTIVE?

To end the confusion on this topic, we are going to dive into this subject with Dr. James Ide of Painless Chiropractic in Fenton and you’re going to want to pay close attention because we’re going to destroy some important myths and reveal the facts.

Myth: Chiropractors are not Real Doctors.

FACT: Not True. Doctors of Chiropractic or DC’s receive an overall post graduate curriculum structure similar to the training medical doctors receive. DC’s spend additional hours studying Spinal Manipulation, Nutrition, Physiotherapy and Advanced Radiology rather than Pharmacology and Immunology. I attend training classes out of town about every other month and research online daily to stay up to date on the latest advances in technology, and technology never always is something we have to learn or a better way to do things in order to get better results and happier patients” Dr. Ide said.

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