

Woman dead for 10 days in mobile home park

■ Boyfriend to be charged for not reporting suspected heroin death

By Sharon Stone

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The Genesee County Sheriff's Office is seeking a misdemeanor charge against a 46-year-old Fenton Township man for failing to report the discovery of a dead body. Detectives are also attempting to identify the source of the heroin, which they

believe caused the death.

On Sunday, Oct. 1, at approximately 1:40 p.m., Genesee County sheriff's deputies were dispatched to an obvious dead on arrival (DOA) at a trailer in the Lake Ponemah Mobile Home Park in Fenton Township.

The 911 Center informed deputies the 47-year-old victim was a known drug user and had not been seen in over a week. Deputies arrived and found a woman in the bathroom, who appeared to have died several days earlier.

See **DEAD** on 15A

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The Genesee County Sheriff's Office arrested a 46-year-old Fenton Township man for not reporting that his 47-year-old girlfriend had died. Detectives suspect she died from a heroin overdose. Her death remains under investigation.



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City considering hefty charges for liquor license

■ Already receives more than half of Fenton's state license fees

By Vera Hogan

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On Monday, Oct. 9, the Fenton City Council is expected to set a public hearing during its regular meeting of Monday, Oct. 23, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The public hearing will give citizens and affected businesses a chance to share their thoughts and opinions on a proposed resolution to charge liquor license application fees.

The fees recommended are \$1,000 for a new liquor license, \$750 for a liquor license transfer and \$250 for a liquor license renewal. The recommendation was first discussed at the council's Monday, Oct. 2 work session.

See **LIQUOR** on 21A



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Mike Reilly, building and zoning administrator for the city of Fenton, takes a photo of DPW employee Scott Gordon after the new sculpture unveiling on Thursday, Oct. 5. This bronze sculpture, which will be permanently located on the front lawn of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, depicts the fabled card game, in which Col. William Fenton won the right to name what would become "Fentonville." Made of 125 pieces, the sculpture is a gift from Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman, and includes an empty seat at the table where visitors are encouraged to sit and take photos. It's approximate value is \$750,000 to \$1 million, according to City Manager Lynn Markland.

Here's where you can, and cannot, carry a gun

■ Women are fastest growing segment of firearm buyers

By Hannah Ball

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You can carry a gun into a grocery store, but not a school.

Half the country's firearms, 130 million guns, are owned by 3 percent of Americans, or 7.7 million people. Most owners possess an average of three firearms, according to newsweek.com. Many own up to 17 firearms on average.

See **GUN** on 18A

Student count day critical for obtaining state funding

■ Superintendents expect future decreases due to low birth rates

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Wednesday, Oct. 4 was a big day for local school districts when counting kids would reveal how much money they will receive from the state in foundation allowances, or per-pupil funding.

See **COUNT DAY** on 17A

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“Can anyone explain to me why I must pay \$217 for a license plate tab each year? The ever increasing gas taxes I pay were supposed to pay for road construction and maintenance. This is insanity, I can't feed my family.”



“Now we have the black supremacists in the NFL giving the black power salute. What if they were white and gave a white power salute? How fast would they be thrown out? Talk about dual standards. This idiocy is getting old.”



“We are already enslaved by our masters in Congress through 60-80 percent taxation, with more added every year. If they ever try to take away our constitutional right to bear arms you will see the second Civil War. Most Americans will die in battle before surrendering their freedom.”



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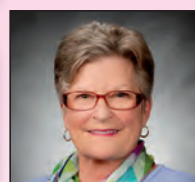
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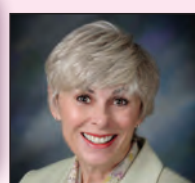
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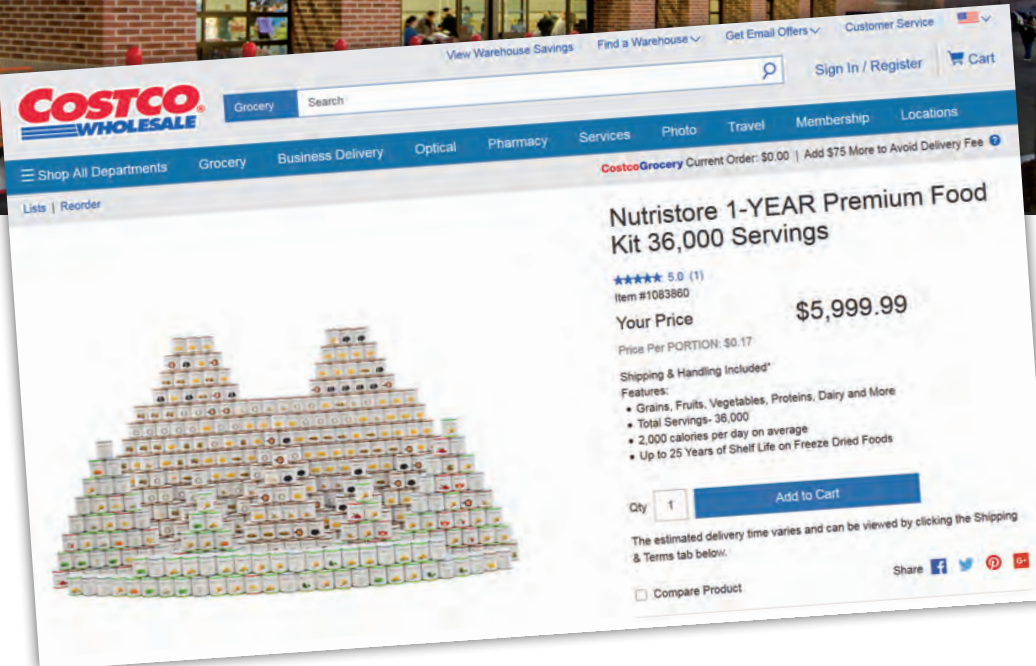
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If you are worried about an upcoming Armageddon or other emergency situation, you can buy a premium food kit like this one that will feed your family for a year. The only downside might be to your wallet — this kit is priced at \$5,999.99, but Costco and other retailers offer less expensive one-year kits from \$999.99 on up.



Are you ready for Armageddon?

■ If not, consider buying Costco's \$5,999 one-year emergency food kit

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You may think you died and went to heaven with one of Costco's most unusual products.

Not only can you buy an end-of-life casket from this mega-giant warehouse retailer, now you can also buy a doomsday kit that's supposed to keep your family nutritionally sustained for one year. The best news of all is that you don't have to worry about food spoilage — the tin cans

don't expire for a quarter-century.

Costco has several different-sized kits that range in cost from \$999.99 (currently out of stock on their website) up to this premium kit for \$5,999.99, with several other sizes in-between, priced between \$3,299.99 and \$4,499.99.

This kit is made up of about 100 boxes, each with six #10 large tin cans. Total servings are up to 36,000, including food products ranging from grains, fruits and vegetables to proteins, dairy and more. At 2,000 calories a day, you probably won't gain

a lot of weight when facing Armageddon, but you won't lose much either.

Costco is just one retailer riding the wave of fear and pandemonium that many people are feeling, following years of natural disasters, terrorist attacks and the fear of fallout from a nuclear war, especially now with threats from North Korea.

“One major issue is that there are no recipes in the kit.”

One Costco customer who bought the kit

Walmart offers emergency food storage kits with enough food for two days, three days, one month and one year, selling for \$25.88, \$58.99, \$134.99 and \$1,290.99, respectively.

See **FOOD KIT** on 19A

Holly resident and Secretary of State Ruth Johnson speaks out

■ Says more women need to run for office

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Michigan is ranked 14th for equality in government, according to Wallethub.com, a research and informational organization. However, the disparity in the number of women in government compared to men shows a shortage of women, said Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson.

“It really is better when you have input and discussions from a mirror image of society before we make ordinances and laws, and that's just not happening,” she said. “We need more good women to run and more people to support good women. We're pretty lopsided right now.”

See **WOMEN** on 15A



Before becoming Michigan's Secretary of State, Ruth Johnson of Holly served as the first woman elected to the Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds office. Someone told her that office could never be run by a woman. Of the 42 Michigan secretaries of state, Johnson is the third woman.



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How low will they go?

My adult kids like to tell me I'm old and not very hip. But they're wrong, and I have evidence in the form of the book "The Revenge of Analog: Real Things and Why They Matter," published earlier this year by David Sax.

I could kiss this man. His book is all about how old stuff is not only hip and cool again but it's in many ways superior to the stuff that has replaced it.

Like vinyl records and record players. They're apparently selling like hotcakes (which is a ridiculously old and dumb expression by the way. I doubt hotcakes ever sold like hotcakes. Because they're hotcakes.)

I like record albums much better than CDs and digital, and always have. It's not the music quality. Digital and CDs have it all over albums as far as music quality.

What I like is the other stuff, the intangibles. There's a ritual to putting an album on the turntable that is wonderfully satisfying, perhaps because there's a certain slowness to it: Pull out dust jacket; hold the album with forefinger in the hole, thumb on the edge, so as not to smudge it; place it gently — almost reverently — on the turntable like it's made of glass; drop the needle, wait for the first "pop" to know it's caught the groove correctly. Crank up and enjoy. Ahhh.

I also like album covers. Big, square album covers. In the past, album covers were a big, big deal. They said something about the band and the music. Now, album covers are an afterthought, and there's no such thing as liner notes or a lyric sheet.

Kids, you don't know what you're missing. For the record, my two favorite album covers are Queen's "News of the World" and Poco's "Legend." The Queen album cover

features a robot that has just murdered the band by sticking his finger through their chests, and the Poco cover is a simple line drawing of a horse made by Phil Hartman, the guy who later starred on Saturday Night Live. I don't know why they're my favorites. They just are.

Sax says books are back, too, which is good news. Digital books are OK for what they are. But paper books are way better. Here's why: 1) Books smell better 2) A book never runs out of juice when you're in the middle of a good chapter 3) You can dog-ear books — I'm a big dog-ear guy, and 4) Books look great on a shelf and tell the world what an erudite fellow you are, even if you're not.

Even paper and pens are back as well, which I would never have guessed. I guess there's a subculture that prefers taking notes at work using pen and paper vs. a laptop. I am among them, and always have been. I work at a place with lots and lots of millennials. I am usually the only one in meetings taking notes on paper. I used to feel a bit self-conscious about that.

But no more. This book has set me free. I am hip once again. Take that, kids. You owe your old man an apology.

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MY RESEARCH CONCERNING the players behavior while the anthem is being played indicates that the NFL deleted any reference to national anthem protocol by the players in the 2017 edition of the NFL Game Operations Manual.

THIS YEAR, OUR House, under Republican leadership, has passed over 340 bills to improve the economy, jobs, human trafficking and the abysmal veterans VA system. Many are stalled in the Senate, waiting approval. The Republican House is working very hard to improve our country.

I LOVE, LOVE, love the Desert Angels people who send care packages to troops overseas. Such amazing people with kind hearts. Our troops thank you. You are what makes American great.

THERE'S ONLY ONE thing a Democrat politician hates more than the second amendment and that's you keeping more of your paycheck.

READING THE HOT lines and wondering — just how many readers stand and honor the national anthem when watching in your own home?

IN REGARDS TO the flag and national anthem. I think some of you forgot what the purpose was for standing during the anthem or can't relate to the cause.

If the position was gun control and guns were being taken away, you would see flag burning and much worse.

NOW YOU'RE DONE watching the NFL? The domestic violence, animal abuse and DWIs weren't enough for you?

COLIN KAEPERNICK CHARITY has donated millions to schools? Wrong. He donated to a group (Assata's Daughters) honoring a convicted cop killer wanted by the FBI. Check your source.

LEBRON JAMES CALLS Trump a bum. This from the same guy that has a billion dollar contract with Nike that makes all of its shoes overseas in sweat shops with children. Hypocrite.

EVEN THOUGH THE profile of Hugh Hefner was great, it was not totally inclusive of the man's efforts to defend and protect the first amendment of the constitution.

IN THE WAKE OF the Las Vegas shooting, yes, let us keep machine gun purchases legal. Heaven forbid such weapons of mass destruction not be sold in order to satisfy NRA. They don't care about innocent victims. Deregulate now.

PROTEST DEFINITION: STATEMENT or action expressing disapproval of or objection to something. So if you kneel during the anthem you disapprove of it. If you want to protest just don't ever call 911 when you need to.

I AM SURE the NFL is trembling over your choice not to watch. The millions of us who do still watch will not miss you.

I AM A Vietnam vet. I do not feel disrespected by players kneeling using their first amendment rights. Those who do are not respecting our constitution.

COL. ETUE SHOULD be promoted for standing up for our flag, national anthem, and those who gave their lives for it. Why does the first amendment apply to overpaid sports players but not to someone who puts her life on the line every day. That is why racism exists. Don't like the flag, country, anthem, please leave. I will defend.

EXCUSE ME, but can someone tell me who this Hillary person is that I see referred to in the hot lines now and then?

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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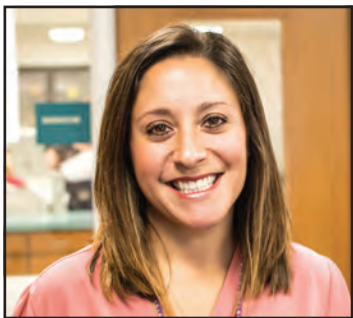
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streettalk



"My freshman year of high school. I was on homecoming court, and walked across the football field with my dad. It was so cold."

— Julie Kazmierski
Linden



"Mine was when we announced homecoming queen. We were all so excited for her, and she was the best person any of us knew. It was well-deserved."

— Lisa Wissinger
Fenton



"For me it was spirit week, but I didn't go to the dance though."

— Katrice Horton
Flint



"Really bad leather ties, and I got a ticket on the way there. I don't remember what the theme was."

— Jason Warr
Fenton



"I went to an all boys private school in L.A. We didn't really have a 'homecoming,' we had proms and stuff but no homecoming."

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MIDDLE CLASS AMERICAN families grew richer between 2013 and 2016. Who was president then?

THE NFL PLAYERS are paid millions of dollars to do their job. I will never watch another football game ever again.

HEY KING, I got news for you. I never had a father in my life and I am very successful in everything I do. I will never read your column ever again. You are wrong.

IT COSTS \$90 to watch a football game and those are the worst seats you could

possibly get. You won't even stand up and represent our country? I will never watch football ever again.

TO THE PERSON going on about 'I've seen a can of this, a can of this, I've never seen a can of worms,' if you weren't being totally facetious, may I ask who dressed you in the morning?

HISTORY WILL SHOW that President Obama contributed significantly to the divisiveness and the racial tension that exists in the country today. He's anti-law and anti-military.

RIGHT ON KNEELERS, for exposing this nation's ignorance of the first amendment.

THE BLACK NFL players were protesting for social justice. Why is the NFL 75 percent black? Shouldn't it be 13 percent to represent the population? Sounds like we need some affirmative action to get some white players.



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The Google Ann Arbor Café offers free lunches to employees.

Google facility opens in Ann Arbor

■ Four hundred employees, 135,000-square-foot facility

By Tim Jagielo

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If you're on a computer, take a look at the suspiciously specific ads that pop up around the content you're reading online — some of those ads may be local.

In late September, Google officially opened the 135,000-square-foot facility in Ann Arbor, which hosts 400 Google Adwords employees, who may be responsible for some of those viewer-specific ads you've been seeing.

Google has 25 North American locations and has been in Ann Arbor since 2006, leasing two separate office spaces.

Now, all those employees are on one campus, near the University of Michigan North Campus, and adjacent to the Stapp Nature area. Before, they were in downtown Ann Arbor.

The move and expansion was announced in the spring of 2015. Google announced it would occupy an existing 67,000-square-foot building, as well as construct their own.

Located 46 minutes from Fenton, this



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The office stairwell, like much of the building, offers an open-air feel.

This facility is one of 25 across the U.S. Other locations include Chicago, Miami and Pittsburgh.

facility features a free laundromat, lunch services, coffee and snacks of Google quality, and a masseuse for a discount. Dogs are allowed, too.

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Police seek more hit and run, robbery victims

■ Suspects charged with carjacking, armed robbery of people leaving Detroit casinos

If you were involved in a recent hit and run or armed robbery shortly after leaving any of the casinos in Detroit, Michigan State Police (MSP) would like you to contact them. Two suspects have been arrested and police are attempting to see if there are any other victims.

MSP arrested two suspects relating to an investigation into six or more carjacking and armed robberies that occurred across Metro Detroit.

On Sunday, Oct. 1, at approximately 2:40 a.m., troopers arrested two suspects that have been involved in a series of armed robberies from Sept. 22 through Sept. 30.

Undercover officers, in conjunction with MSP aviation, followed the suspects and observed them entering a senior center in one vehicle and exit with an additional vehicle that was later determined to be stolen. The suspects were then observed circling

casinos in the stolen van and a second "spotter" car.

Eventually the stolen van was observed rear-ending a vehicle that had just left the casino. The driver of the "bump" stolen van was then observed walking up to the victim's car, at which time uniform troopers arrived and took the suspect into custody, without incident. Troopers recovered a handgun on the ground next to the suspect at the time of arrest.

As the arrest on the Lodge Freeway was occurring, troopers maintained surveillance on the second suspect "spotter" vehicle and subsequently stopped and arrested the suspect upon exiting the Lodge at Livernois.

MSP has identified six related cases to date, five in Detroit and one in Lincoln Park. In addition, eight stolen vehicles and one stolen gun have been recovered.

If you have been a victim of a similar incident contact the MSP Metro South Post at (734) 287-5000.

The suspects were to be arraigned on Oct. 4, in U.S. District Court.



Are Facebook quizzes dangerous?

■ They give away more personal information than you may realize

By Vera Hogan

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Do you really have a burning desire to know what your "old lady" name is, or in what state you were "meant" to live? Or does it make you sit up a bit taller after scoring 100 percent on quizzes that claim only geniuses can pass?

Even if you're not a big quiz taker yourself, at least one of your Facebook friends is, and in some cases, when that friend takes and shares a quiz, some savvy folks could gain access to all the details of your profile, your friends list, your photos, your posts and more.

According to komando.com, it is important to point out that in most cases, people who take these Facebook quizzes actually give permission to access this information without even knowing it. While you're looking at the

quiz question and details, a little thing called "Allow Access?" pops up above it. If you start taking the quiz, you agree to allow access to your Facebook page and everything on it.

It's safe to say that not all of the quizzes you see on Facebook are proven scams. In fact, many of them are legitimate quizzes that are fun and harmless. But keep in mind, scammers are hoping their scams won't stand out, which is what makes them so difficult to spot.

Here are some additional ways scammers use quizzes to trick you.

Data collection isn't the only thing scammers are after. Quizzes are often used in a scam called "Like Farming," where scammers create a piece of click-worthy content, then swap it out for something else once the post has gone viral.

If a quiz offers you some type of reward for taking it — or worse, asks you to pay — be extremely skeptical.

See QUIZZES on 11A



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Argentine Township bridge closed indefinitely

■ Low traffic volumes make getting funding very difficult

By Vera Hogan

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Residents in Argentine Township will need to find an alternate route now that the Lillie Road bridge has been closed indefinitely due to structural safety considerations.

The Genesee County Road Commission (GCRR) closed the bridge, which crosses the Shiawassee River between Sheridan and Herrington roads, on Oct. 3.

According to GCRR Civil Engineer Alex Patsy, the 80-year-old bridge, built in 1937, is a large steel beam bridge with a reinforced concrete deck.

"The beams and the concrete deck are deteriorating," said Patsy. "The deck is delaminating. These things compromise the structural integrity of the structure."

"Right now we plan to keep the bridge closed indefinitely because it is unsafe," he said. "This is a very expensive bridge to fix because of its size and it remote



location."

Lillie Road is unpaved and unimproved and traffic volumes are very low, Patsy said.

"The cost to fix the Lillie Road bridge will be upwards of \$2 million," he said. "It's hard to justify spending that amount when traffic volumes are that low."

There is no established detour route. Motorists are advised to seek alternate

routing as the bridge will be closed indefinitely.

"The road commission is exploring all options for funding," Patsy said. "We have to apply for funding that is shared with other municipalities across the state. We just put in an application for funds to repair the Lillie Road bridge in 2020 and were denied. It did not get funded."

Bridges throughout the county are inspected on a regular basis. Patsy said the Lillie Road bridge has been deteriorating for some time and weight restrictions have been posted for a number of years. Even school buses and fire trucks need to seek alternate routes.

"The Lovejoy Road bridge, which is similar in size to the Lillie Road bridge, was closed for better part of 10 years," Patsy said.

"We just don't score well when we apply for funding," he said. "We are competing against every bridge in Michigan. There are a lot of bridges in Shiawassee County that don't get funded for the same reason, such low traffic volumes."

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Police investigate stranger danger complaints

There were multiple reports last week of suspicious vehicles and

drivers attempting to talk with young people.

Security always a concern at sporting events

Rivalry game at the Big House expects to draw over 100,000 fans

Police suggest 'fisheye' camera for new sculpture

Valuable artwork on lawn of Fenton Community & Cultural Center requires 24/7 surveillance for protection.

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Former local prosecutor related to Tom Petty

■ Arthur Busch's cousin
Dana is Petty's widow

By Vera Hogan

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Local music lovers are mourning the death of rock star Tom Petty, who died on Monday, Oct. 2, after suffering full cardiac arrest at his home on Sunday.

Petty, 66, was a widely lauded songwriter, singer, multi-instrumentalist and record producer. He had recently completed a 40th anniversary tour with his band, The Heartbreakers.

Retired Genesee County Prosecutor Arthur (Art) Busch and his family are mourning the loss as well. Busch's first cousin, Dana (York) Petty, is Petty's widow.

"We grew up across the street from each other in Flint," said Busch. "We spent quite a bit of time together. My mom was a York."

Busch said Dana Petty is about 10 years younger than he is so when they went off to college, they lost touch for a while, but have since resumed their close relationship.

"Whenever Tom came to Detroit area, we used to have little family reunions behind the stage at the theater in Clarkston," said Busch. "He was quite nice to make that effort to get us all in one spot."

Busch recalled when he was prosecutor and "Bowling for Columbine," a movie about gun violence in America came out. Busch was in the movie because of the Kayla Rolland case. She was the 6-year-old that was shot to death by another 6-year-old classmate in 2000.

"When the movie came out, Dana saw me in the movie and went crazy. 'That's my cousin, Artie!'" he said.

From that point on we communicated on a regular basis, mostly through email, by phone and Messenger, he said.

"She and Tommy were married about 17 years," Busch said, and have a blended family. "Dana has a boy and Tommy has two daughters."

Busch said Dana's son, while growing up in the Petty household, was very interested in art at a very young age. "He really liked film and was making films for school projects," Busch said.

"When he got to be a young teenager he started playing music in his first band called 'Static Broke a Radio.' They were just a bunch of young kids. They would practice out in their garage. Tommy had a place where they could gather and play music."

"He started coaching kids and said to Dana these kids are getting pretty good,"



Tom and Dana (York) Petty are pictured at the 11th annual Golden Heart Awards in 2011. The couple was among the award-winners for their generosity. The award was given by The Midnight Mission, an organization that offers paths to self-sufficiency to men, women and children who have lost direction.

Busch said. Those kids started playing gigs around the Los Angeles area.

Busch said the funny thing about it was there were guys that wanted to sign them up to play at different venues. They had no idea that Tom Petty was one of their stepdads.

"Dana used to go to these and would send videos of boys playing," Busch said.

Busch said after their first grandchild was born, Tom started thinking he did not want to work as hard and announced his last tour.

"He wanted to spend more time with the grandkids and then this (death) happened," Busch said.

Busch said his cousin and Tom adopted homelessness as their main cause. "They were very generous with donations to homeless causes in L.A.," he said. "Every year, in addition to donating to them, he did a concert to help raise money."

"He was a very quiet man and didn't go out much but loved watching basketball, especially the Lakers," Busch said.

"He had to be talked into being in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame," Busch said. "He didn't want to do that. He doesn't believe in all that junk."

"I am amazed by his generosity," Busch said. "My cousin was always telling me something he did nice today."

"Tom and Dana — she comes from Flint. She didn't grow up with a silver spoon in her mouth. They were attracted that way," he said.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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THE NFL PLAYERS are now saying they're protesting for social justice. That would mean about 50 percent of them would have to be replaced with white, Hispanic, and Asian players because that's affirmative action.

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Leaving animals in vehicles could be illegal

■ Offenders could be jailed under new legislation

By Hannah Ball

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Leaving an animal in a car when it's too hot or too cold outdoors could become illegal under Senate Bill 496.

The bill was introduced to the Michigan Senate in June by Senator Curtis Hertel (D Dist. 23).

"I have a dog myself. I'm a strong believer that when we have pets, we have to take care of them. A locked car in extreme heat, also extreme cold, is a very dangerous situation. Animals can succumb to that very quickly," Hertel said.

Under the new bill, it would be illegal to "leave or confine an animal in an unattended motor vehicle under conditions that endanger the health or well-being of the animal, including, but not limited to heat, cold, lack of adequate ventilation, lack of food or water or other circumstances that could reasonably be expected to cause suffering, disability, or death of the animal."

"We want to make sure the public knows how dangerous this is and has information about this," he said.

If someone breaks into a car because they see an animal or baby locked in the



vehicle, there are currently no protections in Michigan against being charged with a crime.

"I think that's something the legislature should fix," Hertel said.

Hertel believes there should be penalties if an animal is hurt or killed in this manner.

Violation of the law with one animal would be a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 45 days, a fine of not more than \$350, or both. A second violation is a misdemeanor punishable by

imprisonment for not more than 90 days, a fine of not more than \$500, or both.

If the animal is seriously harmed or dies, the violator could be charged with a felony punishable by up to imprisonment for not more than five years and fine of not more than \$5,000 or both.

Hertel is hoping to get a hearing on the bill soon.

"I'm a strong believer that when we have pets, we have to take care of them."

Curtis Hertel

Michigan senator (D-Dist. 23)

QUIZZES

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If you're asked to enter any identifying information about yourself or your credit card number, it's likely a scam.

Scammers are smart when it comes to hiding malicious codes in places you wouldn't suspect, and quizzes are prime targets. Links, images and other elements within these quizzes may be laced with viruses that can infect your computer, phone or tablet.

Be aware, quizzes are one of the easiest tools fraudsters can use because they're so popular. They spread rapidly as people share them. With that in mind, be skeptical of any quiz that shows up in your feed. Look into it first, before you participate.

Check your privacy settings. If you haven't updated your Facebook privacy settings in a while, it's a good idea to check them out now. Under "Who

can see my stuff?" click "Friends," or, "Only me." It's also a good idea to review your Activity Log and edit posts you've been tagged in.

Facebook asks you all sorts of questions when you set up your profile, but that doesn't mean you should answer them. In fact, less is more when it comes to what you share since much of your profile information is automatically public. Your profile photo, for example, can be seen by anyone.

Personal things you should never share on Facebook include your phone number, home address, date of birth and relationship status. And never post photos of your vacation before you arrive home.

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Scott Pushman is 36 years old. He and his wife, Kelly, have been married for 11 years and have two children. Sawyer is 5 and in kindergarten and Jack is 4 years old.

Where did you grow up and go to school?

I grew up in Fenton and graduated from Fenton High School in 2000.

Where did you go to college?

I went to Michigan State University for my undergraduate degree in Communications, Central Michigan University for a graduate degree in Administration and then to Michigan State



"I was lucky enough to be part of the Fenton wrestling program and was surrounded with great coaches and fellow wrestlers."

Scott Pushman

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Scott Pushman of Tyrone Township is married with two children. He works for MetLife, and is president-elect of the Fenton Education Foundation Board of Directors.

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What do you do for a living now?

I work in the insurance industry at MetLife. My primary role is as a consultant working with employers and their broker to offer benefits to their employees.

Tell us about your high school wrestling career.

I was lucky enough to be part of the Fenton wrestling program and was surrounded with great coaches and fellow wrestlers. As a team, we had some really great experiences and I was fortunate enough to have placed four times at the state tournament of which two of them was as a State Champion.

Did you wrestle in college?

Yes, I wrestled at Michigan State University. It was a great experience; some of my teammates are still some of my closest friends.

As president-elect for the Fenton Education Foundation Board of Directors, what do you hope to help achieve on behalf of Fenton Area Public Schools students in the coming year/years?

I look to continue to build upon the great work that the foundation has accomplished over the last 10 years, in particular aligning with the needs of the students and teachers while expanding the student educational experience.

Throughout the school year, student and teacher needs arise and I envision that the Fenton Education Foundation (FEF) will continue to be there to help fulfill those needs. Our financial support toward academics, arts and athletics is the direct result of the community support that we have here in Fenton, which has been outstanding. The Board of Directors is a group of passionate

individuals and it is exciting to see this passion be channeled to support our students and their interests.

What do you like to do in your spare time (hobbies, travels, etc.)?

Embarrassed to say I don't have a ton of hobbies, but I have found myself to be pretty busy over the last year. Recently my wife and I purchased a commercial property in downtown Fenton, which has been great to feel closely connected to the community.

My daughter has been pretty active in sports so coaching has become a new found enjoyment and my son seems to defy normal laws of energy so I seem to be enjoying a lot of outdoor activities with him.

My wife and I like going out on "date night" in downtown Fenton, so any chance we get we are out enjoying the restaurants in the area.

What's a typical Friday night like for you?

Right now, they are pretty low key. By the end of the week, the Pushman household is tired so a bite out to dinner is always a family favorite with the hopes of an early bedtime for the kids. Otherwise, Friday nights spent with family and friends is atop the list.

What don't most people know about you?

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WOMEN

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In Michigan, women make up 23 percent of the current legislature and 51 percent of the electorate. Of the 110 state representatives, 30 are women. Of the 38 state senators, four, or approximately 10 percent, are women.

At the national level, 104 of 535 Congress members are women, which is about 19 percent.

"But women make up half the population," Johnson said. "There's a huge shortage of women in government."

Of the 42 Michigan secretaries of state, Johnson is the third woman.

"Women need a voice in every issue, not just women's issues," she said. "Naturally, we bring strong leadership skills. We're masters at multitasking, pros at negotiating, skills that are always needed."

Matt Grossmann, director of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research at Michigan State University, told the Detroit Free Press

that many women don't run for public office because studies show that women have less confidence and are encouraged to run less often by elected officials and party leaders. Old social stigmas still encourage women to stay at home and take care of the kids.

Women are also scrutinized more than men for their clothes, appearance, voice, family and more, according to freep.com.

"Many more men run for office and men statistically are bigger risk takers than women and I think that's the main

reason," she said.

Johnson said women are often the caretakers at home, they usually manage the family income, make the majority of health decisions, and women are starting businesses at nearly twice the rate of men. In America, women own 11 million businesses and employ nine million American workers, and Michigan ranks fourth in the country for how fast women-owned businesses are growing.

"You do have, on occasion, people telling you, you can't do it," she said. When Johnson was the first woman elected to the Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds office, someone told her this office could never be run by a woman.

Johnson got involved in politics "because she was mad at government," she said. When a multibillion-dollar corpora-

tion wanted to put a toxic waste facility near the only water source in her community in Oakland County, she and a dozen other people worked to stop it. She ran for a county commissioner seat, won,

and took the toxic waste facility off the county's plan. Johnson ran for state representative because she wanted more accountability in government. She won the race.

"If you have the fire in your belly to make your community better, you need to take the risk. We need more good women to run, and more good men," she said. "I encourage everyone, pick a cause, get involved. Democracy is not a spectator sport. If you get dozens together, you can move mountains in America."

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Ruth Johnson
Michigan secretary of state

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHAT HAPPENED WITH opening the Fenton Township dog park by Oct. 1?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT old glory. She can take it. She suffered far worse than one who uses her to patronize himself. Get off her skirts, Mr. President.

THANKS, TRI-COUNTY, on the story on the stink bug. That took care of my Hot line and my questions about them.

ABOUT THE STINK bugs, when people said don't fear, they don't stink, yes they do. I've had a lot of experience with these things. They do stink, don't squish them.

I SEE THE NFL and the owners haven't learned yet. When will that be? When they totally shut it down? Still sitting, still kneeling. I'm not watching and I'm not buying anything from their advertisers.

IS NFL AN acronym for no fans left? National felons league or not for long? You decide.

DEAD

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Lt. William Lanning said the 46-year-old man was the boyfriend of the deceased woman and lived at the trailer, and other trailers in the park, with the woman. The couple was behind on rent and Lanning said they would stay in other available trailers when they could.

Lanning said detectives believe the boyfriend knew about the woman's death for close to 10 days. They suspect she died from a heroin overdose on or around Sept. 21. Her body was taken to the Genesee County Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy,



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A 47-year-old woman was found dead in this trailer in the Lake Ponemah Mobile Home Park in Fenton Township. The Genesee County Sheriff's Office says that she had been dead for approximately 10 days.

which will determine the exact cause and day of death.

The sheriff's office continues to investigate this death and are working on leads as to the source of

the heroin.

The sheriff's office is waiting to release the woman's name until after her family, who live out of state, have been notified.

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Police&Fire report

ITEM STOLEN FROM LOCKER

Fenton police responded to a gym in the 1300 block of North LeRoy Street to investigate a larceny complaint. A gym member reported that while he was working out between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., someone entered his unlocked gym locker, rummaged through his backpack and stole his \$250 GoPro camera. The theft remains under investigation.

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Spotlight on:

TRIPLE C'S LAKESHORE GRILLE IS OPEN ALL YEAR

■ Enjoy new lunch menu,
brunch and watch for wine
tastings and family-style dinners

By Sally Rummel
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Joseph and Sheryl Schoenemann, who opened Triple C's Lakeshore Grille on July 17 at 3482 Silver Lake Rd. in Fenton Township, are no strangers to the food business, having long careers at the Palace of Auburn Hills. In 2000, they opened their own restaurant business, operating inside auto auctions. They have also catered many events, including weddings, open houses, parties, showers, etc.

How did you two meet? We met while working at the Palace of Auburn Hills, starting our careers there at its grand opening in 1988. After graduating from Oakland Community College's culinary program, Joe began at the Palace as a cook and left as the executive sous chef. I (Sheryl) began as an office assistant and left in 1993 as the administrative manager for Palace Restaurant Management Services.

We've been married for 26 years and

have three children, Chase, 18, Chandler, 14 and Charleigh Ann, 14. The Triple C's part of our name is named after our kids.

Some of our most popular dishes are named after them, like Chase's Triple Grilled Cheese, Chandler's BLT and Charleigh's Pasta & Cheese.

What do you think makes Triple C's so popular as a new restaurant?

Lakefront dining on beautiful Lake Ponemah has been a big draw, but we also hope our food and service will keep people coming back. We offer a variety of entrees, from our black Angus strip steak to fish and chips, fish and shrimp tacos, custom-grind burgers, steak bites and flatbread pizzas. Diners may also enjoy a beer, glass of wine or a cocktail.

What do you have planned for the fall and winter months? We want to make sure people realize we're open all year and that we appreciate them visiting us all four seasons.

We have a brand new lunch menu, which includes smaller versions of many popular dishes, plus wraps for guests who are limited on time. We're now serving breakfast/brunch on Saturdays and Sundays, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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Joe and Sheryl Schoenemann, owners of Triple C's in Fenton Township, have added new items to their lunch menu, like the enchilada ranchero plate. While they're known for outdoor lakeside seating, they're open all year.

Every week we are scheduling entertainment and/or special events. Watch for wine tastings and family style dinners. We also offer in-house catering events.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

GOOD LORD, ALL you rights got in a twist over some football players kneeling during the national anthem. Do you need a safe space so you don't get so offended? There are more important things to worry about. Stop being so sensitive.

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IN HONOR OF Veterans Day on Nov. 11, Sunday, Nov. 12 is being used as a national boycott against the NFL by all the veterans in our country. We are protesting those who protest against our flag, our anthem and our country and our vets. Please turn off your televisions on Nov. 12.

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PRESIDENT TRUMP WENT to Houston, then to Florida, then Puerto Rico and then Nevada. He gets an A-plus for every one of his efforts. Whenever Obama was faced with a crisis, he went to the golf course or to a Democratic fundraiser.

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REMEMBER WHEN WE thought it was cute that our little 3-year-old had an attitude? Then they grow up to be today's road ragers. Tomorrow, those spoiled brats will run our government. You reap what you sow.

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MORE CLUELESSNESS FROM Foster Childs. An elderly, white male living in an affluent community thinks there's no oppression in America.

Police&Fire report

HOLLY MAN KILLED IN CRASH IN MONTCALM COUNTY

Michigan State Police is investigating a fatal crash that killed a 42-year-old Holly man in Ferris Township in Montcalm County, according to fox17online.com. The crash occurred at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5. According to state police, a Waste Management garbage truck driven by a 31-year-old man from Hudsonville collided broadside with a pickup truck, driven by the 42-year-old Holly man, whose name has not yet been released. The driver of the garbage truck was not injured. Police say that alcohol is not believed to have been a factor in the crash and they are still investigating.

RASH OF LARCENIES FROM CARS

Fenton police received multiple larceny from auto complaints Oct. 3 from people reporting that items had been stolen from their unlocked vehicles in the area along Silver Parkway. Lt. Jeff Cross reminds citizens to remove valuables from their vehicles and always keep the doors locked to prevent intruders from entering and stealing their belongings.

COUNT DAY

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Count Day, always held the first Wednesday of October, accounts for 90 percent of per-pupil funding in the state of Michigan. The other 10 percent is from the second Count Day of the school year on the second Wednesday in February.

The following numbers from Wednesday's count are preliminary until the state certifies the count.

Fenton Area Public Schools

The unofficial count for fall 2017 is 3,402, according to Superintendent Adam Hartley. Last year's count was 3,417.

"We receive the base foundation amount of \$7,631 for each student," said Hartley. The total loss this fall is \$103,018; 90 percent of per pupil funds are paid in the fall.

"We budgeted to be 15 down and we are 15 down," Hartley said.

"We are experiencing lower enrollment due to families moving out of the area and the fact that lower birth rates in the county are starting to show in our lower grade levels," he said. "We have seen a trend of lower counts the last five years with the exception of last year's count, and expect to budget for lower trends in the future due to lower birth rates."

Holly Area Schools

According to Superintendent David Nuss, the 2017 student count is 3,325. Last year's count was 3,279. The amount the district receives from the state for each student is \$7,631, meaning the district will gain \$315,900 over last year's fall count.

"Given families are not having as many children as years ago, we're pleased to see Holly's enrollment increase two of the last three years," Nuss said. "The Leader in Me program increased student achievement, and opportunities for students have attracted students from surrounding districts and local academies."

Lake Fenton Community Schools

Julie Williams, interim superintendent for Lake Fenton Community Schools, reports losing only eight students this year. The 2017 count was 2,071, while the 2016 count was 2,079.

"The total per pupil allocation for this year is \$7,681," Williams said.

"When the budget projections were put together for the 2017-18 school year, we budgeted for 2,050 students, so we are above the projections but below last year's count," she said.

"We do know that birth rates are down for our area and we have been anticipating that our numbers would plateau and possibly even decrease in future years," she said.

Linden Community Schools

According to Superintendent Russ Ciesielski, the total unofficial student count for Wednesday was 2,810, which is four fewer students than in 2016 at 2,814.

Linden's per-pupil allowance from the state is \$7,631.

"We were expecting, unofficially, to be down 5.99 students from the fall of 2016," Ciesielski said. "With low birth rates in our area, we do anticipate that our numbers will continue to decrease."

News briefs

Fenton High School Project Graduation has concession stand at UM football games

Fenton High School Project Graduation volunteers are asking that fans attending football games at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor stop by their concession stand. Project Graduation will receive a portion of the proceeds from game-day sales. Volunteer concession workers are sought to work. Those volunteering will get free parking, food and sneak peeks of the game. Minimum age to volunteer is 16. In addition to the game on **Saturday, Oct. 7** vs. MSU, Project Graduation will also have concession stands on **Oct. 28** (vs. Rutgers), **Nov. 4** (vs. Minnesota) and **Nov. 25** (vs. Ohio State) and need volunteer workers. Project Graduation is an alcohol-free, drug-free post graduation party. To sign up as a volunteer, go to <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/20f0c4faaac22a7ff2-uofm>.

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Applefest Grand Prize winners take home a boat



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A lucky Fenton couple will be spending next summer on their new pontoon, following their Grand Prize win at the Applefest drawing on Sept. 17. Pictured here are Jonathan Hamel (left), owner of White's Landing, who provided the boat; Kevin Messing, raffle chairman; winners Phil and Rudy Mitchell, Fr. Robert Copeland of St. John's Catholic Church in Fenton and Sara and Dave McDermott, Applefest co-chairpersons.

GUN

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Women are fastest growing segment of firearm buyers according to guns.com.

There are now 15 million concealed carry permits in the U.S., according to Crime Prevention Research Center. That's the largest one-year increase ever in the number of permits issued, according to the research center. However, those permits are not admissible everywhere.

Here's where you cannot carry a concealed gun or openly carry a gun, according to Michigan's firearms act of 1927, section 28.425o and 750.234d. :

Schools

Concealed pistols are not allowed on school property. All local schools have adopted a weapons-free zone policy in accordance with state law.

Michigan law requires the Board of Education to expel a student for possession of a dangerous weapon on school property or in a school vehicle. The law defines weapons as a firearm, dagger, dirk, stiletto and knife with a blade over 3 inches in length, a knife opened by mechanical device, iron bar, or

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brass knuckles.

The board can also expel a student for bringing a BB gun, look-alike gun, knife with blade less than 3 inches in length, razor blades, box cutters, chains, nunchucks, mace and pepper spray.

Parents or legal guardians of a student are allowed to carry a concealed pistol while

in a vehicle on school property if they are dropping off or picking up a student — if they have a permit.

This includes the dormitory or classroom or a community college or university.

Day care

Concealed guns or guns openly carried are not allowed in a public or private childcare center or day care center, caring institution, or child-placing agency.

Sporting events

Concealed guns or guns openly carried are not permitted in a sports arena or stadium.

Bars and restaurants

A bar or tavern licensed under the Michigan liquor control code, where the primary source of income is the sale of alcoholic beverages, cannot allow patrons to bring concealed guns into the establishment or openly carry. Employees and the owners of the business are exempt from this.

Places of worship

Concealed guns or guns openly carried are not allowed in any property owned or operated by a church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or other place of worship unless officials of those establishments expressly allow them.

Large entertainment facilities

Concealed guns are not permitted in entertainment facilities that can seat 2,500 or more individuals.

Hospitals

Concealed guns or guns openly carried are not allowed in hospitals.

Theatre

Openly carrying a firearm is not allowed in a theatre.

Court

Openly carrying a firearm is not permitted in a court.

Financial institutions

Openly carrying a firearm is not permitted in a depository financial institution or a subsidiary or affiliate of a depository financial institution.

Exemptions

Police officers are exempt from this law, meaning school resource officers, who act as a liaison for the school and police department, can openly carry. Other exemptions stated by MCL 28.425o include retired police officers, judges, licensed private investigators, corrections officers, or parole officers who have the proper licensing.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

OBAMA SAID HIS three biggest accomplishments were creating Obamacare, killing Osama bin-Laden and same sex marriage. Obamacare is collapsing as we speak, Osama was killed by astute Navy Seals, with no assistance from Obama. Same sex marriage? No comment.

HYPOCRISY OF THE left is very well displayed this week. The vile and filthy things the stars have said about the president. When Obama was president, we had to respect him, we lost our jobs if we didn't. But Trump is fair game for any vile garbage they want to spread.

I ENJOY SEEING all the cute and clever Halloween decorations around town. Thanks to all and enjoy the season.

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Living with ghosts

■ They're harmless...really

By Vera Hogan

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My husband and I bought our Fenton house, which was built in 1860, in the spring of 2010. We quickly discovered that we may not be alone — our house could be haunted. And with Halloween just around the corner, I thought I would tell the story.

I suppose there could be logical explanations for the things that have happened, but since the few things that have occurred were harmless, we have learned to live with it.

The first activity occurred about two months after we moved in. My husband gave me a peck on the cheek before leaving for work one morning. After he left, I rolled over and went back to sleep. A short time later, less than five minutes I think, someone got into bed with me. I jumped up and started hurling every swear word I know at my husband for scaring me half to death. Then I stopped and looked around and discovered he wasn't there. He called a few minutes later to let me know he had just pulled into his company parking lot.

The next thing that happened is the dishwasher starting itself. This has happened three or four times since we moved in. It was a brand new dishwasher with no protruding start button, you just push a dot and it starts. It was installed in such a way, under an overhanging counter top, that it is impossible to accidentally butt bump it to the start position. We had the electrical checked, and the plumbing, but there is no explanation.

I think some lady from the 1800s likes my machine that washes dishes. I just wish she would put the soap in first.

Our house has four bedrooms, two of which are pretty useless since they are only like 9 by 10 feet. When we first moved in, I used the small bedroom on the first floor as my office. It's located in the oldest section of the house.

Our dog, Diesel, refused to come into my office, he would just sit in the doorway and whine until I came out. Very annoying. One day, he stood in the doorway, which was about five feet from where I was sitting at my desk. He looked up to the top of the door frame, got up on his hind legs,

lifted his front paws up, and started spinning around in circles. This is what he does when my husband makes him dance for a doggie treat. But I was the only one home and the dog was looking at and dancing for no one.

My husband's roll top desk was once located in the living room outside of my small office. On the top of his desk was a photo of me and two heavy glass vases with a grape leaf design on the outside of both.

My picture was even with the desk-top, facing the dining room and the kitchen, not tilted in either direction.



Vera Hogan

Every day I began noticing that the photo moved just a little bit to the right, and then again the next day a little bit further to the right. I thought I was imagining things and forgot about it until I looked over one day and the picture was facing straight into my little office. It had turned itself 45 degrees. It never happened again because my son grabbed the picture and relocated it to another room in the house.

Now to those vases. One Saturday morning, I decided to get some of the boxes we stored in the basement. I quite frankly forgot what was in them and was looking for something in particular.

I got them into the living room, sat on the floor and started opening them. Suddenly the smaller of the two vases on my husband's roll top came flying off and would have hit me in the head if I had not moved. I was at least six feet away. With no pun intended, I yelled "Knock it off!" and put the vase back.

I sat down and proceeded to look in the boxes again and the vase came flying at me again. OK, I get it, something doesn't want me going through boxes in the living room. I get it. I gave up the project and left the room. Those vases though were the next items to be packed away in storage.

Like I said, there could be logical explanations for all of this, but every now and then I snap my head to the side thinking something just "whooshed" by me in a flash ... or maybe not, it is that quick.

At the end of the day, I love my house and am willing to put up with a few harmless poltergeists — if that's what it is and not logical explanations.

FOOD KIT

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Giant internet retailer Amazon.com and Overstock.com also offer emergency food supply kits, as do many survival-type websites.

The concept of surviving an apocalyptic event is nothing new. As a young child several decades ago, you likely remember cowering under your desk with your hands over your head in a "duck and cover" drill.

Backyard bomb shelters were "the bomb" back in the early 1960s, built to protect families during the Cold War. Remember, too, all the computer software upgrades aimed

SUMMARY

■ Don't spend your "last days" cooking. Costco has emergency food kits that will last you and your family for one year and won't expire for 25 years.

at preventing the end of the world in a Y2K meltdown at the turn of the millennium in 2000.

One Costco customer who bought the \$999.99 kit (now out of stock) had one complaint, mentioned in an Oct. 1 article in the Detroit Free Press:

"One major issue is that there are no recipes in the kit," said one only partially satisfied customer.

Sounds like at least one buyer has a different view of what it means to be "pre-

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Flying high... with the plane not the pilot

■ Don't worry, incidents of drunken pilots are very rare

By Vera Hogan

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You may be ready for a stiff drink when you get on an airplane — but that doesn't mean your pilot should join you.

According to Quartz Media (qz.com), approximately one out of every 1,300 pilots attempt to fly while drunk.

Toward the end of 2016, two reports surfaced that likely resulted in a few worried travelers. Two commercial airline pilots, 8,400 miles from one another, were removed from their scheduled flights on suspicion of intoxication.

On New Year's Eve, Calgary police arrested a pilot for budget Canadian carrier Sunwing Airlines who was about to fly 99 passengers to Cancun, Mexico. The crew reported he was "behaving oddly" and passed out in the cockpit. Police allege his alcohol level was three times the legal limit, according to qz.com.

A few days earlier, a pilot for Indonesian carrier Citilink reportedly delivered slurred announcements while the plane, scheduled to travel from Surabaya to Jakarta was still on the ground. Footage later surfaced of him struggling to get through a security checkpoint. The airline fired the pilot and two of its executives resigned.

Incidents of drunken pilots are rare, especially considering there were 35 million scheduled flights in 2016.

In August 2016, however, two United Airlines pilots were arrested in Glasgow, Scotland airport on suspicion of drinking before a flight to Newark, New Jersey. In August 2015, a co-pilot for Latvian airline Air Baltic was sentenced to six months in prison after admitting to have indulged in whisky and beer.

In the United States, pilots are subject to a blood-alcohol limit of 0.04 percent, half the legal limit for drivers in many states. That's the same limit as for other critical jobs, such as air traffic controllers, ambulance drivers, and some ship captains.

But pilots aren't required to take a breathalyzer test before boarding their assigned plane each time. Instead, pilots are tested randomly or if there is reasonable suspicion. Of 13,149 tests on pilots



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Cabin crewmembers are encouraged to report any suspected intoxication of a pilot or other crewmember. Passengers can reach out to the cabin or airport's ground staff if they have any concerns.

for alcohol intoxication on commercial pilots in 2015, most of them random, only 10 failed, according to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

As alcohol affects the body long after it is consumed, the FAA also cautions hangover symptoms such as headache, stuffy nose, upset stomach and dizziness can also be impair a pilot. The FAA warns pilots that cold showers, drinking black coffee, or breathing 100 percent oxygen cannot speed up the elimination of alcohol from the body. The FAA also requires pilots to stop drinking at least eight hours before the flight, or "from bottle to throttle." The standard is also required in Canada and Europe.

Yet for all these protective measures, the main defense against a drunk pilot is the eyes and ears of crew as well as the passengers themselves.

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The FAA also operates a whistleblower program.

Pilot intoxication can bring criminal charges in the U.S., where pilots that try or succeed in flying drunk can face up to 15 years in prison.

The FAA says it doesn't have any planned changes to the current system to catch intoxicated pilots. It claims the numbers are extremely low and this nation's pilots take fitness to fly and professionalism very seriously.

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Although the city of Fenton does not have the authority to issue new liquor licenses, renew liquor licenses or transfer liquor licenses, officials believe the city is entitled to recover costs for inspection work performed by paid city employees.

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) has the responsibility of issuing actual liquor licenses. They do seek the opinions of the local elected body before issuing a license, renewal or transfer.

Fenton's attorney, Stephen Schultz, said in order to make meaningful comments to the MLCC, the city must first conduct a reasonable investigation to make sure that license holders are the appropriate folks to hold a license in the city and to make sure that existing licensees abide by city standards.

"It seems reasonable that licensees should bear the cost of such inspections since they have the benefit of being a license holder," Schultz said.

If the city's liquor license application fee schedule is approved, the fee would be over and above what the applicant pays to the state of Michigan for a liquor license application. Although the state's fee schedule varies according to the nature and type of license, the cost to apply for a new Class C liquor license, for example, is \$600, plus a \$70 inspection fee. The annual renewal fee also is \$600.

Fenton City Councilman Dave McDermott said, "Currently, we charge \$150 for the annual inspection and renewal, so it's a slight increase to \$250 to help cover our additional costs.

"The 'new fees' are for a new license or transfer of a license (\$1,000 and \$750). This cost is directly attributed to the significant amount of time it takes our city staff to process these requests," he said. "Kind of like a building permit or tap-in fees for new construction. These fees are only incurred once, and only if a business owner pursues a Class C license."

However, David Harns, public information officer for the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs said, "Local governmental units already

receive 55 percent of all license fees paid to the MLCC, by law. So of that \$600 fee paid by a Class C licensee at renewal, the city already receives \$330 of it. That is the specific intent of the law."

Schultz said last week, "While it does not seek out the local municipality's opinion, it does wait to see what the municipality offers as a comment, which the MLCC is then required to consider."

Schultz's comment was disputed by the MLCC when a public relations officer read the

Times article online on Oct. 4. According to Harns, "It is important to note that we definitely, pro-actively seek out the local municipality's opinion. That's why we send out the notice, as required by law, to make the local governmental unit aware of the application and to offer them the opportunity to give their opinion."

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Poplar Street work causes back up



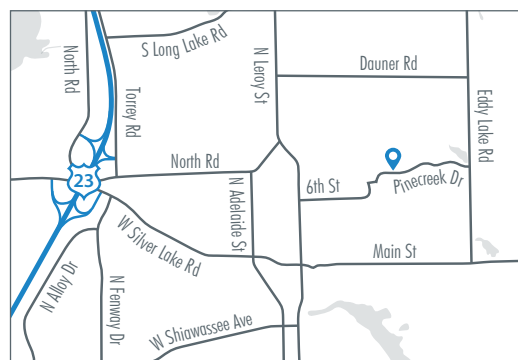
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Traffic is backed up on westbound Silver Lake Road, due to Poplar Street construction on Wednesday, Oct. 4. Vehicles waited for as long as 10 minutes as construction vehicles blocked the roadway, only allowing one lane of traffic to pass. The project is expected to be completed in mid November.

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Lake Fenton XC teams post strong efforts at GAC meet

By David Troppens

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The Lake Fenton varsity girls cross country team is progressing. Anyone wanting proof only has to look at what the Blue Devils did in the second Genesee Area Confer-

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Lake Fenton's Eric Niestroy (left) and Tommy Hufton have led the boys cross country team this fall.

ence jamboree at Corunna High School on Tuesday.

The Lake Fenton girls placed third at the event, three positions better than the Blue Devils did in the first jamboree. The Lake Fenton boys also placed third, maintaining the team's position from the first GAC jamboree.

The Lake Fenton girls were the main story. After scoring 134 team points at the first meet, the Blue Devils cut their point total to just 93 points beating three squads — Corunna, New Lothrop and Montrose — that

beat Lake Fenton in the first meet.

The girls earned their improvement by getting their entire top seven within the top 36 places.

Freshman Aubrey Fray led the squad by taking 12th (22:08.98), followed by sophomore Mia Zaitshik (22:58.86). Those were the only two Lake Fenton runners who finished in the top 20, but the next three weren't too far behind that placing, all finishing within four positions of each other.

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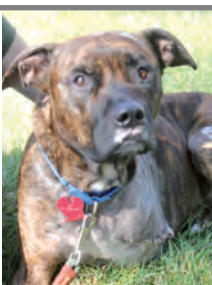
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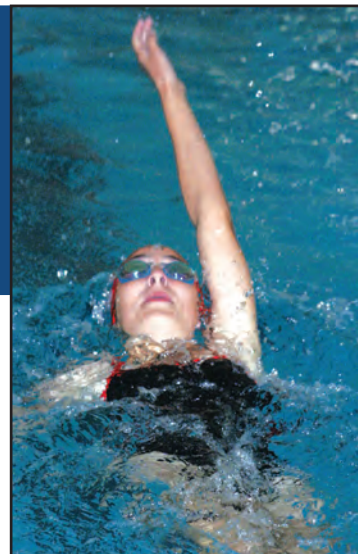
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Holly's Lauren Costigan competes in the 200-yard individual medley on Tuesday.

Young Bronchos continuing to learn, improve

By David Troppens

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Holly — Rachel Gardner has enjoyed her first season with the Holly varsity girls swim team.

The first-year varsity girls swim coach took over the position from her sister, Danielle Gray, and has been enjoying learning the team as the season has progressed.

The Bronchos hosted a dual swim meet with non-league Milford on Tuesday and experienced several personal-best times in a 136-47 loss.

Holly's squad is a young one. Among the team's 19 performers, six are freshmen and another

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Tigers win a thriller vs. Holly Bronchos

By David Troppens

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Holly — Fenton was struggling.

The Tigers seemingly couldn't do anything right. Fenton's varsity volleyball squad was having issues with hitting errors, poor passes and violations for nearly three sets against the upstart Holly Bronchos, and it looked like the Tigers were about to lose to Holly while trailing 21-18 in the third set after back-to-back service errors and hitting errors.

However, that's when the Tigers began looking like two-time defending Metro League champions once again.

Fenton found a way to stave off three set points in the third

set and then bounced back to win the final two sets, earning a thrilling 18-25, 22-25, 28-26, 25-22, 15-6 Metro League victory in a Metro match that was a battle of the two top teams in the standings. With the win, the Tigers remained in first place alone with a perfect 6-0 league mark.

"It was amazing knowing we could come back as a team and work together. It was awesome," Fenton junior Chloe McKenzie said. "It was so cool. I don't know if we've ever had a game like that. We learned not to give up. No matter what happens, we can always come back."

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Fenton's Delaney Miesch (left) attempts a kill against Holly's Kennedy Hogan in the Tigers' five-set win against the Bronchos.

Tigers defeat Dragons, have outside shot at winning title

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity boys soccer team had to spend most of this season creating a new identity for themselves.

That makes sense considering last year's senior-dominated squad led the program to its first-ever Division 2 state semifinal contest. This season's team had to learn its way with a dynamic new group of leaders.

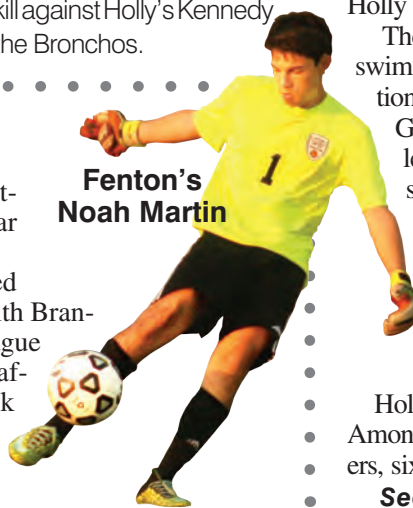
The Tigers had to do this while playing non-league road games against state-powers Detroit Country Day, Birmingham Brother Rice and Cranbrook-Kingswood in August. It resulted in a tough 1-5 start to the season.

However, as the season has progressed, the Tigers have gotten better and better. And now, with a little bit of luck, the Tigers have an outside chance

of defending their co-Metro League title from a year ago.

Fenton (6-1-1) moved into a tie for first place with Brandon in the Metro League standings with 19 points after defeating Swartz Creek 1-0 on Wednesday.

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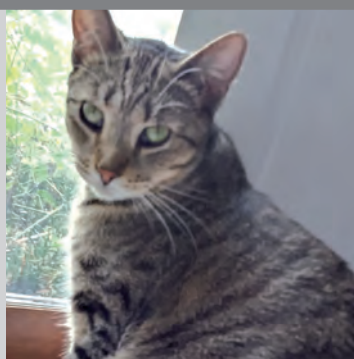
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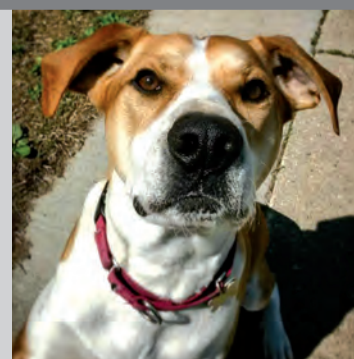


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Eagles improving, defeat Swartz Creek

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The Linden varsity volleyball team was on a little lull during the start of the Metro League season.

The Eagles, who are rebuilding after losing many seniors from last year's second-place squad, lost three of its first four league matches, dropping the squad below .500.

However, the Eagles are starting to put it back together again. After beating Kearsley soundly about a week ago, the Eagles earned their second straight 3-0 sweep of a Metro foe on Tuesday, defeating Swartz Creek. The Eagles won the match 25-16, 25-13, 25-22.

"Overall, we had a great match," Linden var-

sity volleyball coach Cori Mason said.

"I feel like we finally clicked again. We played solid defense all the way around and Alli (Conly) and Lauren (O'Brien) were dominant offensively for us. We also served well."

Conly was deadly efficient from the service line, serving 15-for-15 with face aces. She also paced the offense with 10 kills. O'Brien helped compliment the offense with six kills. Defensively, Conly also had a strong game, leading the Eagles (3-3, 13-12-3) with 15 digs. Cayla Turner and Lauren Buerkel had six digs each.

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Linden's Allison Conly makes a dig during a recent contest. Linden defeated Swartz Creek on Tuesday.

Bronchos have their moment, earn 1-1 draw against Blackhawks

By David Troppens
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It's been a tough season for the Holly varsity boys soccer team.

The squad's roster numbers have been low, usually not counting more than 14 individuals if everyone on the varsity team is healthy. That has made it tough to win games and keep the squad's confidence high at times this fall.

However, the Bronchos earned some much-needed confidence in one of their best games of the season on Wednesday. Holly did something no one in the Metro League has been able to do this season so far — keep the Brandon Blackhawks from winning a soccer game — earning a 1-1 tie at Brandon High School.

"The draw tonight against state-ranked Brandon shows the Bronchos' overall team improvement," Holly varsity coach Mark Diskin said. "It reminded (me) of our 0-0 draw against Cranbrook in 2015 which put the Holly soccer program on the map."

The Bronchos (2-1-4 in the Metro) packed in their defense in the first half, making it tough for Brandon's potent



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Holly's Justin Moulton (right) makes a save during a past game. Moulton helped lead the Bronchos to a 1-1 tie against Brandon on Wednesday.

offense to get off many scoring chances while the Bronchos patiently waited for their occasional scoring chances probably in transition. The plan worked to perfection during the first 40 minutes. Not only did Holly keeper Justin Moulton make every save possible during the first half, but any shot he was able to hold after the save, his defense cleaned up the rebound.

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LF's middle school XC team takes first at GAC event

By David Troppens
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The Lake Fenton varsity high school cross country program had both of their varsity teams finish third at Tuesday's Genesee Area Conference jamboree held at Corunna High School.

But those weren't the best performances of area teams

at the event. That honor was earned by the Lake Fenton's middle school squad.

The Lake Fenton girls placed first at the two-mile second jamboree, beating out second-place Goodrich by a 43-51 margin. Meanwhile, the Lake Fenton boys placed fourth in its event with 80 points, just four points behind

third-place Corunna.

The Lake Fenton girls earned their performance with a strong pack, earning six runners among the top 20.

Sixth-grader Emerson Baker was Lake Fenton's top performer, finishing second in 13:09.93.

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four are sophomores. Gardner has been pleased with the team's gradual progress since the start of the season.

"I thought the girls performed pretty well and have gained a lot of confidence since the beginning of the season," Gardner said. "I've had a blast coaching these girls; they make it fun and remind me of all the things I've missed about swim. I'm excited to see what they'll pull off at FMLs."

The Bronchos are young, but they do have some solid seniors helping lead the team. One is Kelly Sky, who posted the Bronchos' sole first-place performance against the Lady Mavericks. She won the 100 breaststroke (1:23.32). In fact,



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Holly's Hannah Ehrhardt competes in a freestyle event during the Bronchos meet with Milford.

the Bronchos went 1-2 in the event with sophomore Becca Costigan placing second (1:25.56). Sky also had a strong showing in the 100 butterfly, taking third place in 1:22.47. The Bronchos had a few other top-three individual performers.

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GIRLS GOLF

► **Avondale 183, Holly 192:** The Bronchos posted their lowest nine-hole round of the season at Heather Highlands against Avondale with Kate Brown leading the way with a 45. Megan McReynolds shot a 46 while Emma Murton shot a 47. Taylor Vince carded a 54.
► **Holly JV 146, Kearsley JV 156:** The Bronchos concluded the JV season, winning a scramble format match against Kearsley. The members of Holly's winning team included Lexie Curtis, Amanda Trubiano, Jayden Szewc, Mariah Nevala, Maya Varela, Ashleigh Carroll and Gabbi St. Andre.

BOYS SOCCER

► **Powers 5, Fenton 1:** Matt Sullivan scored Fenton's sole goal off an assist from Chase Poulson. Noah Martin, Joe Loria and Draiden Jimenez-Hancock shared time in goal, combining to make 12 saves. Fenton is 7-7-3.
► **Goodrich 4, Linden 2:** Lewis Walterhouse and Koby Hall scored the Eagles' goals while David Fowler and Julian Shier recorded assists.
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► **Linden freshmen 28, Brandon 0:** The Eagles played their best game of the season, scoring points in every quarter against the Blackhawks.

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