

Business booming throughout the tri-county area

■ Dozens of new retailers, offices and restaurants

By Sally Rummel

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The tri-county area is growing, with many start-up businesses and expansion projects in the works.

Each of these small businesses will

employ fewer than 100 people, but will contribute mightily to the local economy — providing jobs, driving consumer spending and adding income tax dollars to our local municipalities.

Here are some upcoming projects in Fenton, Linden and Holly that you'll be hearing more about in coming weeks and months:

See **BUSINESS on 15A**

Silver Lake Crossings

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Akl to stand trial for murder

■ Judge finds him competent after three psychiatric exams

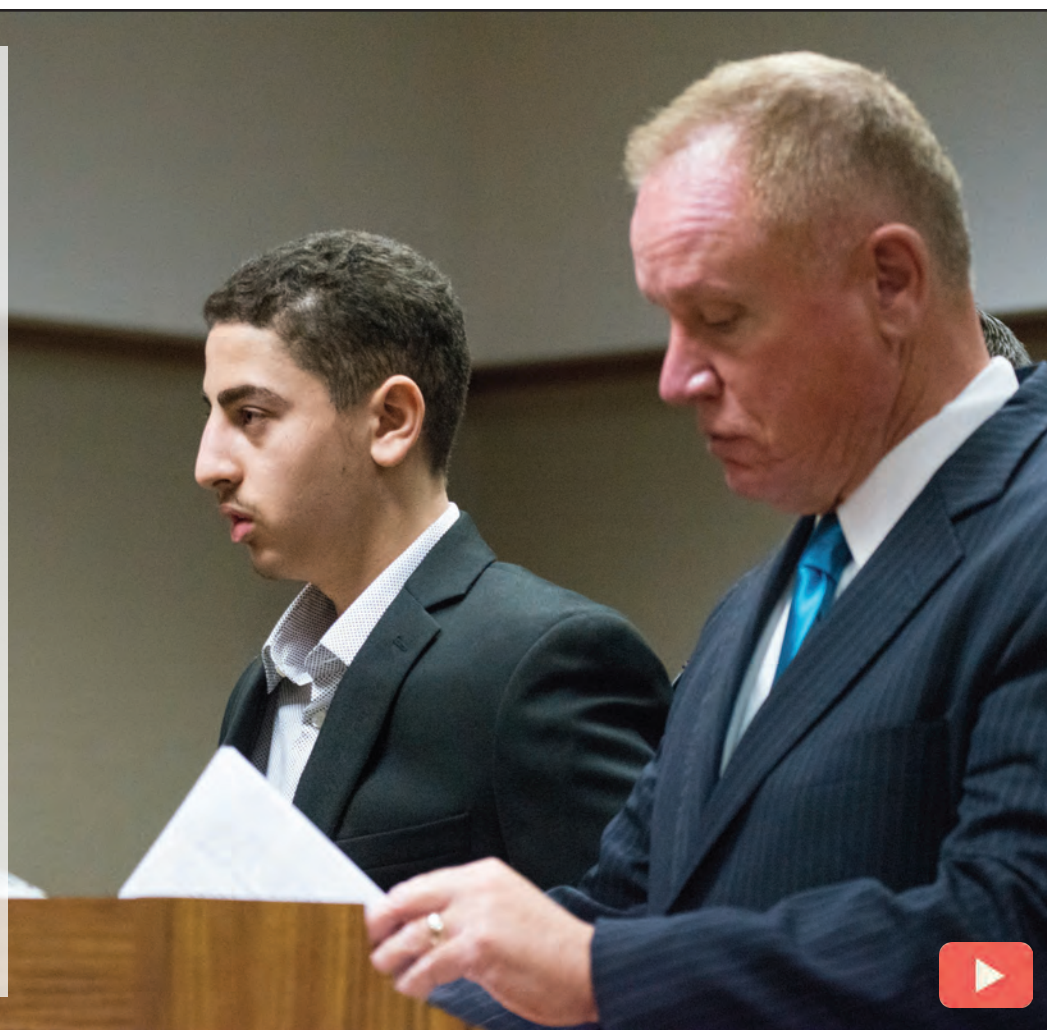
By Tim Jagielo

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Flint — Abdurrahman (Abdu) Ahmed Akl, 16, was found competent to stand trial for the March 4, 2017 shooting death of his friend, Brady Alan Morris, 18, who had been living at the Akl home for a short time.

This was determined at the competency results hearing on Wednesday, Oct. 18, in Judge Mark McCabe's courtroom, and the result of three separate forensic exams for Akl.

See **TRIAL on 10A**



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On Wednesday, Oct. 18, Abdurrahman Ahmed Akl, 16, of Fenton Township, was found competent to stand trial for the March 4 shooting death of his friend Brady Alan Morris, 18. Akl is represented in court by defense attorney Frank Manley.

Area police assist with human trafficking crackdown

■ Twelve Michigan children rescued, eight pimps arrested

On Wednesday, Oct. 18, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) announced results of its Operation Cross Country XI (OCCXI) underage sex trafficking crackdown, which led to the recovery of 84 minors.

Area police departments involved with the operation included Grand Blanc, Flint Township and Flint City.

The FBI, along with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), announced that 84 minors were recovered and 120 traffickers were arrested as part of OCCXI, a nationwide effort focusing on underage human trafficking that ran from Oct. 12-15.

See **CRACKDOWN on 16A**

Fenton mayor facing two challengers

■ City councilwoman and newcomer look to unseat incumbent Sue Osborn

By Vera Hogan

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There will be three names on the November ballot for mayor of the city of Fenton. Mayor Sue Osborn is being

challenged by Councilwoman Cherie Smith and newcomer Kurt Wilkinson.

They were asked the same two questions, which are: 1) What do you think are the mayor's most important responsibilities? 2) Going forward, what is the city's most critical issue and what will you do, if elected, to help resolve that issue?

See **MAYOR on 18A**

Charter Amendment vote asks to triple millage life

■ Yes vote in November could mean tax on \$150,000 home would increase by \$900 per year for up to 10 years

By Vera Hogan

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Fenton City officials continue to say there is only one way to get the city streets

fixed, and that is if voters approve a city-wide millage.

A wrinkle in that plan was revealed in July, when City Manager Lynn Markland announced that he wants a 10-year levy to fix roads, but the city charter only allows increases for a maximum period of three years.

See **MILLAGE on 21A**

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“The amount of money that Harvey Weinstein gave to the Clintons and the Obamas and other top ranking Democrats reaches into the millions. What he couldn't give them, the Democrats, was what they truly needed, ethics, morals and values.”



“When people write into the Hot lines about not liking certain things, just keep in mind that the Times is probably the only paper that truly understands the first amendment simply by having the Hot lines and allowing people to speak their opinion and for others to disagree.”



“Cities, schools and other municipal entities should do what we do when money is needed — cut back on expenses and staff. They have become addicted to the easy route of just adding more taxation to already criminally over-taxed citizens through millages. Stop this predatory practice by voting no, as in 'NO MORE TAXES.'”



COMMENT
OF THE WEEK

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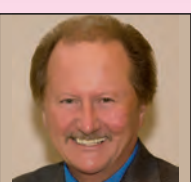
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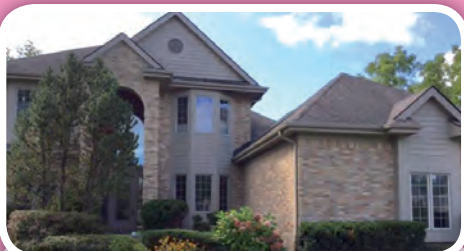
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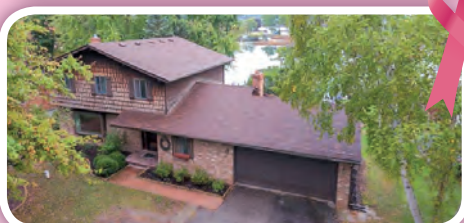
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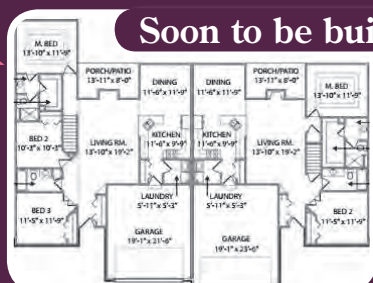
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New On Market

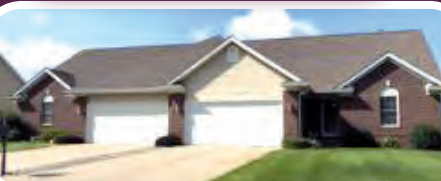


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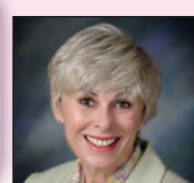
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Are your kids safe at daycare?

■ Licensed daycare centers receive oversight from state, inspected annually

By Tim Jagielo

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Linden — Upon entering the Linden Child Development Center, aside from children and toys everywhere, you'll notice that all the doors are pinch-proof. A strip of white plastic covers the gap between the doorframe and hinge-side of the door.

"That's a new regulation for 2017," said Jennifer LaDrew, director of the center. While visitors must buzz in before being allowed into the building, a security system, however, is not a requirement.

The good news is that LaDrew, in her 22 years in the industry has never experienced an attempted kidnapping or pinched fingers in a door.

Other regulations are designed to keep children safe from predators.

A Linden home daycare business was shut down on multiple violations in June. Recently, Douglas Walsh, 60, husband of the business owner, was arraigned on four counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct of two victims under the age of 13.

"We do three things before we even bring them (potential employees) inside the building," said LaDrew.

Potential employees must supply an Internet Criminal History Access Tool (ICHAT) report.

Secondly, applicants must be cleared to work with children through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and deliver a clearance letter from Genesee County Children's Services, based on the child abuse and neglect registry.

The third requirement is testing for Tuberculosis (TB).

"Those three things they need immediately before even thinking about coming to work for us," said LaDrew.

These items are required for their licensing through the state of Michigan.

“We do three things before we even bring them (potential employees) inside the building.”

Jennifer LaDrew
Linden Child Development
Center director



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Alyssa Arbour, an assistant teacher at Linden Child Development Center, works with 2-year-old Jameson Moss during playground time. All employees are trained in CPR and blood borne pathogens.

They also vet applicants' references thoroughly.

So are children safe in local daycare facilities? "Absolutely," said LaDrew.

All center-based (not home) daycares have the same set of rules from the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS), Bureau of Children and Adult Licensing.

The DHS inspects these centers annually, observing classrooms and checking everything. LaDrew's center was just re-certified in August.

Many daycare centers aren't just a place to stash your children all

day — many employ teachers and have curriculums.

LaDrew's business, as well as Fenton Montessori employ teachers and put an emphasis on learning, in addition to safely housing and feeding children during the day. They both have the same long set of regulations.

Caryn Stevens is the Fenton Montessori Academy director. Her center hosts



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Children play on equipment during open playtime at Linden Child Development Center. The children's days are structured around learning and play time.

approximately 100 children each day, ranging from infants to 5-year-olds.

Some very important requirements have to do with ratios. For example, there must be one adult per four infants, one adult per 10 children of pre-school age. "Ratios are very important," said Stevens.

At the moment, LaDrew can have up to 45 children at her daycare. If she wants to have 65, she'll need to install another sink, bringing the total sinks to three.

See DAYCARE on 20A

Lifetime movie 'Flint' tells story of water crisis

■ **Airs next Saturday**

By Sharon Stone

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"Flint," starring Queen Latifa, which premieres Saturday, Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. locally on the Lifetime channel, is the retelling of the unresolved water crisis in Flint. It was filmed in Toronto, Canada, and executive producers included Cher, Katie Couric and Neil Meron.

Inspired by a Time magazine cover story, "The Toxic Trap," the film follows the true stories of three women from Flint, whose justice pursuit following the lead-laden water crisis sparked a national movement for safe drinking water. Cher was initially set to play a semi-fact-based Flint resident (a composite character created specifically for her), but dropped out of the project in March after reports that her mother was sick.

According to Lifetime, LeeAnne Walters (Betsy Brandt, "Breaking Bad"), Melissa Mays (Marin Ireland, "Sneaky Pete") and Nayyirah Shariff (Jill Scott, "Steel Magnolias") join forces after discovering that the

See 'FLINT' on 16A



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Actress and executive producer of the Lifetime movie, "Flint," Queen Latifa portrays a Flint resident who fights to expose lead-poisoned water.

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Does the future have to be grim?

I just watched “Blade Runner 2049” and loved it. But I have a question: Why are almost all movies about the future relentlessly grim (movie critics prefer the word “dystopian” because movie critics like you to think they’re smart by using big words when little words will do, but to save you from looking it up, dystopian more or less means grim)?

Moviemakers seem to all agree that any or all of the following is bound to happen:

A) We’ll destroy the environment — and not just some of it, all of it — thereby causing our demise via floods, storms, starvation, polar cold, giant monsters from Japan or all of the above, all at the same time. (That’s the sci-fi movie I want to see.)

B) We’ll nuke ourselves to oblivion. This is the likeliest scenario for mass destruction on this list but even if we used every missile we’ve got, it seems likely to me that a lot of people would still survive, life would go on, and eventually we’d recover to a degree. (That sounds hopeful, and maybe it is. So, yes, I’d make a lousy scriptwriter.)

C) Robots will take over. Maybe someday, but right now all I know is the Roomba I have is stymied by a sock. And when I recently asked Siri what I should be for Halloween, she said (and I’m not joking), “Put on a tiny hat and go as a breve.” I didn’t know what a breve is so I looked it up. A breve is “a musical note having the time value of two semibreves or whole notes.” Um, OK. Thinking she didn’t understand me, I asked again. She said, “Plankton.”

D) Our widespread use of hand sanitizer will cause super diseases that will turn most of us into zombies. Just my luck, I’ll be one of those who stays human and I’ll have to spend the rest of my life stabbing zombies/former neighbors in the head with trowels,

which is messy and most definitely would require the use of even more hand sanitizer.

E) Clothing will suck in the future. Apparently we’ll all be wearing either Spandex jumpsuits (better get busy on those crunches) or monk robes, which I’m not happy about. If there are no jeans or baseball caps in the future, I’ll be happy to have a zombie suck out my brains. If Blade Runner is any indication, clothes in the future will also be ceaselessly drab, meaning fashion designers clearly aren’t going to survive whatever hits us.

F) We’ll all be enslaved by a soulless, all-powerful despot, like Bill Gates. Or maybe Oprah.

G) Aliens will invade and wipe us all out so they can steal Earth’s resources. (Unless of course those resources are all wiped out by a, b, c, or d first. My question is if aliens are smart enough to get all the way here, wouldn’t they be smart enough to manage their own resources so they don’t run out? And why are aliens ceaselessly hostile? With all the planets in the universe, don’t you think there are at least a few inhabited by the Earth-equivalent of hippies?)

I doubt any of this will really happen, by the way. But if it does, don’t worry. Thor, Iron Man and Capt. America will save us. They always do.

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IT HAS BEEN 11 months since President Trump was elected. Don’t you think it is time to quit publishing the negative comments about him? Our country is so divided that as long as you allow people to write such negative comments, we will not recover. Please consider stopping all the negativity.

SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS pleading for bus drivers. Administrators make over \$135,000 a year, bus drivers make over \$15,000 a year. Bus drivers responsible for the safety directly of a 100 some kids a day.

WE NEED OUR roads improved in order to support a robust business environment in Fenton. If not, many of these businesses could close their doors.

HEY HARBAUGH, TWO free trips to Europe and meeting the pope on vacation is really nice but seems like all of your competitors were working out, studying, and training to get ready. How is that score treating you now Jim?

HEY WOLVERINE FANS, where are you hiding? All this talk about beating up on MSU and you lose to them at your field? That is the difference — Harbaugh talks and Dantonio delivers wins.

NICE ARTICLE ABOUT CPLs and firearms, but it only scratched the service. Couple questions come to mind. Of all

shootings by city what percentage are accidental discharge? Also, what percentage of shootings are committed by CPL holders? And then last question, what percentage of shootings occur with non-owned or stolen firearms?

YEAH, 25 YEARS ago when she was an unknown actress, and she’d get up there and scream about Weinstein molesting and raping her, a man who had all kinds of power and prestige, that’d be a smart move wouldn’t it? We probably never would have heard of Meryl Streep.

JUST A REMINDER with Veterans Day just about a month away, everybody join the other NFL, National Flag Lovers, put up a mount, raise your flag and remember to fly it on Veterans Day.

STATISTICS ARE LIKE politicians, you can get them to say anything you want to support your own perspective, but I don’t hear a lot about terrible gun crimes in Brighton, Howell or Pinckney. Gun crimes are committed not by guns, but criminals.

WE VISITED THE new arena last week and I can’t say that I’m very impressed. I hope no one falls down those steep steps while carrying a big-ticket brewsky back to their seat.

WOW DID SOMEBODY hit the nail on the head this time. Somebody get the original Franks Tavern fish and chips recipes. I agree with you.

AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT crashed into a family and killed the husband and two beautiful young children. This immigrant had been deported and yet made his way back to the United States. Thanks to the Democrats who work hard to defend these illegal criminals.

I WOULD LIKE to know what the position of every candidate running for Fenton council and mayor is regarding the proposed 10 year millage extension on the ballot. Please let the voters know Times.

I AGREE WITH the fertilizer, airplane and cars Hot line and would like to add more people are killed by hammers and blunt objects every year than guns. Should we outlaw hammers?

YOU THINK PEOPLE that are upset about NFL players taking a knee are unintelligent. What they think they are doing is one thing, what they are actually doing is disrespecting our flag and yes that is upsetting.

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If you had a chance to change careers, what would you choose?

streettalk



“I wouldn’t change anything. I was in law enforcement for 42 years, in two different departments.”

— **John Stevenson**
Tyrone Township



“I’m an RN. I would do medical research. I have lupus, and there needs to be more medical research on autoimmune disease.”

— **Becky Young**
Fenton



“I retired from wealth management. I would have gone into functional medicine; they treat with diet instead of pills.”

— **Diane Alexander**
Argentine Township



“I retired from being a skilled trades supervisor. I liked what I was doing, but I could have owned a gas station.”

— **Jerry Haddad**
Fenton



“I would be a physical therapist. I’m a classified inside sales consultant and a personal trainer.”

— **Kathleen Smith**
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By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

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Owen Road clean up following crash



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

The Fenton Fire Department handles a crash on Owen Road on Monday, Oct. 16. The department responded to two crashes that involved environmental clean-ups at almost the same time that morning.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I'M GLAD TO see somebody finally wants to restore an old historical landmark instead of just tearing it down. You can't replace the quality of the building.

FIVE REQUESTS TO renew permits to operate a gun sale business from residences. I had no idea how popular this type of home business is now. Your next-door neighbor could have a basement full of firearms. Am I the only one concerned?

WHAT FENTON REALLY needs is more

restaurants that deliver, something other than just pizza chains. A side benefit is that it would add some jobs.

HAIL TO THE Chief. Dow Jones Industrial average is up 55 percent since Trump took office. Check out your 401k. In eight years of Obama, it went up 16 percent. MAGA!

THE PURPOSE OF government is to protect our borders and to promote trade. Why are our military forces not deployed along the border to stop the invasion of our country by invading immigrants?

WELL, ISN'T THAT ironic? All the Democrats and mainstream media talked about and insisted was how Russia colluded with the Trump campaign when it turns out that there is now official evidence that Russia did collude, however, it was with former President Obama and the Clintons.

WHERE CAN THE plastic sleeves, that newspapers are delivered in, be recycled?

FOOTBALL IS A game of gladiators; very similar to the ancient gladiators in the Roman Coliseum where they fought to the death just for sport.

DO YOU EVEN know what an 'assault' rifle is other than it looks 'scary'? With a couple of hundred dollars you can turn a Ruger 10/22 into an 'assault' rifle. The only weapon I would call an assault rifle is a full auto military weapon. Citizens cannot buy them.

WHAT FOOLS WOULD ever vote to increase the life of predatory millages by an additional seven years? Get out and vote.

WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following is what you missed in the **Wednesday, Oct. 18, Midweek Edition** of the Tri-County Times. To subscribe and receive both the Sunday Weekend and Wednesday Midweek editions, please call (810) 629-8282

Horizon Building on budget, on schedule

The new building under construction at S. LeRoy Street and Silver Lake Road will be ready for new tenants next summer.

Boat accident victim was 'father figure' to many

Mark Elmer, who died as a result of an accident on Lake Fenton, is remembered by family and friends.

DNR wants to know about dead deer

Could have died due to EHD, a fatal viral disease.



Tri-county fundraisers

'STRIKES FOR TYKES' FUNDRAISER ON NOV. 10

Fenton-based charity, Delivering Hope is hosting its "Strikes for Tykes" bowling fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Holly Lanes. The cost for two hours of bowling is \$20 per bowler or \$90 for a team of five, which includes shoes, pizza, and pop. The event will also feature a 50/50 drawing, basket raffle, and games/prizes. "All funds raised from Strikes for Tykes will be used to provide food assistance, books, and school supplies to Fenton and Linden children in need," said Delivering Hope founder, Kristen Sobanski. "This is a great way for people to invest in local kids while also enjoying a fun-filled night of bowling." Pre-sale tickets can be found at deliveringhopeforkids.org or contacting kristen@deliveringhopeforkids.com. Sobanski said the Kiwanis Club of Linden, along with more than 20 other local businesses and organizations are supporting Strikes for Tykes.

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John Wentworth and Patrick Widing are two of the judges for the Fenton Shark Tank contest being held on Oct. 24 at The Freedom Center.

'Shark Tank' event coming to Fenton

■ Watch local entrepreneurs present their business ideas

By Hannah Ball

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Have you ever wondered what it would be like to present a business idea to a group of successful entrepreneurs, like on the popular TV show "Shark Tank?" You can experience what that's like on Oct. 24 at Fenton Shark Tank in The Freedom Center, from 5:30 to 9 p.m., where people ages 15 to 30 in Genesee County can present a small business or start-up idea to local entrepreneurs.

People chosen to participate will have four to five minutes to present their pitch. The entrepreneurs will act as judges and pick a winner.

The winner will receive a cash prize and an invitation to be honored at an entrepreneur's breakfast. Winners will be chosen from both high school and post high school age groups. Winners will receive \$1,000, and then proceeds from ticket sales.

JD Wiegand, founder and director of Fenton Challenge, formed the idea in April after having a breakfast with entrepreneurs.

"We personally believed that by doing this, we would be nurturing the future leaders of Genesee County and have a major hand in forming what the future of business would look like."

JD Wiegand

Fenton Challenge founder and director

"One of the members asked what the ultimate goal was and what we were going to accomplish over the next year, so I decided to ask the group 'what would you guys like to do?' Ultimately we decided, as a group, that hosting the Fenton Shark Tank was what we wanted to do," he said.

"All of us began piecing the event together in order to help spark an interest in entrepreneurialism in the younger generation of 15- to 30-year-olds. We personally believed that by doing this, we would be nurturing the future leaders of Genesee County and have a major hand in forming what the future of business would look like."

Admission is \$25 at the door and discounted tickets are available online. Attendees can enjoy hors d'oeuvres by local restaurants. Submissions to enter the contest are closed, but the public is invited to watch the event.

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It's all about friendship and making memories

■ Lake Fenton senior invites classmate with autism to 'tackle' homecoming together

By Sally Rummel

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A homecoming dance just may have changed the life of one young man with autism, while everyone else at Lake Fenton High School learned their own lessons about kindness and inclusion.

Senior Addie Smith, 17, didn't have a particular date in mind for last weekend's Lake Fenton homecoming at Spring Meadows Country Club. But two weeks before the dance, she thought of a family friend, Teddy Woodworth, 16, a special education student in her school, and decided she would ask him to be her date.

Addie has known the Woodworth family for years and often took care of Teddy and his brother, Timmy, 12, who also has autism, while their dad was at work. Her mother, Jill Worden, is engaged to Teddy's uncle.

"Since it was my senior year, I knew he wouldn't have another chance to go," said Addie. "I knew it would make him happy and would be something he'd always remember."

She spoke with Teddy's father, Tim Woodworth and teacher, Judy Green, to see what they thought about the idea,



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Lake Fenton High School senior Addie Smith and her homecoming date, Teddy Woodworth, adjust her wrist corsage before heading to the homecoming dance.

"I knew it would make him happy and would be something he'd always remember."

Addie Smith
Lake Fenton High School senior

and they were very supportive. "It's good for him to get out and socialize," Green said. "For him to go to a dance is a big thing."

Addie then designed a football-themed poster, his favorite sport, with the words, "Will you tackle homecoming with me?" to

present to him along with a football. Several dozen classmates accompanied her to his classroom where she formally invited Teddy to the dance.

Excitedly, he said "Yes!" and the twosome began to make their evening plans. Flowers were ordered and pictures were taken while proud family members watched the evening unfold.

The couple dined on cheeseburgers and fries at McDonald's, Teddy's favorite restaurant, before meeting friends at Spring Meadows.

Teddy and Addie lasted 45 minutes on the dance floor before the loud music took its toll on Teddy — a common sensitivity for people with autism. The couple returned home, and Addie went back and joined her friends later for post-homecoming plans.

"He had a fantastic time," said Tim Woodworth, who shares parenting time with Teddy's mother, Camila Woodworth. "It was just a big experience for him. He talks about it every day. In fact, dozens of times a day he'll say, 'I had a great time with Addie!'"

For Woodworth, it was the first night Teddy wasn't with either him or his mother. "I was dumbfounded by the way he carried himself," said Woodworth. "He was over the top. I don't even have any words to describe it."

Addie has always had a heart for kids with special needs and hopes to make a future career in this field. But in the meantime, it was all just about one dance, two friends, and memories made.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■ ■ ■
JUST GOT MY absentee ballot. I am a college graduate and my wife is a former GM accountant and as to the tax millage proposal, neither one of us has any idea of what they are yakking about. That is all I have to say on this matter.

■ ■ ■
CONCERNING THE DEER EHD disease, I had a deer float up in my pond one month ago. Calling the DNR was a nightmare to get someone on the phone. Finally, a biologist called me back and told me they have already found them in my area and they didn't need to come out. Found another in my woods today in Argentine Township.

■ ■ ■
TO THE TWO people who compared President Trump to Harvey Weinstein. It truly amazes me the trash that we have in this country that will talk about our President in that way. Tell me, when the truth came out about Bill Clinton did your mouths run then, too, or did you just shut up?

■ ■ ■
AMERICA WAS NOT discovered by Amerigo Vespucci. His trip to the New World came several years after Columbus. Columbus actually discovered the Bahamas. Lief Erickson most likely discovered America several centuries before Columbus.

■ ■ ■
JUST BECAUSE YOU put it in the recycling bin doesn't make it recyclable. I've seen shoes, garbage bags, art canvases, and Styrofoam, to name a few. Also, please flatten your boxes, You can do better, Rose Township.

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TODAY WE LIVE in an apologetic society. I am a Christian and an American. I will not apologize for either. I will kneel to God and I will stand tall and proud for my country.

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LOOKING BACK *at this week in* NATIONAL HISTORY

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OCT. 22

1965: President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Highway Beautification Act, which attempts to limit billboards and other forms of outdoor advertising, as well as with junkyards and other unsightly roadside messes, along America's interstate highways. The act also encouraged "scenic enhancement" by funding local efforts to clean up and landscape the green spaces on either side of the roadways.

OCT. 23

2002: About 50 Chechen rebels storm a Moscow theater, taking up to 700 people hostage during a sold-out performance of a popular musical. The second act of the musical "Nord Ost" was just beginning at the Moscow Ball-Bearing Plant's Palace

of Culture when an armed man walked onstage and fired a machine gun into the air. The terrorists had one demand, that Russian military forces begin an immediate and complete withdrawal from Chechnya, the war-torn region located north of the Caucasus Mountains.

OCT. 24

1901: A 63-year-old school teacher named Annie Edson Taylor becomes the first person to take the plunge over Niagara Falls in a barrel. After her husband died in the Civil War, the New York-born Taylor moved all over the U. S. before settling in Bay City, Michigan, around 1898. In July 1901, while reading an article about the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, she learned of the growing popularity of two enormous waterfalls located on the border of upstate New York and Canada. Strapped for cash and seeking fame, Taylor came up with the perfect attention-getting stunt. She would go over Niagara Falls in a barrel. She survived.

OCT. 25

1881: Pablo Picasso, one of the greatest and most influential artists of the 20th century, is born in Malaga,

Spain. Picasso's father was a professor of drawing, and he bred his son for a career in academic art. Picasso had his first exhibit at age 13 and later quit art school so he could experiment full-time with modern art styles.

OCT. 26

1948: Betty Ferreri kills her husband, Jerry, in their Los Angeles, California, home with the help of house caretaker Alan Adron. When Jerry, a notorious womanizer, brought a young model to the couple's home in the upscale Hancock Park neighborhood, Betty became upset and threatened him with a large wrench. Although Jerry fled, Betty was worried that he would return in a violent state, so she asked for Adron's assistance. When Jerry later returned, he began dragging Betty by her hair. Adron shot him twice, but the gun jammed before he was dead, so Betty finished him off with a meat cleaver, striking him in the head 23 times.

OCT. 27

2006: The last Ford Taurus rolls off the assembly line in Hapeville, Georgia. The keys to the silver car went to 85-year-old Truett Cathy, the founder of the Chick-fil-A fast-food franchise, who took it straight to his company's headquarters in Atlanta and added it to an elaborate display that included 19 other cars, including one of the earliest Fords.

OCT. 28

1965: Construction is completed on the Gateway Arch, a spectacular 630-foot-high parabola of stainless steel marking the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial on the waterfront of St. Louis, Missouri.

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TRIAL

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In August, Akl's attorney Frank Manley requested a separate exam, after two conflicting exams were completed by the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Saline.

Manley asked that the exam by Maxwell Taylor, PhD, be accepted into the record. The report was accepted with no objections from assistant prosecuting attorney David Mays. Assuming no other evidence was present, and that the forensic exams are accepted into evidence, Manley said, "Mr. Akl is indeed competent to move forward."

McCabe agreed and signed the order, and set a pretrial conference on Nov. 1, to decide when to proceed with the pretrial exam.

Background

According to investigative reports from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office, at approximately 11 p.m. on March 4, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies and the Fenton Police Department were dispatched to 14170 Moffett Dr. in Fenton Township in response to a 911 call regarding a male with a gunshot wound to the head.

Akl was immediately taken into custody and a semi-automatic pistol was found on the front porch and secured by police.

The two teens, who were reportedly friends, were alone on the first floor of the residence when the shooting occurred. Other members of Akl's family and one other guest were on the second and third floors.

According to the autopsy report, it appears that Morris was shot from behind at point blank range on the top left side of his head.

With bond denied, Akl has remained in custody at the Genesee Valley Regional Center since his arrest.

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Meet JOAN HORCHA

- Artist
- Traveler
- Retired educator

By Sally Rummel

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Joan Horcha is well known in the Fenton area for her long-time support of the local arts community. She has been president of the Fenton Arts Council for approximately five years, and has been active in the group since it was originally formed by Jack Wingarden many years ago.

Have you always known you were an artist?

I've always been interested in art, but as a single mom for many years, raising my family came first. I knew I had a creative talent, which I used sewing clothes, knitting and crocheting for my two daughters. Most of my time was spent with my family and working as a teacher and school administrator in



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Joan Horcha of Fenton has been involved in the Fenton art scene for 20 years. Here she stands with an untitled collage piece, made of hand-cut and painted pieces.

the Flint area. When I retired, I was finally able to do the art that I had always wanted to do.

What is your favorite kind of art to create?

I love watercolors and making collages. Some of my artwork can be seen in art shows, local art walks or in my home. I've sold paintings, but it's more of a hobby for me. One of the most well-known paintings I've done is a wa-

tercolor of Dibbleville.

How long have you lived in Fenton?

I grew up in Durand, moved to Flint and graduated from Flint Northern High School. I lived in Flushing for many years, and when Jerry (Haddad) and I got married, we moved to Fenton. We live in the city and I just love the downtown, the beautiful hanging baskets, the art.

"I've always been interested in art, but as a single mom for many years, raising my family came first."

Joan Horcha
Fenton resident, artist

How did you two meet?

That's actually a pretty good story. I was working at a drug store during high school and Jerry was the best friend of one of the other kids that worked there. He offered me a ride home once and I told him "no." We married other people, raised our families and then met up again through some of my girlfriends who knew him. We realized we knew each other from way back. In December, we'll be celebrating our 28th anniversary. Together, we have five daughters and 10 grandchildren.

What are some of your other hobbies?

We love to dine out, we love to travel. After work, we used to hop in our car and travel throughout the entire U.S. Now we travel throughout Michigan, mostly the Traverse City area and like to visit Florida some time during the winter. I never want to leave Michigan, but it's nice to get out of the cold for a bit.

What is something most people don't know about you?

Well, I've earned degrees or certification from four different colleges, U of M, Oakland University, Eastern Michigan and Marygrove College.

I've also got a ring that's pretty unusual. It's a family ring with birthstones of Jerry and I, plus our five daughters and 10 grandkids. I've never seen anything else like it.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

SOMEONE SHOULD PUT together a tape of the hundreds of women who profusely thanked Harvey Weinstein after receiving an Academy Award. Many of the women accusing him would be on it."

IS IT JUST me, or does it seem that today's big idea for tomorrow's next big hope was just yesterday from somebody that wasn't paying attention in history class.

HEY DEBBIE STABENOW, giving back the \$4,000 political donation from Harvey Weinstein would have been far better received had you never accepted it in the first place. Giving it back after he is outed is a meaningless and too-late gesture.

WENT TO THE new hockey arena last Monday. \$110 for a ticket, \$40 to park in

their structure. Beer \$9-11. Seats so small you can't get past other patrons. Seats so steep that someone will surely fall and break their neck. Many aspects are super cool but it is out of financial range for most families.

WHO OFFERS A free black cat with Halloween so close?

DO WE REALLY need to have access to machine guns? How many more massacres need to happen before the American people wake up? Are you waiting for it to happen to your family members?

TRUMP 3 AND out on Iran. Punts to Congress, they will keep deal as is, or go to war. What is the taxpayer cost for allowing our president, to keep a campaign promise?

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BUSINESS

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Fenton/Linden

The Horizon Building

This 23,500-square-foot three-story building at the northwest corner of Silver Lake Road and LeRoy Street is under construction by Rhoads & Johnson Construction of Fenton.

The steel is now being erected on this \$6.3 million project. "It's taking shape before the winter," said Kevin Johnson of Rhoads & Johnson. "We're trying to get the building enclosed, then it will be worked on all winter. Tentative date for opening will be next summer."

Serra Automotive Group personnel will occupy the third floor and The Horizon Group of Raymond James Financial Advisors will occupy the second floor. "The first floor is still open for tenants," Johnson said. "There's a lot of interest, but nothing definite yet."

LaFontaine Automotive

Building permits have been issued for a \$2.6-million expansion of the current LaFontaine Used Car King (L.U.C.K.) property at 16555 Silver Pkwy.

This project will fill in between the two existing buildings and will house LaFontaine Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep & Ram, now on North Road, according to Mike Reilly, building and zoning administrator for the city of Fenton.

While LaFontaine hasn't announced plans yet, it is expected that their used car business will move to North Road.

Silver Lake Crossings

This three-story office complex at 3309 W. Silver Lake Rd. is moving in tenants this fall, said the project developer, Wilson Lahoud, owner of Inca Realty, LLC in Grand Blanc.

Fenton Ballet Theatre will locate its dance studio in half of the lower level. Chemical Bank Mortgage will occupy the other half. MassMutual Life Insurance will move into the second floor in November. "The only space left is on the main level," Lahoud said.

Goki Goki Korean BBQ

This restaurant at 1243 N. Leroy St., formerly Luigi's and The Heritage, has been in the works since January 2015 and is still in the process of completing final details and inspections. No further information is available from the city of Fenton or on its website as to its opening date, although there has been a lot of activity lately on the property.

Pizza Hut/Starbucks

Both of these restaurants will be located in a new retail mall on the former Big Boy/Pizza Hut property on Owen Road. "Plans are on my desk," Reilly said. "They will open next year."

Demolition of existing buildings is expected soon.

Ciao Fenton

This 86-seat Italian eatery, related to the popular Ciao Amici's in Brighton, will bring new life to a long-empty retail space in downtown Fenton.

Formerly the Caravan Hallmark store, this space has now undergone demolition and is being rough framed inside. "I'd expect they'll be open by late fall," Reilly said.



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McDonald's

The new 5,218- square-foot "concept of the future" McDonald's at 3216 Owen Rd., is in the construction phase and plans to be open before Nov. 14, Reilly said.

Marathon Party Store

The Marathon Service Station at 402 Silver Lake Rd. is completing its renovations for a party store. "It will be done within the next 30 days," Reilly said.

Bob Evans Restaurant building

George Dedivanaj bought this property and is working on plans, Reilly said. "Whether or not the plans have to go to the Planning Commission depends on the extent of the renovations."

The Dedivanaj family currently owns Mega Coney Island Boston's Gourmet Pizza, both in Fenton.

Ruby Tuesday

George Dedivanaj's brother, Rocky Dedivanaj, bought the Ruby Tuesday property at 19005 Silver Pkwy. "Rumor has it that he plans to open an American cuisine restaurant, but as of yet, there are no formal plans," Reilly said.

Dr. Diego Velasquez-Plata, DDS, MSD

Building permits have been issued for this Rhoads & Johnson construction project for a new dental office, Seven Lakes Periodontics, at Alloy and Fenway drives.

The Cleaning Authority

This Grant Street project, also by Rhoads & Johnson, will be the new headquarters for The Cleaning Authority, owned by Sherri McArthur. Expected completion date is this fall.

Rejuv Ave

This skin spa at 403 S. LeRoy St. will be expanding in a new location in 2018, Reilly said. Owners Tracy and Scott Aubuchon purchased property at 116 Mill St., formerly owned by Skypoint Ventures. They plan to demolish the structure and build a customized, upscale dedicated skin spa.

Community Threads of Fenton

A new quality thrift and consignment store will be opening soon at 1370 N. LeRoy St., in the former ACO Hardware retail space near VG's Grocery.

Taco Bell in Linden

The Taco Bell at 605 W. Broad St. in Linden is still under construction and expected to open this fall, said Linden City Manager Paul Zelenak.

Holly

Downtown Holly is boasting 100 percent occupancy, said Katy Hughes, Holly Downtown Development Director. "We have a waiting list. Our downtown is just booming."

New businesses that have come into Holly or are relocating there include:

Dawson Tire & Wheel

The grand opening for the Michigan headquarters of this Nebraska-based agricultural company will be Dec. 22. The 9,000-square-foot building is the former location of NOCFA (North Oakland County Fire Authority) fire hall at 4092 Grange Hall Rd.

A leading resource of agricultural wheels, tires and assemblies, this new business will have 20-plus employees.

Stilwell Construction of Holly is general contractor and all the lumber and supplies are being purchased locally, said Jennifer Rascher, marketing manager for Dawson.

Domino's Pizza

This national pizza franchise opened in September at 4048 Grange Hall Rd., across from Wendy's.

Dollar Tree

This new building housing a national retailer opened at 422 N. Saginaw St. in September to a "tremendous response," Hughes said.

The Little Yellow Dog

This gift store/boutique opened in late September at 109 Battle Alley, by owner Marla Sanford. Her store features kitchen supplies, Michigan artists, local honey,

syrups, jams and candy. She also owns Yellow Dog Marketplace in Goodrich.

Blumz

Holly now has a full-service downtown florist shop, following the opening of this store at 114 S. Saginaw St., most recently owned by Barb McKay. Open since Oct. 14, this shop expanded from its Ferndale location and boasts a huge gift shop, online ordering and local and worldwide delivery.

Artichoke Interiors

Owner Dawn Jacobs in bringing her interior design skills from her Clarkston studio to her new store in Holly — opening in January 2018 at 107 S. Saginaw St., next to Blackthorn Pub. Watch for upholstered furniture, lighting, One-of-a-Kind wooden furniture and accessories.

LKE Locksmith

An acronym for Locks, Keys and Emergencies, LKE Locksmith opened July 1 at 215 S. Saginaw St., across from Davisburg Bread Company.

N. Reding & Sons Vintage Industrial Uniques

This eclectic store offers industrial lighting, furniture, home décor and custom pieces from its new 3,000-square-foot location at 109 S. Saginaw St., formerly in Battle Alley. They held their grand opening on Sept. 22.

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Mark Clementz of Holly won \$7,000 and earned another state record at the Operation Pumpkin event in Hamilton, Ohio last weekend. His 2,043.5-pound pumpkin is the new state record, and ninth largest pumpkin grown in the world this year. Here, Clementz loads the pumpkin for the competition.

News briefs

VFW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ESSAY CONTESTS FOR STUDENTS

VFW Voice of Democracy Essay is for all students in ninth through 12th grade. Students may write an essay using this new theme — “American History: Our Hope for the Future.” After composing the essay, students are to record the essay in their own voice. Also, a VFW Scholarship Program for students in sixth through eighth grade is the Patriot's Pen Essay program. The application explains the rules for the entries. The top winner at the post level will advance to the district level, and state level. The deadline to enter either contest is Oct. 31. Details and applications are available at the Fenton VFW Post 3243, 1148 N. Leroy St., by calling V.F.W. Auxiliary Scholarships Chairman Bonnie Pray at (810) 516-6721 or going to www.vfw.org. The student, who earns the top honors at the post level, will advance to the district level and state. The state winner will be invited to attend the National Competition in Washington, D.C.

CRACKDOWN

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David P. Gelios, special agent in charge of the Detroit Division of the FBI, said that last weekend, law enforcement agencies and service providers throughout Michigan took part in OCCXI. This year's coordinated operations took place with several international partners, including Canada, the United Kingdom, Thailand, Cambodia, and the Philippines.

Between Oct. 12 and 14, the FBI's Southeast Michigan Trafficking and Exploitation Crimes and Northeast Michigan Trafficking and Exploitation Crimes task forces conducted large scale recovery and undercover operations in an effort to recover child victims of exploitation and trafficking.

Investigative efforts resulted in the recovery of 12 child victims of juvenile sex trafficking and the arrest of eight traffickers or pimps and their associates. Additionally, 46 adults involved in prostitution were temporarily placed into custody.

Service providers from a number of organizations, led by the Salvation Army, were on hand to offer a variety of services within the community, such as job training, housing, counseling, and medical and education assistance. Additionally members from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services aided in the needs and placement of all of the child victims recovered during the operation.

Assisting were the police departments from Flint, Flint Township, Grand Blanc Township, Saginaw, Saginaw Township, Mott Community College and Carrollton Township, as well as the Saginaw County Sheriff's Office and the IRS.

Also, assisting with these operations were the Michigan State Police, police departments from Detroit, Warren, Canton, Romulus, Huron Township, Roseville, Southfield, Livonia, Dearborn, Madison Heights, the IRS, and Homeland Security Investigations.

“We at the FBI have no greater mission than to protect our nation's children from harm. Unfortunately, the number of traffickers arrested — and the number of children recovered — reinforces why we need to continue to do this important work,” said FBI Director Christopher Wray.

“This operation isn't just about taking traffickers off the street. It's about making sure we offer help and a way out to these young victims who find themselves caught in a vicious cycle of abuse.”

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Nuts in the kitchen

■ Those free-fallen walnuts are good for you
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By Vera Hogan

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Oh nuts!

That's what some homeowners are likely saying after spending hours bagging up a yard full of black walnuts, only to find the same amount on the ground the next day.

There are some folks who give up trying to collect them all and toss them away with their weekly yard waste pick up.

But there is another way — get the nuts out of your yard and into the kitchen. Anyone who has purchased walnuts on a regular basis for cooking and baking knows they are not cheap, between \$12 and \$15 per pound.

The biggest challenge in harvesting the nuts is getting to them before the squirrels do. When the nuts have fully ripened, they will fall to the ground with the lightest breeze. The husk will be yellowish-green and often with black or brown mottling. Pressing a thumb into the husk should result in an indentation. If there is a lot of resistance, let it sit for a week or so to soften.

Remove the husk simply by rolling it on a hard surface with a heavy foot. Rolling over them with a car can also remove the husks, but also risk the chance of crushing the nut itself if the road surface is too hard. Regardless, be sure to wear old shoes and gloves to pick out the nuts — the husk juice will stain anything it touches.

Rinse the nuts in a large bucket of water or with a garden hose to remove most of any hull material that remains, then allow to dry. The nuts should then



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be cured in a mesh bag, onion sack or any other sack that allows airflow (to retard mold development).

After four to five weeks, they're ready to be cracked open. To do the job efficiently, use a hammer to smack the husk sharply, and then peel the nut out. An oily black appearance beneath the husk usually means that the nut has been lying on the ground too long and has become a nursery for maggots.

Next, discard the husks and toss the nuts into a bucket of water, throwing away any that float. Then drain your treasures and spread them in a single layer on newspapers in a warm, dry, and airy environment. Allow the nuts to cure for at least a month, checking periodically for dryness and making sure that any moldy ones are tossed away.

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Walnuts for baking can be expensive, averaging about \$12 to \$15 per pound.

WALNUT CROP LARGER THAN AVERAGE

For 2017-2018, despite the forecast decline from last year's record-large crop, walnut output is anticipated to be larger than average. Bearing acreage and number of trees per acre for walnuts continues to increase, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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Money on the line for local schools

■ Tax proposals on November ballot for Linden and Lake Fenton school districts

By Hannah Ball

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Voters in the Linden school district will be voting on a new sinking fund proposal and voters in the Lake Fenton school district will be voting on extending an existing bond for another three years when they go to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Linden Community Schools

Voters living in the Linden Community Schools district will be voting on a 1.3-mil sinking fund proposal.

According to Linden Board of Education meeting minutes, this new sinking fund would allow Linden schools to increase security, upgrade technology and improve facilities. Sinking fund dollars can only be used for updates, repair, and technology. Sinking fund dollars cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries.

If the proposal passes, Linden hopes to upgrade its 10-year-old WiFi system.

The millage rate is 1.3 mills for a period of 10 years (2018-2027). The millage is a tax levy of approximately \$130 per year for a home with \$100,000 taxable value.

Linden Superintendent Russ Cie-

sielski said that the current sinking fund vote is new and is intended to capture the ability to spend sinking fund dollars on school security and instructional technology. He added that school security and instructional technology were previously unallowable sinking fund expenditures; however, in March 2017, new legislation passed, which made these types of expenditures permissible.

"The legislation did not grandfather existing sinking funds with these rights, so the Board has decided to pursue these expanded capabilities under a new sinking fund in order to preserve General Fund dollars for the classroom," Ciesielski said.

Language on the ballot:

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes, which may be assessed against all property in Linden Community Schools be increased by, and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1.3 mills (\$1.30 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2018 to 2027? This would create a sinking fund for the purchase of real estate sites for, and the construction or repair of, school buildings, for school security improvements, for the acquisition or upgrading of technology and all other purposes authorized by law. Estimated revenue in 2018 is approximately \$805,922.

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MAYOR

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B. Sue Osborn (incumbent mayor)

B. Sue Osborn, 69, is a seasonal tax preparer and examiner. She has lived in the city of Fenton for 41 years, and has served as mayor for the past 20 years.



"Mayors are leaders and help develop city policy on behalf of citizens," Osborn said. "The mayor solicits citizen views to form policy, and interprets policy to the public and advocates policy decisions. The mayor presides at council meetings, facilitates communication and understanding between elected and appointed officials, and is the spokesperson for the community. The mayor assists the council in setting goals. They also serve as a promoter and defender of the community and serve as the key representative for intergovernmental relations."

"I think the council needs to move forward on neighborhood restoration including sidewalk repair, water and sewer maintenance, and road repairs," she said. "We need to complete downtown and also promote and retain business in the rest of the community. I will work with the council and citizens to find a resolution to these issues and continue to move the city forward as I have in the past."

Cherie Smith (challenger, councilwoman)

Cherie Smith, 66, is retired and has served on the City Council for the past two years. She has lived in the city of Fenton for 25 years.

"The mayor is the presiding officer and a regular member of the city council, and serves as the head of the city for a variety of purposes, including ceremonial," Smith said. "The mayor is responsible for hearing the concerns of citizens and along with the council, helps administrators develop and propose policies, and ensure that the council's directives are carried out and implemented."



"Going forward, the city needs to focus more on the residential neighborhoods, specifically when it comes to road and infrastructure repairs. While much of the attention over the past two years has been on the downtown with excellent results, we need to begin focusing on other areas, such as Silver Lake Village and the N. LeRoy Street corridor. While we have been successful in attracting visitors to our town, we must be mindful of the needs of the citizens who live and work here every day."

Kurt Wilkinson (challenger)

Kurt Wilkinson did not respond to the invitation to participate in election coverage.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I WOULD GLADLY vote for Gov. Snyder today. Thank you governor, for a job well done. Keep up the good work for the rest of your term.

TO THE HOT-LINER defending the San Juan mayor over Trump. Look up \$70 billion deficit, fiscal mismanagement, corrupt governance, and the island's slave-like obedience to Democrat party bosses. Puerto Rican voters are reaping the rewards for their ballot box decisions.

IN THE WEEKEND edition the Street Talk question was 'Would you run for public

office?' I wish I had been asked this. My answer? In a heartbeat. After all, Fenton is the best town to live in, let's keep it that way.

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Five vie for three Fenton City Council seats

■ Two incumbents face two newcomers

By Vera Hogan

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Fenton residents will have some choices when they go to the polls to select City Council members on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Three from among five candidates, two of whom are incumbents and three of whom are newcomers, will be elected.

Councilman Bradley Jacob has chosen not to seek re-election.

Each candidate was asked the same two questions: What do you believe is a council member's most important responsibilities? Going forward, what is the city's most critical issue and what will you do, if elected, to help resolve that issue.

David McDermott (incumbent)

David McDermott, 44, is the operations director for Global Sales. A resident of Fenton for 11 years, he has served on the Fenton City Council since 2012.

"A Councilperson's most important responsibility is to remember that they represent the residents of Fenton, not just themselves," McDermott said. "Every decision, every dollar spent, every vote — the City Council needs to support what Fenton's residents value the most — a safe, close-knit, family friendly community and a fiscally responsible city government."

"Our roads and infrastructure (water, sewer) are in terrible shape and getting worse," he said. "The cost is bigger than we can cut from other areas in our city's budget. I will focus on ensuring we have a realistic and financially responsible plan in place so that we can get our roads and infrastructure fixed."

Scott Grossmeyer (incumbent)

Scott Grossmeyer, 60, is retired and has served on the City Council since 2012. He has lived in the city of Fenton for 38 years.

"I will continue to make myself available to anyone who may have questions or concerns, and I will continue to make my

decisions based on research and an open dialogue with the residents," Grossmeyer said. "I will keep a close eye on the budget to attempt to find savings where possible."

"The neighborhood roads are in desperate need of repair. As we repair and replace roads we should replace water and sewer lines, where it is needed, as well as sidewalks when possible," he said. "I will advocate to find money wherever we can to get this accomplished. Another issue is parking in the downtown. We currently have some parking that is not often used because it is not clearly marked and we have some underutilized lots. Because of the availability of DDA funds, I believe we could build more small lots in the downtown while we plan for a larger lot or structure."

Donald Bancroft (challenger)

Donald (Skip) Bancroft, is employed in insurance loss and is a state-certified real estate appraiser. He has lived in the city for 40 years, and in the Fenton area for 57 years.

"A city council member is responsible for many duties necessary for the continued function of the municipality," Bancroft said. "The most prevalent is urban planning and zoning. Council members must work to determine the economic development of the community, how public works projects are handled and where parks on publicly owned lands will go. They also are responsible, with the mayor, to ultimately enforce municipal, state and federal laws."

"Important issues facing the city include continuing to upgrade and repair the infrastructure. There is a ballot proposal that will change the City Charter so that bonds can be issued for 10 years instead of the current three years. This, along with the maturing of current bonds, will allow the city to make the needed repairs to our infrastructure and help spread out the cost to city taxpayers. We should actively pursue economic development strategies that will attract new technology firms."

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Traci Bottecelli (challenger)

Tracy Bottecelli, 62, is a legal assistant in probate law. She has lived in the city for more than 32 years.

"An elected official's responsibility is to ensure the health, safety and welfare of its community," Bottecelli said. "That includes fiscal oversight of the city's budget, economic development opportunities, neighborhood stabilization and regional cooperation. Having worked in the legal field for 25 years, I have expertise in problem solving, communication strategies and an ability to help reach consensus on issues."

"The primary issue that concerns me is our local roads and infrastructure. The city has focused on many main streets of our community," she said. "The focus needs to be on our neighborhoods, to make sure that they are interconnected with sidewalks, water and sewer lines improvement (if needed), and pavement. I will become active with the Michigan Municipal League to advocate for full funding of revenue sharing to the city of Fenton to help offset the cost of repairing our neighborhood's infrastructure."



Sean Sage (challenger)

Sean Sage, 41, is a project manager at Kirby Steel, Inc. He has lived in his current Fenton home for 13 years and says he is a "third generation Fentonian."

"A council member must be willing to make the unpopular decisions when necessary, to do the unheralded work that does not come with fanfare or the name recognition helpful for re-election, and remember that they (hopefully) ran for office for the job, not the title," Sage said. "The responsibility is to represent the whole of the community, and not just those who voted for them, or whose favor is most useful."

"The most critical issue over the next several years will be smart growth," Sage said. "Cities are either growing or dying, but council must have the knowledge, wisdom, and perspective to keep that growth within the timeline and form that meets the needs of the city. It must fit our master plan, improve the livability of Fenton, and balance the advantages of new construction with keeping existing storefronts in areas like Silver Parkway and North Leroy occupied and vibrant."



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Each room is licensed individually for a specific use, and like any other commercial space, only so many individuals are licensed per room.

If a center provides food, it must come from a commercial facility, whether on site or off. LaDrew's family owns a restaurant, so food is cooked there and brought in. Fenton Montessori has its own on-site kitchen.

If a daycare employee teaches children, they must have a bachelor's degree in a child-related field, and Montessori academy employees must have ongoing training.

At Linden Child Development Center, they follow a curriculum and a specific schedule, and again, a binder-full of regulations from the state of Michigan.

With such a list, Stevens said mistakes can happen, and things can be overlooked. She said for example, she's heard of centers not using proper sanitation techniques, which include cleaning with three types of water only — bleach water, clear water and soapy water. Wiping tables and other surfaces with paper towel isn't allowed; they have to air dry.



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Four-year-olds Carly Haden (right) and Owen Evans play at Linden Child Development Center in this Sept. 6 photo.

Offenses that close centers down include children being allowed to walk out of the premises on their own.

Despite the challenging set of regu-

lations, LaDrew said she enjoys the rewarding experience of being a child's first experience with a school-type facility before public schools. "It's their first learning experience, and I think if you make it a good experience for them it's going to be that much easier to go to school," she said.

At daycare, Stevens said they are learning respect for other students, sharing, playing with other children and respecting their space. "It gives them a lot more independence being away from their parents for part of the day, being with children their own age," she said. "Just playing in the gym together, our older children teach our younger children."

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Lake Fenton Community Schools

Voters residing in the Lake Fenton Community Schools district will vote on extending a current bond debt for three years. The existing bond proposal was approved in 2002 to build the new high school, new athletic complex and renovate the current middle school. The bond was scheduled to be paid off in 2024.

The district is now seeking \$11.755-million for improvements and upgrades to the facilities. The proposal will not increase the existing millage rate, but extend it for another three years. Funds will be used to improve school entryways, plumbing, mechanical and electrical systems, heating and cooling systems, roofing, and flooring, along with upgrades to network infrastructure and replacing some locker rooms. The district also plans to improve the auditorium sound and lighting systems, and install synthetic turf.

Language on the ballot:

Shall Lake Fenton Community Schools borrow the sum of not to exceed \$11.755-million and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefore, in one or more series, for the purpose of erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to the middle school; remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; acquiring and installing instructional technology in school buildings; and preparing, developing, improving, and equipping playgrounds, athletic fields, and sites?

MILLAGE

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Hence the charter amendment proposal on the Nov. 7 ballot (see sidebar for actual language).

The charter needs to be amended by a favorable vote of the people on Nov. 7 before the city can place the roads millage on another ballot, which will likely be for the May 1, 2018 election.

The voters first need to agree to allow a seven-year increase in tax levies, from three to 10 years.

About the roads

The Fenton City Council held a special meeting on Monday, April 17 to review the results of a street study and consider funding options for street and infrastructure improvements and repairs.

Tim Juidici with OHM Advisors, the city's engineering firm, provided council members with a five-year plan for road projects. The plan details Fenton roads in need of repairs and rated their condition from 1 to 10, with 1 being the worst condition.

He said, currently city of Fenton roads, on a scale of 1 to 10, have an overall rating of 3.5. "If we spent \$2 million over a 10-year period, we would see an average rating of about 5.5," Juidici said.

It isn't just the roads that need repair. Several have drainage and storm

sewers to consider. Council members agreed with engineers and the Department of Public Works (DPW) that addressing drainage and storm sewer issues before putting down a new road will be necessary.

This could mean that one road could get fixed that doesn't look as bad as another because the other has infrastructure repairs that need to be addressed first.

"The majority of our roadwork is beyond the point of maintenance," Markland said in April. "This is a long-term problem that happened over several years. It's not that we didn't want to do it (road fixes), it's because we didn't have the funds."

Because any millages passed will be subject to Headlee rollbacks, the City Council decided to ask for 6 mills instead when the roads millage is placed on the ballot.

"The only way we are ever going to get this done is through a millage," Markland said in April. "No one is coming to our rescue. We're not going to get the money anywhere else. The roads are not going to get better. Doing nothing is not an option."

What will it cost?

If city of Fenton voters eventually pass a 6-mill roads referendum, on the May 2018 ballot, homeowners can calculate what they will pay by multiplying the taxable value of their home by .006.

Six mills is \$6 for every \$1,000 of taxable value, or \$300 for every \$50,000. If the taxable value of a home is \$100,000, the cost will be \$600 per year. If taxable value is \$150,000, the cost of the road millage will be \$900 per year, and so on. If successful, it would be collected with the annual July 1 tax bill.

Nov. 7 ballot language

Charter Amendment Proposal No. 1

The Fenton City Charter, Section 11.1 allows the City to levy taxes imposed upon real and tangible personal property in excess of 13 mills for periods not to exceed three years, if approved by the voters. The City of Fenton desires to change its City Charter to allow any voter approved increase in taxes in excess of 13 mills to be for a period not to exceed 10 years. Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted?



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Gaines Township has two proposals for fire department

By Hannah Ball

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There will be two millage proposals on the Gaines Township ballot for the Tuesday, Nov. 7 election. Successful millages will help with fire station

upgrades and allow the township to buy new equipment for the department. If voters approve the proposals, they would begin on the 2017 winter tax bills and bring approximately \$354,000 to the township in the first year.

Language on the ballot for fire operations and fire department building improvements:

Shall the limitations on the amount of taxes which may be imposed each year for all purposes on real and personal property in Gaines Township be increased, and the Board of Trustees authorized to levy a tax up to, but not to exceed, 1.25 mills (\$1.25 per \$1,000.00), on the taxable value of such property for a period of seven years, from 2017 through 2023 inclusive? This millage levy would provide funds to finance fire department operations and fire department improvements. It is estimated that 1.25 mills would raise approximately \$221,384.85 in the first year of the levy.

Language on the ballot for fire department capital equipment replacements:

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes, which may be imposed each year for all purposes on real and personal property in Gaines Township be increased, and the Board of Trustees authorized to levy a tax up to, but not to exceed, .75 mills (\$.75 cents per \$1,000.00), on the taxable value of such property for a period of 10 years, from 2017 through 2026 inclusive? This millage levy would provide funds to finance capital equipment replacements for the fire department. It is estimated that .74 mills would raise approximately \$132,830.91 in the first year of the levy.

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Lake Fenton's boys cross country team finished in second place at the Genesee Area Conference Meet on Tuesday, earning second outright in the league.

Blue Devils' boys finish second at GAC meet

By David Troppens

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All cross country season, the Lake Fenton varsity boys team thought they could contend for second place in the Genesee Area Conference (GAC).

State-ranked Corunna made it nearly impossible to contend for the title, but the Blue Devils were confident they could take the next-best position. However, Montrose has been a thorn in Lake Fenton's side in that quest dur-

ing the first two jamborees. Montrose beat Lake Fenton in each, forcing Lake Fenton to third in the two events.

However, with a second place finish at the GAC meet on Tuesday, the Blue Devils could still capture second place since the meet weighs 50 percent in the conference standings. Well, Lake Fenton's boys did just that. The Blue Devils scored 57 points, five better than third-place Montrose, earning second place overall in the league by

virtual of a sixth-runner tiebreaker at Tuesday's meet held at Byron High School. The Lake Fenton girls took fifth overall, scoring 110 points.

Lake Fenton earned second place on Tuesday by recording three runners in the top eight, being the only other school besides league champs Corunna to have multiple runners finish in the top 10.

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Fenton's Matthew Sullivan attempts a header near the Kearsley net. The Tigers won the district semifinal game 1-0 on Thursday.

Tigers headed to district final, 1-0

By David Troppens

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Goodrich — To say the least, it was a tough start to the season for the Fenton varsity boys soccer team.

The squad played a lot of state powers and struggled mightily, losing five straight contests early in the season.

Just a year after making it to the state semifinals for the first time in school history, it looked like the Tigers were going to have to settle for a rebuilding season this fall. But life has changed for Fenton. After losing their first Metro League contest against Brandon, Fenton bounced back to finish in a tie second in the league.

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Lady Tigers repeat their Metro League championship



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Fenton's Alexa Keiser (far right) and Holly's Andrea Ruiz (94) finished 1-2 at the Metro League meet on Wednesday.

Keiser repeats her Metro League title

By David Troppens

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Linden — Alexa Keiser knows what it takes to win an individual Metro League cross country championship.

She won the title a year ago as a freshman for the Fenton varsity girls squad, helping the Tigers capture the league title in the process.

History repeated itself on Wednesday at Linden Middle School when Keiser retained her individual Metro crown at the same time her squad completed its three-meet sweep to a team title.

The Tigers won the league meet with a team score of 40 points, 20 better than second-place Flushing's 60.

Tri-county area squads Linden and Holly placed third and fourth with 76 and 88 team points, respectively. And in the individual race, Keiser beat out Holly freshman Andrea Ruiz for the title by about 18 seconds. The pair ran near each other for about the first two-and-a-half miles, but that's when Keiser broke from Ruiz and won the event with a time of 18:45.8, the only time below 19 minutes. Ruiz placed second in 19:03.2.

"It was very tiring. It was mentally tough because I knew Andrea would be right there with me," Keiser said. "I wanted to keep with her in the front of the pack. At the second jamboree she led the whole time except the last 400 meters, so I had to out-kick her. This time I had to stick with her."

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Pojer's goal leads Fenton past Linden in district opener

By David Troppens

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Fenton — Kevin Pojer is from Italy.

About six months ago, the Fenton senior probably thought the rivalry between Italy professional club teams Internazionale and AC Milan was pretty big.

The foreign exchange student knows better now. He now realizes that maybe the Fenton-Linden

rivalry is at least on par with great professional rivalries he sees between European teams in Italy.

Six months ago, Pojer probably didn't realize he'd add a key chapter to the Fenton-Linden rivalry, but now he's done that as well.

In the two team's third meeting of the season, Pojer broke a scoreless tie with 7:26 remaining in regulation, earning the Tigers a 1-0 Division 2 district victory against

the Linden Eagles on Tuesday.

The game's only goal came on a corner kick chance. The ball was sent by Alex Flannery right to Pojer who attacked the header decisively into the Linden net.

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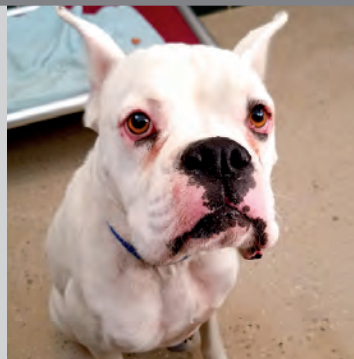
Linden's Ryan Gillespie (left) and Fenton's Alex Flannery in the Tigers' 1-0 win on Tuesday.

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Fenton boys XC team charges to league title

By David Troppens
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Linden — From day one, the Fenton varsity boys cross country team knew it was going to be a challenge to repeat as Metro League champions this fall.

After all, the squad lost its two best runners who seemingly finished nearly 1-2 in every event a year ago — Dominic Dimambro and Andrew Bond. How can talent like that be replaced?

The Tigers found a way to do it. Despite a strong charge by the Linden Eagles all season long, the Tigers were able to win the second jamboree and then win the league meet on Tuesday at Linden Middle School en route to a Metro League championship.

“It feels really good,” Fenton senior Mitchell Chabot said. “We got it last year and we had to defend it this year. It was going to be close because we knew Linden was going to be really good this year. It was going to be tough because we lost Dom and Andrew from last year.”

“Overall we felt good,” Fenton junior Nolan Day said. “We were confident going in knowing how the last race went. But we were also cautious that it was at Linden’s home course and they run this course all the time. We knew if we came in the race, put everything out there we’d like the results.”

“I think the key to this team



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The Fenton varsity boys cross country team won the Metro League meet. At left are three of the team’s runners — Peter Kennings, Ben Sheffield and Logan Canada. Linden’s Tyler Buchanan (below) won the Metro League’s individual title.

is the feeling we owe it to each other. We put a lot of work into it this year and we’d hate to see it not pay off the way we wanted it to. We owe it to our teammates and ourselves. We have a lot of grit and we have a lot of determination.”

The determination showed. After losing the first jamboree to Linden, the Tigers progressively improved upon their area rivals during the next two races. On Tuesday, the Tigers won relatively comfortably with 38 team points while second-place Linden had 56 points. Holly was locked in at third place with 87 points.

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Tigers complete perfect Metro volleyball season

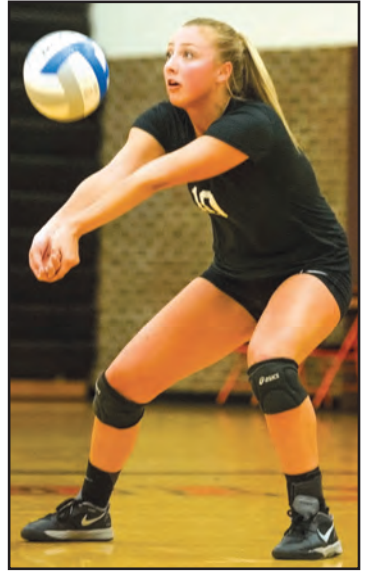
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For the third straight season, the Fenton varsity volleyball team is outright Metro league champions.

The Tigers earned that honor by sweeping Swartz Creek 25-16, 25-15, 25-22 in straight sets.

The Tigers have been the dominant team in the Metro League the last 10 years, capturing nine outright Metro League championships in that span. The only title Fenton didn’t win in that period was the 2014 title won by Flushing.

The Tigers (8-0 in the Metro) have not lost a league match since the three-year run began in 2015. In fact, the Tigers only Metro league regular-season loss to any conference foe in the last 10 years was the loss to Flushing in 2014. However, while the Tigers were considered a favorite to repeat their title this fall, it wasn’t the “given” of previous seasons because so many players graduated from last year’s Class A state semifinalist team and because the competitive balance of the league has seemingly improved this fall. However, the Tigers proved this is a program where reloading is what they do, not rebuild.



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Fenton’s Lily Elfstrom bumps a ball in a recent match. The Tigers captured the outright Metro League title with a straight set victory against Swartz Creek.

The Swartz Creek Dragons learned that lesson on Tuesday night. Fenton’s Chloe Idoni led a three-tiered attack by pounding down 10 kills. She also had five aces and two blocks. Chloe McKenzie followed with seven kills while Erin Carter provided four kills.

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Holly soccer loses tough contest in district semifinals

The Holly Bronchos knew they had to have a change.

The start of the season wasn’t going well and the losses were starting to pile up.

The changes needed started after a trip to

Dairy Queen between coach Mark Diskin and some of the leaders on the Bronchos’ team. They discussed how to improve life on the team, and did so, earning some nice results down the stretch.

Linden Eagles sweep recent volleyball foes

The Linden varsity volleyball team hasn’t been able to win tight five-set matches this fall, dropping two tough contests against Metro foes.

The Eagles finally broke that streak on Tuesday, defeating a non-league foe in five games. Linden defeated Birch Run 22-25, 25-17, 25-6, 16-25, 15-11.

LF middle school XC teams take second

Lake Fenton’s middle school cross country programs continued to impress at the Genesee Area Conference meet, each placing second.

The Lake Fenton girls scored 61 points

to first-place Goodrich’s 37 points. New Lothrop placed third with 77 points. In the boys’ event, Goodrich won with 35 points while Lake Fenton had 75 points. Corunna was third with 80 points.

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VOLLEYBALL

➤ **Holly at Mt. Morris Tournament:** The Bronchos finished sixth overall, going 1-1-1 in pool play and then losing to Fenton in the elimination round 25-17, 25-21.

Victoria Karakuc led the defense with

38 digs while Katie LaClair had 30 digs. Kennedy Hogan led the defense at the net with seven blocks. Offensively, Mad-die Meszler had 44 assists while Sydnie Meszler had 15 assists. Hogan had 18 kills and Jesse Helpner had 15 kills. LaClair led the team with four aces.



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