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COMMUNITY EMBRACES ICONIC FENTON SCULPTURE

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'The Game' designed by award-winning Ukraine artist

By Sally Rummel
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There's an empty seat at the table in downtown Fenton and everyone in town seems to be taking a turn to sit in it.

A bronzed sculpture of "The Game" symbolizes, through art, the story of the infamous poker game that named the city between William Fenton, Robert

LeRoy and Benjamin Rockwell, was unveiled in front of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center on Oct. 5.

This art piece was commissioned by Fenton Township residents Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman, in honor of his hometown Fenton roots as a gift to the city of Fenton.

See **SCULPTURE** on 15A

"We both love art, and we wanted to do something that would be sustainable for the future."

Phil Hagerman
Diplomat Pharmacy CEO



Suspect in custody after break-ins

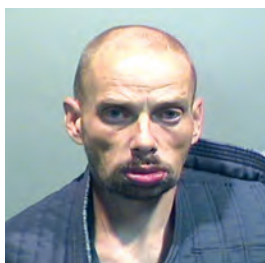
■ Police believe man responsible for multiple burglaries in Genesee County

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After several break-ins this month, police made an arrest on Oct. 26.

Police have a suspect in custody they believe to be complicit in a string of break-ins in southern Genesee County, with many taking place in Argentine Township.

See **BREAK-INS** on 10A



John Curtis Osborne

Osborne a no-show for court

■ Bench warrant issued; facing charges for not reporting girlfriend's death

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Flint — On Wednesday, Oct. 25, a bench warrant was issued for John Curtis Osborne, 46, of Fenton Township, after he skipped his pretrial hearing for a second time.

Osborne was out on a \$5,000 personal bond, after
See **OSBORNE** on 18A



Thirty dead deer found in area

■ Diseased carcasses pulled from Shiawassee River and surrounding land

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A deadly disease is spreading among deer in Michigan.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) pulled 11 dead deer from the Shiawassee River at Lillie Road in Argentine Township on Tuesday, Oct. 24. Nine additional dead deer were found near the water.

See **DEAD DEER** on 18A

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"To kneel, or not to kneel, that is not the question. The question is whether kneeling during the national anthem does anything to combat police brutality or advance the cause of racial justice or call for paternal accountability from black men. It does not."



"Almost all of nature shows us predator success is not primarily the skill or finesse of the predator, but the ability to detect the weakness and vulnerabilities of its prey's surroundings. Stop being the prey."



"Just read a notice from the Readiness Program of Fenton schools prohibiting celebrating traditional holidays in the classrooms in order 'to never exclude someone due to their beliefs or practices.' Immigrants are supposed to assimilate into the American way of life, not change it to fit theirs."



COMMENT OF THE WEEK

"Tiffany Oliverio, so wonderful to know you're okay. I witnessed your accident and knew it didn't look good. I prayed for you and often wondered how you were. I lost my 23-year-old granddaughter to a car accident. Enjoy life to its fullest."

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Meara Miller, in the 18-24 age group, stands with her creations in front of the judges and audience at the first Fenton Shark Tank. Miller told the audience that much of the fabric sold at popular stores like Forever 21 and H&M is made by women in poor countries who work for only a few dollars a day. With her business, she vowed never to support those factories.

Fenton Shark Tank gives hope to area entrepreneurs

■ Contestants present their business ideas just like on the popular TV show

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Fenton — The first Fenton Shark Tank event featured future business leaders of Fenton and Genesee County, and showed what Fenton's future might look like.

The event was put on by Fenton Challenge at The Freedom Center. Approximately a dozen contestants gave their business or product pitch to a panel of judges, which consisted of prominent business people.

In the 18-24 age group, the winners were Jeron Dotson and Justin Bush, both of Flint, who pitched the idea of opening a Poke Bowl restaurant. Their goal See **SHARK TANK** on 21A

“I think it's a great idea for young people in the area to pitch their ideas.”

Josh Spencer
Fenton Shark Tank judge



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Katherine Carah, in the 24-30 age group, proposed bringing a child care center to Fenton with on-call employees and flexible hours.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

The owner of this Rose Township home is allowed to have only two dogs as pets. She has been cited in three communities for animal neglect.

No breeding on Stallion Lane

■ Township official says owner can live there, but can't operate a dog kennel

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A woman, who is currently moving through the court system again for animal neglect, is believed to have returned to a home she owns in Rose Township. But according to Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snyder, she will only be allowed to keep two dogs, as pets.

“She can live anywhere she wants, of course,” Scheib-Snyder said. “But she will not be able to breed dogs.”

The woman, Mary Gabriel, 74, has a home on Stallion Lane, off Rattalee Lake Road in Rose Township. Scheib-Snyder said Gabriel has recently been spotted at that home.

Gabriel was cited for running a kennel in that house without a license about six years ago, Scheib-Snyder said. At the time, the supervisor said she was a member of the township's Planning Commission. On a visit to Gabriel's home, she realized it wasn't a regular residential home, but a kennel. “There were cages everywhere,” she said.

“We can go in unannounced, just pop in... She (Gabriel) agreed to that.”

Dianne Scheib-Snyder
Rose Township supervisor

See **BREEDING** on 20A

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Random thoughts

• **I swear we're** one short, dangerous step from pumpkin spice suppositories. Am I the only one who's had enough? (Of the pumpkin spice in everything rage, not, you know, suppositories. Perhaps that didn't need clarification.)

• **I've said this** before and I'll say it again and again until it stops: News sites that automatically play videos when I visit are the devil. Don't mess with me, news sites. I *will* drop you. I've already done it to several. I've also dropped a few that use pop-up, pop-over, pop-down and pop-into ads. I would much rather pay a fee than deal



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

with all that nonsense. I prefer newspaper ads that just sit there passively and unobtrusively, to be read or not, according to the whims of the reader. Reason No. 435 that print is superior to web.

• **And another thing:** I want my iPhone to stop guilt-tripping me about not backing it up. I don't hafta if I don't wanna, OK? I also don't have to stick my photos and music up "in the cloud" if I don't want to, so you can stop bugging me about that, too. Why is everything so damned pushy these days?

• **Ah, well. Onto** other issues. A sarcastic friend wrote this: "I don't know about you, but it's a big relief for me to know that with Harvey Weinstein out of the picture, the problem of misogyny and sexism in Hollywood has finally been fixed once and for all." Right on.

• **Hey, Matt Damon,** if you knew Weinstein was an "a-hole," as you called him, why didn't you say something years ago? You probably had a pretty good idea what kind of an a-hole he was. Apparently all of Hollywood knew. And yet you said nothing. Do women mean that little to you?

• **Love new Tigers** manager Ron Gardenhire's response to reporters asking about whether he's too old school to get with baseball's new passion for analytics: "Dude, I'm only 59." Being 56

myself, he is my new hero. Since when is 59 old? Or 66? Or 76? Our culture has a weird view of age. Elsewhere, people 40 and up are revered for their experience and wisdom. In the dotcom age, I guess you're over the hill and incapable of chewing peas by yourself after you pass 30.

• **The new season** of "Stranger Things" begins this weekend. There have been all sorts of articles saying "Here are 11 things to know before you watch." I don't read those for the same reason I don't watch pregame shows. I don't want to know what to look for. I want to just watch, OK? Leave me the heck alone. I don't want to know anything that's going to happen, and I don't need your interpretation of it. I wonder if the people who write these articles also give their kids a note on Christmas Eve: "11 things to know about your gifts." All of life is a preview these days. I urge you to resist.

• **Amazing how fast** the Jim Harbaugh bandwagon is emptying. They could rent that thing out for hayrides it's so empty. Maybe the 1950s glasses don't mean he's an old school football genius after all.

• **"Passivity may be** the easy course, but it is hardly the honorable one." — Noam Chomsky

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IF YOU'RE AN incumbent and are expecting my vote, you are sadly mistaken. There have been far too many critical errors in this town over the last four years.

I HOPE TO see the Clintons fitted with a new set of clothes soon. Orange, where they belong, all three of them.

DID THE PERSON who said that they would vote for Snyder again bump their head? With the Flint water crisis cover-up, all the taxes and fees that he has raised he has to be one of the worst Michigan governors ever.

IF YOU REALLY want to get technical, it wasn't Columbus or Vespucci who discovered America but the Vikings nearly a half century before.

DDA CAPTURES MILLIONS of tax dollars to allegedly improve our city so that out-of-towners and big box chain stores can enrich themselves while we foot the bill for better streets to lead the sheep to their restaurants and undertaxed stores. The millions of DDA dollars could easily have paid for our road improvements.

ONCE AGAIN, THE conservatives lie. The Weinstein scandal has been on every major network since it broke. Every major network and newspaper. If you haven't seen or heard it, you've got your nose stuck in Fox News and you only

know the lies they told you.

TO THE PERSON asking about recycling the plastic sleeves newspapers are delivered in, those and plastic bags can be taken to the Loose Center in Linden. They crochet them into mats for homeless people.

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL fall weekend. Does the calendar lie? Is it only two more months until the first day of winter?

YOUR BRAINLESS ARGUMENT doesn't mean a thing. What do you think AR stands for in AR-15? Automatically Ridiculous?

I'M NOT IMPRESSED with your claim that you're well trained and know how to use your gun, not unless you're police or have been in the military.

I HAVE LIVED in Fenton for 25 years and I have discovered that Fenton is the most clique-ish town I have ever lived in. Unless you grew up here, you are ostracized and ignored.

HOW DOES 'YOUR Ride' stay in business when they are constantly late all the time, either picking you up or taking you back home?

I SEE THE NFL is gutless and is doing nothing over players giving the black power salute. I wonder how fast they would be stomped on if someone gave the white power salute and waved the Confederate flag.

UNTIL YESTERDAY, I was impressed with John Kelly. Now I see he's just another one of the President's yes men.

I WANT TO voice my objection to the proposed hunt on the sand hill cranes. They are a wonderful bird and we enjoy watching a couple in our area here. My wife and I are totally opposed to it. Everyone should contact their representative and voice their objections.

THE NFL IS an embarrassment. Players kneeling, giving the black power salute, disrespecting our country, disrespecting our national anthem.

LOVE IS MY religion.

WE ARE THE champions. It's time for women to stand up and put a stop to this mayhem that's happening in our country, nobody agrees with anything. Come on women, we know how to deal with this. I don't care if you're a Republican or a Democrat, just stop doing this.

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What do you wish you could have invented?

Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor

streettalk



"Battery-powered tools. They make the world so much simpler."

— **Brad Carnes**
Gaines Township



"I wish I would have invented the Adobe Creative Suite — Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator. It allows my students to be more creative, to control the process."

— **Pam Bunka**
Tyrone Township



"Cell phones. Everyone uses one; you're lost without it today. How did we ever keep in touch with anyone?"

— **Dave Wilson**
Fenton Township



"I should have invented the self-cleaning cat litter box, because it's a pain in the butt to scoop the litter."

— **Pauletta Eickhoff**
Mundy Township



"If I could, I'd invent tools that make living with rheumatoid arthritis easier. If they could improve upon a lot of things especially in the bathroom and shower, that would be good."

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Sincerely,
The Fenton Beautification Commission
and Parks and Recreation

Fenton jail is closed

■ Taking no prisoners until furnace replaced

By Vera Hogan

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The Fenton City Council held a special meeting Thursday, Oct. 26, to review and vote on a recommendation made by Chief of Police Jason Slater.

Slater asked that the council authorize the replacement of the building's aging furnace. Following an inspection, Dee Cramer Heating & Cooling recommended the furnace be taken out of service until the heat exchanger is fixed or the entire furnace is replaced.

"I have since taken this unit offline out of fears of inducing carbon monoxide into the building rendering our jail essentially closed, no longer able to house prisoners due to falling temperatures," said Slater in a memo last week to City Manager Lynn Markland.

During Dee Cramer's routine fall inspection of the heating and air-conditioning systems at the police department, a critical issue surfaced involving the furnace for the jail holding cell area. Several cracks (splits) were noted in the tubing on the heat exchanger in the rooftop jail furnace.

"The existing rooftop unit, a 2002 vintage, has a life expectancy of 15 years, according to the national ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers) standards," Slater said.

The best quote received was from Goyette Mechanical to repair the heat exchanger for \$1,363.

"I feel that since this unit is at the end of life spending \$1,300 would not be the best choice in the long run," he said.

Slater recommended that the council accept the bid from Dee Cramer to replace the rooftop unit for \$6,514. The council agreed, unanimously.

The furnace will be installed within five days, Slater said Thursday.

In the meantime, would-be law breakers would be wise to remember that the Genesee County Jail is not closed.

"If we get drunk drivers, they're going to county," Slater said.

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Don't miss your Medical Guide in this issue

■ Meet local doctors and other health professionals

By Sally Rummel

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Your health is your family's single most important asset. Yet it can be difficult to know where to start when it comes to choosing doctors, hospital affiliations and other professionals to help meet your family's ever-changing health needs.

The Times' staff has compiled its most comprehensive Medical Guide yet, included with



this week's edition.

Inside, you'll meet our local doctors and other health professionals, and become familiar with the tri-county area medical community. You'll find out when local medical offices are open and the best way to access the health care you need. You'll learn about different medical issues that are making the news in 2017, and how you can make a difference in your own health.

Make sure to keep this handy guide with important telephone numbers and office hours, so you have it on hand at home where you need it.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

STEVE BANNON IS an embarrassment to this country. I can't believe Trump brought him to the forefront where we could see this idiot.

■■■■ **CAN ANYBODY SAY** where in the United States is the weather year-round beautiful like it's been here the past week?

■■■■ **WE GOT A** bumper crop of black walnuts this year because they didn't produce the last two years and the problem is I've got my neighbor's tree, too. If anybody wants some, I'll be happy to give them to them.

■■■■ **WHERE ARE THE** skilled trades workers? Don't blame the kids. Businesses stopped apprenticeship programs creating a shortage in hopes of bringing in non-

union labor from foreign countries. As one CEO bragged, 'you'll no longer train union members.' Nothing is better than when school is mixed with training over four to five years.

■■■■ **TRI-COUNTY TIMES** voters, if you noticed the last election surprised all of the polls. If you remember that election, you'll remember the next one and vote, vote, vote.

■■■■ **MICHIGAN HAS ONE** of the highest taxes in the United States and you want to vote for Rick Snyder? Give me a break.

■■■■ **IT SEEMS LIKE** the empty storefronts should keep up with the landscape to make it more appealing for new businesses to come in.

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Condition of Hogan Road bridge of concern to residents

■ Road Commission covers new hole with steel plate as temporary fix

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton Twp. — The Hogan Road bridge over the Shiawassee River in Fenton Township was temporarily closed the morning of Thursday, Oct. 26 because of a 2-foot wide hole in the middle of the bridge.

Fenton Township Operations Manager/Deputy Clerk Tom Broecker said the Genesee County Road Commission placed a steel plate over the hole as a temporary measure to keep the bridge open to traffic.

"The road commission is working on a permanent solution," he said.

The bridge is under the jurisdiction of the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) because it is part of a public right-of-way. Since Hogan Road is classified as a local road, Broecker said the township will likely participate in the cost of the selected solution.

John Daly, director of the GCRC said if the hole goes through the decking but does not affect the support structure, then they put a steel plate over it until a permanent solution can be found.

"If the bridge is unsafe, we'll close it," he said, adding that the safety of the



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Motorists driving over the Hogan Road bridge over the Shiawassee River in Fenton Township will notice caution tape and a steel plate in the middle of the bridge, covering a 2-foot wide hole.

motoring public is the most important thing.

Keith Shirshun, who lives near the bridge with his wife, said the bridge has been in poor shape for years. He's talked to the township about getting it fixed, but nothing has happened. The township told him there's no money to fix it, he said.

"The side rails have been falling off for years," he said. He wrapped danger tape around the old rails to warn motorists.

Shirshun fears the bridge will collapse when a bus is driving over it, or something similar will occur.

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John Daly
Genesee County Road
Commission director

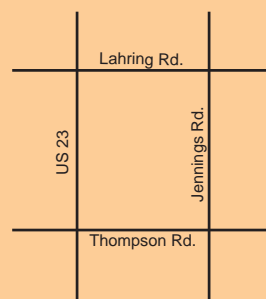
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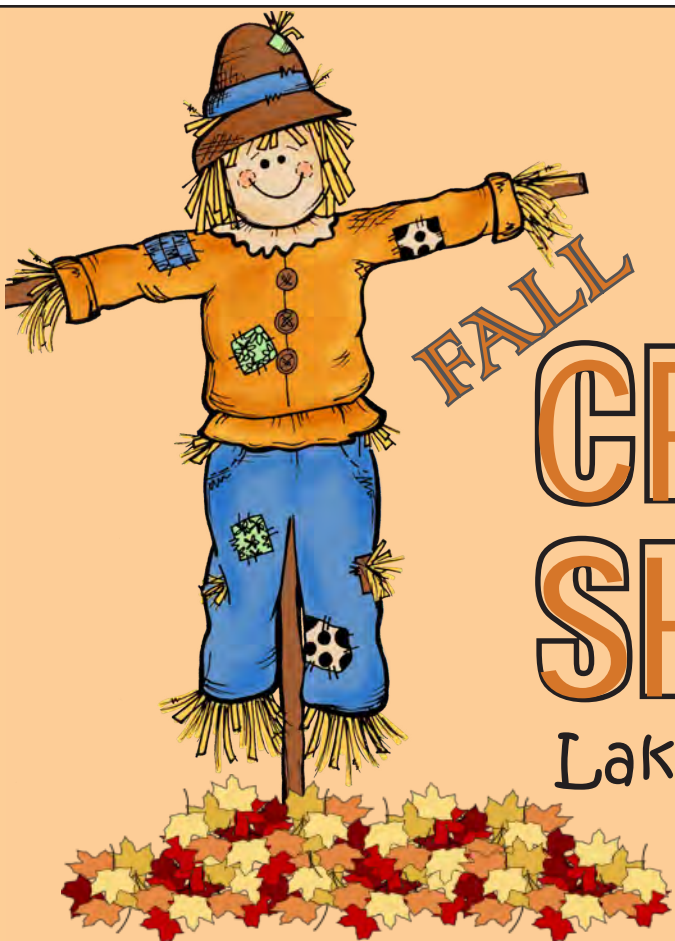
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Is it safe to travel to Mexico?

■ Americans have blacked out at resorts after drinking small amounts of alcohol

By Hannah Ball

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After reports came out that Americans staying at resorts in Mexico were blacking out after consuming small amounts of alcohol, many Americans are hesitant to travel to Mexico.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel found that, so far, more than 70 Americans have been robbed, assaulted, injured, and some have died after blacking out. When they go to a hospital, they are met with demands for a lot of cash, and the police are little help.

Karla Haibel, travel planner at Superior Travel Services, in Fenton said "We haven't had any rebuttal about going to Mexico."

A group who took a trip to Mexico recently came back, and Haibel said they were initially worried about the alcohol. She gave them travel tips everyone should follow when traveling, especially when you're going to be drinking.

"Be aware of your surroundings, don't leave your drink unattended. If you want, watch the bartender pour your drink," she said. "Don't carry a lot of cash, check your credit cards regularly, be aware of your surroundings. Don't just get in a taxi and go somewhere tourists aren't supposed to go."

The group didn't have any problems at all, said Haibel.

Since the report came out, Mexican authorities have seized more than 10,000 gallons of alcohol from a company using "poor manufacturing practices." This manufacturer, which was not named, was supplying popular resorts and tourist locations.

In August, the U.S. Department of State issued a travel warning for Americans planning to travel to Mexico, although the warning does not mention the tainted alcohol or Americans blacking out and being assaulted or killed.

"U.S. citizens have been the victims of violent crimes, including homicide, kidnapping, carjacking, and robbery in various Mexican states," the warning states.

Haibel said there's a travel warning, not a ban, for Mexico every year. Although,

this year was different because it included information about certain Mexican states, and not just general information about the entire country.

"We have people inquire about Mexico trips every single day," she said. "We haven't had any bad news concerning Mexico, which is wonderful. Mexico has a lot of beautiful properties. We send people there all of the time. It's a good price for a lot of clients to get exactly what they want."

Haibel gave a few more safe traveling tips, such as only use reputable transportation, travel in a group, look out for each other, and let your hotel know when you

expect to be back for the day.

"That's a travel tip for wherever you go," she said.

For more safe traveling tips, visit the smart traveler enrollment program (STEP) website at step.state.gov/step.

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Karla Haibel
Superior Travel Services
travel planner

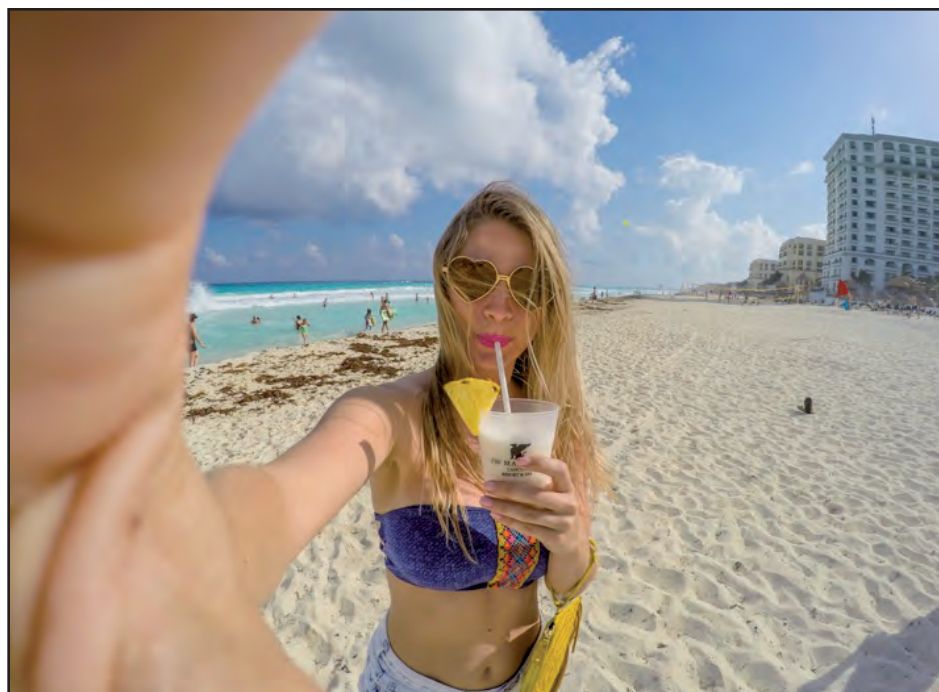


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BREAK-INS

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According to Argentine Township police, the suspect was arrested the afternoon of Thursday, Oct. 26. His name has not been released.

Sgt. Doug Fulton said Argentine Township police responded to break-ins on Haviland Beach Drive and Lobdell Road throughout October. Break-ins have also been reported in Mundy Township and across Livingston County.

Fulton said police suspected it could be one person breaking into homes.

ABC12 reported that a homeowner on Ray Road in Mundy Township returned to his house during a break-in. He said the man told him he was there to fix the roof and then fled. Argentine Township police and the Livingston County Sheriff's Office are sharing information through an information system.

The suspect is described as a very thin white man in his 20s, with brown hair and an unshaven face, according to ABC12. He's estimated to be 5-feet, 6-inches tall and drives a gray Chevy Silverado crew cab pickup truck with a chrome gas door.

Residents are urged to contact their local police department if they have experienced these break-ins or have any information. The Times will update the story once more information becomes available.

Holly woman dies en route to hospital

■ State police investigating Holly Township fatal crash

By Sharon Stone

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A 32-year-old Holly woman died en route to Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital on Thursday, Oct. 26, following an automobile crash on Grange Hall Road near Great Lakes Drive in Holly Township at 8:25 a.m. Authorities have not released the woman's identity.

The Michigan State Police Metro North Post is investigating the fatal crash. Preliminary investigation revealed that the driver of a 2017 Chevrolet full-size van was slowing to turn into a driveway while traveling on eastbound Grange Hall Road, when the driver of a 2009 Chevrolet Cobalt failed to stop and rear-ended the van.

There were no injuries to the driver or three passengers of the van.

North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Chief Jeremy Lintz said the full-size van was transporting special needs passengers and was attempting to make a turn when it was struck. The van sustained minor damage.

Lintz said firefighters had to take off the door of the Cobalt to remove the injured woman. He added that she had suffered traumatic injuries during the impact.

The woman was alert and conscious when taken from the scene by ambulance to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township. When troopers arrived at Genesys to follow up, they learned that the Holly woman was en route to Beaumont via helicopter.

The Second District Crash Reconstruction unit will be assisting in the investigation. It appears that the woman was not wearing her seatbelt. This investigation is continuing by the Metro North Post and the reconstruction unit.

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OCT. 29

1971: Duane Allman, a slide guitarist and the leader of the Allman Brothers Band, is killed when he loses control of his motorcycle and drives into the side of a flatbed truck in Macon, Georgia. He was 24 years old. After Allman's death, his band continued to tour and record and it is still together today. In 2004, Rolling Stone magazine declared that the Allman Brothers were the 52nd-greatest rock band of all time.

OCT. 30

1991: The so-called "perfect storm" hits the North Atlantic producing remarkably large waves along the New England and Canadian coasts. Over the next several days, the storm spread its fury over the ocean off the coast of Canada. The fishing boat "Andrea Gail" and its six-member crew were lost in the storm. The disaster spawned the best-selling book "The Perfect Storm" by Sebastian Junger and a blockbuster Hollywood movie of the same name.

OCT. 31

1926: Harry Houdini, the most celebrated magician and escape artist of the 20th century, dies of peritonitis in a Detroit hospital. Twelve days before, Houdini had been talking to a group of students after a lecture in Montreal when he commented on the strength of his stomach muscles and their ability to withstand hard blows. Suddenly, one of the students punched Houdini twice in the stomach. The magician hadn't had time to prepare, and the blows ruptured his appendix. He fell ill on the train to

Detroit, and, after performing one last time, was hospitalized. Doctors operated on him, but to no avail. The burst appendix poisoned his system, and on Oct. 31 he died.

NOV. 1

1512: The ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome, one of Italian artist Michelangelo's finest works, is exhibited to the public for the first time. Michelangelo Buonarroti, the greatest of the Italian Renaissance artists, was born in the small village of Caprese in 1475. He grew up in Florence and became an artist's apprentice at age 13. Demonstrating obvious talent, he was taken under the wing of Lorenzo de' Medici, the ruler of the Florentine republic and a great patron of the arts. After demonstrating his mastery of sculpture he was called to Rome in 1508 to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

NOV. 2

1989: Gwendolyn Graham is sentenced to life imprisonment with no possibility of parole for killing five elderly female residents of the Alpine Manor Nursing Home near Grand Rapids, Michigan. Both Graham and her criminal and romantic partner, Catherine Wood, had been employed as nurses' aides at the home.

NOV. 3

1930: At 12:05 a.m., the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel between the United States and Canada is officially opened to car traffic. The first passenger car through the tunnel was a 1929 Studebaker.

NOV. 4

2008: Senator Barack Obama of Illinois defeats Senator John McCain of Arizona to become the 44th U.S. president, and the first African American elected to the White House. The 47-year-old Democrat garnered 365 electoral votes and nearly 53 percent of the popular vote, while his 72-year-old Republican challenger captured 173 electoral votes and more than 45 percent of the popular vote.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE TERMS 'CORE values,' 'sense of worth,' all summed up, I consider it my personal sense of power.

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BASICALLY, ALL THE political Hot lines are saying is 'you're all devils and my side are all angels.'

NOW THAT THE real Russian scandal is out in the open, I wonder how long it'll be before Hilary and Bill both get measured for new jumpsuits. DOC orange.

IT'S TIME FOR a change at city hall. We need to get rid of the 'good old boys.' They've been in control for too long. Allow the will of the people to be heard. No more backroom politics.

IT SEEMS LIKE the conservatives are supposed to be nice, moral Christian people, yet they get nasty and judgmental when they want to.

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TO THE WEDNESDAY post about King's disrespect for Hollywood corruption. What women did our current President pay off? Hadn't heard this story, probably because I do not listen to the 'fake news.'

■■■■
TO THE ROSE Township recycling extremist. Maybe you should petition the township board to select a single waste provider for residents so that we can have the large rollaway bins for recycling, too. Otherwise, mind your own business.

■■■■
I'M TIRED OF reading negative things about the Lake Ponemah Mobile Home Park. A few bad apples don't spoil the bunch. This is Fenton's last historic living lot with a little slice of heaven on the lake. We came from poor people that took care of poor people. Consider writing a story about the amazing kids here, such as the kid that went to college last year on a football scholarship.

■■■■
ARE ANY OF the NFL kneelers known for spending any time with black youth and lecturing them on accountability with regard to serial impregnation of black women? The social consequences of fatherless black children is a disgrace to their race, their selves and America. Kneel for that and we will respect you.

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Spotlight on:

CRICKET WIRELESS

• New wireless store opens in Holly

By Sally Rummel

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Nick Caromi has been working with cell phones for the past seven years and is the store manager of the new Cricket Wireless store at 4048 Grange Hall Rd., Suite B, next to Subway in Holly. The store opened on June 17.

What are your main products and services? Cricket Wireless is a non-contract cell phone provider, and we also carry a variety of cellular accessories and last but not least, DirecTV Now, a subscription streaming TV service by AT&T. This allows subscribers in the United States to stream programming from cable channels without a long-term commitment.
What sets you apart from other wireless businesses in the area? There's a big difference: We run off the AT&T network and have coverage all over the U.S., especially here in Michigan where we cover both "up north" and the "thumb" area. We're the only network that has coverage in the thumb.



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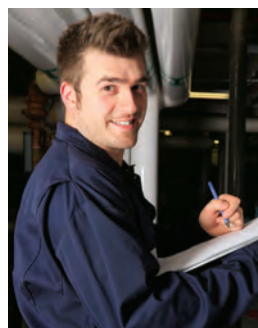
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SCULPTURE

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The Hagermans spent \$150,000 to commission an artist to create the sculpture, which has been appraised for the city of Fenton at between \$750,000 and \$1 million for insurance purposes.

The sculpture has been hugely popular, said Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland, providing another landmark and photo opportunity in downtown Fenton. Because of its significant value, the sculpture is under 24-hour camera surveillance.

"We wanted something that had personal significance and hoped that others would value it as well," said Jocelyn, a native of Sault Ste. Marie in the Upper Peninsula.

Jocelyn is CEO of The Hagerman Foundation, their family's philanthropic organization and Phil is the owner of Diplomat Pharmacy in Flint Township, the largest specialist pharmacy in the United States.

While the unveiling was a one-day event, the sculpture was actually a two-year project in the making.

"We've been thinking about a statue for Fenton for a long time," said Phil. "We both love art, and we wanted to do something that would be sustainable for the future. At first, we thought it was going to be at the Red Fox building, when we had acquired that several years ago. Then as downtown developed, we thought it would be enjoyed more by everyone at the Fenton Community Center."

Phil credits Markland with the actual theme of "The Game" two-and-a-half years ago. "We thought it was a spectacular idea," said Phil.

With an idea firmly in place, the Hagermans had to find a foundry that would turn the sculpture they envisioned into a finished bronze piece of art and stand the test of time.

"We did a lot of homework before finding The



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Charley Holcomb and other ninth-grade desktop publishing students from Fenton High School gather around the new Fenton landmark, "The Game," to take photos.

Fine Arts Sculpture Centre in Clarkston," said Phil. It's one of only several in Michigan that specializes in bronze art casting, as opposed to production casting for manufacturing.

The Hagermans met with Ben Cassell, owner of The Fine Arts Sculpture Centre, for the first time in 2015.

"They knew exactly what they wanted," said Cassell. "I reached out to six different sculptors and asked each for pricing and examples of their work."

They narrowed the search down to two, meeting in person with Oleg Kedria, an award-winning artist from Ukraine.

A former ArtPrize winner in Grand Rapids, Kedria is most well-known in Ukraine and Eastern Europe for his realistic and fluid portrayals of animals in motion. He has also created bronze sculptures for former President Bill Clinton and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"The Game" is the

largest piece of sculpture that The Fine Arts Sculpture Centre has created in bronze to date, said Cassell. With 125 individual life-size pieces, the details are historically accurate, right down to the coins and the Jack Daniels bottle from that era.

"It was very figurative, highly-detailed work," said Cassell. "A lot of extra time was spent on the fabrication steps of welding and bronzing."

What also set this sculpture apart was that there wasn't a specific deadline on its completion because of its complexity. "I told the Hagermans, we're going to do what it takes to do this right," he said. "By the time we're done, it's going to be so worth it. It's truly a museum-quality piece."

"The Game" sculpture by the numbers

- Two years to complete
- 125 individual pieces
- 100s of years: the sculpture's longevity
- \$150,000: cost for Hagermans to commission the art
- \$750,000 to \$1 million, appraised value

Watch for a future fundraiser

There are four smaller tabletop size bronze sculptures of "The Game," the first of which was a "sample" made by sculptor Oleg Kedria to show the Hagermans the piece in a smaller form. They keep that original tabletop sculpture as part of their personal art collection. The others will be sold by auction in a future fundraiser to benefit a community cause, "perhaps art or education," said Phil Hagerman. The mold for this tabletop sculpture will then be broken and this unique piece of art and history will not be available again, said Phil.

Interesting facts...

- **Phil Hagerman** was the driving force behind the idea of having an "empty seat" at the card table.
- **Sculptor Oleg Kedria** couldn't find any historical likenesses of Benjamin Rockwell, so he used his own face as the model. Oleg's name is written on the face of Rockwell's right boot.
- **The card players** will eventually have their names on a plaque so people will know who is who.
- **Oleg Kedria** entered a tabletop version of "The Game" in the 2016 ArtPrize event in Grand Rapids.



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The sculpture "The Game" was constructed with 125 individual pieces over a two-year period.



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Spotlight on:

COMMUNITY THREADS OF FENTON

• New community concept of 'thrift shopping' will be opening soon in Fenton

By Sally Rummel

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Allen Ryckman, 45, is bringing his retail experience and education to his new business, Community Threads of Fenton, opening Nov. 3 at 1370 N. Le-Roy St., next to Powerhouse Gym in the North VG's Grocery plaza. He and his wife of 20 years, Beth Hassenzahl, are the parents of two daughters, Annika, 8, and Zoey, 6.

When will you begin to accept donations for sale in your store, and what items are you looking for? We are currently taking donations of gently used clothing, household goods, toys, books and décor. As we are getting ready to open, you're welcome to stop by and say hello.

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Community Threads of Fenton will offer gently used items at low prices. At center is owner Allen Ryckman. Employees (from left) are Melissa Huff, Katherine King, Alyssa Syphrett, Meghan Parker, Tracey Lamar and Sabryn Kolasinski.

can certainly make a difference in our community.

We're interested in partnering with a diverse range of groups, as opposed to a single cause, like many other local thrift stores. While their missions are certainly worthy, our goal is to make a difference by directly helping local organizations, including educational, civic, spiritual and social groups.

How will our local community benefit from your store? We'll employ 10 to 15 local residents and will be supporting many local organizations. Our selection of new and gently used items will be an incredible value. Our inventory will be constantly fresh and no two days will be

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WHAT YOU MISSED *in the* MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, Oct. 25, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Poplar Street is open — on schedule

Poplar Street in Fenton is now open to traffic. It opened Friday, Oct. 20 after the signs and pavement markings were placed. Riggs Street also is almost done and the Caroline Street project is well underway.



Proposed liquor license fee tabled

After a public hearing held Monday, Oct. 23, the Fenton City Council decided to table passing a resolution that would establish liquor license application fees. Council members will discuss again at the Nov. 6 work session.

She's grateful to be alive

Oct. 16, 2016 crash victim has a chance to thank Fenton first responders who she attributes to saving her life.

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- Walks for food
- Loves Halloween

By Vera Hogan

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Zoey is a local zombie who was caught sneaking behind the Tri-County Times offices last week. Before we let her join her other undead friends behind the dumpsters, she agreed to a Q & A interview.

Hi Zoey, that's a pretty name, how did you get it?

Thank you, it's really quite a cute story. I was hanging out in the woods near a park one day, when a couple walked by. The dad had a baby, facing the opposite direction, strapped to his back. The baby spotted me, pointed a chubby little finger and started yelling excitedly in baby talk "Zoey! Zoey!" **Do you think the baby knew you were a zombie?**

Of course, babies are very intelligent. They only start dumbing down when they learn the bad habits of some of the people they grow up near. They just can't enunciate their words very well. Even more ironic, the name Zoey means "life."

That's funny, do zombies have a good sense of humor?

Absolutely, what else do we have to live for?

Why are zombies walking all the time and where are they going?

Because humans rarely come looking for us, we, the walking dead have to go to them, our food source. To do so, we still need at least part of our own brains. Because we only have a partial brain, we are slower and walk in a way that the living call 'lumbering,' side to side with our hands outstretched. That's how we can maintain balance and stay on our feet.

Speaking of brains, why do zombies eat gross stuff like brains and guts?

Well, since we have no taste buds

"...I did go shopping once thinking I would find a nice pair of pants and a shirt...it would have cost me an arm and a leg."

and no sense of smell, we really don't think of eating brains and guts as gross. Humans eat more gross foods than zombies. Take the food item that involves a combination of raw meat with muscle trimmings, fatty tissues, head meat, animal feet, animal skin, blood, liver and other edible slaughter products. The living eat 20 billion of them a year. They can be found in 95 percent of American households. They are hot dogs! Now that's gross!

Don't you think you would look more acceptable if you wore nicer clothes?

You're killing me here. OK, I did go shopping once thinking I would find a nice pair of pants and a shirt to replace my ripped, dirty old stuff. But the prices, even at a thrift store... it would have cost me an arm and a leg. Besides, I would stick out like a sore thumb amongst my friends if I had new clothes.

Where do you and your friends hang out?

We like to hang out in the shelter of thick trees near parks, and at the back-sides of cemeteries where people can't really see us. Halloween is a great time of year for us because the living like to dress up like zombies. They even have zombie walks down busy city streets. Too funny! We can walk right along with them and no one knows.



hand chance you are not a zombie, then you are definitely off your meds and need to call your shrink straight away. **Tell us something we don't know about zombies?**

We're not real! But tell that to the millions who tune into "The Walking Dead" each week. When asked why they would watch such a peculiar show for entertainment, most fans will say "You just gotta watch it. You'll see."

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Will you be out and about this Halloween?

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Could I become a zombie if I eat zombie flesh?

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OSBORNE

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he was arraigned on Oct. 4 for failure to report a dead body — his sometimes girlfriend, Julie Persons, 47.

According to the Genesee County Sheriff's Office, Osborne is also suspected of allegedly providing the drugs to Persons and not reporting her death. Detectives believe she had been dead for approximately 10 days before being discovered by a male friend in her trailer at Lake Ponemah Mobile Home Park on Oct. 1.

Osborne was supposed to be in Judge Mark McCabe's courtroom first on Wednesday, Oct. 11 for a pretrial, but he was a no-show. He was absent again on Wednesday Oct. 25. A bench warrant was issued that afternoon.

Osborne will have to post the \$5,000

bond and get another pretrial date, or be lodged at the Genesee County Jail until the next date.

Background

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

As previously reported, Lt. William Lanning said Osborne and Persons lived at lot 50, and other trailers in the park. The couple was behind on rent and were in the process of moving out. They would stay in other available trailers when they could. The sheriff's office continues to investigate this death and are working on leads as to the source of the heroin.

Editor Sharon Stone contributed to this report.

The 47-year-old victim, Persons, was a known drug user and had not been seen in over a week. Osborn pleaded not guilty to the misdemeanor of not reporting her body.

DEAD DEER

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The deer died of EHD, or epizootic hemorrhagic disease, an acute, infectious disease contracted by wild ruminants, but most commonly white-tailed deer. The disease is often fatal.

So far, the DNR has reported 30 dead deer from EHD that died within the Shiawassee River watershed in southern Argentine Township, according to Jon Curtis, DEQ wildlife technician for Genesee County.

Holly Vaughn, wildlife communications coordinator with the DNR, said 20 dead deer in one location is a fairly large number, but not that uncommon if environmental factors are right for the disease. It's common in late summer and early fall.

So far this year, deer with EHD have been identified in 12 counties in southern Michigan. This includes Genesee, Saginaw, Allegan, Barry, Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Montcalm, Shiawassee, St. Clair and Washtenaw.

"We are not expecting to see many more cases with the cold weather coming in later this week. Once the midges (tiny insects that resemble mosquitoes) die, we will no longer see the disease in



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A deadly disease is spreading among deer in multiple counties in Michigan. This deer carcass was found on Oct. 26 near the Lovejoy Road bridge.

the deer herd. EHD cannot infect people and hunters are not at risk by consuming deer from the affected areas, although we recommend that any animal that appears sick should not be consumed," Curtis said.

The virus is transmitted through the bite of an infected midge and causes extensive internal bleeding within the deer. When deer acquire the disease, they lose their appetite and fear of humans. They grow weaker, salivate excessively and become unconscious.

These deer may have bloody discharge from the nose and mouth, and a swollen tongue.

Deer with EHD are usually found sick or dead along or in bodies of water within one to three days of contracting the disease. EHD inactivates within 24 hours after the deer dies, and it does not spread from carcasses.

EHD cannot transmit to humans, and hunters are not at risk when consuming deer in EHD-affected areas.

The DNR reminds hunters not to eat deer that appear sick, and to report sightings of infected deer. Infected carcasses should be taken to the nearest DNR office for samples.

The frost kills the insects that transmits EHD.

According to the DNR, EHD is the most significant viral disease of white-tailed deer, and outbreaks have been recorded in numerous years. The most deer that died from EHD was 15,000 in 2012.

“EHD cannot infect people and hunters are not at risk by consuming deer from the affected areas, although we recommend that any animal that appears sick should not be consumed.”

Jon Curtis

Michigan Department of Natural Resources
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Spotlight on:

ALPINE MARKETPLACE MARKS 10 YEARS IN LINDEN

•Customer Appreciation Day set for Saturday, Nov. 4

By Sally Rummel
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Alpine Marketplace owner Marvin Yono is celebrating his 10 years of store ownership with a special Customer Appreciation Day on Saturday, Nov. 4. That's because Yono considers many of the people who come into Alpine to be friends, not just customers.

"Of all the communities I've worked in, I've never experienced more positive responses than from our customers from Linden and nearby areas," Yono said. "We truly appreciate every customer who walks in the door. It has been a great 10 years so far. It's a pleasure to work here. I love working with our team."

The store will be offering deals and samples in all of its departments, including fresh popcorn, frozen apple cider slushies, ice cream sundaes and a DIY



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Alpine Marketplace will celebrate its 10th anniversary under the ownership of Marvin Yono with Customer Appreciation Day on Saturday, Nov. 4. Watch for specials and deals in this issue of the Times.

Caramel Apple Station. Shoppers will also enjoy a 10th Anniversary 10/\$10 Sale and other discounts. The first 150 customers who stop in during the 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. event will receive a gift bag full of goodies and a \$5 Alpine Gift Card, said Yono. Yono also appreciates his staff at Alpine Marketplace. "Many of our team members have been working at Alpine for as long as we've owned it and some even before that. We are truly dedicated to providing the best

shopping experience every day," he said. Yono said that customers should be watching for new shopping innovations, including the launch of online ordering with curbside pickup and delivery, by the end of the year. "This is going to be a huge convenience for our customers," he said. Alpine Marketplace is at 604 W. Broad St., Linden, telephone (810) 735-5100 or visit Alpinemarketplace.com. Store hours are Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE REPUBLICANS MADE us a 'Right to Work' state, gave lawsuit immunity to the cable companies, killed our 401K, and now the banks have lawsuit immunity. Are they really for the 'working class'?

IF YOUR TAX bill is cut with the new tax plan, do you care who else gets a cut?

REGARDING THE PLASTIC bags from the newspaper for recycling, Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton loves them.

TO THE PERSON who wrote about who discovered America. Nobody discovered America. 'Americans' were already here when Europeans came here. Those inhabitants are called 'Native Americans' or Indians. Get your history right.

HOW CAN WE get Social Security reform put on the ballot? They need to stop stealing from it and start repaying the \$154 trillion plus they took from it.

EVER WONDER HOW our politicians can afford several multi-million dollar homes?

AFTER READING THIS go to your silverware drawer and dump all the knives into the trash, then take all your hammers, hatchets, axes, tire irons, screw drivers and put them to the curb as all are lethal weapons. Again, guns do not kill people, knives do not kill people — murderers do.



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BREEDING

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As part of the court order involving that past case, Scheib-Snider said the township has the right to inspect Gabriel's property three times a year.

"We can go in unannounced, just pop in," she said. "And we can bring whom-ever we want whether it's animal control, the state police, or anyone we wish. She (Gabriel) agreed to that."

Scheib-Snider guarantees that these inspections will take place.

According to the Oakland Press, Gabriel will appear before Judge Sean Kavanagh for a pretrial hearing in 16th District Court in Livonia on Nov. 9, where she faces four counts of animal neglect there. Livonia officials said the four dogs were turned over to the Michigan Humane Society.

Earlier this year

In a police report filed in July, a Farmington Hills police officer inspecting the property described the upstairs of Gabriel's house on Rollcrest Road as being in deplorable condition, with bugs all over the kitchen and the animals soaked in feces and urine. He counted 48 dogs on the property.

Farmington Hills officials say they've been grappling with the kennel for years and are relieved to hear that it's closing. Oakland County Animal Control officials also said Gabriel has been on the county radar for years because of numerous complaints.

Earlier this summer, Oakland County officials gave Gabriel until Nov. 8 to remove 16 dogs that were allegedly living in

unsanitary conditions from her house on Rollcrest Road, in the area of 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads in Farmington Hills.

Neighbors had been complaining about the stench from the home for nearly two decades. Farmington Hills officials reported that at one time, Gabriel, who breeds golden retriever puppies, had as many as 49 dogs in the house.

Gabriel has raised American Kennel Club golden retrievers through her Chien d'Or kennel for decades.

Oakland County officials alerted Livonia animal control officers that some of the dogs had been moved to a house in that city, prompting an inspection and, subsequently, four counts of animal neglect against Gabriel.

Oakland County Animal Control had already refused to renew the kennel's operating license, following an inspection in June in which a vet tech determined nine dogs on the property needed medical attention.

Meanwhile, activists with the animal rights group Puppy Mill Awareness of Southeast Michigan allege that Gabriel has also moved some of the dogs to her Rose Township home.

The same animal rights group has been keeping in touch with the Times regarding the progress of this case.

According to Gabriel's website (www.chiendorgoldens.com), she is retiring, looking for good homes for her remaining golden retrievers and selling her Farmington Hills property. Gabriel responded to an email and said, "I am retiring."

Sources: Oakland Press; USA Today

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IT SURE WOULD be nice if the police would look for more people not stopping at stop signs.

THE PROBLEM WITH all the gun laws that we're making is decent people with guns are good people. The people who create problems with guns don't care what the law is.

REGARDING THE CALLER that took to task the San Juan mayor asking for more assistance and expecting more from the federal government. The Hot-liner showed his ignorance when he blamed the people. Puerto Rico is in debt and has poor leadership. They are a territory of the U.S. and are citizens.

WE NEED TO have some kind of common sense regarding guns. It's unfathomable that Congress outlawed automatic weapons, yet makes it legal to buy kits that turn a semi-automatic into full automatic. No

one wants to take away the right to have guns but we've got to have some common sense.

I SEE THE man who tried to blow up a plane in Detroit last year said his rights are being violated for religious and dietary reasons. The only right he deserves is to be executed.

EVERYONE MUST GET out and vote no on Nov. 7 on the proposal that says Charter Amendment Proposal No. 1. The city wants to change the charter to read they can ask for higher taxes for a 10-year period, instead of the three years.

WE NEED MORE growth in Fenton to bring more tax revenue. Continue to develop downtown and Silver Lake Village and other areas where development can occur. Like it or not, Fenton is a city.

SERIOUSLY? I CANNOT believe I saw a car that still had the 'I'm with her' bumper sticker on it for Hillary's campaign.

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- Ryan LaFontaine of LaFontaine Automotive Group
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Porcha Clemens tells the judges about her dance business. She travels around the county, teaching at-risk children about dance. Parents have asked her to extend her programs but she needs more funding. JD Weigand (left) was the announcer of the event.

SHARK TANK
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is to bring more fresh food to Flint and use locally sourced ingredients.

In the 24-30 age group, Katie Head won with her pitch of owning a campground with her husband. After paying for IVF treatments to have their first child, they sold their house, bought an RV, and became integrated into the lifestyle.

Winners received \$1,000 and the opportunity to be mentored by all the judges.

Each contestant presented their idea Shark Tank style in five minutes or less. The judges then asked them questions. While they didn't officially say if they were in or out, the judges ranked the contestants in three categories: overall presentation, innovation, and chance of success.

Judge Josh Spencer of Spencer Agency

SUMMARY
■ The first Fenton Shark Tank could be an indicator of who will be the future business leaders in the area.

in Flint said, "I think it's a great idea for young people in the area to pitch their ideas. Most of us that are judging started in business when we were in our teens. For us to have the opportunity now to encourage other people...and help them and mentor them and help them get their ideas off the ground, that's really the main purpose of tonight."

He hoped to see something creative and new to the area, and hoped this first Fenton Shark Tank event would inspire future businesses and employers.

"The best would be if we could see out of this event, if we look in five years and see a big business in the area that's all over television," he said.

A few ideas were new to Fenton. One program, called Stemletics, combines STEM learning, which stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, with recreational activities to improve test scores.

Another presenter made the audience hungry with his proposed pizza ordering app for their smartphone. Users could

enter what kind of pizza they wanted, the amenities, and the app would give them price options for local pizza restaurants.

The judges also heard a pitch from 8-year-old AnaLeigh Brooks, who's been designing T-shirts since she was 4. While she wasn't old enough to enter the contest, she told the audience about her business.

"Most of them come from music," she said. "And what I do with my life."

Brooks sells her shirts at Northern Country Chic and Fancy That in Linden, and she's working on creating an Etsy

store. Part of the proceeds go to Carriage Town and local schools.

JD Weigand, founder and director of Fenton Challenge, said the event was amazing and so much better than he hoped.

"We'll also be sitting down as a team to see if there's any additional funding the 'sharks' would like to put behind the contestants now that we've seen and heard their ideas. So even the people that didn't win could be getting some considerable backing with mentorship and finances," he said.

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Area volleyball squads preparing for district action this week

By David Troppens

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The long volleyball regular season is finally ending and now it's time to get ready for the postseason.

It starts this week with all four area teams competing for their chance of earning a district title.

Linden and Fenton will play in the Class A Flushing district while Holly is a member of the Class A Clarkston district. Lake Fenton is a member of the Class B Flint Powers Catholic district.

The Fenton Tigers made school history a

year ago when the team advanced to the Class A state semifinals for the first time ever. Many players have graduated since last year's outstanding season, but Fenton has proven itself to be a pretty strong team this year as well, capturing an outright Metro League championship once again. They've also posted a pretty gaudy 43-8-2 overall record. The Tigers begin playoff action on Monday against Flint Southwestern at home at 6 p.m.

"I feel good," Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger said. "I think we've been pushed a few times and we've definitely rose to the occasion at this time of year. We are

game ready and not overlooking anybody."

Of course, questions surround if the Tigers can make a run like they did a year ago, which can be a good or bad thing. Eisinger seems to see positives and negatives of last year's success, entering this year's tourney.

"I don't think they act like there is more pressure and obviously returning with different teams it's hard to compare year-to-year because every team is so different and graduated so many seniors. It's not the

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Macyn Stevens and the Fenton Tigers host Flint Southwestern in district action on Monday.



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Blue Devils improving under new coach Ostrander

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Lake Fenton — Life has been a challenge on the Lake Fenton varsity volleyball team in recent years.

However, life is slowly starting to change this fall.

Under first-year head coach Caroline Ostrander, the Blue Devils have become a more confident bunch. They've been more competitive against stronger teams and are winning more matches as well. The Blue Devils finished conference play with a 6-4 mark, the first time in recent memory the team finished the season with an above .500 Genesee Area Conference

Red Division record.

The Blue Devils were not able to win its final regular season match of the year against Mt. Morris on Tuesday, but the loss didn't erase the improvements the team has made this season. Lake Fenton lost to Mt. Morris 25-16, 25-8, 25-16. The team played better during a recent tournament at Williamston, taking third at the event.

"We have improved," three-year starter and senior Megan Lynch said. "Our bond is a lot better. We all get along and we all have our inside jokes. It's been fun playing with the girls and I'm go-

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Linden's Madison Nelson attempts a kill in a recent match. Linden won a Metro match against Owosso on Tuesday.

Linden wins current match; Holly falls to Clio

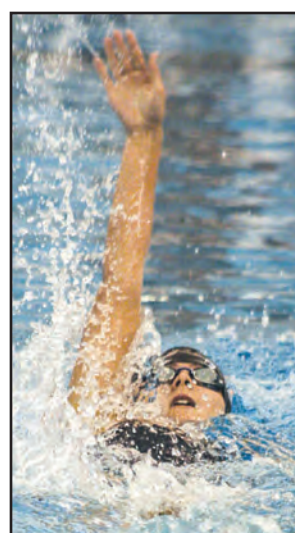
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The Flint Metro League volleyball season came to a conclusion last week with Linden and Holly posting mixed results.

The Fenton Tigers didn't have a league match, but the Metro League champions did find time to play two non-

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Fenton swimmers preparing for Metro meet, defeat Milford

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With the Metro League meet just around the corner, the Fenton varsity girls swimming and diving team upped their dual competition on Tuesday.

The Tigers competed against Milford, earning a 116-70 victory against the non-league foe.

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Fenton's Caitlyn Dailey competes in the 100-yard backstroke in a recent event. Dailey took first in the 100-yard butterfly against Milford on Thursday.

The Tigers took home seven of the 12 firsts, including two of the three firsts in relays.

Only two swimmers earned two individual firsts at the event and one was a Fenton swimmer. Delaney Fries took firsts in the 200 individual medley (2:27.06) and the 100 backstroke (1:09.19). Fries also took part in a relay first, team-

ing with Abigail Dolliver, Caitlyn Fries and Sabrina Hall to win the 200 medley relay (2:03.80), to take the early lead in the meet. The Tigers also won the 200 freestyle relay with Dolliver, Hall, Caitlyn Dailey and Sarah Barnett (1:50.88).

Three other Fenton swimmers took home individual firsts. They were Dailey in the 100 butterfly (1:07.46), Logan Harrison in the 500 freestyle (5:52.21) and Dolliver in the 100 breaststroke (1:18.55).

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Lake Fenton's Sophia Clements dives to the floor to make a dig in the Blue Devils' match against Mt. Morris on Tuesday.

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Area XC teams spotlight the future at Lake Fenton Invitational

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As most cross country teams prepared for regional action last week, some area underclass runners got their chance to shine during the rainy and soggy conditions at the Lake Fenton Freshman/Sophomore Invitational on Tuesday.

The boys' field had 17 complete teams with Fenton placing eighth, Linden 13th and Lake Fenton 14th. The girls' field had 12 complete teams with Fenton placing fifth and Linden taking eighth.

In the girls' race, Linden freshman Alexis Mawhinney led the area runners by taking 11th in 22:13.07. Fenton had two runners finish in the top 20. They were sophomore Avery Logan in 15th (22:27.01) and freshman Aubrey Lynch placed 19th (22:34.11).

The rest of Fenton's top five runners were Brooke Thomas in 28th (23:09.50), Cassie North in 39th (23:54.19) and Taron Masi in 50th (24:37.65). Linden's other scoring five runners were Olivia Baiz in 32nd (23:22.58), Cath-

erine Medici in 40th (23:56.28), Kathryn Walterhouse in 52nd (24:41.27) and Liza Kirkey in 79th (26:47.17).

The boys race didn't have any area runners finish in the top 20 overall. The Tigers's Gage Bond came the closest, placing 23rd in 18:38.43. The rest of Fenton's scoring five were Remington Stapp in 31st (18:58.64), Dillon Bartholomew in 65th (20:03.79), Anthony Barnett in 68th (20:06.73) and Kadin Dubie in 73rd (20:11.83).

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Area prep football schedules

Fenton Tigers			
Aug 26	Brandon	46-21W	1-0
Sept 1	Flint Kearsley	63-27W	2-0
Sept 8	Owosso	42-0W	3-0
Sept 15	Linden	48-13W	4-0
Sept 22	Clio	49-12W	5-0
Sept 29	Holly	42-6W	6-0
Oct 6	Flushing	52-35W	7-0
Oct 13	Swartz Creek	28-8W	8-0
Oct 20	Waterford Mott	28-42L	8-1
Oct 27	Car.-Ainsworth		

Holly Bronchos			
Aug 25	Swartz Creek	32-18W	1-0
Aug 31	Owosso	61-12W	2-0
Sept 8	Linden	28-49L	2-1
Sept 15	Kearsley	34-13W	3-1
Sept 22	Flushing	21-43L	3-2
Sept 29	Fenton	6-42L	3-3
Oct 6	Det. Univ Prep	61-0W	4-3
Oct 13	Brandon	21-28L	4-4
Oct 20	Clio	31-0W	5-4

Lake Fenton Blue Devils			
Aug 24	New Lothrop	22-28L	0-1
Sept 1	Montrose	21-0W	1-1
Sept 8	Mount Morris	44-6W	2-1
Sept 15	Goodrich	20-7W	3-1
Sept 22	Byron	24-6W	4-1
Sept 29	Durand	55-0W	5-1
Oct 6	Corunna	48-0W	6-1
Oct 13	Lakeville	55-0W	7-1
Oct 20	Williamston	35-28W	8-1
Oct 27	Williamston		

Linden Eagles			
Aug 24	Flushing	27-22W	1-0
Sept 1	Clio	49-0W	2-0
Sept 8	Holly	49-28W	3-0
Sept 15	Fenton	13-48L	3-1
Sept 22	Kearsley	38-6W	4-1
Sept 29	Swartz Creek	56-14W	5-1
Oct 6	Brandon	53-0W	6-1
Oct 13	DeWitt	3-33L	6-2
Oct 20	Owosso	53-7W	7-2
Oct 27	Bay City Cent.		



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ing to miss them. We've worked hard. It's tough. We still have building to do for the younger groups, but we have improved."

"Being 6-4, that's a huge improvement and that's just our league games," Ostrander said. "I think the girls have really bonded and built relationships with each other. That makes it easier."

"They are trying to figure out how they play the best — whether if it is mad, happy or by getting fired up. We played some good matches in our

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Zoey Howieson attempts to dig a ball during the Blue Devils' loss to Mt. Morris on Tuesday.

tournament at Williamston. The girls are figuring out how to work together. We are getting there."

The Blue Devils were facing a 25-win team with Mt. Morris in Lake Fenton's gym on Tuesday, but Lake Fenton started out fine early in the first set.

Lake Fenton jumped to a 3-2 lead and were still tied 4-4 before Mt. Morris started taking over. Led by Linda Allen, Mt. Morris had 15 kills in the opening set and eventually won a 25-16 verdict.

The Blue Devils struggled in the second set immediately falling behind 3-0 on two service reception miscues, the second one resulting in a Mt. Morris overpass kill. The Blue Devils were able to cut the gap to 4-2, but back-to-back Lake Fenton hitting errors sparked a

four-point run for the Panthers. Lake Fenton trailed 7-3. The lead grew fast, hitting double-digits for the first time at 14-4.

Lake Fenton played better in the third set, despite falling behind early 6-2. The lead stayed around four for while, with Lake Fenton trailing just 11-7 after a kill by Hannah Garty, but the Blue Devils were never able to get the lead.

Later in the set, another Garty kill cut the gap to 17-14. Garty cut it back to 18-15 with another kill a couple of volleys later, but a tip kill by Mt. Morris' Haylee hill sparked a run of six Panthers' points, pretty much icing the set and the match.

Garty led the Blue Devils with 10 kills while Zoey Howieson had four kills.

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same team," Eisinger said. "But it makes us hungrier. If you were on the team or the sidelines last year they realize it was a good thing for the school and the girls. That aspect of it made everybody hungrier to want to repeat it and do it again."

Linden has been in a somewhat rebuild process this fall but has come out of it in pretty solid shape, entering the tournament with an above-.500 record. The Eagles open with a road match against match hosts Flint Carman-Ainsworth on Monday at 6 p.m.

"We have been dealing with some injuries the last few weeks, mainly my setters," Linden varsity volleyball coach Cori Mason said. "Hopefully, by next week, everyone will be healthy again. We had a great weekend at Fenton and even faced off against Carman-Ainsworth. They are a much improved team but I feel if we serve tough, hit positive, and everyone is healthy, we have a good chance of moving to the second round in the district."

After Monday, action continues at Flushing High School on Wednesday.

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Lake Fenton's Monrae Prentice attempts a kill against Mt. Morris. Lake Fenton plays Goodrich in district action on Monday.

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league foes in preparation for districts, starting on Monday.

The Linden Eagles completed the Metro League season by finishing in a tie for fourth with the Holly Bronchos and Clio Mustangs after defeating Owosso 25-7, 25-

6, 25-5. The Eagles victory was so convincing, the Lady Trojans didn't have a hitter with more than one kill in the match.

The Eagles did a lot of their damage at the service line, led by Jordan Moros' 14-for-14 serving which included five aces. Linnea Wittbrodt had nine kills while Makenna O'Keefe had seven kills.

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