

Fenton City voters have big decisions to make

■ Mayor, council seats and possibility of 10-year millages to be decided

By Vera Hogan

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Voters in the city of Fenton have more decisions to make this Nov. 7 than they have in previous years.

This year, Mayor **Sue Osborn** is being challenged for the mayoral job by Councilwoman **Cherie Smith**. A newcomer, **Kurt Wilkinson**'s name also will appear on the ballot, however, he has chosen not to par-

ticipate in recent Times' election coverage.

The mayor serves two years in office, with the next election to be in 2019.

Incumbent Councilmen **Scott Grossmeyer** and **David McDermott** also are running for re-election. A third seat will be filled by another candidate since Councilman Brad Jacob has chosen not to seek re-election.

Grossmeyer and McDermott are being joined on the ballot by newcomers **Donald "Skip" Bancroft**, **Traci Bottecelli** and **Sean Sage**.

The term for Fenton City Council members is four years. The next election will be in 2021.

See **VOTERS** on 18A



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Fenton voters will cast their ballots on Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the St. John Activity Center.

What's on your ballot?

■ Here's a rundown of local proposals, millages and voting locations

By Hannah Ball

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Tuesday, Nov. 7 is the day to cast your vote at polling locations if you haven't already turned in your absentee voter ballot. While it's not a national election year, there are still issues that registered voters can have a voice on.

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Artificial turf requires less maintenance than natural grass and is more shock absorbent. As of now, Fenton is the only area school district that has artificial turf on its football field.

Is synthetic grass coming to your football field?

■ Pros and cons of spending up to \$900K on artificial turf

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Two area schools are planning to replace the grass fields at their high school football fields with artificial turf.

Linden Community Schools administrators and the Board of Education have been discussing artificial turf on and off for a few years.

See **TURF** on 18A

Only 50 days 'til Christmas



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

The Carter household in Tyrone Township starts the Christmas season early. On Wednesday, Nov. 1, family and friends worked all day on decorations, finishing their tree at about 7 p.m. From left are Jake Durant, 14, Chloe Carter, 17, Emily Carter, 15, and Michael Burnham, 17. See story on Page 16A

Holly resident's beef with governor goes to U.S. Supreme Court

■ Dispute over using public money for private buildings

By Hannah Ball

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Michigan's top lawyer is aware of a Holly resident's United States Supreme Court case against Gov.

Rick Snyder.

A representative of Attorney General Bill Schuette said they received the filing of the case John Lauve vs. Governor of Michigan, Richard

Snyder, for the use of public monies to help fund Little Caesars Arena.

Schuette's office waived its right to respond on Friday, Nov. 3.

See **COURT** on 20A



John Lauve

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“The AR in ‘AR-15’ rifle stands for ArmaLite rifle, after the company that developed it in the 1950s. ‘Assault Rifle’ is a political term created by the anti-gun left to ban semi-automatic rifles in the 1980s.”



“The ridiculous 10-year millage proposal will be soundly defeated. What shouldn't happen is to allow our city leaders to slightly change it and keep bringing it back until it is passed. Council, do not allow this to happen or we will recall you. We are already taxed to the breaking point.”



“Fenton residents should overwhelmingly support the millage change proposal. We all have to drive on the roads. We need to support our community and our new thriving downtown that attracts so many visitors. There is always a price to pay for progress.”



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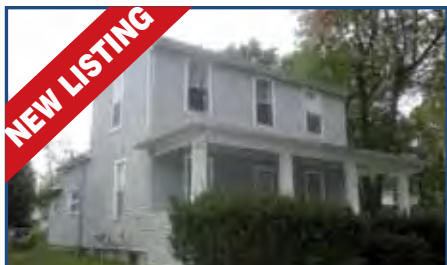
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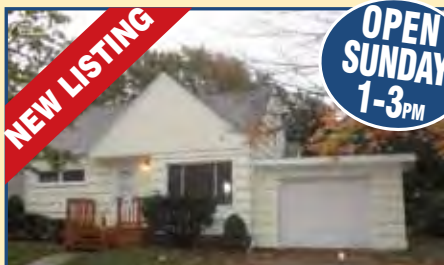
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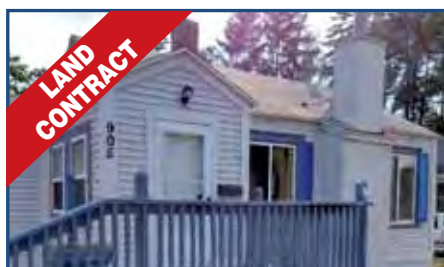
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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DIAL 9-1-1?



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Fenton dispatchers Susie Haney (left) and Samantha Sturgis are among the first in the chain of professionals who handle emergency situations in Fenton. Linden and Holly use their respective county dispatch centers.

Behind the scenes with local emergency dispatchers

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"9-1-1, what is your emergency?"

The answer to that question determines what happens next. According to Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff, when someone calls Fenton 9-1-1, the dispatcher evaluates the call to determine what level of response is needed.

The city of Fenton is the only community in Genesee County with its own dispatch center. All other communities go through Genesee County 9-1-1.

"In our county we use a tier system," Cairnduff said. "Tier 1 is a serious or life

threatening call, such as chest pains, trouble breathing, cardiac arrest, etc., while a Tier 2 is a non-emergent type of call."

Examples of a Tier 2 call could be general weakness, flu-like symptoms, back pain, etc., he said. Different levels require different responses.

"Our dispatcher would dispatch an ambulance, typically STAT EMS, to the call," Cairnduff said. "Depending on the severity they would also request a Genesee

County Sheriff's paramedic unit, and possibly send the fire department." The fire department only goes to serious types of incidents, like car accidents, cardiac

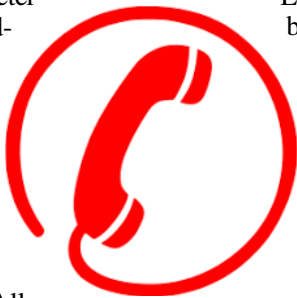
arrests, industrial accidents and the like unless the ambulance is coming from outside the Fenton area.

"Then the fire department is sent to the medical incident to stabilize the patient until the ambulance arrives and transports the patient," Cairnduff said.

If it is a serious call like a car accident with injuries or a cardiac arrest call then the ambulance and fire department are dual dispatched together. The police department will also respond to those types of incidents.

"The fire department does not transport any patients," said Cairnduff. "We do not have the capability. The transporting of patients in our county is handled by private ambulance companies."

See 9-1-1 on 17A



Stranger danger incidents on the rise in recent weeks

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The incidents of stranger danger in Genesee County and surrounding communities have increased in recent weeks, with the most recent being last week in the Carman-Ainsworth school district in Flint Township.

On Sept. 26, stranger danger incidents occurred in Grand Blanc, and on Sept. 27 in Livingston County's Oceola Township.

In early October, there were multiple reports of suspicious vehicles and drivers attempting to talk with young people, leaving parents on edge about their children's safety.

One woman reported that a man driving a white work van tried to pick up her daughter off N. LeRoy Street. Her daughter said the driver was white, middle-aged and spoke with an accent.

Fenton Area Public Schools Superintendent Adam Hartley urged parents to talk to their children about the importance of being aware of their surroundings.

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Share your opinions based on 'real' news

I banned fake news from my website and Facebook page a couple weeks ago.

Why? Because I finally noticed that, to bolster their arguments, people — both lefties and righties — were posting links to “news” articles that were really just thinly disguised, hyper-partisan rant pieces from “news” websites that I’ve never heard of before. So I asked readers not to post them. And if they did, I said I would delete them — not to steer the discussion. I don’t care about losing a debate or having my views altered. Debate, to



Andrew Heller
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me, is a good and healthy thing. It’s how we learn and grow. You have your opinion, I have mine. So let’s have at it. But let’s have it based on facts and real news and not on innuendo, partisanship or nonsense.

We used to know nonsense when we saw it in this country. We’re not as good at it anymore. One reason is the decline of traditional media — newspapers, news magazines, TV, radio. In the past, everyone got their news from the same sources. That was a good thing because, believe it or not, the vast majority of real journalists — then as now — play news down the center, leaving the opinions to goofs like me. Because of that, news consumers more or less agreed on the same set of facts.

Another reason is the internet. For all the good it has done, it’s also given anyone with an angle to push the ability to put out their own set of facts and disguise it as news in order to fool people. I believe it’s helped turn us into a nation of people who can’t see other points of view, which is why talking to one another has become like trying to play Monopoly where everyone has their own set of rules. Sheer chaos.

Well, my little rule change has become my way to combat that. If you

want to share your opinion on my Facebook page or website, have at it. I don’t care whether it agrees with mine or not. Like I say, debate is healthy. But if you try to bolster that opinion by posting a link to a news source, it has to come from an established, trusted news source. If not, I hit the delete button.

I realize that’s a bit nebulous. What’s established and trusted? Well, in my mind, it’s an outlet I’ve heard of and can check out. Mainstream media, in other words, including your local newspaper. Regardless of what you’ve been told, traditional media is still the best source for news. Yes, there are newer online only news sources that didn’t exist in the old days, but be careful they’re not blurring the line between news and opinion.

The great danger to America, I figure, is not that we have differing opinions on the same news. It’s that we don’t agree on the facts. I submit that the intentional blurring of the line that used to separate news and fact from opinion is to blame.

So I’ve redrawn that line on my little corner of the interwebs. I encourage you to do the same.

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HAVE I MENTIONED how much of an upgrade Andrew Heller is for this paper? Thank you for including him and his rational yet funny voice.

PUT DOWN YOUR game controller, put on your nice, soft shoes, take a walk outside and enjoy the gorgeous, crisp fall afternoon. And, you can always stop by and pick up a copy of the Times.

BILL CLINTON WAS the one who ramrodded NAFTA through, which has really hurt the working people of this country.

TO THE PEOPLE who lick their fingers when playing cards at the Loose Center, that is very unhealthy. Where are your manners?

TO THE HOT-LINER who’s excited that our city council transformed our town into a vibrant and exciting city, I do think about decades ago, I stayed in Fenton for a reason. If I wanted to live in a city, I would have moved there years ago.

ASSAULT OR MACHINE nail gun kill? Once again, no they do not. People kill.

NO ONE IS changing the subject to the flag and patriotism, when you kneel during the national anthem; you are doing just that, disrespecting the flag and everything it stands for.

THERE’VE BEEN 900 shooting deaths since Las Vegas, not one involved a butter knife, a kitchen knife, a butcher knife hatchet, and axe. Granted, only bad people shoot other people but it makes it easier for bad people to do it.

I CAN’T BELIEVE how lazy people are not to use their turn signals. It’s not that hard. It’s the lever on the left-hand side of the steering column. Use it.

TRUMP’S SUPPORT IS down to 38 percent. Nixon’s support after resigning was 29 percent.

FACEBOOK SAID ABOUT 126 million people saw the ads on the site that were bought and paid for by the Russians. It’s not a far stretch to say that at least a few million were swayed by those ads. This is extremely concerning.

LIKE MANY RESIDENTS I will have to sell my home and move away from Fenton if I see the super-millage pass. Problem is that if it does, the value of my house and every other house in Fenton will immediately go down due to the tax increase. Either way, most of us will be screwed.

YOU MISUNDERSTAND ME. I’m not impressed with John Kelly now. Before, I thought he would have made a better president than Trump. But he’s such a kiss-up to Trump, that’s why I’m not impressed.

THE M15 IS a military assault weapon. The AR-15 is a semi automatic that looks like the M16. However, it can be converted quite easily for about \$50 by the addition of a bump stock. It’s made to kill.

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Councilman Bradley Jacob

Dear Editor,
It is time to say goodbye to Fenton City Councilman Brad Jacob. We follow the issues with the council pretty closely and have found that Brad has brought a freshness to the debate. There have been a few times that he has thoughtfully gone against the grain and not been afraid to challenge the old norms. It is so important for our city to have representatives like Brad. We hope he runs again in four years and until then he will be missed.

*Sincerely,
Leo and Teresa Doan, Fenton*

Have you ever had to call 911?

Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor

streettalk



“I haven’t had the opportunity, but my daughter had to call for my wife, who had a bad reaction to medication.”

Ronald Wienczak
Fenton



“Yes. I was flipping the mattress and the strap broke, and I fell and broke my hip. The ambulance arrived really quickly.”

Leslie Yanez
Linden



“This was years ago. I was driving and a deer hit me. I had no cell phone so I drove to a friend’s house and called 911.”

Timothy Parrott
Argentine Township



“Thankfully, we never had to use it. Fortunately, it’s a really good service. The neighborhood has used and benefitted from it.”

Timothy Garback
Fenton



“About five years ago I was driving and saw someone had been in a crash. It was a teenager sitting by the side of the road. They responded right away, and said someone had already called.”

Stacey Donahue, Fenton

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THIEF TAKES SCRAP METAL FROM GARAGE

On Monday, Oct. 23, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 12000 block of Princewood Drive in Fenton Township for a larceny from a building complaint. The homeowner told deputies that he photographed a male entering his newly built garage and remove scrap metal. The incident is currently under investigation.

ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP TEEN ARRESTED AT HOTEL

On Sunday, Oct. 29 at 1:37 p.m., Fenton police were dispatched to a hotel in the 3100 block of Silver Lake Road on a report of a male possibly under the influence of drugs or alcohol near one of the rooms. Lt. Jeff Cross said when police arrived at the hotel, the individual who had rented the room, a 22-year-old Williamsburg resident, was checking out. While at the front

desk, housekeeping reported that an individual was still in the Williamsburg man's room. Police went to the room and made contact with the male, a 19-year-old Argentine Township resident. A computer check revealed that the teen had two valid felony warrants out of Genesee County. He was arrested and transported to the Genesee County Jail on the warrants.

WATCH STOLEN FROM VEHICLE

On Thursday, Oct. 26, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office received a larceny from auto complaint from a resident in the 12000 block of Torrey Road in Fenton Township. The victim reported that a watch was taken from her vehicle sometime between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 5:55 a.m. This case remains under investigation.

ITEMS STOLEN FROM VEHICLE

On Oct. 26, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office received a larceny from auto complaint from a resident in the 13000 block of Golden Circle Drive in Fenton Township. The victim told deputies that miscellaneous items were taken from her vehicle sometime between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. This case remains under investigation.

HIT AND RUN UNDER INVESTIGATION

On Saturday, Oct. 28, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to a hit and run complaint in the 3000 block of Thompson Road in Fenton Township. The victim's vehicle was rear ended by a brown SUV. This incident remains under investigation.

HOTEL GUEST SMOKES, STEALS COMFORTER

On Oct. 28, Fenton police were dispatched to a hotel on Silver Parkway to investigate a complaint filed by hotel staff. Lt. Jeff Cross said employees reported that a female guest was being forced to check out of her room because she was caught smoking. She was given a \$150 fine for smoking, but fled without paying. Housekeeping checked her room and discovered she had also taken the comforter from the bed. Police have identified the suspect, a 28-year-old Florida woman, and are in the process of obtaining an arrest warrant for larceny from a building.

MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI

A 53-year-old man was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated (OWI) at 2:55 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 22. Lt. Jeff Cross of the Fenton Police Department said a Fenton police officer observed a car crossing the centerline several times as it traveled westbound on Silver Lake Road, near U.S. 23. Suspecting the driver had been drinking, a traffic stop was initiated. The officer detected the odor of intoxicants when contact was made with the driver, who admitted to drinking two rum and Cokes. A Breathalyzer revealed a blood alcohol content of .17 percent. The driver was arrested and lodged at the police station until sober. He was then issued a court appearance citation for OWI.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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IS ANYONE GOING to acknowledge that Lee Harvey Oswald's name is on the CIA memorial wall? It's not there. That's been debunked many times. Look it up by some reputable site.

■■■
IT'S NICE TO see Foster Childs finally wrote a column that's in line with his thought process. A bunch of gibberish.

■■■
IF YOU MADE a turn signal look like a cell phone, more people would probably use it.

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PUERTO RICAN RESIDENTS are in a dire situation. Hurricane Maria ravaged their entire nation and their government is having difficulty providing the basic needs of water, electricity, medical care and education. It's part of the responsibility of the federal government. They are American citizens who need help now.

■■■
IT APPEARS FAR too many federal judges are forgetting their constitutional law class. It clearly states Congress will enact laws. The judicial branch will enforce laws. Judges shall not make laws from the bench. It violates the Constitution.

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I CAN TELL you right now President Trump's disapproval numbers are huge, biggest in history.

■■■
DEMOCRAT CHUCK SCHUMER wrote the law for the Diversity Immigrant Program, which allowed terrorists, like the one in New York yesterday, to come to our country and kill Democrats like De Blasio shut down surveillance programs, which would have helped the FBI.

■■■

Don't just change your clocks...

■ It's also time to check your smoke and CO detectors

By Vera Hogan

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November, that month when any kind of weather can rear its ugly head — rain, sleet, snow, high winds, extreme cold — it's the start of winter even though it is technically still fall.

One thing is certain, power outages can occur during any kind of weather and residents should be prepared. And one way to do that is to make sure we have working carbon monoxide detectors in place before the winter months dig in for real.

Local residents will not soon forget what happened to a Fenton Township family in February of 2016. The family of six died in their home in the Stony Brook subdivision from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Leonard Quasarano, 35, his wife, Heather, 39, and their four children, Luke, 11, Brenden, 9, Rachel, 7 and Grant, who was almost 2, all perished.

Officials said a carbon monoxide leak came from a generator that was located in the lower level of the house. That area of Fenton Township experienced a power outage due to high winds, prompting the family to use the generator.

Invisible killer

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless and tasteless gas. And although we can't see it, carbon monoxide can be deadly.

Prevent CO poisoning

Use CO alarms. Place a CO alarm on every floor of your house, especially near any room where people sleep. If the alarm goes off, leave your home immediately and call 9-1-1. Seek prompt medical attention if you suspect CO poisoning and are feeling dizzy, light-headed or nauseous.

Check or replace the batteries in your alarms when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall.

Get appliances serviced. Have your heating system, water heater and any other gas, oil, wood or coal-burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.

Don't leave vehicles idling. If your garage is attached to your home, don't leave your car or truck idling inside, even if the garage door is open.

Prevent CO poisoning during a power outage

Never use a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove, or other gasoline, kerosene, propane or charcoal-burning device inside your home, basement, garage or near a window.

Don't burn anything in a stove or fireplace that isn't vented to the outside air.

If you suspect CO poisoning and you or anyone in your family is experiencing dizziness, nausea, lightheadedness, vomiting, headache or confusion, leave your home immediately, call 9-1-1 for medical attention and stay out of the house until the problem has been corrected.

Source: Consumers Energy



Starrs Farm DEQ case resolved

■ Official confirms no more violations reported for farm

By Hannah Ball

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Starrs Farm in Fenton Township has no active violations with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the case is being resolved.

Laura Starrs of Starrs Farm said everything is fixed and they are in compliance.

In early July, the DEQ Water Resources Division issued a second notice to the farm for violations of Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451. The report noted that discolored water from the farm was discharging over the curb and onto Lakeview Park Drive, which then discharged into



Byram Lake.

Stephanie Kammer, the Lansing District supervisor for the Water Resources Division of the DEQ, said in a previous Times article "The discharge does not have a significant impact on the lake. It was diluted by the time it got to the lake the day we were there. We definitely want to protect the lake."

Natasha Gauna, case manager at the DEQ, confirmed there are no active violations with the farm.

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- Charter Amendment Proposal No. 1 is not a millage proposal.
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- Any Special Millage must still be approved by the voters in an election.
- This proposed Charter Amendment does **NOT** allow the City Council to increase millage without voter approval.
- It does allow the voters to vote for a millage that could be spread over a 10-year period.

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Meet REV. DAWN STOKER

- New pastor at Linden Presbyterian Church
- Storyteller
- Loves adventure and new places

By Sally Rummel

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Rev. Dawn Stoker, 49, began her pastoral duties at Linden Presbyterian Church on Aug. 16, and was officially installed at the church on Oct. 29.

A New Jersey native, she graduated from Eastern Mennonite College in Harrisonburg, Virginia and earned her Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey. She was ordained in February 1997. She has two sons, Clayton, 14 and Sullivan, 11.

Where were your ministerial duties before you came to Linden?

For the last three years I've been serving as an interim pastor, helping congregations transition from one called pastor to the next. I've been a camp director, which was a ton and fun and crazy stressful at the same time. I have served churches in New Jersey, Louisiana, Alabama, North Carolina, Georgia and now Michigan. I love adventure and new places.

Was the town you came from similar in size to Linden?

I grew up in Manasquan, New Jersey, a small resort town on the Jersey Shore. The population would triple in size in the summer. The lakes in this area were a big draw to me; I'm appreciating the fact that I can be near the water and not have to live through the ordeal of hurricanes.

What made you decide you wanted to be a pastor?

I didn't grow up wishing to be a pastor. I was active in church as a child and as a teen in various church ministries and youth groups. My parents sent me to a private Christian high school to keep me out of trouble.

I was thinking more about being a missionary when I went to college. As a junior, I lived in Washington, D.C. and took classes at the University of Maryland and interned with Interfaith Action for Economic Justice on Capitol Hill. I was a Food and Agriculture Policy intern. By graduation, I had become enamored with politics, but the Reagan recession made it hard to find a job.

After looking at some mission opportunities, my pastor called me into his office and said, "Dawn, this church (First Presbyterian Church of Manasquan, New Jersey) has money to send you to seminary, I think you should go."

I had not had the occasion to be around any female pastors, but I was a nanny for three children and knew I



"I was attracted to Linden Presbyterian's community outreach and I love their energy and joy. This is a family I want to be a part of."

Rev. Dawn Stoker
New pastor at Linden Presbyterian Church

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Rev. Dawn Stoker was installed last Sunday as the new full-time pastor at Linden Presbyterian Church, the first woman to hold that role at this congregation.

didn't want to do that for the rest my life, so off I went to seminary. It was during my field education experiences in Oregon and Washington State that I discovered my call. I found I had skills and a heart for God and sharing my faith and encouraging others in theirs. It has been a natural progression of listening and waiting for God's still, small voice to be heard and then for me to act.

You're the first female full-time pastor at Linden Presbyterian. What is that like?

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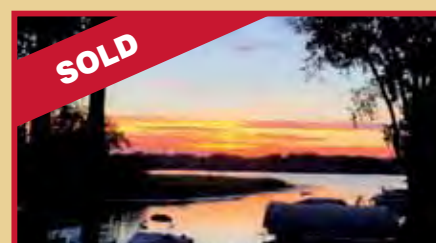
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Spotlight on:

FENTON BALLET THEATRE

• State-of-the-art studio offers pre-professional classical ballet training and Pilates

By Sally Rummel

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Brooke Holvick has opened the Fenton Ballet Theatre in her home community where she and her husband, Gary, are raising their four children. The 6,000-square-foot studio is in the lower level of the new Silver Lakes Crossing building at 3309 W. Silver Lake Rd., Suite G in Fenton.

What makes ballet such excellent training for all types of dance?

Ballet is the foundation of a dancer's technique. It requires a strong work ethic, perseverance, dedication, motivation, stamina, flexibility and strength. It is an art form that develops discipline and determination. We strive to maintain a disciplined environment with a focus on modesty using age-appropriate movement and material. Our goal is to reveal a child's true potential through developing a lifelong love of dance, movement and appreciation of classical ballet.

What classes do you offer?

We have seven levels of Classical Ballet for ages 7 to 18, specialty classes in Partnering, Pointe and Classical



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Fenton Ballet Theatre students hold a croisé devant position during an evening class on Wednesday, Nov. 1. The school trains students in recreational and professional ballet.

Variations, Homeschool Ballet during the day, Beginner and Advanced Ballet, Lyrical for all ages, Mommy & Me for ages 18 months to 3 years, Creative Movement for 3- and 4-year-olds, Pre-Ballet for 5- and 6-year-olds and Private Coaching by appointment. Our Bloom Pilates classes, offering full service STOTT™ Pilates, will have a grand opening in January 2018 but we offer some classes now. For details, visit fentonballettheatre.com

What is your studio like?

Six-foot-high garden windows and 12-foot-high ceilings welcome dancers

into three ballet studios with sprung flooring, plus three dressing rooms and two bathrooms. We are proud to offer our Bloom Pilates Studio and our dance boutique, The Twirl Shop. The studio has a warm, inviting atmosphere with a coffee and snack bar.

What is your ballet background?

I began my classical ballet training at the Brighton School of Ballet, then continued training at Alma College as a member of the Alma College Dance Company. Dancing on a scholarship, I performed solos in The Nutcracker, Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty, among

many others. Earning my Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre and Dance, I was on staff at Brighton School of Ballet until this year, 2017, when my dream to open my own studio became a reality.

(810) 623-3584

Studio hours:

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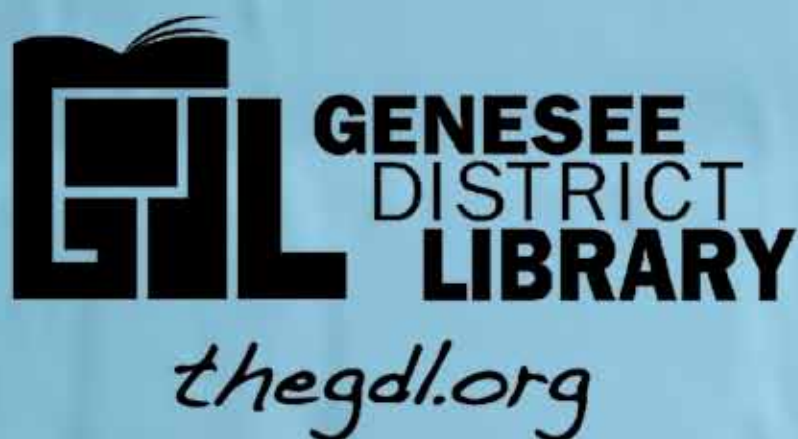
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Spotlight on:

Sears and Sears Hometown Stores...

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

• Hometown stores are a totally different company than Sears mall stores; owners say 'we're here to stay'

By Sally Rummel

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Long-time retailer Sears has been in the news lately, and it has caused some confusion for customers in the tri-county area.

Many people don't realize that Sears Hometown Stores are totally separate from large department-type Sears stores in malls that are owned by Sears Holdings Corporation, said Jeff Stone, co-owner of Sears Hometown Store in Fenton.

One way to understand the difference is to remember that Sears Hometown Stores are best known for their hard product lines like appliances, lawn and garden equipment and tools. Sears corporates stores in malls are best known for clothing and apparel and other soft product lines.

"We just license our name from Sears; we have been a separate company from them since 2012," Stone said. "But when there's news in the media about Sears, people automatically assume that it includes Sears Hometown Stores and it doesn't."

The latest big news is that corporate Sears stores will no longer be selling Whirlpool-branded products, which also include Maytag and KitchenAid.

But Sears Hometown Stores have their own independent contract with Whirlpool, and will be selling all their products and related brands.

"The Whirlpool brand is here to stay," Stone said. "We still have the top 10 appliance brands at Sears Hometown Stores, including Whirlpool and Kenmore. No other store can claim that."

Customers can still use the Sears.com website for online purchases but to keep it more local, you can go directly to Searshometownstores.com. "We can even deliver to your home," Stone said.

Sears Hometown Store in Fenton is at 14283 Fenton Rd., phone (810) 629-1900.

News briefs

VETERANS DINNER IN LINDEN

In a salute to those who served or are serving our nation, the American Legion family of Post 119 of Linden invites local veterans and a guest to attend a no cost Veterans Dinner and light entertainment. The dinner will be held at **6 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 10**, at the Linden Masonic Lodge, 119 N. Bridge St., Linden. For further information, contact Commander Jesus Lozano at Jesus1ce@aol.com or call or text (770) 778-8225.



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Sears Hometown Store in Fenton, owned by brothers Jeff Stone (left) and Tim Stone, both of Fenton Township, is totally separate from Sears mall stores, and is the only store that carries all top 10 appliance brands.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHAT IF RUSSIA placed pro-Trump comments on Facebook and Twitter, knowing the comments would be traced back to Russia, in order to attack Trump?

TO THE HOT-LINER who thinks there should be more growth in Fenton. Have you noticed they all want a tax break? They don't pay taxes but expect to receive all city services, which you and I are paying for. Ever try to drive down Owen or Silver Lake Road between 3 and 6 p.m.?

HOGAN ROAD IN Fenton Township is a road for buses. Is the bridge really safe for all the bus weight?

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Only 50 days 'til Christmas

■ Tyrone Township couple decorates their entire home by Nov. 1 so they can relax and enjoy the holidays

By Sally Rummel

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While everyone else is putting away their Halloween decorations and planning their Thanksgiving menu, Rachel Carter of Tyrone Township is one holiday ahead.

She has already decorated her entire home for Christmas, getting a jumpstart on the year's biggest holiday so she can sit back and enjoy the entire season, without all the rush.

Every year for the past 20 years, Rachel has set a goal for herself to completely decorate her home by Nov. 1, including two Christmas trees, her fireplace mantel,

SUMMARY

■ Earl and Rachel Carter of Tyrone Township have already decorated their entire home for Christmas in a one-day decorating frenzy on Nov. 1.



Mabel, a 10½-month-old French bulldog, warily observes the new decorations that appeared around the Carter house on Nov. 1.

staircase and more.

She grew up in her own family with the tradition of decorating the day after Thanksgiving, but her 20-year, early

decorating tradition evolved after they stopped getting real Christmas trees.

"I realized we could put up our artificial trees anytime and really enjoy the holidays," Rachel said. "Some of my friends tease me about it because we don't wait 'til after Thanksgiving, but we honor that holiday, too. There's no reason why we can't enjoy both holidays at the same time."

Once they got all the decorating done on Nov. 1, the Carters put on Christmas music, then watched a Christmas movie. "My all-time favorite is Chevy Chase's (National Lampoon) Christmas Vacation," Rachel, 43, said.

Their foyer Christmas tree is about 10 feet tall and decorated in a traditional style, wrapped with thick, colorful tulle and sparkling white lights. The slightly



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The family enjoys unpacking memories of their past Christmases, such as this ornament of a younger Emily Carter.

smaller tree in the sitting room, called the "family tree," is decorated with sentimental ornaments, many of them handmade by the Carters' three daughters Kendall, 20, Chloe, 18, and Emily, 15.

Rachel is the main instigator of this mad dash to the season, but her husband, Earl, helps her carry the plastic bins full of lights and decorations, gets the trees standing and "fluffs" the branches. She admits that she's picky when it comes to the actual decorating. "I like it a certain way," she said.

With all the decorating behind them, Rachel and Earl now can concentrate their extra hours on gift-buying and baking. They have many other family traditions, including Christmas Eve, when Rachel's mom and brother will come over after Christmas Eve church services.

"We still make all the appetizers I grew up with and they spend

the night here so we can wake up together on Christmas morning. It brings back all my childhood memories," Rachel said.

Even with such an early start to Christmas, Rachel admits she's not eager to take down the trees come January. "We usually don't take them down 'til the second week of January," she said. "I just love Christmas. I love all the sparkle and the lights."

“Some of my friends tease me about it because we don't wait 'til after Thanksgiving, but we honor that holiday, too.”

Rachel Carter
Tyrone Township resident

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The police departments will occasionally get sent to medical incidents but only to assist the ambulance or fire department. They are trained in CPR and carry AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators), Cairnduff said.

As far as house fires, grass fires, and other fires, if the call comes in to the Fenton dispatch center, the dispatcher first determines the nature of the call and the address. "Then again, depending on the type of incident and severity, they would 'tone out' our fire department," Cairnduff said. "This tone goes out to all of our on-call volunteer firefighters. Those that are available respond to the station and handle the incident."

"Our average response time to an emergent incident in the city is six minutes," he said. "An ambulance and police officer may be sent to the incident as well depending on the information that is received from the 911 caller."

FENTON FIRE DEPARTMENT FACTS

• **In addition to the city of Fenton**, the Fenton Fire Department provides services on U.S. 23 going south to Center Road and everything east of U.S. 23 in Tyrone Township. "Our coverage line jogs based on the roadways," said Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff. "It's Center to Mabley Hill south to Germany Road, east to Denton Hill Road and Denton Hill to the south township line at Holtforth Road."

• **Tyrone Township** has a contract with the city of Fenton, Fenton

Township, and Hartland-Deerfield fire departments to cover portions of their township. Each time a department responds to an incident in Tyrone Township they bill Tyrone Township for it. Tyrone residents pay a special assessment for police and fire that covers those costs.

"If the incident involves a non-resident of Tyrone then they bill the person for the costs associated with the incident. For instance if someone is driving on U.S. 23 and is passing through Tyrone and has a vehicle fire and we respond to it, then we would bill Tyrone for the call, and Tyrone would bill the owner of the vehicle through their cost recovery ordinance," Cairnduff said. "Right now our current per run rate (to Tyrone Township) is \$1,405."

• **City of Fenton** on-call firefighters receive \$25 for the first hour and \$17 an hour for overtime. They are only paid if they respond to an incident.

HOLLY 9-1-1 CALLS

Emergency 9-1-1 calls to the Holly Police Department and Village of Holly Fire Department or NOCFA (North Oakland County Fire Authority) are routed via Oakland County Dispatch.

If people call the Holly police station directly, the calls are automatically directed to Oakland County dispatch, said Holly Police Chief Mike Story. "After 4 p.m. a calling tree is available. As soon as the number is activated it transfers to dispatch. They have been our PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) since August of 2013," he said.

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some who believe that women should not be pastors, that the Bible says women shouldn't be in leadership positions within the church. It can be a challenge to be taken seriously and even to be accepted, but I have found once folks get to know me, it's less about my gender and more about the spirit, mine and God's working together. I like a good challenge and I love what I do — I can't deny that I was called by God. I was attracted to Linden Presbyterian's community outreach and I love their energy and joy. This is a family I want to be a part of.

What part of ministry is the most exciting to you?

The art of sermon prep, studying the Scriptures and listening for guidance from the Holy Spirit. I'm a storyteller so finding that perfect story to drive the

point home is always in the back of my mind. It's a great sense of accomplishment when it all comes together each Sunday morning.

If you could have any other career, what would it be?

A park ranger in a state or national park. If I hadn't ended up in a private Christian school, that's probably where I would be today.

Any hobbies?

Kayaking, hiking, biking and generally being outdoors. A perfect Sunday afternoon would involve the sun, a hammock, a good book, some music and a nap. Definitely a nap.

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

I can wiggle my ears. Also, in college, I tested recipes for a cookbook as an independent study. I tested different versions of Adobo Chicken and Coconut Rice. I haven't cooked either one since.

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VOTERS

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A proposal also will be decided by Fenton voters. The city is asking citizens to approve a **charter amendment** that would allow for the collection of voter-approved millages for up to 10 years instead of the current three years.

The election is Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. All city of Fenton registered voters cast their ballots in the Activity Center of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St.

Fenton City Offices are always open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the Saturday before the election (this year Nov. 4), for the sole purpose of administering Absentee Voter (AV) ballots. No other city business will be conducted.

For more information, call the city clerk at 810-629-2261.

TURF

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Lake Fenton Community Schools plans to use part of the \$11.7-million bond, if approved by voters on Tuesday, for a new field with fake grass.

These schools are following a nationwide trend.

"We feel it will improve player safety and reduce injuries. It will also help facilitate additional sporting, band, youth and community activities. In addition, it will help reduce cancellations related to weather and poor field conditions," said Mike Engelter, assistant superintendent of Linden schools.

The turf is made of the backing material that holds the blades of fake grass, the grass, and the infill, which is tiny black crumbs that help support the blades. Artificial turf can withstand more use than natural grass, and doesn't wear and tear as easily.

According to astroturf.com, artificial turf has better shock absorbency than natural grass, which improves safety for athletes when they fall or are knocked down.

However, a handful of schools across the nation have experienced safety issues because of the artificial turf. The tiny black crumbs are made from tires, and tires can be toxic, according to the washingtonpost.com. Some chemicals in tires, such as dibenzopyrenes, are carcinogens. Even though the fake grass doesn't grow, weeds often sprout up so weedkillers might be applied. Certain chemicals in herbicides have proven to be hazardous to human health.

The Washington State Department of Health did a study on a reported cluster of cancer of women soccer players. They did

not find causation between the artificial fields and the cancer, but noted that more studies need to be conducted.

North Harford High School in Pylesville, Maryland announced that it will replace its artificial turf athletic field next April because it was deemed unsafe for use. The turf was installed in 2007 for approximately \$1 million, and lasted for a decade.

According to baltimoresun.com, the company that evaluated the field said the turf fibers were severely deteriorated with signs of UV degradation, which causes

them to become brittle. The old fibers caused the infill to accumulate on the surface and negatively affected the traction and aesthetics. No one is allowed to play on the field until it's replaced.

"We have researched the safety aspect of turf and feel the overall safety of players will be improved," Engelter said.

Artificial turf costs hundreds of thousands of dollars, but helps school districts save on maintenance costs for natural grass fields. Engelter said the estimated cost is \$800,000 to \$900,000.

"It will reduce our annual field maintenance costs by approximately \$11,700," he said.

The Linden Board of Education approved a contract of the architectural design and engineering services for the turf. "Those activities are currently underway. We hope to put the project out for public bid in early January 2018," Engelter said.

“We have researched the safety aspect of turf and feel the overall safety of players will be improved.”

Mike Engelter
Linden Community Schools
assistant superintendent

Engelter said the estimated cost is \$800,000 to \$900,000.

SUMMARY

■ Two local schools are hoping to install artificial turf at their high school football fields in the next few years. Fenton High School already has artificial turf.

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Residents invited to 'visioning session'

■ Fenton Township seeks input to guide development and growth in Master Plan

On Monday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m., Fenton Township will hold a community visioning session as a part of the Master Plan update. This will be held in the lower level meeting room at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center. All are invited to participate.

A comprehensive approach to planning for the township relies on the residents' perspectives. In order to form goals that strive to reach a long-term vision, the community must first work to build consensus

on what that vision looks like.

In small groups with interactive exercises facilitated by planners, residents will have the opportunity to discuss and express to township officials how they wish to see their vision for Fenton Township's future implemented. The results weigh heavily on how the goals, objectives, and strategies are formed that will guide the township growth and development for years to come.

Residents are encouraged to attend and share their thoughts on how to make Fenton Township a better place to live. For any questions or concerns about the visioning session, contact Michelle Bennett at mbennett@bria2.com.

News briefs

HOLLY MOOSE TO HOST FIRST VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY

Holly Moose Lodge 1168, 201 S. Broad St., Holly, is hosting its first Veterans Appreciation Day on Saturday, Nov. 11. A pancake breakfast will be served from 8 to 10:30 a.m., followed later by a spaghetti dinner, from 4 to 8 p.m. Meals are free to all veterans; \$8 per person for all others. Moose Lodge membership is not necessary to attend. Proceeds from these events will benefit the Holly VFW Post 5587 and Holly VFW auxiliary Post 5587. There will be a presentation,

by the Moose, at 10:30 a.m. They will be honoring a veteran of the month. Tom McKenney will give a short talk, remembering the Moose veterans who are deceased, followed by a rifle salute by the VFW Post 5587 Honor Guard Team. There will be raffle items to win, with the drawings to be held at 7:30 p.m. (it won't be necessary to be present to win). From 8 to 11 p.m. Hellbent will be playing at the Moose. Anyone wishing to make a donation should contact Rick Powers at (248) 459-0055 or Sandra Kleven at (248) 634-1897.

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COURT

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Lauve filed the case with the United States Supreme Court on Sept. 25 and it was placed on the docket Oct. 4. He was required to send a notice to Schuette.

In the case, Lauve claims that Snyder ignored the Michigan Constitution and signed a bill allocating hundreds of millions of public tax dollars to the building of the Little Caesars Arena.

According to the Michigan Constitution Article 4, Section 30, "the assent of two-thirds of the members elected and serving in each house of the legislature shall be required for the appropriation of public money or property for local or private purposes" is required.

In this case, Lauve claims that in a lame duck Michigan House of Representatives session, the vote on House Bill 5463 fell short of two-thirds, but passed with a majority vote of 58-49.

"The Governor ignored the Constitution and signed the bill as if it were proper on December 19, 2012," Lauve wrote in the case. "The project takes one-third billion dollars of school taxes for a private corporation, Little Caesars hockey arena and pizza headquarters. It provides no revenue for the bankrupt city of Detroit. This government tossed this case for frivolous reasons."

The bill appropriated \$250 million, according to the claim, to help build

“The Governor ignored the Constitution and signed the bill as if it were proper on December 19, 2012.”

John Lauve

Holly resident in the case of John Lauve vs. Governor of Michigan Richard Snyder

the stadium. When the bill passed, the estimated cost of the project was lower than the nearly \$863 million final price tag. Detroit taxpayers will foot \$324 million of that bill. The Detroit Downtown Development Authority (DDA) created a tax increment financing plan that will capture that \$324 million until at least 2051, which will be used to pay off bonds.

The case has been through multiple Michigan courts, and was denied every time. In October 2015, the Court of Claims denied the case. In February 2017, the Court of Appeals denied the case, and in June 2017, the Michigan Supreme Court denied Lauve's case.

Lauve hopes the U.S. Supreme Court will hear the decision. If the court decides yes, then Schuette has an obligation to defend Michigan law.

In an op-ed for the Detroit News, Schuette wrote, "The Department of Attorney General deals with an average of 40,000 lawsuits a year. As attorney general, it is my sworn duty to uphold and defend these laws."

According to michigan.gov, the attorney general can only give legal advice to the state, governor, or the Legislature.

The Supreme Court was established in 1789 with the passage of the Judiciary Act. The court chooses to hear oral arguments in about 80 cases of the more than 7,000 cases it receives a year, according to supremecourt.gov. More than 20 cases are sent to the highest court every day.

Each term of the court begins on the first Monday in October and lasts until late June or early July, according to supremecourt.gov. In this time period, the justices will either be "sitting," when they hear cases and give opinions, or on "recess," when they write opinions.

The Supreme Court mainly hears appeals from lower courts and either sides with the courts, sends it back to the lower court, or rules opposing the court.

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WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

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Fenton couple fighting city to keep their goats

Two Fenton residents will be in court Nov. 15 in their fight to keep two Nigerian goats, which they say are pets, not livestock.



Police conduct sting to catch Craigslist thieves

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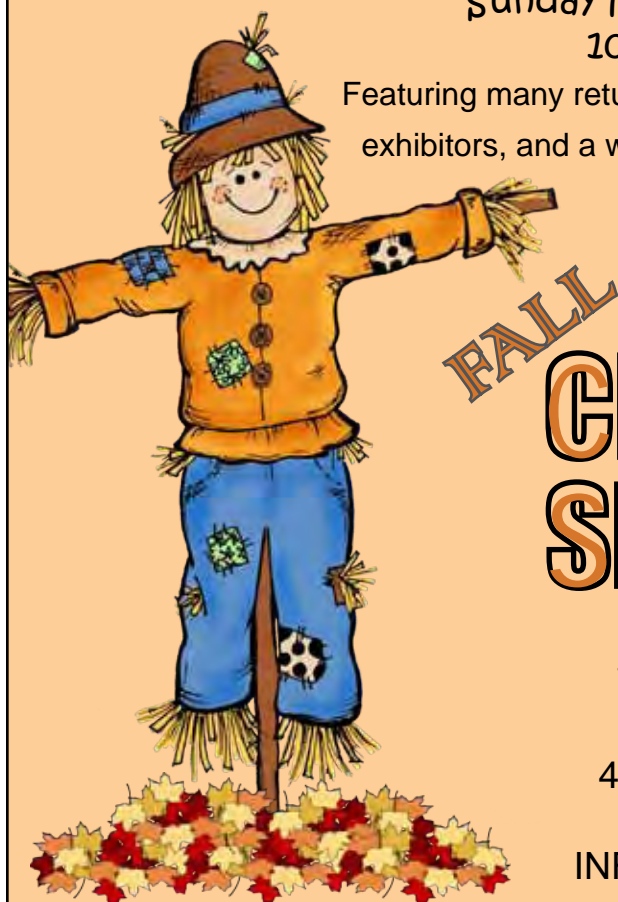
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ANNUAL FENTON ROTARY VETERANS BREAKFAST

The Fenton Rotary Club is hosting the fifth annual Fenton Rotary Veterans Breakfast at **7:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9** at Spring Meadows Country Club at 1129 Ripley Rd. in Linden. The breakfast is free to veterans and \$10 for each guest. This year's guest speaker is former Navy SEAL Adam Weiner. To make a reservation, email info@fentonrotary.org or call (810) 241-4848.

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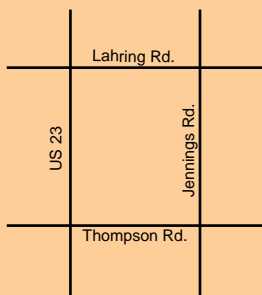


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BALLOT

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Here's what's going to be on your ballot:

Gaines Township

There are two millage proposals on the Gaines Township ballot. Both would help pay for fire department upgrades and allow the township to purchase new equipment for the fire department. The millages would begin on the 2017 winter tax bills and bring approximately \$354,000 to the township in the first year.

If the first one is approved, the Board of Trustees would levy a tax up to, but not exceeding, 1.25 mills (\$1.25 per \$1,000). The second millage would levy a tax up to, but not to exceed, .75 mills (\$.75 cents per \$1,000).

Gaines Township residents vote at one of three places:

- Gaines Township Hall, 9255 Grand Blanc Rd.
- Gaines Village Fire Hall, 208 Walnut St.
- Gaines Township Fire Hall, 9241 W. Grand Blanc Rd.

Lake Fenton Community Schools

Lake Fenton schools is asking registered voters in the Lake Fenton Community Schools district to vote for a \$11.7-million bond for basic upgrades to the district, the replacement of infrastructure and equipment, new technology, safety features, and artificial turf. This would be a three-year extension to the district's current bond. There would not be a tax rate increase, but an extension.

Fenton Township residents vote at Lake Fenton High School, 4070 Lahring Rd.

Linden Community Schools

Voters within the Linden Community Schools district will vote for a 1.3-mill sinking fund proposal that will allow the school to increase security, upgrade technology and improve the schools.

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.

Voters in the Linden Community School district will vote in either Linden city or Argentine Township.

Linden city residents vote at Faith Baptist Church, 4518 E. Silver Lake Rd. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Residents in Argentine Township vote at the Fire Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Rd.

DANGER

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When strangers know your child's name — your child is much more likely to trust them. Don't make it easy for a stranger by plastering your children's names all over their bodies.

If followed, run in the opposite direction of the vehicle

Tell your children that if they are being followed or chased, start running in the opposite direction of the car. This can buy them some time as the car turns around.

When in trouble, look for a mom with kids

Desperate times call for desperate measures. Tell your children that if they are lost or are feeling unsafe — find a mom with kids. Often a police officer or a friendly shop clerk are not at your children's disposal. Helping them delineate who might be safe beforehand can save critical seconds when they are in danger.

Teach your children to scream, "Who are you?"

How many times have you seen kids struggling in an adult's arms and walked past them? Kids have tantrums all the time and we are immune to them. Teach

your children to scream out things that would alarm others. Some good ones might be: Who are you? Help! Leave me alone! I don't know you! Where's my mom and dad? Help!

Having a code word is useful in many scenarios

Make up a family code word. Try not to use a common word. If you send someone to pick up your child — they should know the code word. If the person doesn't know the code word — your children shouldn't go with them — no matter what. If your children are at a friend's house and something is making them feel unsafe, they can call you and use the code word. If you are in public and there is a safety threat — you can use the word to warn your children to exit quickly or get down.

Teach your kids to be destructive in order to draw attention

Tell your children that if a stranger tries to take them — all manners are out the window. Tell them that they are allowed to hit, scream and make a scene.

Give them some suggestions. If they are in a store, tell them to knock things off the shelf. Knocking things over will get the attention of more people who will then take a closer look at what is going on.

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Linden volleyball falls in district semifinal vs. Grand Blanc

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Flushing — It seemed the Linden varsity volleyball team matched Grand Blanc in every conceivable category in the two teams' Class A district semifinal match at Flushing Middle School on Wednesday.

Both teams had great periods of attack, great defense and great blocks. There were several quality volleys all night long.

However, there was one area the Eagles struggled, and it probably lost them the semifinal match. Linden struggled with its serve receive at different times in each set against

Grand Blanc, eventually earning the Bobcats a 25-17, 19-25, 25-13, 26-24 victory against Linden.

"We did struggle with serve receive. We couldn't pass the ball," Linden varsity volleyball coach Cori Mason said. "When we could, we were able to put it away."

Linden did pound 36 kills in the match but they also had 18 service receive attempts that either resulted in Grand Blanc aces or failed pass attempts that resulted in the ball never getting over the net. It seemed the serve receive dryspells came in bunches.

In the first set they came early. Linden

trailed 6-3 after a Hannah Carnell kill, but then the Eagles compounded the issue while Carnell served, experiencing three service reception errors and a service ace. A close score quickly became a 10-3 score. Linden worked hard, trying to get back into the set, closing the Grand Blanc lead to just 14-11 at one time, but that's as close as the Eagles got.

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Linden's Ellie Klocek had seven kills in the Eagles' district semifinal loss to Grand Blanc.

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Fenton graduate and resident Kenny Allen has had a successful stay with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats during his stay with the Canadian Football League squad.

Allen enjoying success in CFL

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Fenton resident and ex-Michigan Wolverines punter and kicker Kenny Allen was welcomed to the Canadian Football League in a fashion no punter would like to be greeted.

The center of the line opened up and Allen's first punt was blocked for a touchdown in the Hamilton Tigercats' 28-25 loss against the Calgary Stampeders.

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Fenton captures another district title

■ Tigers collect sixth straight district crown, beat Grand Blanc in final

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Flushing — Winning district titles is becoming pretty much the norm for the Fenton varsity volleyball team.

The Tigers captured their sixth straight district crown, defeating Grand Blanc 25-18, 13-25, 25-19, 27-25 in the Class A district held at Flushing Middle School on Thursday.

The victory means the Tigers will play in a regional semifinal contest against Davison at Mt. Pleasant High School on Tuesday at 6 p.m. The winner of that semifinal match will play in the regional championship match on Thursday at Mt. Pleasant High School at 6:30 p.m.

The first three sets were a case of one team dominating it and eventually capturing the set victory. The only real competitive set ended up being the fourth set, the one that clinched the Tigers the district crown. And in typical Fenton fashion this fall, the Tigers had to make



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The Fenton varsity volleyball team captured a Class A district title at Flushing Middle School on Thursday, defeating Grand Blanc in the championship match in four sets. (Above) Sydney Acho and Erin Carter work on getting a block. (Right) Chloe Idoni attempts a kill.

a nice comeback attempt to win the set, overcoming a 24-22 deficit.

Trailing by that margin, the Tigers scored the next three



■ Flushing pushes Tigers in semis, but Fenton prevails

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Flushing — Life on the Fenton varsity volleyball team hasn't always been routine this fall.

The team has been pushed several times. The Tigers have had to overcome slow starts a few times as well, but usually it seems the Tigers have been able to overcome any issues they've had during the season.

The squad still defended its Metro League title with an undefeated record and is now in the district title match after defeating Metro foe Flushing in a Class A district semifinal match held at Flushing Middle School Wednesday night. Fenton defeated the Raiders 28-30, 27-25, 25-23, 25-22, progressively getting stronger as the very competitive match continued.

"We want it really bad and when it comes down to it, we are willing to work hard," Fenton's middle hitter Delaney Miesch said.

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David's Dabblings

A few thoughts about the area's sports scene and others not dealing with sports at all.



TIME TO DO SOME HORN TOOTING

Tooting your own horn or patting yourself on the back is hardly ever the best way to draw praise, but what the heck, I'm going to do some these things here.

A few weeks back I was thinking about this prep football season and the opening week. During that week, the schedule worked out that I was able to attend three of the four area games, while Jordan Climie covered the other. Meanwhile, our photographers — Mark Bolen and Scott Schupbach — also attended games that opening week.

The next week, scheduling made it possible for us to attend three of the four games with reporters and photographers. It made me wonder, just how many games did we attend during the course of the prep football season. Well, here are the numbers.

In terms of games we were able to staff with a reporter this fall our area football teams have played 38. A reporter has been at 25 of them, meaning had a writer at about 66 percent of the contests this fall.

And there have been other games that we've had our photographers attend that we didn't have reporters. I think that happened four times, meaning we've staffed games with either a reporter or a photographer (in many cases both) at over 75 percent of the varsity football games this fall. In the opening round of the playoffs, Bolen did double-duty, not only sending photos but sending us notes in the office about what happened during Linden's playoff win against Bay City Central to help enhance our story.

I'm confident if we did a search of other area newspapers, none will match our sheer number of games covered this prep football season.

I guess this is a long way of saying this — I'm so glad our small staff is so willing to help us give the tri-county area as much coverage as possible for the area's most popular prep sport during any given school year. Without Scott, Mark and Jordan, our coverage would pale in comparison. Thanks guys. Oh, and while I'm at it, thanks to the area teams for giving us one great season to experience. Three of our teams qualified for the playoffs and all four had winning records. I guess that qualifies as a downright successful prep football season.

Now, let's see if the two teams remaining entering Friday night — Fenton and Linden — give us a chance to really celebrate with an area team getting farther than any area team has before. We have our fingers crossed.



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Holly's Sarah Jewell attempts a kill in a recent match. Holly's volleyball season ended with a loss to Brandon in a Class A district semifinal match on Wednesday.



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Linden's Jordan Moros sets a ball for teammate Ellie Klocek.

LINDEN

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Linden's best set was the second one, despite trailing 5-0 early. Linden took its first lead on a block kill by Jordan Moros at 8-7. Grand Blanc did sneak out to one more lead at 11-10, but a Lauren O'Brien kill tied it back at 12-11, and the kill was followed by Grand Blanc violation, a Moros kill and a Ellie Klocek and Avery Koan block kill. Linden led 14-11.

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Holly volleyball's season ends with district loss to Brandon

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The Holly varsity volleyball team had a young squad this fall.

A good chunk of the roster included freshmen and sophomores making their first varsity tours with the Bronchos. But instead of it being a rebuilding season, the Bronchos actually improved this fall with the help of the talented younger players.

However, when it came to beating the top echelon in the Metro League, the Bronchos seemingly always competed well, but weren't able to sneak by those teams, losing every match they had with the league squads that finished with an above-.500 Metro record. They had some good matches against those squads, losing in five sets to Fenton during one match, but they weren't able to get those wins.

The Bronchos had another chance to beat one of those Metro squads during Wednesday's Class A district contest against Brandon, but fell just short again, losing a 26-24, 25-19, 25-22 verdict to the Blackhawks. Brandon, who finished second in the Metro standings, also beat Holly in three sets on Oct. 17.

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Area playoff 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	42-16W	9-1
Nov 3	Flushing		

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	14-34L	8-2

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
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Nov 3	Brandon		

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