

Caroline Street project close to completion

■ Remaining work is dependent on weather and contractor availability

By Vera Hogan

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Champagne & Marx (C&M), the contractor working on the Caroline Street project, wants to have the street work completed sometime this week,

according to Dan Czarnecki, Fenton's public works director.

"They still will have sidewalk work and landscaping work to complete," he said. "In order to do that C&M has some work in the middle of the street to take care of."

On Thursday, Nov 9, C&M tied the new water main on Caroline Street into the existing water main on LeRoy Street.

See **CAROLINE** on 14A

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On Thursday, Nov. 9, work continued on the Caroline Street extension project in downtown Fenton. New streetlight bases and water main ties were being installed.

The goal is to have the street paved on Saturday.



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Mayor Sue Osborn re-elected

■ Council candidate Tracy Bottecelli is top vote-getter

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The people who will run the city of Fenton for the next few years were elected by 17 percent of the registered voters.

Fenton City Clerk Renee Wilson said,

"We had 1,556 people vote out of 9,383 registered voters, for a 17-percent turnout."

Mayor's race

Mayor Sue Osborn won her bid for re-election with 740 votes. Challenger, Councilwoman Cherie Smith, received 505 votes, and challenger Kurt Wilkinson received a total of 246 votes.

See **MAYOR** on 6A



Sue Osborn

On the right track...



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This new railroad signal post at the Silver Lake Road and North LeRoy Street crossing waits for installation on Thursday, Nov. 9. Canadian National (CN) railway is handling the installation of the new signal, and moving the cantilever barriers slightly north, closer to Bigby Coffee. This is the last of the unfinished parts of the 2015 Streetscape project.

Lake Fenton voters pass \$11.7-million bond

■ Will pay for upgrades, security, infrastructure at each school

By Hannah Ball

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Lake Fenton Community Schools will be able to make upgrades to the district after voters passed an \$11.7-million

bond on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

This is a three-year extension to the district's current bond.

The vote was 944 to 669.

Superintendent Julie Williams said, "On behalf of the Lake Fenton Board of Education and staff, I want to thank our community for supporting, trusting and believing in our

school district. We are looking forward to making Lake Fenton an even better place to educate kids. Proud to be a Blue Devil."

Upgrades to the district will include the replacement of infrastructure and equipment, new technology, safety features, artificial turf, and other projects at each school.

Driver passes out waiting for train

■ Female passenger also passed out

By Sharon Stone

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Fenton police arrested a 24-year-old Fenton man at 1:20 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5 after finding him passed out over the steering wheel of the

pickup truck he was driving.

The officer was dispatched to Silver Lake Road, near Walnut Street on a report that a black pickup truck was stopped in the roadway at the railroad tracks and it appeared that the driver was slumped over the steering wheel.

See **PASSES OUT** on 14A

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“People kill with

guns, knives, cars, poison, bombs, fists, etc. What we have is a people problem, not a gun problem.”



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OF THE WEEK

“I saw an article a couple weeks ago where a pizza chain has come out with driverless trucks to deliver pizzas. Do you leave a tip or do you check the oil?”

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Jim Resa of Lucas, Iowa, helps unload the truck into the Fenton Center of Hope Food Pantry on Tuesday, Nov. 7. The nonprofit organization assists approximately 150 families per month and gives out nearly 10,000 pounds of food per month.

New grocery-style food pantry opens in Fenton

■ Freedom Center facility hopes to bring dignity and help to those in need

By Sally Rummel

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It may be hard to believe, but there are people in Fenton who are homeless, live in their cars or are being evicted from their residences and have no place to go.

Some of these people are drug abusers, but there are many others who for different reasons don't have enough money to live on, food to feed their families or have enough diapers for their babies.

Yes, in this land of plenty, there is still plenty of need for an organization like the Fenton Center of Hope.

"We get calls every day," said Bob Strygulec, director. "We talk to St. John's (Outreach Program) and F.A.R.R. (Fenton Area Resource & Referral). No one group can cover all the needs."

This local resource center has been in operation as a food pantry and baby closet since 2008 at The Freedom Center in Fenton.

See **FOOD PANTRY** on 20A

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Curtis and Allison Rogers of Grand Blanc shop for their children at the Fenton Center of Hope Baby Closet on Tuesday, Nov. 7. The couple has run into financial hardship due to complications with Allison's current pregnancy. Carol Houle (right) is helping the couple find what they need.



Program helping addicts turn life around

■ Hope Not Handcuffs places drug abusers in rehab, not jail

By Hannah Ball

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More than 600 people have sought treatment for drug addiction through the Hope Not Handcuffs recovery program for Genesee, Lapeer, and Macomb counties since its inception Feb. 1.

This program, mirrored after the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative, PAARI, started in Gloucester, Massachusetts in 2015, puts drug addicts in treatment programs and rehab instead of jail. People can sign up for the program if they struggle with heroin, opioids, meth and alcoholism.

Cheri Pfeiffer, vice president of the Genesee County chapter of Families Against Narcotics, said, "It's been really good."

See **PROGRAM** on 21A

“If you have an addiction and you want to change your life, we're here.”

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Random thoughts

• **“Survivor” was already** on thin ice with me for a bunch of reasons. They stuff it with pretty, young people. They always vote out minorities and anyone over 40. The challenge games are tired and hackneyed — seen one obstacle course or puzzle, seen ‘em all. The scripted lines and plots are more obvious than ever. And it’s pretty clear they manipulate who makes it to the final four. All of which is bad. This week’s episode, however, was the capper. At the tribal merge, Probst announced that a steakhouse chain (no, I’m not going to mention it) would be



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

providing the merge feast. So the show is now a commercial surrounded by commercials. The next logical step is to have a pallet of Pepto Bismol chopped in in case the feast upsets their stomachs.

Gag me. I’m out. “Naked & Afraid” is better anyway.

• **For the first** time in my life, I can’t think of a single sitcom that isn’t awful or trite beyond belief. Can you? Clearly, I need to stop watching TV and pick up a book.

• **Sen. Rand Paul** suffered six broken ribs after his neighbor tackled him from behind, and nobody knows why for sure. All we know is it was a “landscape dispute.” That must be one heck of a dispute. My neighbor lets his dog poop on my lawn daily but I wouldn’t tackle him (the owner, not the dog) for it. Although the thought has crossed my mind.

• **The governor** is expected to sign a bill that makes “Michigander” the official term for state residents. Screw that. I’m sticking with Michigania. Michigander sounds like a goose.

• **Do teenagers** know what a card catalogue is? Or the Dewey decimal system? Just wondering.

• **Twitter** expanded its character count to 280 this week, allowing people to be just as dull with twice as much

space. Kind of a dumb move, I think. Twitter is killing its own gimmick. They should have gone the other way and reduced the character count to 50 or maybe gone with a word count of 10 words tops. It would have been much more interesting — sort of a haiku for the masses. If people need more space, drop the silly hashtags. No one follows those anyway.

• **Have you noticed** the empty seats at Pistons games? The team says ticket sales are high and that fans are there, they’re up in the concourse exploring the new stadium. Riiiiight. I wonder what the real reason is. I suspect ticket prices. And the experience. Basketball, like football, just isn’t as good in person as it is on TV. They’re both eerily quiet when you’re in the stadium unless there’s a barn-burner and crowd gets into it. Too bad, too. The Pistons are good this year.

• **I loved comic** books as a kid and I longed for the day when special effects evolved to the point that Hollywood could turn them into movies. And now that the day is here, I want them to stop. Too many, Hollywood. Too many.

• **“I could do** with a bit more excess. From now on I’m going to be immoderate — and volatile — I shall enjoy loud music and lurid poetry. I shall be rampant.” — Joanne Harris in “Chocolat”

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NOW WHO INVESTIGATES the FBI? With all the corruption and political maneuvering going on at the FBI, who investigates them and when does it stop?

SO WE’VE HAD another terrorist attack by a Muslim we’ve allowed into the country. People keep saying he’s a radical Muslim. He’s not a radical Muslim, he’s a devout Muslim.

SURE HOPE DONNA Brazile has a good bodyguard. In light of her new book that exposes Hillary and the DNC, she even admitted to having some fear.

ANOTHER SUNDAY AND I don’t miss the NFL. I’m sorry Papa John’s is losing money, but if you’re supporting the NFL, that’s the price you’re going to pay. Want to be the pizza of the national felons league?

THREE CHURCH SHOOTINGS in the last three years, three shootings in the last few months. But this isn’t the time to talk about gun control?

WE HAVE LIBERALS who are politicizing the event in New York with a terrorist, jumping all over the event in Texas, screaming for more gun control. Weren’t they the ones who complained when President Trump said anything?

GQ HAS COME out with an article condemning President Trump because he didn’t support the death penalty for the Las Vegas shooter. The shooter committed suicide. How can he support the death penalty when he’s already dead?

ANOTHER MASS SHOOTING in a gun-free zone. If it’s a gun-free zone, you’re nothing but a target.

I WAS HAVING lunch with my girlfriend at a local Coney Island when we were told that our lunch had been paid for. What a lovely surprise. We would both like to thank the anonymous couple for their good deed.

CNN REPORTED THE deadliest shooting in Texas history could have claimed more lives if it weren’t for a local resident who exchanged gunfire with the shooter.

HEY LAUVE, HOW much taxpayer money is being wasted pushing this issue through the courts until you get the answer you want to hear? I’ll send you a bill.

TO THE MINORITY person who is embarrassed to say you live in Fenton. Why do you feel that you should be embarrassed? You chose to move here. I should not have to alter my opinion on political views based on your views. I am tired of the few being able to rule the many.

TO HONOR OUR veterans for Veterans Day this Saturday, I’d like to say ‘thank you’ and express the fact that we are the ‘home of the free’ because of the brave men and women who have chosen to serve. Thank you again to all of our veterans.

THE GOP COINED the phrase ‘nothing burger.’ Virginia voters just served them a big one.

UNDER PRESIDENT TRUMP, the stock market is at a record high. Unemployment has dropped to the lowest level in 17 years. More Americans are working now than ever before, and our GDP has increased for the first time in 12 years.

DID YOU KNOW that three major U.S. cities, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Columbus, have organizations that have set up funds to the tune of millions to help illegal aliens and their defense to avoid being deported? ISIS must be laughing at our stupidity.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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“My dad served, but got lucky and missed all the conflicts. My son’s best friend became a U.S. citizen to serve in the Navy. He’s currently in Guam; I’m proud of him.”

— **Amy Gonzalez**
Fenton



“Me. I was in the Air Force during Vietnam, but I never left the country. I was in for five years and enjoyed every minute of it.”

— **Gerry Schmidt**
Tyrone Township



“My father and grandfather — they’re both deceased. My grandpa served during WWII. My father served during Vietnam, but he went to Germany.”

— **Sherrie Sherman**
Tyrone Township



“A dear friend of mine, Harold Johnson, was a Marine. He passed away last year. We golfed on his 90th birthday. My father was a 2nd lieutenant in WWII.”

— **Kathleen Smith**
Byron



“My uncle served in the second World War. All my brothers were in the Army, but they didn’t go to war.”

— **Ed Grant**
Fenton

Street solicitors now allowed in Fenton Township

■ Nonprofits no longer need permission from municipality

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton Twp. — Organizations wishing to solicit drivers for money by standing on streets are now allowed to do so in Fenton Township.

During the Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, Nov. 6, members voted 6-0 to pass a proposed vehicle code ordinance that would allow the change. Trustee Vince Lorraine was absent.

Township Attorney Jack Belzer said, "This adoption incorporates some recent changes to the vehicle code. The most notable one being that it allows certain people, if they meet criteria, to solicit in

the roadways."

Groups benefitting would include those such as the Knights of Columbus and Old Newsboys of Flint.

Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said she sees solicitors on Thompson and Torrey roads. "We just would not sign the permission slip. We didn't have to and we didn't want the liability," she said.

She asked the attorney if the groups have to ask permission, and Belzer said no, "they're just allowed. They're exempt from doing that."

Belzer said the township could pass an ordinance to regulate street solicitation and require groups get permission.

"As long as they meet the criteria under the statute, a nonprofit and what not, hopefully they can go ahead and do that," he said.

SUMMARY

■ Nonprofit groups wishing to solicit money on the streets do not have to seek permission from Fenton Township officials to do so.

Police&Fire report

FENTON MAN IN POSSESSION OF STOLEN HANDGUN

Fenton police arrested a 37-year-old Fenton man on an outstanding felony warrant by Michigan State Police after responding to a domestic disturbance call on Riggs Street at 4:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 6. When police arrived,

people at the house advised them that the man had fled to a bedroom, where they believed he had a loaded handgun. Police made entry into the room and took the man into custody without incident. Police learned there was no physical assault, but he was arrested on the warrant. A computer check revealed that the handgun had been stolen. He was turned over to state police and he was lodged at the Livingston County Jail. Fenton police are pursuing a charge of possessing a stolen firearm.



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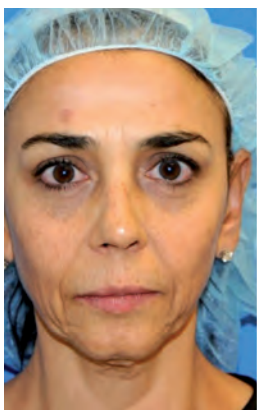




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Is the military right for you?

■ Recruiters visiting area high schools are ready to answer that question

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High school seniors, and some juniors, often consider a future in the military, especially when recruiters from the U.S. Marines, Navy, Air Force, Army and Michigan National Guard visit area high schools regularly to explain the many options.

Sgt. Zachary Collmenter of the U.S. Marines visits Fenton High School at least two or three times a month. He says it is one of his bigger high schools.

When asked what the Marines, for example, are looking for in a recruit, Collmenter said the individual has to be a senior or a junior at the end of the school year. They have to be at least 17 years, but if 17 they need their parent's signature to enlist.

"We do have a height and weight policy," he said. "They also have to be mentally qualified and pass the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test. For the Marine Corps, they have to score at least a 31."

While they usually set up a table at the school during lunch period at least once a month, Collmenter said he tries to fit in

a couple of classroom talks.

As far as approaching students directly, Collmenter said he will approach a student if he or she "looks the part." Other times teachers and coaches will let him know which students may be interested in a military career.

"Sometimes kids who want more information will come to the table and fill out a survey," he said.

Of the questions potential recruits ask, Collmenter said, "Probably the biggest question is 'will I see combat' or 'will I get deployed?'"

The answers to those questions depend on a number of choices the recruit makes.

"If you choose combat roles ..."

If a recruit has a criminal record, it must be a misdemeanor or less offense. "They go through a waiver process to see how serious the crime was," Collmenter said. "It goes up the chain of command quite far."

A misdemeanor marijuana charge won't likely keep someone out of the military, but they have to be "clean" when they go in and anything other than marijuana, he said, "Forget it."

Collmenter said in a school year he typically recruits two to three Fenton High School students for the Marine Corps.

See **MILITARY** on 11A



There are several benefits in serving the United States military. The top ones include patriotism, defending our nation, and a sense of duty.

MAYOR

Continued from Front Page

Osborn has served as mayor of the city of Fenton for 20 years. It is a two-year term and the next election will take place in November 2019.

Osborn said, "There is much to be done and the council and I are eager to get started."

Smith said now that the election is over, she is eager to continue work on city business as a council member. Smith still has two years remaining on her term, which will expire in 2019.

City Council race

Tracy Bottecelli, a newcomer to local politics, garnered the highest number of votes in the Tuesday, Nov. 7 election, with 950 citizens casting their ballots in her favor.

Bottecelli will take the place of Councilman Brad Jacob who chose not to seek re-election this year.

Bottecelli's father, Paul Bottecelli, served as the mayor of Fenton from 1965 to 1968.

Incumbent Councilman David McDermott was re-elected with 903 votes. Incumbent Scott Grossmeyer

was also re-elected with 845 votes.

Sean Sage trailed with 668 votes, as did Donald "Skip" Bancroft with 471 votes.

"I am just thrilled for the opportunity to continue in my family's tradition of community service to the city of Fenton," said Bottecelli on Wednesday.

"I love this town so very much and

want to continue the conversations and begin to do my part in looking for solutions to the issues and concerns of the residents and businesses."

McDermott said, "I'm very excited to have been reelected. I believe our most immediate need is to implement a workable plan for fixing our roads and infrastructure, and that's where I want to see us focus."

Grossmeyer said, "I feel both honored and privileged to have been selected to represent the residents on the Fenton City Council. I believe that we have a solid road plan and now we need to focus on finding a way to fund it."

Sage said, "My wife and I stress to our kids that they should never let fear of failure keep them from pursuing a goal, and I am looking at this disappointment as an opportunity to be an example of that for them."

"I want them to see that I have no regrets because no climb comes without the risk of falling, and nothing worth having comes without a climb."

As far as the future and another run for office, Sage said, "... Time will tell."

Bancroft offered his congratulations to the winners. "Well done," he said. "My best wishes to Sean Sage for a well-run campaign. I will continue to serve the citizens of the city of Fenton the boards and commissions on which I am already a member."

Bancroft said he will wait and see how things turn out, "but I am certainly willing to consider running again."

SUMMARY

■ Newly re-elected Mayor Sue Osborn, Councilmen David McDermott and Scott Grossmeyer and newly elected Councilwoman Tracy Bottecelli will be sworn into office on Monday, Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

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Fenton voters say resounding 'no' to charter amendment

■ Proposal goes down 1,140 to 385

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The voters in the city of Fenton have spoken. A proposal to amend the charter to allow for a taxing period of 10 years instead of three has been soundly defeated by a vote of 1,140 to 385.

Regardless of the tax period length, all millages must first be voter approved.

Fenton City officials have said there is only one way to get the city streets fixed, and that is if voters approve a citywide millage.

In order to maximize the number of streets that can be fixed under one approved millage, City Manager Lynn Markland announced in July that he would like a 10-year levy to fix roads.

The city's charter only allows millages to last for three years. Hence, the reason for the charter amendment proposal on Tuesday's ballot, which if passed, would have extended the taxing period from three to 10 years.

"Unfortunately, the proposed Charter Amendment was understood by many as a millage increase, when it was actually an amendment to the City Charter that would allow the voters to decide on a millage that could have been levied over a 10-year period instead of a three-year period as is currently allowed by the City Charter," Markland said on Wednesday.

"It's my impression that many voters thought they were voting on a millage increase rather than an amendment to the City Charter," he said. "If the amendment had passed, it would have allowed a future

ballot consideration on a millage that could last up to 10 years. What we are left with is a City Charter provision that allows for the voters to vote on a millage that could last only three years. The problem is that a three-year street program is not very effective.

"We really didn't get into discussing on what other communities are doing for street funding, because this was a Charter Amendment not a millage vote," Markland said. "However, many other communities such as Flushing and Grand Blanc have had a street millage for a number of years. Swartz Creek passed a street millage recently. The gas tax revenue that we receive from the state just does not provide enough money to allow us or other communities to do enough street work to make a difference in the street system, which is why more communities are asking the voters for a millage for street improvements."

Markland said the City Council will likely take a look at possible alternatives.

Linden schools millage fails

■ Would have covered cost to upgrade security, technology

By Hannah Ball

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Voters defeated a sinking fund millage proposal for Linden Community Schools on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Superintendent Russ Ciesielski said, "Obviously, we are very disappointed that the sinking fund did not pass. Our focus has always been, and always will be the students of Linden schools. We have great things happening at Linden and are thankful for the support we did receive throughout this process."

Voters in the Linden schools district voted 1,193 to 935 against a 1.3-mill sinking fund proposal that would have allowed the school to increase security, upgrade technology and improve infrastructure of the district.

Nearly 15 percent of registered voters participated in this election for the Linden schools sinking fund millage.

News briefs

Tyrone Township Historical Society meets Monday, Nov. 13

The Tyrone Township Historical Society meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 13 at the Tyrone Township hall. Please join members for the annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by a silent auction. Please join them and meet your neighbors. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Gaines Township millages fail

■ Would have paid for fire department equipment and upgrades

By Hannah Ball

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Two proposals for the Gaines Township Fire Department were defeated by voters on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Fire Chief Joe Hyrman said, "I was very disappointed."

Residents voted against adopting two millages that would have helped pay for fire department upgrades. The first millage, the Gaines Township Fire Operating Millage, was for 1.25 mills. It was defeated 835 to 369.

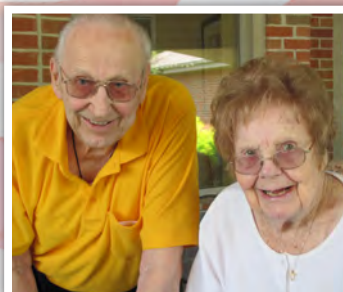
The second millage, for equipment, was for .75 mills. It was defeated 790 to 416. Just over 23 percent of registered voters cast their ballots for these millages.

Hyrman said the money would have gone to buying a new fire truck pumper.

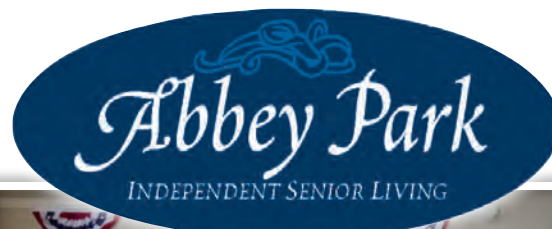
"It's 27 years old and needs to be replaced," he said, adding that the cost is approximately \$400,000. They planned to save money from the millages for a few years to be able to afford it.

Hyrman said it's up to the township if the millages will be on the ballot next election season.

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DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN ANTHONY Weiner started his prison term this week. Democratic Senator Menendez is involved in the largest corruption scandal in years. Hillary, Bernie and Donna are engaged in a behind-the-scenes, corrupt, unethical president campaigning war of worlds. What is the common factor?

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PEOPLE THINK THAT everyone is beating up on poor Donald Trump. What about the previous eight years when you were so helpful and friendly to Barack Obama? You called him ethnic slurs, you questioned his loyalty, his religion and his birth location. You guys sure weren't good to him in eight years.

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THERE GOES THE King again. Last week he talked about trivial stuff, the stuff he knows about. Now he's trying to talk about political correctness. He has no idea what he's talking about. Political correctness is not going to kill us, but a lack of it might.

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WE'VE HAD THREE Republican presidents who have all tried trickle-down economics and tax cuts for the rich. All three presidents left the office with the country in a recession. The last one nearly drove us to a depression. What do you think is going to happen this time? It's a bigger cut yet.

Police & Fire

report

19-YEAR-OLD ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF POSSESSING CRACK COCAINE, MULTIPLE LARCENIES

Argentine Township police are seeking charges against a 19-year-old Argentine Township male for driving with a suspended license. He also faces a charge of possession of crack cocaine, after he was arrested on Oct. 16. This comes after Argentine police received a call that someone was driving a vehicle in and out of driveways on Haviland Beach Drive and Lobdell Road. Another person from Flint was in the car with the Argentine Township teen, but he was not charged. According to Sgt. Doug Fulton, after the officer asked the 19-year-old to exit the car, a crack pipe fell on the ground and there was a small pack of cocaine in the vehicle door with a "chore boy," which is a scouring pad used by people smoking crack to retain some of the cocaine vapors. The suspect had previously been charged with possession of marijuana. Fulton said they are awaiting results from the Michigan State Police crime lab before charging him with possession of crack cocaine. Police also suspect this 19-year-old could be involved in a string of larcenies taking place on Haviland Beach Drive and Lobdell Road.



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NOV. 12

1996: Young lovers Amy Grossberg and Brian Peterson check into a Delaware motel. During their stay, Grossberg gave birth to a 6-pound, 2-ounce baby. The infant was later found dead in a trash container behind the motel. After Grossberg gave birth, Peterson placed the infant in a garbage bag and whisked it out to a trash bin behind the motel. In an autopsy report, medical experts revealed that the baby was alive at birth and died of massive head trauma, which refuted the couple's claim that the infant was stillborn.

NOV. 13

1982: Near the end of a weeklong national salute to Americans who served in the Vietnam War, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is dedicated in Washington, after a march to its site by thousands of veterans of the conflict. The long-awaited memorial was a simple V-shaped black-granite wall inscribed with the names of the 57,939 Americans who died in the conflict, arranged in order of death, not rank, as was common in other memorials.

NOV. 14

1851: Moby Dick, a novel by Herman Melville that tells about the voyage of the whaling ship Pequod, is published by Harper & Brothers in New York. Moby Dick is a great classic of American literature and contains one of the most famous opening lines in fiction: "Call me Ishmael."

NOV. 15

1984: "Baby Fae," a month-old infant who had received a baboon-heart transplant, dies at Loma Linda University Medical Center in Loma Linda, California. The infant was born with hypoplastic left-heart syndrome, an almost always fatal deformity found in newborns in which parts or all of the left side of the heart is missing.

NOV. 16

1945: In a move that stirs up some controversy, the United States ships 88 German scientists to America to assist the nation in its production of rocket technology. The U.S. government, desperate to acquire the scientific know-how that had produced the terrifying and destructive V-1 and V-2 rockets for Germany during WWII, and fearful that the Russians were also utilizing captured German scientists for the same end, welcomed the men with open arms.

NOV. 17

2003: Actor and former bodybuilder Arnold Schwarzenegger is sworn in as the 38th governor of California at the State Capitol in Sacramento. Schwarzenegger, who became a major Hollywood star in the 1980s defeated Governor Gray Davis in a special recall election on Oct. 7, 2003.

NOV. 18

1978: Peoples Temple founder Jim Jones leads hundreds of his followers in a mass murder-suicide at their agricultural commune in a remote part of the South American nation of Guyana. Many of Jones' followers willingly ingested a poison-laced punch while others were forced to do so at gunpoint. The final death toll at Jonestown that day was 909; a third of those who perished were children.

Source: history.com

Local ORV park idea 'still has a pulse'

■ MDNR acquired 235 acres for possible recreational park

By Tim Jagielo

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This past spring, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) acquired 235 acres of land in Groveland Township, which could be used to turn the dream of a local multi-use recreational park into a reality.

In November 2014, Oakland County Parks and Recreation (OCPR) held its "Dixie Gully Run," an off-roading event on the site of the not-yet acquired land, to test the interest in an ORV park in this area.

Two events were held, the second drew 300 vehicles and 100 spectators. There are 200,000 ORVs (off-road vehicle) registered in Michigan.

At that point, OCPR still had to apply for a grant to purchase the land. This year, the Michigan Natural Re-

sources Trust Fund awarded OCPR the grant, paving the way for the MDNR to acquire the land.

Now, the ball is in the court of OCPR. "We have to make a determination to decide whether to join a lease agreement with the DNR," said Dan Stencil, executive officer of OCPR. His organization would lease the land from the MDNR to operate the park.

Initially, the hope was to get the park up and running in 2016, and eventually also have SCUBA (self-contained underwater breathing apparatus) diving, and ATV trails.

This is the first movement on the project in a while. "It still has a pulse," said Stencil with a laugh.

While the MDNR owns the land, there are still two sand and gravel mines operating on the land, which have leases with the MDNR. The deep bowls dug into the land were a great start for an off-road course.

Stencil said a partial opening could happen in 2018 or 2019.

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Fenton Ballet Theatre presents... The Nutcracker

■ The community is invited to enjoy the excitement of the music, dance and costuming of this holiday classic

By Sally Rummel

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The timeless holiday tradition of The Nutcracker will come to life on stage this Dec. 2 and 3 with performances by dancers from Fenton Ballet Theatre.

Show times will be Saturday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. at the Hartland Performing Arts Center at 9525 E. Highland Rd., Howell.

"The Nutcracker is a ballet for all ages," said Brooke Holvick, owner of the Fenton Ballet Theatre. "The music, the costumes and dancing is all very exciting."

“The Nutcracker is simply a wonderful holiday treat for all to experience.”

Brooke Holvick

Fenton Ballet
Theatre Owner/Instructor



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Fenton Ballet Theatre dancers began rehearsal in September, for two to eight hours per week depending on their roles, in addition to their regular classes.

"The sets and costumes are full of detail and created to enhance the production," Holvick said. "We couldn't bring this production together without our dedicated dancers and the amazing talent of our volunteers who have been sewing and creating since September."

The Nutcracker is a beautiful representation of what you will find at Fenton Ballet Theatre, said Holvick, who has performed The Nutcracker many times, her last on stage in 2014 as Snow Queen.

The beauty of that dance falls in line with Fenton Ballet Theatre's desire to share the love of dance while instilling a strong work ethic with a professional finished product, when it comes to dancing on stage.

"We're working with different ages and abilities," Holvick said. "Our goal

is to teach all of these individual dancers to dance together cohesively. Striving for each dancer's personal best is as important as being technically correct as a dancer. This is how artistry meets excellence!"

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Nurse practitioners are appreciated

■ National Nurse Practitioner Week is Nov. 12-18

By Hannah Ball
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National Nurse Practitioner Week is Nov. 12-18, and one local Nurse Practitioner (NP) said many people are unaware of how much they do.

Heather Jones is a nurse practitioner at Wheatley Melinda MD in Flint, and teaches nursing practitioner students at University of Michigan-Flint. Jones, 33, of Fenton is also the president of the Flint chapter of the Michigan Council of Nurse Practitioners.

"I don't think a lot of people realize how much that we really do and can do, and how much we're able to provide independently," she said.

Nurse practitioners traditionally do health promotion, disease prevention and patient education. They can prescribe uncontrolled substances, like antibiotics, do physicals, manage chronic conditions, prepare plans for conditions like throat

pain, diabetes, high blood pressure and many other ailments.

Jones sees patients independently, without a doctor, orders tests and makes diagnoses.

"NPs are advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) who have advanced clinical education, national board certification, and training beyond their initial registered nurse preparation," she said.

"NP practices offer a unique combination of nursing and health care service to patients."

The hardest part of her job is managing time. "We would like to spend two hours with every patient but we can't do that," she said. "There's so many different things that we have to document or have to cover for reimbursement purposes, it takes away from the patient visit."

She said fewer physicians are going into primary care, and instead choosing to specialize, and there's always a need for nurse practitioners who can do most things a physician can

do in primary care. With the baby boomer population getting older, health care providers will be even more important.

"National NP Week brings visibility to the role of the NP, helping consumers make wise choices when selecting their health care provider," she said.



Heather Jones

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Benefits of military service

There are several benefits in serving the United States military. The top ones include patriotism, defending our nation, and a sense of duty.

Membership into one of the world's oldest clubs is another benefit. Being a military veteran makes you an automatic member in one of the world's oldest clubs. It is easy to share stories and recollections with other members of this special group of people, and can help you gain acceptance, join clubs, find employment, and gain other benefits. Being a veteran is something no one can ever take away from you.

Someone looking for employment should consider the military, which continues to offer jobs for those who are qualified medically and academically.

The pay and benefits are a draw. A new 2nd lieutenant starts at over \$36,000 a year plus full benefits, not including added monthly allowances of up to \$3,000, depending on where he or she is stationed.

An enlisted person starts at around \$20,000 a year plus full benefits, not including added monthly allowances of up to \$1,500 depending on where he or she is stationed.

Enlistment and re-enlistment bonuses can be over \$20,000. After serving only three years, some nuclear trained enlisted members in the Navy receive bonuses of \$90,000 for re-enlisting.

Student loans can be relieved by up to \$65,000. The military is also one of the few places where you can get a full pension after serving 20 years or more. Military retirement can reach 50 to 75 percent of the average of your final three years base salary. In some instances, you can receive more than 75 percent of your base pay in retirement.

Full medical coverage is provided for you and your family. Military members are immediately eligible for full health care benefits for themselves and their immediate family members as soon as they enter the service, and if you stay through until retirement, you and your family can take these benefits with you when you

leave the military. These health benefits extend to immediate family (e.g. spouses and children, and sometimes dependent parents).

Skills and training are provided. The military provides advanced technical training in a variety of career fields and offers opportunities for additional training when you are off duty. Many military members are able to attend college that is often paid for by tuition assistance. You can use your training opportunities to advance within your career field, earn certifications or degrees, or prepare yourself to transition back into civilian life.

Military leadership is a great way to get your resume on top of the pile for your next career.

The military has installations all around the world and pays for you and your family to get there and back. Your off duty time is yours and you are free to travel and see the world. The military gives you 30 days of paid leave per year, not including weekends and federal holidays.

Benefits after leaving the service

The new GI Bill pays veterans who served at least 36 months a monthly living stipend and full tuition to pay for college, after they leave the military. Depending on how long the service member commits, this Post-9/11 GI Bill can be transferred to spouses and children.

Being able to buy a home with no money down with a VA Loan is a benefit. The Veterans Affairs office offers veterans a way to purchase a home with no money down through the VA Loan. This makes it easier to purchase a home while you are serving, or after you have left the service.

A military retirement is worth millions. An officer with 20 years of service, who earns over \$100,000 per year, could retire with a pension of over \$48,000 per year for life in his or her 40s and start a second career. This is earning over \$4,000 per month for the rest of one's life, starting at age 42. This equates to an accumulative pay of \$480,000, \$960,000, \$1.4 million in 10, 20, and 30 years, respectively, in addition to having full health care coverage and an income from a second job, if desired.

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Attorney writes children's book

■ Joe Kimble's book teaches kids, and lawyers, the importance of effective communication

By Hannah Ball

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Are you tired of the confusing jargon of legalese and legal speak?

So is one retired law professor, Joe Kimble, who wrote a children's book about lawyers communicating with people. He'll be reading the book at a Linden Mills Historical Society meeting Tuesday, Nov. 14.

"Mr. Mouthful Learns His Lesson" is about a character that tries to communicate with kids with unnecessary complicated phrases. He says phrases like "please be advised" instead of "watch out," said Kimble, who grew up in Linden.

"He's unable to communicate with kids and help them when they get into a little bit of a pickle," he said. "He sort of sees the light toward the end of the book."

Kimble is a distinguished professor emeritus at Western Michigan University-Cooley Law School, where he taught legal writing for 35 years. He has published three law books on using concise language, and has won several national and international awards.

"I'm very much an advocate in lawyers

using a plain and clear style," he said.

He thought he would give writing a kid's book a try. "I just wanted to write something that I thought would make kids laugh," he said. "I have grandkids now, and I wanted to make something that would make kids smile. It's a new adventure for me."

Kimble worked on the book on and off for two years. He said he took time to make sure every word counts. The book is also a fundraiser for the Linden Mills Historical Society. All the proceeds go to the society.

"I thought it would be kind of fun to launch it in the town where I was a kid, since it is a kids book, and try to do some good at the same time," he said.

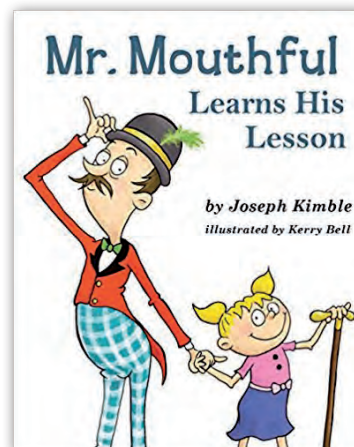
His mother, Marge Kimble, has been an active member of the society for years, and Kimble's parents are lifelong residents of Linden.

Kimble's book was published by Iguana Books, an independent publisher, and

the illustrations were done by Kerry Bell.

Kimble will read parts of the book at the Linden Historical Society meeting Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Shiawassee Shores.

"I know they'll love the illustrations, and I hope they love the story," Kimble said.



"I'm very much an advocate in lawyers using a plain and clear style."

Joe Kimble

Attorney, formerly of Linden

PASSES OUT

Continued from Front Page

The officer activated the patrol vehicle's emergency lights as it approached the truck. The officer was able to awaken the passed out driver, who admitted to drinking. Sobriety tests were conducted and a breath test revealed that the driver had twice the legal limit of alcohol in his system. He was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, his truck was impounded and he was lodged at the police station.

The Fenton man was not the only person passed out in the truck. His passenger, a 22-year-old Clarkston woman, also was passed out. Police awakened her and transported her to the police station where she made arrangements for a ride home. She was not arrested.



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A concrete breaker creates a hole for the water tie-in for the Caroline Street extension in downtown Fenton on Thursday, Nov. 9.

CAROLINE

Continued from Front Page

On Friday, C&M anticipated having its asphalt contractor on site to begin paving the street, including the intersections at LeRoy and the one at Walnut, Czarnecki said.

"This work will continue into Saturday. Once the paving contractor is on site, C&M wants to get all the paving completed so they aren't trying to get the paving contractor back again," he said. "This time of year, paving contractors are their busiest as the asphalt plants typically shut down around Nov. 15."

This work is all weather dependent and paving contractor availability dependent. "If the paving contractor gets rained off another job it most likely will affect our project," Czarnecki said.

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Fenton Township supports Linden schools sidewalks

■ Program aims to help fund pathways to public schools

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton Twp. — The Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted 6-0 on Monday, Nov. 6 in support of the Safe Routes to School Path Project, which aims to construct a pathway for children to safely walk to school.

Trustee Vince Lorraine was absent.

Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said, "Argentine Township has applied for funding the Safe Routes to School programs to construct a walking, biking path from the city of Linden limits to Linden High School and middle school complex. Since the path would go through a small area of Fenton Township, Argentine Township has requested that our Township Board members consider adopting a resolution supporting their project."

Former Argentine Township trustee, Teresa Ciesielski and former supervisor, Bob Cole, spearheaded the project in Argentine last year out of concern that many children walk to school but often walk in the street or in yards because there

isn't a sidewalk.

Ciesielski said children are walking to school along a 45 mph road.

In a previous Times article, Ciesielski said each K-8 school qualifies for \$200,000 worth of grant money and the middle school and elementary school qualify. They could potentially receive \$400,000 in state funding for the sidewalks.

SUMMARY

■ Currently, children walking to and from Linden schools don't have a sidewalk to tread on. Argentine Township, with a resolution of support from Fenton Township, is hoping to change that.

The sidewalks would be approximately two miles in length, and cover ground on Lobdell Road, Silver Lake Road, and through the Linden schools' complex.

According to the resolution adopted by Fenton Township, the number of students walking and biking to school has dramatically declined from 48 percent in

1969 to 13 percent in 2009. The Safe Routes to School program, which was created by Congress in 2005, aims to increase the number of children walking and biking to school by providing funding for infrastructure located within two miles of a public school.

These projects are safe and healthy for children, and help reduce the risk of obesity and chronic disease, according to the resolution.

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IN AN ABSOLUTE repudiation of Donald Trump and conservatism, Virginia and New Jersey both elected Democratic governors. Republicans were swept out of power in Virginia in the legislature. In 2020, you can kiss Trump goodbye.

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Ready to butt out?

Great American Smokeout is Thursday, Nov. 16

By Vera Hogan

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For diehard smokers, not even the threat of heart disease, lung disease or other health-related maladies are enough to put cigarettes down for good. The addiction is that strong.

But for some, the reason for quitting is much stronger than the addiction. The following two residents shared stories about why and how they kicked the habit.

Steve Curto of Linden said he smoked for many years and always thought he would never be able to quit.

"But once I became a father it put my whole life into perspective," Curto said. "It has been over two years now and I feel great. In fact, the smell of cigarettes disgusts me now and I can't believe I smelled that gross for years."

Curto said he was able to quit by using a Vape Pen for three months and weaned himself off nicotine.

Kris Fleckenstein of Holly shared what happened to her to make her quit smoking for good.

"The tragedy of 9/11 made me quit. I was a hotel front office manager on the West Coast with a convention in house," Fleckenstein said. "Several of our convention groups were from the New York City area."

New York is three hours ahead of California. Fleckenstein said that about an hour after the last plane hit the towers, after all the chaos, she and another manager took a smoke break.

"A panicked guest came to the front desk after turning on the television and seeing the news," she said. "The hotel's telephone system was overloaded and the guest couldn't dial out. They asked for a manager and was told we were on a smoke break. The guest freaked out."

"My guest services agent called me on my radio about the panicked guest," Fleckenstein said. "I and the other manager ran back to the front desk and upon

arriving I was confronted with a guest that was racked with fear who yelled in my face 'I'm glad that your cigarette was more important than fixing the telephones ... My father and brother work in those towers.'

"That was all it took, after helping the guest make a couple telephone calls I walked into my office, took my pack of Camel light menthol's out of my suit jacket pocket, smashed them and tossed them in the trash. I haven't smoked or wanted to smoke since."

SMOKING FACTS

Approximately 36.5 million Americans still smoke cigarettes nationwide, according to Phillip Sugarman of timercap.com. That is 11.50 percent of the U.S. population still addicted to tobacco.

More than 480,000 people die a year due to cigarette smoking. To put it into perspective, from 1999 to 2015, more than 183,000 people died from an overdose related to prescription opioids.

Each year, 10 times more people die due to cigarette smoking than they do with opioid overdoses.

HAVE A PLAN

HEALTH BENEFITS OF QUITTING

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), stopping smoking is associated with the following health benefits:

- **Lowered risk for lung cancer** and many other types of cancer
- **Reduced risk for heart disease**, stroke, and peripheral vascular disease (narrowing of the blood vessels outside your heart)
- **Reduced heart disease risk** within 1 to 2 years of quitting
- **Reduced respiratory symptoms**, such as coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath. While these symptoms may not disappear, they do not continue to progress at the same rate among people who quit compared with those who continue to smoke.
- **Reduced risk of developing some lung diseases** (such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, also known as COPD, one of the leading causes of death in the United States)
- **Reduced risk for infertility** in women of childbearing age. Women who stop smoking during pregnancy also reduce their risk of having a low birth weight baby.

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There are many different ways to quit smoking. The best plan is the one you can stick with. Consider which of these might work for you:

Cold turkey (no outside help)
According to webmd.com, about 90 percent of people who try to quit smoking do it without outside support — no aids, therapy, or medicine. Although most people try to quit this way, it's not the most effective or successful method. Only between 4 and 7 percent are able to quit by doing it alone.

Behavioral therapy
This involves working with a counselor to find ways not to smoke. Together, you'll find your triggers (such as emotions or situations that make you want to smoke) and make a plan to get through the cravings.

Nicotine replacement therapy
Nicotine gum, patches, inhalers, sprays, and lozenges are nicotine replacement therapies. They work by giving you nicotine without the use of tobacco. You may be more likely to quit with nicotine replacement therapy, but it works best when combined with behavioral therapy and lots of support from friends and family. And remember that the goal is to end your addiction to nicotine, not simply to quit using tobacco.

Medication
Bupropion (Zyban) and varenicline (Chantix) are prescription medications that can help with your cravings and symptoms from withdrawals.

Combo treatments
Using a combination of treatment methods might increase your chances of quitting. For example, using both a nicotine patch and gum may be better than a patch alone. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) hasn't approved using two types of nicotine replacement therapies at the same time, so be sure to talk with your doctor first to see if this is the right approach for you.

Pick a quit date and prepare
No matter which method you choose, an important part of quitting is to build the quit plan that works for you. Pick a quit date that gives you time to prepare without losing your motivation. Tell friends and family that you are quitting. Get rid of all cigarettes and ashtrays from your home, work, and car. Figure out your smoking triggers, and decide how you're going to deal with them.

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- Retired Master Gunnery Sergeant (E-9), U.S. Marines
- Combat Intelligence Analyst
- Former Commander of Curtis-Wolverton VFW Post 3243, Fenton

By Sally Rummel

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Ken Rodenbo, 64, was born and raised in Fenton and graduated from Fenton High School in 1971. He spent 28 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, from 1972 to 2000. He and his wife, Konnie, a 1972 graduate of Lake Fenton High School, have been married 45 years and have two sons, Kevin, 43, and Kyle, 41. Why did you decide to enlist in the

Marine Corps?

I didn't see any job prospects after graduation and I wasn't on the college track. My great-uncle had been a Marine who died in Germany during World War I and I personally knew a Marine, Ed Conway, who died in Vietnam. I needed a goal and the Marine Corps seemed to be the answer.

You started out at boot camp and ended up as an E-9, the highest rank



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Ken Rodenbo has been active in the VFW since 2000. He served 28 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, and served all over the world. He retired in 2000.

waii, where I was deployed aboard ship for six-plus months, twice in a four-year period. I was at Marine Corps Air Station in Cherry Point, North Carolina for six-plus months; a student in Washington, D.C. for 10 months; Camp Lejeune in North Carolina for schools and assignments, including two deployments, each for six months; Saudi Arabia for two months; Okinawa, Japan for one year.

I retired in 2000, after having difficulties passing the physical fitness test. I had a serious aortic valve murmur, which limited my capabilities, and I had a valve replacement at University of Michigan Hospital in 2004. I was also going to be transferred again and frankly, I was through with that.

How did being in the U.S. Marine Corps change your life?

Anyone, male or female, who knowingly accepts the challenge of completing Marine Boot Camp, knows that their life will be changed forever. The challenges presented to recruits

and the resultant rewards are things that a Marine will be proud of their entire life. Only a Marine can speak with other Marines about our boot camp experiences, and immediately understand and relish the brotherhood between us.

What is your life like today?

After retiring in May 2000, I came back to the only place I knew, and of course, it was Fenton. I got involved in the local VFW Post, where I have served twice as commander. I got a great job as a department manager when Walmart opened.

I continue to volunteer at the VFW post, and am also a member of American Legion Post 38 in Fenton. I make visits to Crestmont Nursing Care Center in Fenton and the Aleda Lutz VA Hospital in Saginaw. I'm also the Club Room manager and I participate with VFW Honor Guard at funerals for deceased veterans.

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

I have been an avid M&Ms collector for years, everything from ads to candy dispensers and clothes. I've sold everything now except my M&M-related NASCAR collectibles, which helped me buy a '96 Harley-Davidson Ultra Glide, which I ride when it's warm.

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As I started my military career, I always sought to better myself through education and duty assignments. I never turned down an opportunity, and accepted assignments others wouldn't or couldn't.

What were the biggest highlights of your military career?

I changed my job specialty in 1973 to Combat Intelligence Analyst. Things got more interesting after that. I became part of a helicopter squadron that provided supply support. I was trained as an aerial door gunner, but was primarily a combat intelligence man. I was assigned to critical jobs with the expertise and knowledge few others possessed, including deployment to the Persian Gulf in 1979. My job was to support the war fighter, and that's exactly what I did. I achieved recognition for my participation in situations where my knowledge and skills were needed and utilize to further the intelligence capabilities of the Marine Corps and the United States.

Where did you spend most of your military service?

In my career I had been deployed to Okinawa, Japan for one year; attended schools in California and Arizona; Ha-

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How to take the best nap

■ Nap for not more than an hour, and don't sleep past 4 p.m.

By Hannah Ball

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Nighttime isn't the only time for Zzzzs.

Young children need naps, and it's not uncommon for adults to find themselves nodding off around 2 p.m. during the workday or a lazy Sunday. According to livescience.com, 38 percent of men and 31 percent of women say they nap on a regular basis. Maximize that time and learn how to take the best nap.

Dr. George Zureikat, M.D. at the Mid-Michigan Sleep Center, said if you feel like you really need a nap, there's no problem with having one.

He said the best time to nap is in the early afternoon, and for not more than an hour. Make sure not to nap past 4 p.m. because it could mess up nighttime sleeping.

"The best sleep you can ever get is definitely the night sleep," he said. "It's more refreshing sleep because you're sleeping with your biological clock telling you it's time to sleep."

Frequently feeling tired in the morning and taking naps often could be a sign

something is wrong.

"If someone takes a nap on a regular basis, and has a hard time sleeping through the night time, it might signify a problem. They might need to be evaluated," he said.

Constantly feeling tired could be indicative of restless leg syndrome or sleep apnea. Both conditions make it harder for people to get good sleep.

Here are a few other napping tips from Reader's Digest:

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Dr. George Zureikat
Mid-Michigan Sleep Center

PICK THE BEST TIME AND STICK TO A SCHEDULE

Use the napping wheel by Psychologist Sara Mednick, Ph.D. to align the time you nap with the time you wake up. The nap takes into account the time you woke up and finds the time of day when REM and slow-

wave sleep cross.

If you wake up at 5 a.m., ideal napping time is 1 p.m. If you wake at 6 a.m., the best time is 1:30 p.m. For 7 a.m., it's 2 p.m., and for 8 a.m., it's 2:30 p.m.

Keep a schedule so your body can adjust, and it will become easier to fall asleep.

DRINK CAFFEINE

Reader's Digest suggests drinking a cup of coffee before you nod off. Because it doesn't take effect until a little later,



Getting some shut-eye during the day might be just what you need to feel refreshed and rested.

you'll feel energized when you wake.

"It could be valid," Zureikat said.

He said this could work for some people, but if you're sensitive to caffeine, drinking it in the late afternoon could interfere with nighttime sleep.

PICK THE BEST SPOT AND STAY WARM

A quiet, dark spot lying down is the best spot to nap. Don't use a bed, because you might be tempted to sleep longer. A couch or hammock is preferable.

GET ACTIVE AFTER

After waking from your nap, head outside for a walk or fresh air. The sunshine and cool air will help you feel more awake and energized. Stretching your body after sleep will increase blood flow.



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FOOD PANTRY

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In September 2016, they organized as their own non-profit charitable group housed in the former Freedom Center church offices at 2525 W. Shiawassee Ave.

They have recently built a 36-by-40-foot food pantry building on their property, open since Nov. 1, to meet the growing needs of hungry people, mostly in Fenton, Linden and Holly.

Funded primarily by donations, the pantry partners with the Food Bank of Michigan to bring in fresh produce, meats and non-perishables. They also partner with area restaurants, and organizations that support the work of the food pantry with food drives.

"Our vision has always been for this to be a community food pantry. Access to the food pantry is need-based, although we've never turned away anyone who is hungry," Bob said.

The pantry is open Wednesday evenings, Thursday mornings and evenings for shopping, and at other times for emer-

“Not having enough food is a symptom of a bigger need that is broken.”

Bob Strygulec
Fenton Center of Hope director



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On Tuesday, Nov. 7, volunteers Rich Resa (left) of Fenton and his dad Jim Resa of Lucas, Iowa, unload boxes of frozen meat into the food pantry of the Fenton Center of Hope.

gencies. It is set up like a grocery store so that people can "shop" for their own groceries.

"There's a dignity about letting you choose your own groceries," said Jennifer Strygulec, coordinator for the Fenton Center of Hope.

The Fenton Center of Hope also offers life skills classes including cooking, and budgeting to help break the cycle of poverty and dependence.

"Not having enough food is a symptom of a bigger need that is broken," Bob said. "We try to change their thinking from an immediate need to a long-term solution."

The baby closet is still housed inside the Fenton Center of Hope offices, carrying diapers, clothing and baby equipment, including car seats, for moms and prospective moms who need help. "We've become nationally certified in National Child Passenger Safety," Bob said.

To donate to the Fenton Center of Hope, go to Fentoncenterofhope.org

"Now we qualify for funding to get free car seats." The baby closet also gives away free diapers for a month, to mothers in need.

The Fenton Center of Hope is also about to be licensed in the near future as a pregnancy resource center. "We'll be able to offer pregnancy testing and

ultrasounds," Jennifer said. "There's no other resource like this in Fenton. Nine women are being trained to be counselors."

Jennifer said that approximately 40 volunteers help with the Fenton Center of Hope's mission to provide hope and restoration. "God sends people here every day and we get crazy blessings," she said.

"We pair a person in need with a volunteer/mentor," Bob said. "We

try to do that three times so we can build a relationship. You have to spend time with people to find out why they haven't been able to move forward."

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PROGRAM

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Families Against Narcotics launched the program Feb. 1. Since then, 614 people have sought treatment in all three counties. Pfeiffer said 64 of those people are from Genesee or Lapeer county, and the rest are walk-ins from Macomb County.

"We're not having the walk-ins that Macomb is having, but we are getting more and more people signing up online," she said. "Granted they're twice as big as Genesee County."

Pfeiffer said most people sign up online, possibly because it can be intimidating to walk into a police station. She would like to see more people utilize the program.

"We are working on a strategy to try to get more trust. We're all working together on this epidemic. No one is out to get anyone," she said. "We want to see people stop passing away, we want to see people getting help."

Argentine Township and Holly Village police departments joined the Hope Not Handcuffs program this past June.

Holly Police Chief Mike Story said only two people so far have walked into the station and said they needed help.

"It is a great program, they're having wonderful success. We don't get the walk-ins. Apparently, most of that's been going on online," he said.

Story anticipated more of a flow of people since the program started. "You can't force people to come in, you can't force people to seek help," he said. "If they're doing it online, great. I know the program works."

Story said their incidents of overdoses in Holly is sporadic. They're not daily, or even weekly occurrences. Police could respond to five in a month, or none.

"If anybody is in need of assistance in their addiction, please come," he said. "If you have an addiction and you want to change your life, we're here."

It's also called the Angel Program. People can volunteer to be "Angels" and take the person to a rehab facility.

SUMMARY

■ The Hope Not Handcuffs program, started by Families Against Narcotics, has placed more than 600 addicts in rehab programs since Feb. 1, 2017.

According to paari.org, the opioid epidemic kills more than 175 lives in America every day. The PAARI recently received national attention when President Donald Trump declared the opioid crisis a nationwide public health emergency.

Hundreds of police departments across the nation have joined the PAARI and the Angel Program. The Michigan State Police-Brighton Post joined PAARI in August, and the MSP announced Wednesday, Nov. 8 that a second Angel Program will start in Metro Detroit.

"The nation cannot arrest its way out of the opioid epidemic," PAARI states on its website. "PAARI is leading a nationwide movement led by law enforcement that recognizes addiction is a chronic disease that needs long-term treatment, not arrest and jail."

Hope Not Handcuffs Recovery Program is a 501c3 nonprofit. Some exceptions make certain people ineligible for the program. An applicant cannot have an active felony, domestic or violence warrant, be a danger to others, be under the age of 18 without a parent or guardian consent, or have a medical condition that may need hospitalization.

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Fiebertz getting inducted into soccer coaches HOF

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Kevin Fiebertz almost didn't return the phone call.

Coldwater varsity soccer coach Ken Delaney left a message for Linden's long-time varsity boys and girls soccer coach, but Fiebertz thought he knew what the call was about. He was certain Delaney was calling to ask him for a scouting report about an area school.

"I thought for about an hour wondering if I should call him because I have a policy

when people are trying to get a scouting report from an area team," Fiebertz said. "I tell them Matt (Sullivan) is a friend of mine, he's in our league and I can't give you that information and tell them good luck. I was at work and I finally decided to get the call out of the way."

He wasn't after a scouting report. It was a call telling Fiebertz he will be inducted into the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association Hall of Fame during the All-State Banquet on Nov. 18 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Lansing. The dinner

will start at 6 p.m.

Fiebertz has had an outstanding career with Flint area prep soccer squads. He began coaching the Flint Powers boys team in 1989 and the Southwestern Academy girls team in 1990. He enjoyed winning seasons with both teams and won a district title with Powers during his first season at the helm of any prep team. He didn't coach any girls teams from 1996 until 1998, and became Linden's girls coach that season.

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Kevin Fiebertz gets a water dunk after leading the Linden girls to the state semifinal contest last spring.

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Sports Times

Tigers enjoy another fine deep postseason volleyball run

■ Fenton's tournament run ends in regional championship match against Midland

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Saginaw — It was a team that started the season needing to find a new identity.

With seven seniors leaving a squad that advanced to the Class A state semifinals for the first time in school history, it was understandable that the 2017 Fenton Tigers may take a couple of steps down this fall.

Well, that didn't happen. After winning the Metro League championship with another perfect season, after winning 46 matches and after earning another district crown this fall, the Tigers' proved their talent continuously during the 2017 season. However the year finally came to an end on Thursday when Fenton lost a 25-16, 18-25, 25-18, 25-23 Class A regional championship match against the Midland Chemics at Saginaw Heritage High School.

"We played our hearts out," said one of Fenton's four seniors on the team, Macyn Stevens. "Nobody really expected us to get this far and I feel like coming this far we turned a lot of heads and made a statement."

"We are really proud, knowing we came this far and knowing we proved people wrong again," Fenton junior outside hitter Chloe Idoni said. "I am really proud we got to the regional finals again this year. Nobody expected it, but we knew we could do it."

Varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger was among the proud on the squad on Thursday night.

"It's been a very good season," Eisinger said. "Like I told the girls, after graduating seven seniors, I don't think anybody expected us to get this far, and I think this team probably achieved more than we should've, and it all goes to the guts of these girls. Again, they didn't give up. Even tonight, we could've very easily taken this fourth set. A couple of good plays by them took it from us. But I'm proud of the way we played."

The Tigers didn't play their best match of the tournament on Thursday, but it wasn't due to a lack of effort.

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Fenton defeated Davison in the regional semifinals on Tuesday, but lost to Midland in the regional title game on Thursday. (Above) Fenton's Lily Elfstrom and Erin Carter attempt a block. (Left) Elfstrom attempts a skill against Midland on Thursday night.

■ Tigers' mental fortitude on display in win vs. Davison

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Grand Blanc — Lily Elfstrom doesn't worry about victories when she's on the volleyball court.

The Fenton senior worries about other things.

"The wins mean nothing," Elfstrom said. "We just look forward to the next game. We can't focus on the next win because we have to focus on the next game and the game we are playing. That's what (Fenton varsity volleyball coach) Jerry (Eisinger) tells us to do."

The theory seems to work for the Fenton varsity volleyball team. The Tigers earned a spot in a Class A regional championship match on Tuesday, earning a tight 25-22, 15-25, 25-23, 23-25, 15-8 regional semifinal victory against Davison at Grand Blanc High School. Fenton now plays Midland, the squad the Tigers defeated in the state quarterfinals a year ago, at Saginaw Heritage High School at 7 p.m. on Thursday. The winner will earn a spot in the Class A state quarterfinals.

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



LIONS — TOUGH TO FIGURE OUT

The Lions, the Lions, the Lions. Is there any team more boggling in the world of professional sports to be a fan of than the Lions?

I can think of maybe one team that can compete — the Cleveland Browns. But, even if I was less than a year old the Browns did win the NFL Championship in my lifetime, beating the Minnesota Vikings 27-7 on Jan. 4, 1970.

The Lions haven't been in a post-season championship game since the 1957 NFL Championship game, 59 years ago. The next longest drought after the Lions are the New York Jets, and their dryspell is 11 years shorter at 48 seasons. And since that 1957 season ended, the Lions have won exactly one playoff game. In the NFL's world of the parity, how is that even possible?

Well, it appears the Lions are starting to win some fans over once again this season. After a 2-0 start, the Lions lost three of four games falling to 3-4 overall. That meant Monday night's contest at Green Bay, a place the Lions almost never win at, was almost a must-win game. Well, the Lions did just that against an undermanned Packers' squad and now are back at .500 with a game Sunday against the winless Browns. Green Bay looks like a dead team without Aaron Rogers. And while the Lions are two games behind the Vikings in the division standings, it looks like the door is wide open for the Lions to challenge for the division. The schedule isn't that daunting, and they still have one game left with the Vikings. Yes, this team can still go places.

But then you look at the evidence that suggests this team isn't any different than the past. The Lions have the highest paid quarterback in the league despite the fact he's never won a playoff game. The coaching staff can't figure out when they should go for touchdowns or field goals. The offense can't score touchdowns inside the 5, and they have zero running game. Right now, if I had to pick the team's MVP, a great case can be made for the field goal kicker, Matt Prater. Prater has boomed five 50-plus field goals. Can a team be a playoff contender if a kicker can be named as a potential team MVP?

Really, what it comes down to for me is one thing for me — all this regular season stuff doesn't matter too much. Until the Lions win a playoff game, I'm not going to get too worked up. I've seen teams finish between 11-5 and 0-16 and all those teams have one thing in common — none of those teams have won a playoff game. So until that happens, I'm not going to get too worked up about the Lions. They are the same organization until they get that next playoff win.

Holly swim caps season with final performances at Metro meet

By David Troppens

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The Holly varsity girls swim team went through a little bit of a change this fall.

They had a new head coach, Rachel Gardner, who wasn't completely uninformed about the squad entering the year. After all her sister, Danielle Gray, was the past coach.

Gardner quickly embraced the team's willingness to learn and recently said she was excited to see what the team can accomplish at the Metro League meet. Well, the results are in, and the Bronchos did just fine.

Holly matched the placing the Bronchos earned during the regular season, placing fifth at the Metro meet with 194 points. That means the Bronchos completed the season in fifth overall.

The Bronchos were led by Kelly Sky. The senior capped her prep swimming career by taking seventh in the 100 breaststroke (1:21.82) and eighth in the 100 butterfly (1:16.11).

The Bronchos had two more competitors earn individual top-eight performances Hannah Muth and Becca Costigan. Muth, a senior, was a diver and placed eighth with a score of 261.20. Finally, Costigan, a sophomore, placed eighth in the 100 breaststroke just behind Sky in a time of 1:21.90.

The Bronchos' top overall performance probably came in a relay. The 400 freestyle relay team of Taylor Williams, Julie Brantley, Emily Sanders and Hannah Ehrhardt earned third place with a time of 5:98.98. The 200



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Two of Holly's swimmers that competed and placed at the Metro League meet were Hannah Ehrhardt in the 500 freestyle (above) and Lauren Costigan (left) in the individual medley.

medley relay team of Nichole Prast, Sky, Lydia Brauher and Jaryn Kivari placed fifth (2:25.97).

The Bronchos had plenty of others earn spots in the consolation finals. The 200 individual medley had three other Holly competitors in it, with Lydia Brauher leading the way in 10th (2:45.91). She was followed by Becca Costigan in 13th (2:55.63) and Lauren

Costigan in 14th (3:02.99). The 500 freestyle also had three in the consolation finals, with Ehrhardt taking 10th (6:43.64), Sanders in 11th (6:50.99) and Lauren Costigan in 12th (6:55.01).

There were two other competitors in two other individual consolation events.

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Fenton's Chloe McKenzie attacks a ball in the Tigers' victory against Davison on Tuesday.

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The Tigers repeated a pattern they seem to have embraced in some of the state tournament matches. In each of Fenton's first two set victories, the Tigers trailed for most of the set before coming on strong to win the set down the stretch. The fifth set didn't follow that scenario. The Tigers took a quick 4-1 lead and never trailed in the 15-8 fifth-set victory, earning the regional semifinal win.

"I think we really like to turn up the intensity," senior Macyn Stevens said. "A lot of the times we really need to turn it on."

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