

Dethroning the 'kings and queens' of homecoming

■ Pinckney is first Michigan school to eliminate popularity contest

By Vera Hogan

The Pinckney High School Student Government Executive Board is joining other groups around the country by making changes that will include all students.

According to whmi.com, Pinckney High School is dropping a long-standing tradition by replacing a Homecoming "King and Queen" with elected student representatives in hopes of promoting a more



inclusive environment.

At a recent Board of Education meeting, Student Government President Allie O'Keefe shared with board members the origin of the concept and its ultimate goal. The new format would consist of students from each class electing five student representatives that are of good character and have a positive outreach in the

school and community. From each grade's chosen five, the nine individuals with the most votes would be on Homecoming Court and the top three will be the winners for each grade. A secondary vote would then be held for the senior class to choose one individual that would be recognized at the homecoming game.

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Ren Fest attendee tests positive for hepatitis A

■ Anyone who attended Sept. 1 or 2 is advised to get vaccination

Compiled By Sharon Stone

The Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) was alerted Thursday, Sept. 13

that an attendee of the Michigan Renaissance Festival in Holly has a confirmed case of hepatitis A and was ill while attending the festival on Sept. 1.

It is strongly recommended that those attending, or working at the festival on Sept. 1 and 2 get a hepatitis A vaccine by Saturday, Sept. 15, if they have not already been vaccinated.

"Vaccination can prevent the disease if given within 14 days after potential exposure," said Leigh-Anne Stafford, health officer for the Health Division. "If you have attended the Michigan Renaissance Festival during these dates and have not been vaccinated for hepatitis A or have a sudden onset of any symptoms, contact your doctor."

See **HEPATITIS A** on 10A



The hepatitis A vaccine is recommended for anyone who attended the festival on Sept. 1 or 2. Times file photo

46TH ANNUAL
St. John
Applefest



Applefest volunteer Daniella Lahoud, 15, microwaves an apple crisp at the Happy Apple Tent on opening night, Thursday, Sept. 13. As of 6 p.m., she estimates she's sold about 40 pies and crisps. Overall, between 1,600 and 2,200 pies and apple crisps will be baked and sold over the course of the weekend. This is the 46th annual Applefest and it runs all weekend at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton. Photo: Tim Jagielo See full photo gallery at tctimes.com

Supervisor: 'Tyrone residents should not have to pay'

■ Wants non-residents to be charged for emergency services

By Vera Hogan

Something Tyrone Township has been doing for more than 10 years has suddenly become a "hot topic," said Supervisor Mike Cunningham — and that is the charge to nonresidents for fire runs.

Tyrone Township does not have its own fire department and therefore contracts fire and emergency response services with the neighboring communities of Fenton City, Fenton Township and Hartland/Deerfield.

A special assessment for these services is in place in Tyrone Township. The annual assessment is \$75 for a vacant parcel, \$150 for

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for NFL players are kneeling for the anthem. Colin Kaepernick started kneeling on Sept. 1, 2016, before our president was elected.”

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they say they need to fix our roads. I thought that is why they made our car insurance and our vehicle registration so impossible to afford.”



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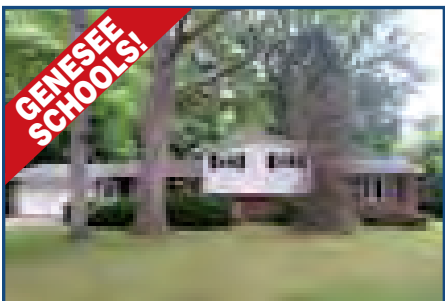
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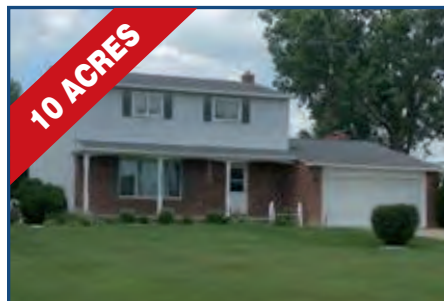
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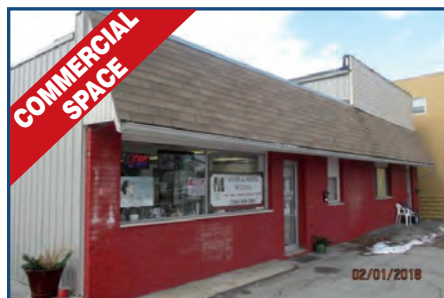
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'I've been into cars my whole life'

■ Local man uses engineering skills to restore, improve unique and rare classic cars

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — Most men remember their favorite car, their pride and joy.

But most men don't rebuild and re-engineer theirs from the ground up. Steve Guilbault has fully restored up to 12 classic cars, often re-engineering key systems like brakes and suspensions to suit his tastes.

"I've been into cars my whole life, since I was a little kid," said Guilbault, 67, of Fenton. He used to ride his bike to see new cars coming to local dealerships each year. "It was pretty exciting for the model change."

His father had interesting cars, and was a Navy fighter pilot.

Guilbault had to work on his first car, a 1965 Ford Mustang Fastback, to make sure it could get him from home to college, and back to work, across the state.

He worked for General Motors for 35 years as an experimental automobile engineer and fabricator. He was at the forefront, helping to develop vehicles, such as the S-10 pickup trucks, and the 2010 to 2016 Chevrolet Camaro, along with the Acadia and Traverse.

His first restoration was in the mid 1970s — a Sunbeam Tiger, which he describes as a "poor man's Cobra."

There are different kinds of restorations. His '69 Ford van is a "partial" restoration. He replaced certain things, like interior components — wheels and tires and others.

His Sunbeam Tiger was a full, frame-off restoration, from the "ground up," as



Steve Guilbault of Fenton stands among his most recent projects, a custom blue 1961 Ford Galaxie, a rare 1969 MGC and a 1969 Ford Club Wagon. The Galaxie and MGC he rebuilt, right down to the bolts. Photo: Tim Jagielo



Steve Guilbault had to ask an MG collector in Colorado to pull an engine rod out of a spare vehicle to complete his engine. Photos: Tim Jagielo

“Not only cool cars, they’ve got to be rare. I don’t want a Camaro everyone else has. I don’t want a Mustang that everyone has.”

Steve Guilbault
Fenton resident

is his 1961 Ford Galaxy, and this current project, a 1969 MGC convertible.

He only likes to work on unique classic vehicles, mostly from the '60s.

"Not only cool cars, they've got to be rare. I don't want a Camaro everyone else has. I don't want a Mustang that everyone has," he said. "They're cool cars and they're performance cars."

A 2010 retiree, he now has more time and money to dedicate to the craft. "I had five kids; they came first," he said.

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Come *Heller* high water...

Miss Michigan didn't win the Miss America pageant last week but she did win a bigger prize, I figure.

R-e-s-p-e-c-t.

You probably didn't see the pageant. Relatively few did. The ratings said about four million TVs were tuned to it, down about 20 percent from the previous year, which was fewer than the year before that, which was fewer than the year before that, and so on back to the '60s, when tens of millions watched and beauty pageants seemed normal.

These days ... well, let's put it this way: When I read about Miss Michigan I was a bit surprised that Miss America was still a thing. Like most, I was vaguely aware that it still existed somewhere out there on deep cable somewhere. I also knew that it — like most pageants — had tried to move away from the perception that it was just about pretty girls in bikinis. This year, for instance, they even eliminated the swimsuit competition.

But I also thought, "Wow, why don't they just kill off this dinosaur already?"

The women's liberation movement was 50 years ago, after all, and we're now square in the long overdue #MeToo era. Shouldn't beauty pageants go the way of the dinosaurs?

To answer my own question: Yes. But if they don't, if there is still a place for them in modern America, I hope we at least see more young women like Miss Michigan, Emily Sioma, the pride of little Grass Lake, take advantage of the bully pulpit the pageant affords.

In case you missed it, she positively stole the post-pageant headlines by using her 8 to 10 seconds of self-introduction to say, "From a state with 84 percent of the U.S.'s fresh water but none for its residents to drink, I am Miss Michigan."

Her comment wasn't technically accurate. We have plenty of water to drink

in Michigan. The problem is a lot of it is somewhere on the scale between suspect and dangerous.

There's Flint, of course. Years later — years! — many people there still won't drink the water despite state assurances that it's safe. Would you? I wouldn't. Local and state officials failed the people in Flint and were slow to fix the problem. The result: 90 cases of Legionnaire's disease, 12 deaths, and children potentially poisoned. They say all is now well. But trust will be the last thing to heal in poor Flint.

Then there's Detroit, where drinking water was turned off in all of the school system's buildings two weeks ago due to concerns about copper and lead levels. There's also the PFAS issue. Most people — in our media-depressed state — aren't even aware that dangerous polyfluoroalkyl substances have been found in dozens of communities across the state. This could be bad. Real bad.

So, yes, water is a huge issue in the Great Lakes State. But, of course, we seem to have plenty when it comes to a business that wants to filter it and sell it. That's a snide reference to Nestle, which, thanks to our incredibly accommodating state government, pulls 400 gallons a minute from the ground in Osceola County for its Ice Mountain. Total cost to the company: \$200, the cost of a state permit.

Miss Sioma (calling her Miss Michigan suddenly seems limiting) only had a few seconds, but she used them well by drawing attention to serious issues like these.

She didn't win the pageant. But she sure as heck did herself, her community and the state proud.

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FENTON YOUTH CHEERLEADERS contribute just as much to the program as the football players through registrations and overall ticket sales. They continue to use older, non-fitting uniforms. Yet the football teams have had three sets of brand new uniforms in the last two years.

■■■

TO THE PERSON who asked about ABC 12's Marc Jacobson. He moved to Las Vegas to be near his sick mother.

■■■

I'VE BEEN LISTENING to Obama on TV lately and I just want to say he's trying to take credit for all the good things Trump is doing. So I think, how do you know when a politician is lying? It's when his lips are moving. And that's Obama.

■■■

I WAS APPALLED by the behavior of the students in the student section at the Heroes Night game against Owosso. Yelling, 'Who really cares/Nobody cares,' after each of the Owosso players were introduced was completely disrespectful.

■■■

I AM A veteran. When I took the oath entering into the service of our country I

pledged to fight for our Constitution, not our flag. Kneeling only offends conservatives. Conservatives apparently don't understand the inequality experienced in this nation by so many citizens.

■■■

HEY HELLER, 97 percent of investment bankers recommend less regulatory oversight, 97 percent of men don't need to ask directions, 97 percent of politicians say 'trust me,' and 97 percent of convicts claim they're innocent. All self-serving claims; just like 97 percent of climate scientists.

■■■

BARACK OBAMA IS speaking out about his great achievements. This is great because it reminds voters why we voted Republican.

■■■

WE SHOULD GET rid of the law that says a president can only serve two terms and then we could elect Barack Obama again and get our country back on the right track. Who is with me on this?

■■■

YOU BET I object to both paying taxes for and being charged a fee for fire protection services. Didn't we have a first-response truck in Fenton that was supposed to roll out first to assess the situation and decide if additional support was needed?

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SENATOR CORY BOOKER, I knew Spartacus and you, sir, are no Spartacus.

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What is your favorite homecoming memory?

Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor

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"When I was 19, I was in Vietnam, I never went to homecoming."

— Ken Tennant
Fenton

"A bonfire was the best part. Someone donated some barn wood. We had it stacked up so high."

— Shawn Spears
Fenton

"The Snake Dance,' and Holly would steal our Fenton rock, and we'd steal their Holly bell. Homecoming in Fenton was just the most awesome thing. Everyone went to downtown."

— Lois Jackson
Fenton

"Going to parties after the game, and the dance."

— Ricky Penoyer
Mundy Township

"Getting dressed up for the dance and doing the 'funky chicken.'"

— Kelly Allor
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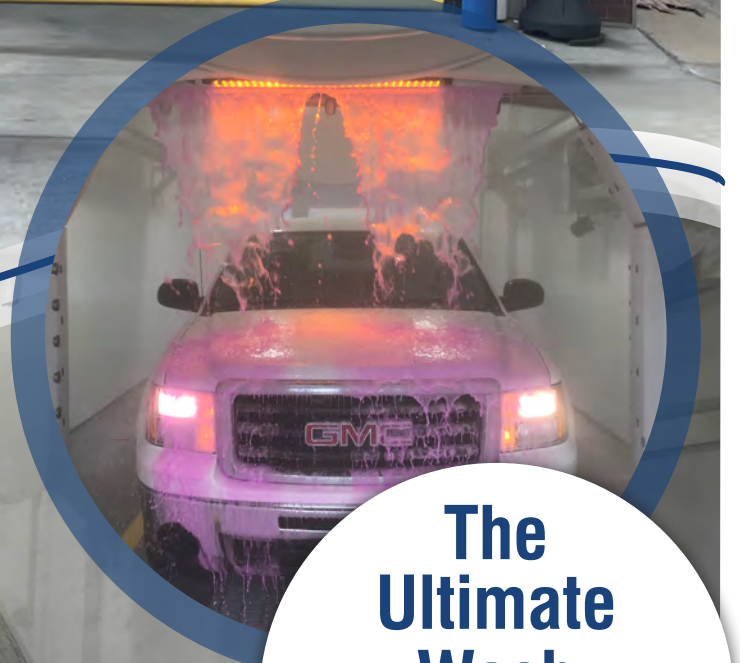
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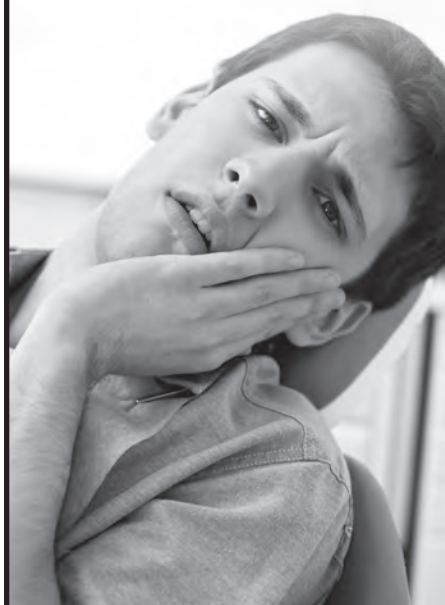


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Pinckney Student Government said in a letter to district officials, that they do not believe homecoming elections should be a popularity contest with a trend of choosing popular couples. O'Keefe said they want to make homecoming elections more inclusive overall, noting Student Government attends regional, state and national conferences every year and has noticed that many schools are moving toward a different format to better abide by discrimination policies.

O'Keefe says they want this to be a smooth and positive transition, and is hoping for the community's support as they work to recognize students who go above and beyond.

Superintendent Rick Todd and other Board of Education members voiced support for the Student Government's decision, with Todd adding that the district's cultural beliefs should be reflected in everything they do. The new election format will be implemented this year, with Pinckney's Homecoming set for Sept. 29.

Could something like this work in the local school districts?

Lorrie Slater, a Lake Fenton High School graduate and front office supervisor at Fenton Family Medicine said, "I feel this is something all schools should look into. As someone that was never in a 'popular' group I was not picked on nor bullied, I just made friends who I felt I could talk to about things. I like that this shows that you don't have to be a football star or cheerleader to be on the homecoming court."

Lorraine Schuler, also a Lake Fenton graduate and 15-year teacher at Luke M. Powers Catholic High school, said she

'Werewolves' of Holly?

■ Man wearing wolf mask accosts students at bus stop

By Sharon Stone

The Holly Police Department and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office are investigating a suspicious incident that occurred Monday morning at a bus stop at Church and Saginaw streets in downtown Holly.

One man was arrested.

Holly Area Schools Superintendent Scott Roper sent a letter Tuesday, Sept. 11, to parents informing them what the school had learned.

In the letter, Roper said at about 6:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 10, a man driving a pickup truck approached students at the bus stop and tried to make contact with them. The man proceeded to put on a mask. The students fled and reported the incident to a parent. No students were harmed.

The school district immediately reported the incident to the sheriff's office,

which sent a patrol unit to the scene. The Holly Police Department quickly located the suspect at a nearby gas station. He was arrested.

The incident remains under investigation and Roper said there will be additional monitoring at bus stops.

Holly Police Chief Michael Story said police located the man within moments. He was identified, interviewed and released, pending warrants. Police will ask that a misdemeanor warrant be issued. The offense is a misdemeanor since it was not committed in the presence of police.

Story said, "The individual engaged in a short conversation at the bus stop, put on a wolf mask and began howling and drove away."

"He also stopped at the fire hall and was howling at the fireman as he drove away."

The wolf mask was taken in as evidence and the individual was identified by one of the victims.

would love to learn more about this idea.

"It sounds interesting the way it works and I like the fact that schools are trying to get away from what tends to be a popularity contest in many cases," Schuler said. "I'm excited to hear how this ends up working in that district and others and what feedback the administration, staff, students, etc have about this new model."

Katy Hughes, director of the Holly Downtown Development Authority (DDA) said she finds it interesting that the Student Government does not want the homecoming elections to be a popularity contest, but if the students are still the ones casting the votes, that is what will remain.

"I do appreciate how the student body is trying to be more inclusive and fair, though," she said. "It's nice to see that they want the representatives to have good character and a positive outreach in the school and community and not be on the Homecoming Court just because they are the popular kids."

Kelly Meade of Tyrone Township is a semi-finalist in the Ms. Veteran America competition. The finals will be held in Washington D.C. in October. Winning will enable her to further her efforts to helping homeless women veterans.

Meade said, "I believe this new format could be called the 'New and Improved' process to determine individuals for recognition in going above and beyond. It's this progressive thinking of the younger generation that will raise awareness beyond the physical attributes and make peers look at the whole person and see them for more than a pretty face. I fully support this change and see it as progress," Meade said. "These are the signs of the times, even Miss America announced on June 5 that, after 92 years, contestants would no longer be judged based on physical appearance and the event would be considered a competition rather than a pageant with no longer having the swimsuit competition."

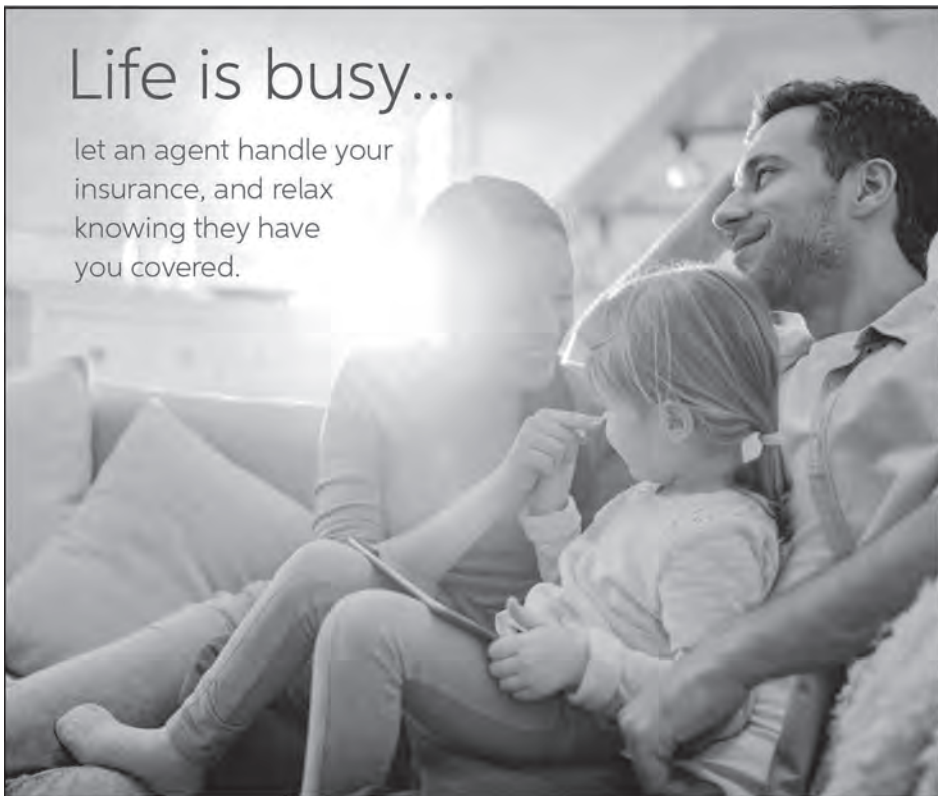
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"Tyrone Township pays on a per run basis regardless of the service," Cunningham said. "If a fire truck leaves the station we are billed for that fire run. This is how the contract has been structured and has worked well for us."

"We have a cost recovery ordinance in place due to the fact that we have U.S. 23 running through the township," he said.

Highway accidents generate a good number of the fire and emergency service calls in the township.

Cunningham said accidents on U.S. 23 have been on the rise, especially now that people text and drive.

"It would not be fair to charge our residents when people driving on the highway through our community wreck their car because they're texting and driving," he said.

"If we did not recover nonresident emergency service costs we would have to charge the residents more on the special assessment."

On March 25, a 29-year-old male, who does not reside in Tyrone Township, was involved in a crash on U.S. 23. His mother was recently billed \$1,419 by Tyrone Township, which received the bill from the city of Fenton for the service. Although there were no injuries, fire department personnel believed when they responded to the call that it may be a personal injury accident.

The family's insurance company, Allstate, refused to pay, and the man's mother of Farmington Hills said she would not pay either. Her son was the at-fault driver and ticketed for failure to yield.

What happens if neither the driver's insurance company nor the driver pays the bill?

"We send them to collection," Cunningham said. It is not "written off" as some people believe.

Fenton also has a cost recovery ordinance. If a non-resident is involved in a crash in Fenton, they are charged \$750 for the first hour. After one hour, the fee changes to reflect the number of firefighters and trucks on scene, according to Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff.

Correction:

In the Sept. 9 Weekend Edition, the Times printed incorrect information about Holly Area Schools' test scores. For math in grades three through eight, M-STEP results show an increase from 32 percent in 2017 to 50 percent in 2018. Social Studies for all students saw a drop of 35 to 31 percent, and third through eighth grades saw an increase in English scores from 48 percent to 50 percent, according to Superintendent Scott Roper.

“It would not be fair to charge our residents when people driving on the highway through our community wreck their car because they’re texting and driving.”

Michael Cunningham
Tyrone Township supervisor

LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

SEPT. 16

1620: The Mayflower sails from Plymouth, England, bound for the New World with 102 passengers. The ship was headed for Virginia, where the colonists — half-religious dissenters and half entrepreneurs — had been authorized to settle by the British crown. However, stormy weather and navigational errors forced the Mayflower off course, and on Nov. 21, the "Pilgrims" reached Massachusetts, where they founded the first permanent European settlement in New England in late December.

SEPT. 17

1983: Twenty-year-old Vanessa Williams becomes the first African American to win the Miss America crown. Less than a year later, on July 23, 1984, Williams gave up her crown after nude photos of her surfaced. Despite the scandal, Williams later launched a successful singing and acting career, including a featured role on the hit television sitcom Ugly Betty.

SEPT. 18

1987: Cesium-137 is removed from an abandoned cancer-therapy machine in Brazil. Hundreds of people were eventually poisoned by radiation from the substance, highlighting the danger that even relatively small amounts of radiation can pose.

SEPT. 19

1990: The Martin Scorsese-directed Mafia film Goodfellas, starring Ray Liotta, Robert De Niro, Lorraine Bracco and Joe Pesci, opens in theaters around the United States. The movie, which was based on the best-selling 1986 book Wiseguy, by the New York crime reporter Nicholas Pileggi, tells the true story of the mobster-turned-FBI informant Henry Hill (Liotta), from the 1950s to the 1980s.

SEPT. 20

2012: Sixteen members of a dissident Amish group in Ohio are convicted of federal hate crimes and conspiracy for forcibly cutting the beards and hair of fellow Amish with whom they had religious differences. The government classified the ruthless attacks as hate crimes because beards and long hair have important religious symbolism to the Amish, who are known for their pacifism, plain style of dress and refusal to use many forms of modern technology.

SEPT. 21

1780: During the American Revolution, American General Benedict Arnold meets with British Major John Andre to discuss handing over West Point to the British, in return for the promise of a large sum of money and a high position in the British army. The plot was foiled and Arnold, a former American hero, became synonymous with the word "traitor."

SEPT. 22

1862: President Abraham Lincoln issues a preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, which sets a date for the freedom of more than three million black slaves in the United States and recasts the Civil War as a fight against slavery.

Source: history.com

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE HOT-LINER calling Jim a fanatic. I guess that makes me a fanatic as well because in my opinion you can protest all you want, but you do not, I repeat, do not disrespect the American flag or the national anthem.

THE HEADLINE: 'SURPRISE!' Local drivers not speeding.
Apparently, the FPD is not looking near the high school.

DO YOU REMEMBER 2009 when President Obama traveled the world and he apologized for being an American and he apologized for American greatness? Go forward to 2018 when President Trump travels the world, and he stands for the flag. What a refreshing difference.

THE ENTRANCE TO Walmart from Silver Parkway is not an intersection. One merely has to wait for the traffic to clear. Come on people.

THE ARTICLE ON the military personnel was good to read about the men and women who protect us, but I think police brutality is a larger insult to the military than kneeling during the anthem. Thank you.

AS SOMEONE WHO has studied economics, I would like to point out the fact that President Obama gave us an average GDP rate of 1.9 percent over 32 quarters of his presidency. Compare that to Trump, who has given us almost 3 percent with only seven quarters under his belt.

THIS COUNTRY NEEDS solid values that put its people first to survive.

Lake Fenton trains against 'active shooter'

■ Proactive 'ALICE' approach replaces passive 'hide in a corner' used in Columbine

By Tim Jagielo

Lake Fenton — On Monday, Sept. 10, more than 700 Lake Fenton High School (LFHS) students and staff participated in active-shooter training, conducted by the Genesee County Sheriff's Office (GCSO.)

In the commons area, the report of a .22 blank echoed off the walls, signaling the start of the first active-shooter drill.

"Shooter in the building, location of shooter unknown," said Lake Fenton High School Principal Chris Belcher over the public address system.

The atmosphere was tense. Students had already locked themselves in their respective rooms, utilizing a door jamming tool. Each door was tested by a Genesee County Sheriff's deputy, who first unlocked the door with provided keys.

Out of the 28 rooms, none were breached in either of the two door-blocking drills.

"I hate that we have to do this, but we have to keep our kids safe," Belcher said.

Active-shooter training is becoming more common in area schools.

So far, the GCSO has ALICE-trained 6,805 people in Genesee County, which includes schools, churches and the women's shelter, according to Undersheriff Chris Swanson. There are seven trainings scheduled so far for the rest of the year.

Linden Community Schools just held its staff training on Aug. 28. The students at



On Monday, Sept. 10, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office conduct ALICE active-shooter training at Lake Fenton High School. Photo: Tim Jagielo

LFHS were spared the more graphic language, insinuated violence and airsoft guns.

This is referred to as ALICE training, an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. It isn't a specific process as much as it is a set of tools to keep staff and students safe. The training included drills, along with "classroom" learning and Q & A in the gym.

Students asked questions about whether lethal force is allowed to "counter" a shooter (it is), and how they could safely escape from an upper window. Another student asked about survival strategy changes if there were a bomb.

This training stands in contrast to the long-held dogma of hiding in a dark corner or under a desk.

Even today, the 1999 shooting at Columbine still echoes and is treated like a case study. This is because back then, and up until recent years, students and staff were trained to shut off the lights, lock the door, and hide in corners and under desks. ALICE training is about being proactive.

Senior Eric Niestroy, 17, said for the first drill he was in gym class, so his class simply exited the building when the drill started. In the second, he was in yearbook class, so they locked, secured, and barricaded the door with desks.

He grew up with the old form of training. "It's a lot different than what we learned in the past," he said. "If he (a shooter) gets in your classroom, there's no way you're going to survive that by just sitting there."

Senior Tommy Hufton, 17, said that students know that an active shooter is a possibility. After

"If he (a shooter) gets in your class room, there's no way you're going to survive that by just sitting there."

Eric Niestroy
Lake Fenton senior



Following the first active-shooter drill, Lake Fenton students make their way back to the gym for questions with the sheriff's deputies leading the training. Photo: Tim Jagielo

taking ALICE training, he wonders why they were taught anything else.

Both students feel safer and more prepared after training. They said their parents are glad they learned what they did.

"Every student took the training and subsequent drills seriously and made the day productive and valuable," Belcher said. "We will take what we have learned and continue practicing the ALICE model in all the drills we complete this year."

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Undocumented residents are not eligible for welfare benefits in Michigan

By Vera Hogan

Michigan has a small but growing immigrant community. While less than 7 percent of the state's residents were born in another country, they make up an educated share of Michigan's labor force, according to the American Immigration Council.

Nearly 40 percent of immigrants in Michigan possess a college or higher degree, and more than four in five report speaking English well. Michigan benefits from the various ways immigrants participate in the economy — from lending their skills as engineers and architects to making up nearly 11 percent of the state's healthcare practitioners, technologists, and technicians.

"As workers, business owners, taxpayers, and neighbors, immigrants are an integral part of Michigan's diverse and thriving communities and make extensive contributions that benefit all," according to the American Immigration Council.

In 2015, 652,090 immigrants (foreign-born individuals) comprised 6.6 percent of the state's population.

Michigan was home to 308,432 women, 295,273 men, and 48,385 children who were immigrants.

The top countries of origin for immigrants were Mexico (11.5 percent of immigrants), India (10.1 percent), Iraq

(8.1 percent), China (5.9 percent), and Canada (5.4 percent).

In 2016, 762,606 people in Michigan (7.7 percent of the state's population) were native-born Americans who had at least one immigrant parent.

More than half of all immigrants in Michigan are naturalized U.S. citizens — 342,465 immigrants (52.5 percent) had naturalized as of 2015, and 124,804 immigrants were eligible to become naturalized U.S. citizens in 2015.

The vast majority of immigrants (82.2 percent) reported speaking English "well" or "very well."

Most immigrants in Michigan have pursued education at or above the college level. Two-fifths of adult immigrants had a college degree or more education in 2015, while over a fifth had less than a high school diploma.

More than 70,000 U.S. citizens in Michigan live with at least one family member who is undocumented — 130,000 undocumented immigrants comprised 20 percent of the immigrant population and 1.3 percent of the total state population in 2014.

More than 5,000 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients live in Michigan.

As of 2016, 72 percent of DACA-eligible immigrants in Michigan, or 7,339 people, had applied for DACA.

An additional 3,000 residents of the

state satisfied all but the educational requirements for DACA, and another 2,000 would be eligible as they grew older.

Immigrants are an important part of Michigan's labor force across industries — 377,024 immigrant workers comprised 7.7 percent of the labor force in 2015.

Immigrants in Michigan have contributed billions of dollars in taxes.

Immigrant-led households in the state paid \$3.8 billion in federal taxes and \$1.5 billion in state and local taxes in 2014.

DACA recipients in Michigan paid an estimated \$15.9 million in state and local taxes in 2016.

As consumers, immigrants add billions of dollars to Michigan's economy.

Michigan residents in immigrant-led households had \$14.2 billion in spending power (after-tax income) in 2014.

As far as public assistance, Bob Wheaton, public information officer for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), "There are 33,537 documented aliens receiving public assistance benefits in Michigan (food assistance, cash assistance, child care reimbursement, State Emergency Relief). None of those are undocumented because undocumented aliens are not eligible."

Undocumented immigrants

Thousands of people are seeking a life in Michigan without proper documentation.

While some of those people illegally crossed borders, many others came into the U.S. legally and overstayed visas they obtained for work, study or tourism.

Of the estimated 130,000 undocumented people in Michigan in 2014, experts believe about 35 percent are from Mexico, 13 percent from India and 6 percent from China.

Many work at construction sites, clean

WHAT UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS RECEIVE AND WHAT THEY DON'T

There are many different types of benefits a resident of the United States can receive.

The following are benefits undocumented immigrants do not receive:

- Children's Health Insurance (CHIP)
- Disability, aka Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Food stamps, aka The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Health insurance, aka insurance via the Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- Medicaid
- Medicare
- Social Security
- Welfare

Undocumented immigrants may be eligible for:

- Emergency medical care, including ER visits and Emergency Medicaid
- Schooling
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

Source: huffingtonpost.com

houses, cook or wash dishes at restaurants, plant and harvest fields or work on dairy farms.

Undocumented immigrants in Michigan paid an estimated \$86.7 million in state and local taxes in 2014. Their contribution would rise to \$113.9 million if they could receive legal status.

Sources: Americanimmigrationcouncil.org; freep.com

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American Immigration Council

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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IN AN ENVIRONMENT like the desert it may be OK to wrap deceased bodies up in a sheet and bury them, but not in Michigan where we are surrounded by ground water.

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YOU ASK ME why I can't vote for a Democrat. It's because I don't believe in bigger government, bigger taxes, open borders and sanctuary cities. I could go on and on.

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PAY IT FORWARD. Huge thanks to the dozen different people who stopped to help me when my kayak flew off my trailer at Silver Lake Road and U.S. 23 Labor Day weekend. It makes me proud of our community.

■■■■
THERE ARE NUMEROUS world leaders who would love to invade this country and take away our freedom but they know it would be next to impossible. We now have someone who has figured out how that can be accomplished — Vladimir Putin.

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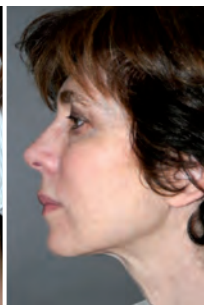
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Fenton to apply for \$432,000 grant for non-motorized trail

By Vera Hogan

The Fenton City Council has unanimously agreed to give City Manager Lynn Markland permission to apply for a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant in the amount of \$432,000.

The funds, if the grant is approved, will go toward the LAFF (Linden, Argentine, Fenton and Fenton Township) Pathway project, a non-motorized community pathway aimed at connecting Linden, Argentine, Fenton and Lake Fenton.

"As you know, I have been working with a group of other municipalities, SLPR (Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation) and the LAFF Pathway group on the proposed trail system," said Markland in a memo to the council. "The system will likely be constructed in phases and paying for the construction will include grant funding."

Some of the grant funding that is available requires an Act 51 road agency. Public Act 51 of 1951 created the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF), and it is the main road funding source for most cities and villages. This act defines the formula by which Michigan distributes money for road maintenance to cities, villages,

and counties.

"The grant would be for \$432,000 and the matching funds would be \$108,000 which would come from several participants," Markland said.

The city of Fenton's share of those matching funds would be \$15,000. SLPR,

one of the groups to share the cost of the matching funds, "is considering asking for a millage and should the millage be approved, those funds would be included as the match for the grant instead of getting funds from each group," Markland said.

"I view this project as an economic development project as well as a quality of life project," he said.

"Many individuals and families travel to areas to use bike pathways/trails and the usage of the pathway/trail generates commerce. The residents in the community that use the pathway/trail will have an improved quality of life."

Markland said he doesn't expect construction to begin on the LAFF Pathway project to begin any time before the year 2020. "Once completed the pathway, which will be a non-motorized trail, will be a recreational asset that the public will use and enjoy," he said.

"I view this project as an economic development project as well as a quality of life project."

Lynn Markland
 Fenton City manager

HEPATITIS A

Continued from Front Page

Attendees unable to get vaccinated by Sept. 15 are advised to be aware of hepatitis A symptoms such as sudden abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea, headache, dark urine, and/or vomiting often followed by yellowing of the skin and eyes (jaundice). Symptoms may appear from 14-50 days after exposure, but average about one month.

Oakland County's Nurse on Call hotline, 1-800-848-5533, will be open on Friday, Sept. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. to answer calls. The Health Division will also host two special hepatitis A vaccine clinics:

• **Friday, Sept. 14, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.** at the North Oakland Health Center, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 34 East, Pontiac
 • **Saturday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the North Oakland Health Center, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 34 East, Pontiac

"We are still experiencing a serious, ongoing hepatitis A outbreak both locally and statewide. Hepatitis A is a contagious liver disease that can range from a mild illness lasting a few weeks to a serious illness lasting several months," Stafford said. "Vaccination, good hygiene, and proper sanitation of surfaces can prevent the spread of hepatitis A."

The hepatitis A vaccine is also available through some healthcare providers and many pharmacies. Call ahead to ensure your provider or pharmacy has the vaccine available.

Hepatitis A is an infection of the liver caused by a virus. The virus is shed in feces and is most commonly spread from person to person by unclean hands contaminated with feces.

TO REDUCE THE RISK OF HEPATITIS A:

- Get the **hepatitis A vaccine**.
- **Wash hands frequently**, especially after using the bathroom, changing diapers, and before preparing and eating food. Rub hands vigorously with soap and warm running water for at least 20 seconds.
- **Clean and disinfect** all surface areas, especially while someone in the household or workplace has symptoms. Particular care needs to be taken with areas such as toilets, sinks, trash, door knobs, and faucet handles.
- **Do not prepare food** if you have symptoms and refrain from food preparation for at least three days after symptoms have ended.
- **Exclude ill food service workers** from the establishment immediately until clearance from OCHD is received.

For more information about hepatitis A, visit www.oakgov.com/health. Nurse on Call is available at 800-848-5533 or noc@oakgov.com, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For up-to-date public health information, follow @publichealthOC on Facebook and Twitter.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

SEEING OBAMA GIVE speeches this weekend reminded me of why we elected Trump. He dispensed with many lies regarding Obamacare and Benghazi and his numerous scandals. Thank God for Trump.

THE **AUGUST NUMBERS** are in and Trump has given us the biggest increase in our economic recovery in over a generation with the lowest unemployment numbers, the highest GDP, the highest new job numbers that continue with increases in manufacturing, construction and healthcare.

HOW COULD ANYONE disagree with Foster Childs after reading 'Yesterday, today & tomorrow?' Such wise words.

WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, Sept. 12, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Fenton Shark Tank deadline looms

The second annual Fenton Shark Tank is scheduled for Nov. 29. The deadline for entrepreneurs to bring their ideas to the table is Sunday, Sept. 30.



Linden asks for 10-year millage to fix roads

The city of Linden has released which streets will be fixed and the year the work will be done if citizens vote to approve paying 5 mills for 10 years.

Marine patrol reports a safe summer on area lakes

The sheriff's office reports just one alcohol-related incident and one arrest so far this summer.

Linden seeking city manager

The hunt is on for a new city manager to replace Paul Zelenak. In the meantime, Police Chief Scott Sutter will serve as the interim manager.

Our Future

Emma Senyko of Fenton, a senior at Fenton High School, is the first in the Times' new feature called "Our Future." Learn what local teens are saying in this feature that will be exclusive to the Wednesday, Midweek edition.

A Look back at 1968

The "Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test" started movement 50 years ago.

The Generation Gap

Vera Hogan and Hannah Ball answer the question: "What values did your parents teach you that have had the most impact on your life?"

Ordinance change reflects new MIP alcohol law

Fenton police can now handle 'minor in possession' offenses

By Vera Hogan

On Monday, Sept. 9, after the second reading of an ordinance amendment, the Fenton City Council voted unanimously to change the local ordinance on the purchase, possession and consumption of alcoholic liquor by minors to mirror state law.

On Jan. 1 of this year, the state amended MCL 436.1703, changing the penalties for those under the age of 21 caught buying, possessing and drinking alcoholic liquor. Under the old statute, this offense by a person under the age of 21 was classified as a misdemeanor crime, according to Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater.

"The newly amended state statute breaks down the charge into a first, second and third offense," Slater said in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland.

A first offense would result in a civil infraction charge with a fine not to exceed \$100, substance abuse treatment, community service, with no deferral possible. There are no driver's license sanctions with a first offense, but this infraction will appear on the offender's driving record.

A second offense, according to Slater, would result in a misdemeanor charge with a fine not to exceed \$200, substance abuse treatment, community service, and deferral possible (30 days jail possible only upon violation of probation, failure to successfully complete substance abuse treatment, and/or failure to pay fines). Driver's license sanctions for a second offense will result in a 90-day suspension with the provision of obtaining a restricted license after 30 days.

Slater said a third offense would result



in a misdemeanor charge with a fine not to exceed \$500, substance abuse treatment, community service, and deferral possible (60 days jail possible only upon violation of probation, failure to successfully complete substance abuse treatment, and/or failure to pay fines). Driver's license sanctions for a third offense violation will result in a one-year suspension with the provision of obtaining a restricted license after the first 60 days.

Because of the changes, Slater said he asked the city attorney, Chris Patterson, to draft an amended city ordinance to reflect state law.

"Currently, if a Fenton police officer takes action regarding a subject under the age of 21, who is either

purchasing, possessing, consuming or having consumed alcohol, they are forced to write the offense under state law," he said.

By amending the current ordinance to mirror state law, Fenton police are able to handle these offenses on a local level.

Slater said the city of Fenton is expected to receive a third of the fines paid. The remainder will be divided among other entities. The newly amended ordinance will take effect Oct. 16, which is 30 days after publication (see legal notice in this edition on Page 18A).

HOT LINE CONTINUED

JUST READING HELLER and agree about not wearing logos. Years ago, when Gloria Vanderbilt made her jeans with her name on the butt, my mom bought non-descript jeans and had her own name embroidered on her jeans. Loved it.

SOUNDS LIKE GETTING an opioid script is easier than getting a medical marijuana card.

GOOD JOB LINDEN marching band. I can hear you practice from my house and you sound great. My kids can't wait to see you in the homecoming parade.

JUST READ A good article on time. We have all been duped into thinking there is not enough time in the day and we need all these things to help us save time. The cell phone is the biggest thief of time one can imagine. Put it away and enjoy your day.

DEBBIE STABENOW IS worthless to the voters she allegedly serves. She does nothing for Michigan residents. Stop voting for people who do nothing except accept their pay. When will we learn to use our votes wisely.

JUST BOUGHT A new pair of Nikes, love them, makes me want to bend a knee.

YOU ARE RIGHT. The President caused the kneeling. President

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The Legislature remains in recess with regular sessions resuming Sept. 5. Rather than votes, this report contains some interesting or noteworthy recent bill introductions.

House Bill 6134: Ban gun ownership for domestic violence misdemeanor

Introduced by Rep. Stephanie Chang (D), to prohibit a person convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence crimes from possessing firearms or ammunition for three years. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 6160: Mandate cosmetologists take human trafficking class

Introduced by Rep. Patrick Green (D), to mandate that individuals subject to the occupational licensure mandate imposed on cosmetology and related professions must take a domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking awareness course as a condition of getting their license renewed. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

BREAK-IN ON LAKEVIEW DRIVE

On Aug. 30, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 15000 block of Lakeview Drive in Fenton Township for a breaking and entering complaint. The incident is currently under investigation.

LARCENY FROM AUTO ON TORREY GROVE COURT

On Sept. 2, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 2000 block of Torrey Grove Court in Fenton Township for a larceny from auto complaint. The incident is currently under investigation.



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Fenton, Linden and Holly high schools celebrating homecoming this week

Compiled by Tim Jagielo

Homecoming is traditionally the most exciting week of events for students on the fall calendar at local high schools, and in 2018, three homecomings will occur in the same week. Fenton, Linden and Holly school districts will have their spirit weeks, followed by their homecoming games and dances the third week in September. Here is the rundown of Spirit Week activities, starting on Monday, Sept. 17.

LINDEN SPIRIT WEEK

Linden High School chose a homecoming theme of “Board Games” this year. Each class was assigned a game. Freshmen are “Sorry,” sophomores are “Candyland,” juniors are “Rock’em Sock’em Robots” and seniors are “Monopoly.”

- Monday**
Candy Land — PJ Day
- Tuesday**
Cranium — Hat Day
Powder Puff game at 7 p.m.
at LHS stadium
- Wednesday**
Rock ‘em Sock ‘em Robots —
Jersey Day
- Thursday**
Twister — Crazy Hair and Sock Day
- Friday**
Battleship — Class Colors
and Pep assembly
Game at 7 p.m.
- Saturday**
Dance at 7:30 p.m.



The Fenton senior homecoming court includes (back from left) Keegan Garret, Lance McCord, Nolan Day, Gabe Horton, Eythan Folton and Brock Henson. (Front, from left) Megan Armbruster, Madeline Bludhart, Chloe Idoni, Sophie Frost, Emma Snedden and Emily Hayes. Photo: Katelyn Wallace

FENTON SPIRIT WEEK

- Monday**
Groufit (grey clothing)
Powderpuff Game at 7 p.m. at FHS
Stadium
- Tuesday**
Tourist Day
- Wednesday**
Sports team
- Thursday**
Decades
- Friday**
Class Color Day
Parade at 5 p.m.
Game at 7 p.m.
- Saturday**
Dance at 7 p.m.

HOLLY SPIRIT WEEK

- Monday**
Tie Dye Day
Powderpuff Game at 6:30 p.m. at HHS
stadium
- Tuesday**
Beach & Lifeguard Day
- Wednesday**
Pajama Day
- Thursday**
Hawaiian Shirt or Tacky Tourist Day
- Friday**
Class Color Day
Parade at 5 p.m.
Game at 7 p.m.
- Saturday**
Dance at 7 p.m.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

Barack Hussein Obama did nothing to improve black relations and he was the president at the time the kneeling started.

THE LINDEN ROADWORK fiasco from Stan Eaton north needs be addressed in any future requests before you get one red cent. ‘Amateurish’ would be complimentary all around.

LINDEN: FIX THE roads with exist-ing funds or resign and let someone with a functioning brain take over. You are the ones who created this mess, so fix it with current funding. I won’t pay for your incompetence.

HEY HELLER, 97 percent of invest-ment bankers recommend less regulatory oversight, 97 percent of men don’t need to ask directions, 97 percent of used car salesmen sell high quality cars, 97 percent of politi-cians say ‘trust me,’ and 97 percent of convicts claim they’re innocent. All self-serving claims; just like 97 percent of climate scientists.

IS IT WRONG that I don’t care when someone gets hurt while taking a selfie?

TODAY I WAS reading about Gretchen Whitmer who is running for governor. She is a proven fighter, but for liberal causes. She wants increased taxes. She wants Medic-aid expansion. She wants tougher gun laws. She wants abortions on demand. She’s a strong supporter of Planned Parenthood and keep in mind that she is a strong supporter of her awful predecessors Granholm and Stabenow.

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The garden outside the Fenton-Winegarden Library has been dedicated to Pamela Hennig, also known as "Mrs. Blue Shoes," a woman who read to children for nearly 20 years. Photo: Hannah Ball

Fenton dedicates library garden to 'beloved' storyteller

■ 'Mrs. Blue Shoes,' read to area children for 20 years

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — Outside the Fenton-Winegarden Library sits a sculpture of a librarian reading a book, an appropriate view with the dedication of the new garden built around the figure.

The new garden will be named the "Mrs. Blue Shoes Garden" in memory of Pamela Hennig, who read to children at the library for about 20 years, always wearing blue Converse shoes. She earned the title "Mrs. Blue Shoes."

"They (the shoes) are a very romantic part of the remembrance of her," said Bobbie Sweetman, a member of the Fenton City Library Board.

This project, headed by the library board, started when they were in the process of raising money to buy "The Librarian" statue, said Michael Hart, Fenton's assistant city manager and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) director.

"From the beginning, when we got the statue, we had in our mind how wonderful it would be to have a little seating place, a little garden for the children. Then our anonymous donor stepped forward," Sweetman said.

Hart said the anonymous donor gave "several thousand dollars" that covered the costs of the garden, the paver, setting the sculpture, the landscape, benches, irrigation and more.

Dave Petts of Branching Out designed and installed the garden. Hart and Sweetman said he did an excellent job. The Mrs. Blue Shoes Garden will be maintained by Adele Karis, a volunteer master gardener at the library, who takes care of the city's gardens.

The garden will eventually wrap around the side of the building, with pavers and seating, and will extend all the way down to Walnut Street to the

parking lot. Sweetman said there will be opportunities to place more art in the area.

The process of acquiring "The Librarian" coincided with Hennig getting sick. Hart said her friends and family contacted the city and wanted to help with acquiring the sculpture because of Hennig's history with the library.

"There was a desire to honor her," Hart said.

Hennig saw the original plans for the garden before she died a few months ago at the age of 62.

"She was very touched. That's kind of an extra bonus in this," Sweetman said. "She was so well loved. The woman was just revered. Everyone who did know her, just loved her. She just radiated warmth."

The dedication ceremony will take place Saturday, Sept. 29 at 6:30 p.m. outside in the garden, after a private ceremony in the library for close friends and family of Hennig. The famous blue shoes

will be displayed in the children's library in a shadow box, which will include a message about how Hennig was a beloved storyteller.

A few people will give speeches and give out information on the garden at the public dedication ceremony. They expect 100 to 150

people, but hope for more. Hart said there were generations of children, possibly now adults, who Hennig read to, so they hope for a good turnout.

"It's not a memorial. It's in honor of Pam," Sweetman said. "It's a very exciting, sort of semi finish to getting the statue, then doing the garden and looking forward to continuing the garden."

“She was so well loved. The woman was just revered.”

Bobbie Sweetman
Fenton City Library Board member

SUMMARY

■ The Fenton City Library Board is dedicating a new garden outside the Fenton-Winegarden Library to Pamela Hennig, a storyteller known for her blue shoes, on Sept. 29, at 6:30 p.m.

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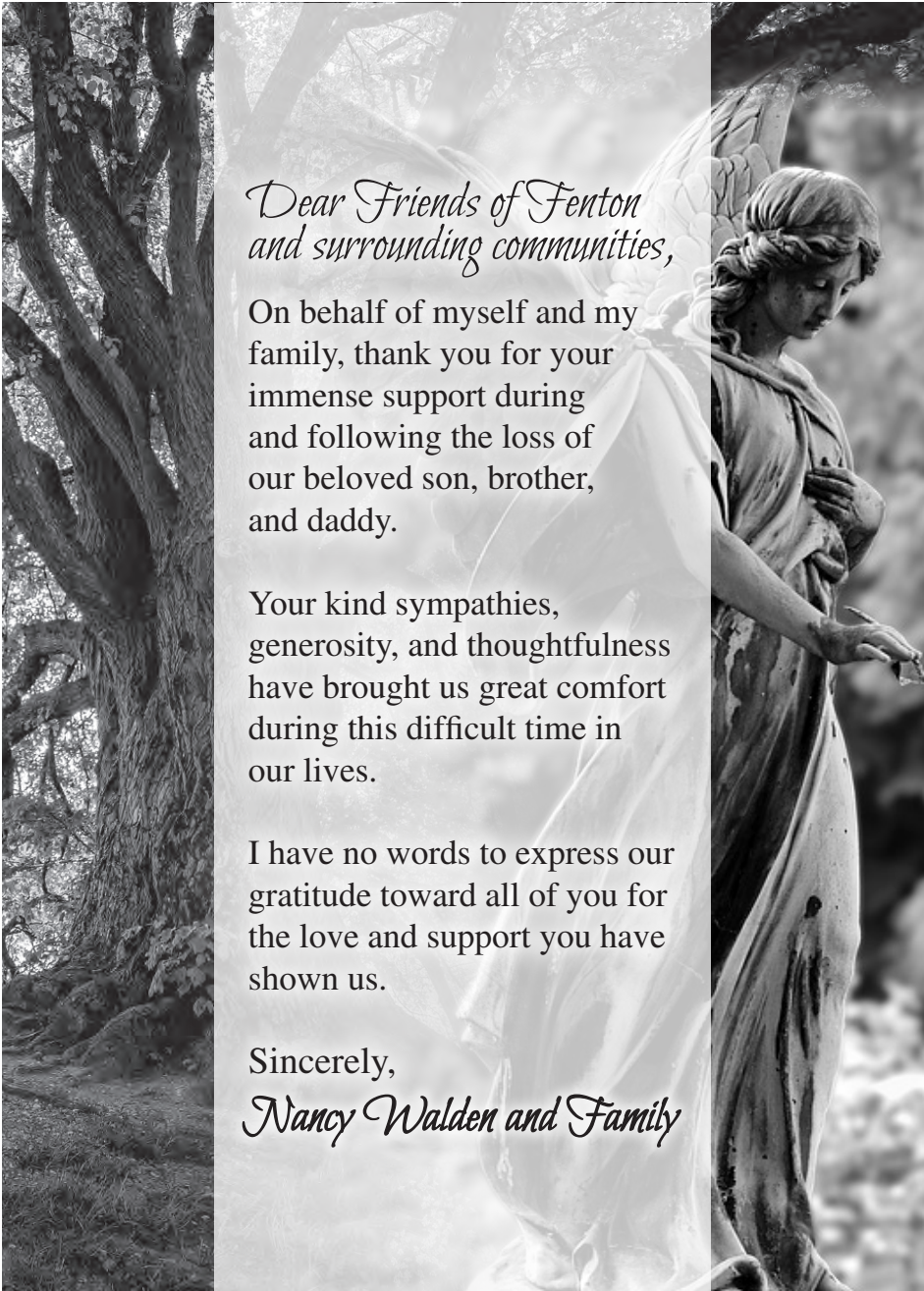
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Nancy Walden and Family



Steve Guilbault of Fenton mixed this custom paint for his 1961 Ford Galaxie himself. The only work he won't do is machining the inside of the engine. Photo: Tim Jagielo

CLASSIC CARS

Continued from Page 3A

The 1961 Ford Galaxie Starline was a six-year project. He took the entire vehicle down to bare metal. The body itself and every nut and bolt was sand blasted, cleaned and painted. He re-engineered the frame, the suspension and the engine to fit his tastes.

This is one thing that's different about his style — he's not worried or interested in being true to the original. "I want it to have my personality into it," he said. "I build these cars for me, and that's what makes them fun, that's what makes it not a job."

His cars wouldn't win competitions for historical accuracy. This combination of customized modifications and restoration is called a "resto-mod."

His 1969 MGC convertible has proven to be his most challenging restoration. Technically, it's not a "frame-off" restora-

tion because the car is a unitized body with no frame. He's still taking it completely apart and working on it piece by piece.

He said only 900 of these rare six-cylinder models were made. Certain parts can be difficult to find. While a company in California makes interior pieces, no one makes the rods for the engine. One of his car's was bent, and he had to find a collector in Colorado who owned a couple that were sitting "out back."

The owner had to pull one out of the engine and mail it to him. "Thank God for the internet," he said.

Guilbault said he likes the era, because it represents a fun time in his life. "All things '60s is cool to me, I'm stuck in the '60s," he said. He graduated in 1969 a Fenton football champion and keeps the positive memories to this day.

He already has two Jaguars from two different eras on deck for his next projects.

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The bears and the bees

■Michigan bear population is increasing and they are always looking for food

By Vera Hogan

About four months ago, in May, two black bears wandered into two Michigan cities — Grand Rapids and Midland.

In both cases the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was called in to use a tranquilizer dart gun to put them to sleep for a couple hours. Once asleep, the bears were moved to northern Michigan to a habitat more suited for the wild animals.

According to the DNR, bears usually shy away from humans, but if their food source is low, they will move into residential areas or cities to look for food.

Because spring was longer than usual this year, the hibernation period for animals didn't necessarily line up with the green up, meaning nature's bounty was not yet available.

The DNR reports a 29-percent increase in the bear population since 2012. Since 2000, there are 47 percent more bears, 1 year or older, living in the northern Lower Peninsula.

The Upper Peninsula also has seen an increase.

If bears see humans, or hear a loud noise, they'll usually go the other way. But if one becomes a problem in a residential area, people would be wise to bring things like bird feeders, garbage cans and pet food inside for about a week.

Bears love beehives

"Bears do love beehives," said Mark Spencer, the keeper of bees at Spencer Apiary near Lake Orion. "It's actually not the honey that is the main attraction though, it's the brood, the larvae, as it is a great source of protein for the bears. If a bear locates and can get access to a beekeeper's beehives, they will completely destroy them, normally every hive the keeper has in that yard. They will pull the boxes apart, and destroy the frames as they dig through to get to the larvae and honey within the boxes.

"The bees will defend themselves, and the bears don't like it, but it doesn't deter them," he said. "They will stay at the task



Bears have a legendary attraction to beehives. Although it's not just the honey they're after. Bee larvae are rich in fat and protein and a favorite on the bear menu.

Photo: Get Bear Smart YouTube channel

until they are satisfied."

There are a few ways to deter the bears, Spencer said. The most common method is to use portable electric fences that are powered using a solar panel. Once they are set up, they are often baited by putting peanut butter or some other attractive thing directly on the wire.

"This way the bear will get the shock when they attempt to smell and lick the bait," Spencer said. "Otherwise, if the bear is not taught about the fence this way, it may get the shock while approaching the hives, but rather than go back, it may push through the fence."

Typically, if you keep hives in an area with bears, you will take measures to protect the hives.

"It is really amazing how they (bears) can tolerate all of the stings," Spencer said. "And so sad at the loss of bees, and the cost to the keepers."

Most honey beehives that are wild and in the woods are well off the ground and in tree cores. Bears have a very hard time gaining access to these as the bees are well protected by the tree and the height.



If a bear locates and can get access to a beekeeper's beehives, they will completely destroy them. Times file photo



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HOT LINE CONTINUED

TCTIMES INTRODUCES MIDWEEK series, The Generation Gap, featuring opinions from the two worst generations ever: Baby Boomers and Millennials. Who decided opinions from the Greatest Generation and Generation X don't matter?

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■■■■ **YOUR CLAIM THAT** anti-Kaepernick Hot-liners are also tax complainers is false. That combination only exists in your head.

■■■■ **IT AMAZES ME** how impatient people are with school buses. I have to walk my daughter across the street to get on the bus. She's old enough to cross on her own, but too often, I

have watched cars speed by trying to beat the stop sign put out by the bus. Seriously people, is whatever you are trying to get to more important than the life of a child?

■■■■ **OH SAY CAN** you see how beautiful our flag is when she's lighted, how she beams out of the darkness. America is great so light her up and show how great she really is.

■■■■ **LISTENING TO THE** somber tributes of 9-11, it is comforting to know that President Trump has strengthened our defenses by funding \$700 billion to rebuild our military. This is, of course, after Obama decimated and demoralized our military.

■■■■ **DID YOU KNOW** that Debbie Stabenow has been in office for 15,000 days and she has earned over \$4 million. However, in all that time, she has only sponsored five bills that were passed by Congress. That's why she is referred to as 'Do-nothing Debbie.' Severely out of touch, she should be replaced.

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Photo: totalmed.com

Fall color show begins in Michigan

■ Look for peak, brilliant fall foliage up north in early October

By Sally Rummel

Goodbye, summer. Hello, fall colors. The first day of autumn will be Sunday, Sept. 23 and Michigan's spectacular show of many colors will follow a week later, according to Onlyinyourstate.com.

Here is a look at the best dates to capture the fleeting beauty of Michigan's fall colors:

Late September

The first fall colors will be beginning their show in the Lower Peninsula, while changes will happen earlier in the northern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula.

Week of Oct. 1

You'll find near-peak fall foliage in the northern Lower Peninsula and the

Upper Peninsula. Farther south, you'll see partial color changes around the area.

Week of Oct. 8

If you're planning a trip to the U.P., this just may be the perfect week to go. Fall foliage will peak from Copper Harbor and Marquette to Munising and Sault Ste. Marie. The rest of the state will be a near-peak condition.

Week of Oct. 15

Foliage conditions will likely be at their peak in Lower Michigan. Peak fall foliage will be fully visible, from fiery reds to stunning yellows. The northern tip of Michigan and the U.P. will be past their peak color season.

Week of Oct. 22

Farewell, fall colors. Michigan will be past its peak color season by this week.

To keep track of the progress of fall colors, visit Foliagenetwork.com and Michigan.org/fall.

SOURCES: Freep.com, Onlyinyourstate.com

The resurgence of cast iron cookware

■ Properly cared for, cast iron pots and pans can last for hundreds of years

Compiled By Vera Hogan

If you've ever watched an old cowboy movie or TV rerun like "Little House on the Prairie," you've likely noticed that almost all the cooking was done over an open fire or a hearth in the cabin — and it was done with cast iron cookware.

Cast iron cookware was invented centuries ago and is becoming the preferred choice for many cooks today, according to stacylynharris.com.

The first known use of cast iron cookware was during the Han Dynasty in China, around 220 A.D. Casting techniques became widespread in Europe by the 16th century and since then this versatile equipment has been a staple in households all over the world.

Some people may think that ancient styles of cookware wouldn't hold up next to modern aluminum or stainless steel pieces, but cast iron is experiencing a resurgence in restaurants and homes all over the country.

Health concerns

A major reason cast iron cookware is making a comeback is because of health concerns involving other types of cookware. For example, some non-stick coated pans are now known to emit toxic fumes when they are heated past a certain temperature. Cast iron poses none of these risks, and can be heated to extremely high temperatures without negative effects.

Staying power

Many people would rather invest in cookware that will last, instead of spending money on something they'll need to replace within a few years. Cast iron cookware can be used for hundreds of years, as long as it's treated right.

Visual appeal

Some restaurant owners are incorporating more cast iron cookware into their mix because it looks great for serving. Bringing out sizzling fajitas or a giant skillet cookie in a cast iron pan adds a rustic and unique feel to the presentation.

Durability

One of the reasons that cast iron cookware is experiencing a boom in popularity is because it is extremely durable. If you find one at a garage sale or consignment shop, don't worry, cast iron pieces can be restored, even when they're completely rusted over. Here's how to clean rusty cast iron to make it look like new:

- Scrape the pan with steel wool until



there are no more rust spots.

- Wash the cookware with warm, soapy water.
- Dry the piece completely. This is an important step that will keep new rust spots from appearing. First, dry with a cloth, then place it on a range burner and let the heat dry your pot or pan the rest of the way.
- Soak paper towels with cooking oil and use them to coat the inside of your cookware with a thin layer of oil.
- Place the cookware on the top rack of the oven, face down at 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Be sure to put a piece of aluminum foil on the bottom rack to catch dripping oil. Leave the piece like this for an hour.
- Remove your pan from the oven and let it cool. It's now ready to use.

Caring for your cast iron cookware

Although cast iron is very durable, you still have to take certain precautions to keep it clean and rust free.

Keep it dry:

Cast iron cookware will require attention immediately after you're done using it. You can wash it with a little bit of soap and water, but you'll have to leave it sitting on a hot burner for a few minutes after you towel dry it. Any amount of water left in the pan can cause a rust spot.

Re-season frequently:

Seasoning is the process that creates a non-stick layer on your cookware. Be sure to re-season your cast iron often, especially when you first buy or restore it. The more times you use your cookware, the better the layer of seasoning will work.

Coat with oil after every wash:

Before you put your cast iron skillet or pot away, be sure to wipe it down with a light coating of oil to protect the seasoning.

Cast iron cookware has been around forever, and it isn't going anywhere anytime soon.

Sources: Webstaurantstore.com; stacylynharris.com

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Keep track of your family's life insurance policy

■ At least \$10 billion in U.S. has gone unclaimed or unpaid to beneficiaries

By Sally Rummel

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People shouldn't feel they have to resort to opening a "Go Fund Me" account when unfortunate circumstances happen in their lives.

"That's what life insurance is for," said Kelly Dues, operations manager at Peabody Insurance Agency in Fenton. "There is so much responsibility placed on our loved ones when we pass; life insurance is a way to make sure that at least the financial burden is lessened."

About 59 percent, or 192 million Americans, have some type of life insurance, according to USA Today financial columnist Susan Tompor. So the odds are fairly good that a loved one might have a policy, even if you're not aware of it. Life insurance is one example of paperwork that sometimes "goes missing" decades after its original purchase.

"Often people will buy life insurance at a young age, at a time when plans that have a paid-up option make sense," Dues said. "As a result, policies could be long destroyed or lost and there would not be a trail of bills to follow to find them. State and national search resources can help family members find policies they never even knew existed."

Missing life insurance policies are a common problem. According to Tompor, it has been estimated that at least \$10 bil-



The experts at Peabody Insurance in Fenton urge people to keep multiple copies of any life insurance policies they may have purchased. From left are Dave Lucas, partner, Kelly Dues, office manager and co-owner, Patty Peabody. Times file photo

lion in life insurance policies nationwide have gone unclaimed or unpaid.

It is up to the beneficiaries of life insurance policies to file a claim following a death. But how do you file a claim if you don't know if there's a policy?

That's where search resources can be very helpful, Dues said.

Reach out to the Michigan Missing Life Policy Search

Service through Michigan.gov or the National Association of Insurance Commissioners through its own Life Insurance Policy Locator Service. See www.naic.org; click on "Consumers."

Also, look for paperwork in lock boxes or safety deposit boxes, searching for a paper trail that might uncover a lost or little-known insurance policy. Look at

“State and national search resources can help family members find policies they never even knew existed.”

Kelly Dues
Peabody Insurance Agency

Where is the best place to keep my life insurance policy?

- **Keep one copy** at home, in a place where all your other legal documents are stored, in a safe, or plastic bin with enclosed files.
- **Keep another set** off-site in a safety deposit box or with a professional associate or relative.
- **Consider keeping a digital back-up** of your important papers.
- **Record the date** of the latest update so you know which is the most up-to-date file.

SOURCE: Insurance Information Institute

bank statements or old canceled checks, tax returns or premium or dividend notices in the mail. You might also check with former employers of the deceased.

Make sure you do have a life insurance policy for your own family and that you keep up with changing life circumstances that might affect your beneficiary.

"Marriage, death, loss in trust in an original beneficiary are all reasons to update your policy," Dues said.

She also added that one of the hardest things about being an insurance agent is telling a family member that there is no life insurance for the family member who just passed away. "In my 32-year career, this has happened too often. Parents or children burdened with funeral expenses; spouses just plain burdened. It's a horrible feeling."

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Life expectancy rates decrease due to drug use

By Hannah Ball

For people born in the year 1900, life expectancy was 46.3 years for men and 48.3 years for women, according to the Department of Demography at the University of California.

Thanks to advances in science and technology, those numbers have risen dramatically.

For those born in 1940, life expectancy was 60.8 for men and 65.2 for women. Those numbers increased in 1980 to 70 for men and 77.4 for women.

By 2000, life expectancy was 74.1 years for men and 81 for women, showing the healthy increase.

However, life expectancy has dropped the past two years. From 2015 to 2016, the rate stayed the same for women at 81.1. For men, however, life expectancy dropped from 76.3 in 2015 to 76.1 in 2016, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Numbers for life expectancy for those born in 2017 have not fully been calculated and released by the CDC yet.

Leading causes of death

“The 10 leading causes of death in 2016 remained the same as in 2015, although unintentional injuries became the third leading cause, while chronic lower respiratory diseases became the fourth,” according to the CDC.

These causes include heart disease, cancer, unintentional injuries, chronic lower respiratory diseases, stroke, Alzheimer’s disease, diabetes, influenza and pneumonia, kidney disease and suicide.

The gap between the numbers for men and women continues to grow, with women living longer than men on average.

See LIFE EXPECTANCY on 19A

“Overdoses from opioids are on the rise and killing Americans of all races and ages.”

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3 AND CHAPTER 18 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FENTON

ORDINANCE NO. 705

THE CITY OF FENTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3.4 OF THE CODE: Chapter 3, Section 3.4 of the Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3.4 – Purchase, consumption or possession of alcoholic liquor by persons less than twenty-one years of age.

(1) A minor shall not purchase or attempt to purchase alcoholic liquor, consume or attempt to consume alcoholic liquor, possess or attempt to possess alcoholic liquor, or have any bodily alcohol content, except as provided in this section. For purposes of this section, a person under the age of 21 is deemed a “minor.” A minor who violates this subsection is responsible is punishable by the following fines and sanctions:

a. For the first violation of subsection (1), MCL 436.1703(1), or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to this section or that statute, the minor is responsible for a civil infraction and shall be fined not more than \$100.00, and subject to court orders described in subsection (1)(d). A minor may be found responsible or admit responsibility only once under this subsection or MCL 436.1703(1).

b. If violation of subsection (1), MCL 436.1703(1), or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to this section or that statute, occurs after one prior judgment, the minor is guilty of a misdemeanor. A misdemeanor under this subsection is punishable by imprisonment for not more than 30 days if the court finds that the minor violated an order of probation, failed to successfully complete any treatment, screening, or community service ordered by the court, or failed to pay any fine for that conviction or juvenile adjudication, or by a fine of not more than \$200.00, or both, and subject to court orders described in subsection (1)(d). A minor who pleads guilty, or admits in a juvenile delinquency proceeding to a violation of this subsection (1)(b), may request deferral of the proceedings and placement on probation under subsection (3).

c. If a violation of subsection (1), MCL 436.1703(1), or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to this section or that statute, occurs after 2 or more prior judgments, the minor is guilty of a misdemeanor. A misdemeanor under this subdivision is punishable by imprisonment for not more than 60 days, if the court finds that the minor violated an order of probation, failed to successfully complete any treatment, screening, or community service ordered by the court, or failed to pay any fine for that conviction or juvenile adjudication, or by a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both, as applicable, and subject to court orders described in subsection (1)(d).

d. The court may order a minor that is responsible for or guilty of a violation under subsection (1) to: (i) participate in substance use disorder services as defined in MCL 333.6230, and designated by the administrator of the office of substance abuse services, (ii) perform community service, and (iii) to undergo screening and assessment to determine whether the person is likely to benefit from rehabilitative services, including alcohol or drug education and alcohol or drug treatment programs at the minor’s own expense as described in subsection (4). A minor that is subject to a misdemeanor conviction or juvenile adjudication of, or placed on probation regarding, a violation of subsections (1)(b) or (c), may be ordered by court to submit to random or regular preliminary chemical breath analysis, which may be requested by the minor’s parent, guardian, or custodian as provided in MCL 436.1703(5).

e. For purposes of subsection (1), “prior judgment” means a conviction, juvenile adjudication, or finding or admission of responsibility for a violation of the statutes listed in this subsection, or any federal or state law or local ordinance that substantially corresponds to any of those listed statutes:

i. Subsection (1), MCL 436.1703(1), or former MCL 436.33b.

ii. A misdemeanor violation that is dismissed under subsection (3), MCL 436.1703(3), or other local ordinance substantially corresponding to that statute.

iii. MCL 436.1701 (Sale or furnish alcohol to minors).

iv. MCL 436.1707 (Sale, service, or furnish alcohol to intoxicated persons).

v. MCL 257.624a (Transport or possess open alcohol in motor vehicle).

vi. MCL 257.624b (Transport or possess open alcohol in motor vehicle by minor).

vii. MCL 257.625 (Operating motor vehicle while intoxicated/impaired).

viii. MCL 324.80176 (Operating boat while under influence).

ix. MCL 324.81134 (Operating boat while under influence).

x. MCL 324.82127 (Operating snowmobile while under influence).

xi. MCL 750.167a (Hunting with firearm/weapon while intoxicated).

xii. MCL 750.237 (Carry, possess, use, or discharge firearm while under influence).

(2) A person who furnishes fraudulent identification to a minor, or, notwithstanding subsection (1), a minor who uses fraudulent identification to purchase alcoholic liquor, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$100.00, or both.

(3) If a minor pleads guilty, or admits in a juvenile delinquency proceeding to a violation of subsection (1)(b), the court, without entering a judgment of guilt in a criminal proceeding or a determination in a juvenile delinquency proceeding that the juvenile has committed the offense and with the consent of the accused, may defer further proceedings and place the individual on probation upon terms and conditions that include, but are not limited to, the sanctions set forth in subsection (1)(c) of this section, payment of the costs including minimum state cost as provided for in 712A.18m, and MCL 769.1j, and the costs of probation as prescribed in MCL 771.3. Upon violation of a term or condition of probation or upon a finding that the individual is utilizing this subsection in another court, the court may enter an adjudication of guilt, or a determination in a juvenile delinquency proceeding that the individual has committed the offense, and proceed as otherwise provided by law. Upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions of probation, the court shall discharge the individual and dismiss the proceedings. Discharge and dismissal under this section shall be without adjudication of guilt or without a determination in a juvenile delinquency proceeding that the individual has committed the offense and is not a conviction or juvenile adjudication for purposes of this section or for purposes of disqualifications or disabilities imposed by law upon conviction of a crime, including the additional penalties imposed for second or subsequent convictions or juvenile adjudications under subsections (1)(b) and (c) of this section. There may be only one discharge or dismissal under this subsection or MCL 426.1703(1) as to an individual. The court shall maintain a nonpublic record of the matter while proceedings are deferred and the individual is on probation under this subsection. The secretary of state shall retain a nonpublic record of a plea and of the discharge and dismissal under this subsection. This record shall be furnished to any of the following:

a. To a court, prosecutor, or police agency upon request for the purpose of determining if an individual has already utilized this subsection.

b. To the department of corrections, a prosecutor, or a law enforcement agency, upon the department’s, a prosecutor’s, or a law enforcement agency’s request, subject to all of the following conditions:

i. At the time of the request, the individual is an employee of the department of corrections, the prosecutor, or the law enforcement agency, or an applicant for employment with the department of corrections, the prosecutor, or the law enforcement agency.

ii. The record is used by the department of corrections, the prosecutor, or the law enforcement agency only to determine whether an employee has

LIFE EXPECTANCY

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“Life expectancy for females was consistently higher than it was for males. In 2016, the difference in life expectancy between females and males increased 0.2 a year from 4.8 years in 2015 to 5.0 years in 2016,” according to the CDC.

Why the overall decrease?

In a study, two Princeton economists, Angus Deaton and Anne Case, found that substance abuse was taking a heavy, and fatal, toll on middle-aged, white Americans. They found that drugs, alcohol abuse and suicide hit poorly educated white Americans, and that the mortality rate for white people age 45 to 54 with only a high school education increased by 134 deaths per 100,000 people from

1999 to 2014. Another study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that opioid overdoses more than tripled between 2000 and 2015. The expected life expectancy increase became stagnant in 2014 after slowing since 2000, and numerous deaths were caused by overdoses.

SUMMARY

■ With life expectancy decreasing the last two years, scientists attribute the change to an increase in opioid deaths. A 2017 CDC report states, “In recent years, there

has been a dramatic increase in the use of prescription opioids for the treatment of chronic pain unrelated to cancer, despite serious risks and a lack of evidence about their long-term effectiveness. Overdoses from opioids

are on the rise and killing Americans of all races and ages.”

Every day, more than 1,000 people are treated at hospitals for misusing prescription opioids. More than 40 people die from prescription opioid overdoses every day.

Sources: University of California, New York Times, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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LIFE EXPECTANCY BY THE DECADES

	MEN	WOMEN
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1910.....	48.4	51.8
1920.....	53.6	54.6
1930.....	58.1	61.6
1940.....	60.8	65.3
1950.....	65.6	71.1
1960.....	66.6	73.1
1970.....	67.1	74.7
1980.....	70.0	77.4
1990.....	71.8	78.8
2000.....	74.1	79.3
2010.....	76.3	81.0

Source: Department of Demography in the University of California, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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violated his or her conditions of employment or whether an applicant meets criteria for employment.

(4) The court may order the person responsible for or convicted of violating subsection (1) to undergo screening and assessment by a person or agency as designated by the appropriate community mental health entity defined under MCL 330.1100a, in order to determine whether the person is likely to benefit from rehabilitative services, including alcohol or drug education and alcohol or drug treatment programs.

(5) The secretary of state will suspend the operator's or chauffeur's license of an individual convicted of violating subsection (1) or (2) as provided in MCL 257.319 (the Michigan Vehicle Code).

(6) A peace officer who has reasonable cause to believe a minor has consumed alcoholic liquor or has any bodily alcohol content may ask the person to submit to a preliminary chemical breath analysis. A peace officer may issue a municipal civil infraction or initiate misdemeanor charges for a violation of subsection (1) based in whole or in part upon the results of a preliminary chemical breath analysis. The results of a preliminary chemical breath analysis or other acceptable blood alcohol test are admissible in a civil infraction proceeding or criminal prosecution to determine whether the minor has consumed or possessed alcoholic liquor or had any bodily alcohol content.

(7) A law enforcement agency, upon determining that a person less than 18 years of age who is not emancipated under 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.1 to 722.6, allegedly consumed, possessed, purchased alcoholic liquor, attempted to consume, possess, or purchase alcoholic liquor, or had any bodily alcohol content in violation of subsection (1) shall notify the parent or parents, custodian, or guardian of the person as to the nature of the violation if the name of a parent, guardian, or custodian is reasonably ascertainable by the law enforcement agency. The notice required by this subsection shall be made not later than 48 hours after the law enforcement agency determines that the person who allegedly violated subsection (1) is less than 18 years of age and not emancipated under 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.1 to 722.6. The notice may be made by any means reasonably calculated to give prompt actual notice including, but not limited to, notice in person, by telephone, or by first-class mail. If an individual less than 17 years of age is incarcerated for violating subsection (1), his or her parents or legal guardian shall be notified immediately as provided in this subsection.

(8) This section does not prohibit a minor from possessing alcoholic liquor during regular working hours and in the course of his or her employment if employed by a person licensed under the Michigan Liquor Control Code of 1998, Public Act 58 of 1998, as amended, by the state Liquor Control Commission, or by an agent of the Commission, if the alcoholic liquor is not possessed for his or her personal consumption.

(9) This section does not limit the civil or criminal liability of the vendor or the vendor's clerk, servant, agent, or employee for a violation of this section.

(10) The consumption of alcoholic liquor by a minor who is enrolled in a course offered by an accredited postsecondary educational institution in an academic building of the institution under the supervision of a faculty member is not prohibited by this section if the purpose of the consumption is solely educational and is a requirement of the course.

(11) The consumption by a minor of sacramental wine in connection with religious services at a church, synagogue, or temple is not prohibited by this section.

(12) Subsection (1) does not apply to a minor who participates in either or both of the following:

- a. An undercover operation in which the minor purchases or receives alcoholic liquor under the direction of the person's employer and with the prior approval of the local prosecutor's office as part of an employer-sponsored internal enforcement action.

- b. An undercover operation in which the minor purchases or receives alcoholic liquor under the direction of the state police, the commission, or a local police agency as part of an enforcement action unless the initial or contemporaneous purchase or receipt of alcoholic liquor by the minor was not under the direction of the state police, the commission, or the local police agency and was not part of the undercover operation.

(13) The city police department shall not recruit or attempt to recruit a minor for participation in an undercover operation at the scene of a violation of subsection (1) or at the scene of a violation of MCL 436.1801(2) or MCL 436.1701(1).

(14) In a municipal civil infraction proceeding or criminal prosecution for the violation of subsection (1) concerning a minor having any bodily alcohol content, it is an affirmative defense that the minor consumed the alcoholic liquor in a venue or location where that consumption is legal.

(15) As used in this section, "any bodily alcohol content" means either of the following:

- a. An alcohol content of 0.02 grams or more per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine.
- b. Any presence of alcohol within a person's body resulting from the consumption of alcoholic liquor, other than consumption of alcoholic liquor as a part of a generally recognized religious service or ceremony.

SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY.

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION 3: REPEAL.

All provisions contained in Chapter 18, Section 18.4 are repealed. All provisions in other City ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are repealed.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its adoption and publication and this Ordinance shall be published within 15 days of its adoption by publication of a brief notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, stating the date of enactment and the effective date of the ordinance, a brief statement as to the subject matter of this ordinance, and such other facts as the Clerk shall deem pertinent, and that a copy of the ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the Clerk. At a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 11th day of September, 2018, it was moved by Smith and supported by Bottecelli that this Ordinance No. 705 be introduced and adopted.

AYES: Draves, Grossmeyer, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Smith, Bottecelli.

NAYS: None.

I, Sue Walsh, City Clerk of the City of Fenton, hereby certify this to be a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. 705, duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 11th day of September, 2018.

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Caffeine consumption on the rise for kids and teens

■ Too much soda and coffee can cause anxiety, sleep problems and more

By Hannah Ball

Caffeine is a stimulant, which gives people energy and it is safe in recommended doses.

Not everyone consumes caffeine in recommended doses, including teenagers. The National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health found that one-third of U.S. kids ages 12 to 17 drink energy drinks regularly, and these beverages often contain more than the recommended amount of caffeine.

Chris Belcher, Lake Fenton High School principal, said he sometimes sees students with coffee in the morning, or an energy drink.

"It has decreased since the rules were changed on what can be sold in schools," he said. They only sell diet pop, which students can buy at lunch.

"Our health teacher is phenomenal in teaching the impact caffeine can have," Belcher said.

Lake Fenton Food Service Director Karen Morris said the rules changed three years ago and schools can only sell diet pop. If they sell Powerade or Gatorade, the beverages can't have sugar. She sometimes gets complaints about wanting "regular" pop, but it's not a big issue.

"I don't think there's a huge problem" with students and caffeine, she said.

While natural sources of caffeine, such as pure coffee and tea, have shown some health benefits, there are limits to how much people should consume, according to the University of Michigan's health blog.

Adolescents ages 12 to 18 should limit their daily caffeine intake at 100 mg, which is the equivalent of one cup of coffee, one to two cups of tea, or two to three cans of soda, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. For children under 12, there is no safe amount of caffeine to consume.

Catherine Miller, M.D., an assistant professor who specializes in adolescent medicine and family medicine at U of M and C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, told the health blog that she's put patients in a hospital a few times because of caffeine-related cardiac or neurological toxicity.

"I have seen caffeine use in patients

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American Academy of Pediatrics

high enough to necessitate consulting poison control," she said. With large amounts of caffeine intake, she said "caffeine can lead to dangerous abnormal heart rhythms or lead to neurologic symptoms of hallucinations or seizures."

In 2014, the American Heart Association found that more than 40 percent of U.S. poison control center calls that involve energy drinks are for kids under 6. Emergency department visits involving energy drinks doubled between 2007 and 2011.

The University of Michigan said with consistent daily consumption, people develop

a tolerance to the effects of caffeine and will need higher doses to feel the same level of alertness.

Not only does caffeine provide energy, it can also cause anxiety, sleep problems, increased heart rate, intestinal issues, diarrhea and dehydration.

Adults should limit their caffeine intake to 400 mg a day, according to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). That is the equivalent of four to five cups of coffee. Mixing energy drinks, which is a stimulant, with alcohol, a depressant, can lead to higher blood alcohol levels and other dangerous risky behaviors.



Photo: www.blog.nemours.org



Be wary of energy drinks



Getting a venti (large) Starbucks with four shots of espresso is a popular way to ingest large amounts of caffeine, but a significant number of students drink energy drinks.

The National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health found that energy drinks are the most sought after dietary supplement consumed by teens and young adults, with one-third of kids ages 12 to 17 drinking them regularly. Teens consumed \$16.3 billion worth of these drinks in 2016 and this number is expected to rise.

Energy drinks contain 80 to 500

mg of caffeine, according to U of M. Caffeineinformer.com has a list of energy drinks and their caffeine content. A 5-Hour Energy has 200 mg of caffeine. A 10-Hour Energy Shot contains 422 mg.

A Mega Monster Energy Drink contains 240 mg, while a normal Monster Energy Drink contains 160 mg of caffeine. One Red Bull has 80 mg of caffeine, and that number goes up to 114 mg with the color editions.

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Tigers, Eagles remain atop Metro, face off Monday

By David Troppens

The Flint Metro League boys soccer season is near its midpoint and two area rivals find themselves tied atop the standings three games into the championship race.

Both Linden and Fenton won Metro League games on Wednesday, helping them to remain atop the Metro standings at 3-0-0.

Linden earned a road victory against Holly 6-1 on Wednesday, while the Tigers also scored six goals at home against Owosso, winning 6-0.

The strong starts have set up a Monday game for the battle for first place at Linden.

Both teams took control of their Wednesday foes quickly. The Eagles scored four goals in the first half and led 4-1 at halftime. Meanwhile, the Tigers scored three first-half goals and cruised to their victory.

Linden concentrated its six goals among three players. Jarrod Buswell had three goals while Aiden

Miller chipped in two. Jacob Welch had one. Three players had assists. Ryan Gillespie had three assists while Welch had two and Buswell had one.

The Tigers had six different goal scorers with each scoring one. Chase Poulson, Alex Flannery, Brady Young, Billy Pesch, Ben Chapple and Jacob Metras scored goals.

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SPORTS

Fenton's Ashton McKellar
vs. Linden's Shane Mong

Sports Times



Holly's setter Maddie Meszler sets a ball to Jesse Hepner in the Bronchos' five-set victory against Linden on Thursday.

Photo: David Troppens

Blue Devils keeping close to Corunna

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — Pretty much no matter what happens this season, Eric Niestroy and the rest of the Lake Fenton varsity boys cross country team seniors have already earned their mark in the Blue Devils' history book.

During their careers the team qualified for the Division 2 state meet twice and placed 15th at the event, an all-time high in school history.

But this season, the seniors want something more. They want a regional title and a top-five effort at the state meet. They'd also love to beat traditional power Corunna in a Genesee Area Conference meet as well.

The Blue Devils gave Corunna a good battle in the first of three GAC jamborees, but finished second to last year's state runner-ups, being edged 32-35 in an event held at Lake Fenton High School on Tuesday. The Lake Fenton girls also competed and took third.

Corunna had its first four male runners finish within the top eight places, including the top two placers. That meant the Cavaliers had Lake Fenton beat through their fourth runner, who finished ninth. However, Lake Fenton's fifth scoring runner took 12th while Corunna's finished 17th, making it a tight battle right to the finish. In fact, Lake Fenton's top seven all finished within the top 19 versus Corunna's taking the top 22 positions to finish. So finishing where the Blue Devils did compared to Corunna bodes well for this time of year. It also shows



(Above) Lake Fenton runners (left to right starting with runner 118) Eric Niestroy, Brenden Schroeder and Tommy Hufton begin the first GAC jamboree on Tuesday. The Lake Fenton boys placed second at the meet. (Right photo) Aubrey Fray and Salina Mueller helped lead the Blue Devils to a third place finish. Photo: David Troppens

their season goals seem very realistic.

"We are hoping for a regional championship and to finish top five in state," Niestroy said. "We have some young guys that are working really hard and we also have some old guys that can take the young guys under their wing and push them forward."

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Holly pulls off a five-set thriller vs. Eagles

By David Troppens

Holly — It was a match between two area squads that have had their share of ups and downs so far this season.

The Linden and Holly varsity volleyball teams have each had strong moments during the season, but also have had periods where they've struggled, resulting in a mixed bag of results in a lot of their matches and tournaments.

It wasn't surprising that when the two teams faced off at Holly High School in a Metro League contest, the two squads competed in a match that looked very much like a microcosm of both of their seasons.

There were times when the Holly Bronchos looked like world beaters in the match, and there were also times when the Linden Eagles looked like a dominant squad, setting up a 2-2 tie entering the fifth set. However, in the fifth set it was Holly's strong play and Linden's struggling play that decided the bout between rivals as Holly won a 25-19, 25-27, 18-25, 25-22, 15-1 match.

"We picked up our energy a lot and we were talking a lot more," Holly's senior hitter Jesse Hepner said. "We knew we had to execute and we did."

"As a team we have to keep moving forward and keep getting better. We started off (the season) a little rough and we've played a little low against the lower teams, but when we play these top teams we bring our game, our energy."

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Fenton swimmers excited about season

By David Troppens

Fenton — Sabrina Hall is a four-year senior captain on the Fenton varsity girls swimming and diving team. Gracie Olsen is a freshman just beginning her Fenton career.

Both are at different points of their careers and probably have different viewpoints on the season due to that difference, but one thing remains the same — they both are extremely excited about the 2018 swim season. And why not? The Tigers have already posted state qualifying times for all three relays and it's expected many individuals will by the time the season is over as well. In fact, Olsen has already posted state-qualifying times in five individual events and has broken a 19-year school record in the process.

So while both are beaming with confidence about the season, it's well deserved confidence.

"We have more depth than we've ever had this year and our goals are set so much higher," Hall said. "Usually our goals are to get first at county and to make our state cuts which we usually don't do until later in the season. Last year our goal was to make



Fenton's Gracie Olsen broke the school record in the 100 butterfly at the Tigers' dual victory against St. Johns on Tuesday. Photo: David Troppens

it to the final. This year our goal is to be state champion in the 400 freestyle relay and make the finals (in all the other events). Our standards are way higher this year which is super exciting. When we get those cuts early on, and we get individual cuts, it just boosts the whole team."

"It's so fun. High school swimming is a completely different environment than club swimming. It's so much fun and I have a whole new mindset," Olsen said. "I want to work so much harder

with everyone, I love it."

The Tigers had a reason to feel excited on Tuesday, crushing St. Johns 139-47. In the process, Olsen beat the school record in the 100 butterfly with a time of 57.70 seconds, the two relays that weren't qualified for state (the 200 medley relay and the 200 freestyle relay) qualified, and the Tigers' depth was on display as Fenton finished 1-2-3 in four of the nine individual events.

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Lake Fenton had plenty of competitors in the middle school race at the GAC jamboree on Tuesday. Photo: David Troppens

LF middle school runners post strong times at jamboree

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton worked on assuring its future in cross country by having many runners compete in the middle school race at the GAC Jamboree on Tuesday.

The area's best performance was posted by seventh-grader Emerson Baker who finished the two-mile race in 13:44.75. The Lake Fenton boys also had a strong performer with Nolan Pinion posting a time of 13:16.63.

The rest of the Blue Devils' top five girl runners were Marcella Jenio (16:31.56), Estella Hufton (16:35.14), Reagan Steffey (17:33.81) and Anna Blair (19:02.02).

The Lake Fenton boys placed third out of four complete teams. After Pinion, the other scorers were Nolan Luokkala (16:23.95), Carter Klott (17:21.02), Logan Phaneu (17:22.27) and Seth Hodges (18:13.76).

PREP REPORT

GIRLS GOLF

► **Fenton 163, Holly 184:** The Tigers tied the nine-hole school record by two strokes in the win against Holly while Charlotte Cunaud broke the Fenton record for lowest nine-hole round with a 33. Lily Horning shot a 42 while Brook Herbstreit carded a 43. Angela Hanners had a 45. Holly was led by Kelsey Malone's 44 while Megan McReynolds and Kate Brown shot 45s. Ella Lonsbury carded a 50.

► **Fenton 165, Clio 218:** The Tigers dominated the dual at Tyrone Hills, posting a score just two shots less than the school record. Charlotte Cunaud led the Tigers with a 37 while Brook Herbstreit and Angela Hanners each had 42s. Lily Horning carded a 44.

► **Holly 191, Flushing 209:** The Bronchos (5-0 in the Metro) posted an impressive victory against Flushing at Heather Highlands. Kate Brown (44) and Megan McReynolds (46) had their two lowest nine-hole rounds of the season while Kelsey Malone carded a 49. Ella Lonsbury chipped in from off the green on one shot and carded a 52.

► **Swartz Creek 203, Linden 244:** The Eagles were led by Hanna Baldwin's 55 while Ella LaMonthe shot a 58. Kaitlyn Straub carded a 65 while Emma Lurvey shot a 66.

VOLLEYBALL

► **Lake Fenton def. Byron 25-13, 25-23, 25-21:** The Blue Devils dominated Byron as many players had strong games. Sophia Clements recorded 15 kills and 14 digs. Abby Schupbach had 23 digs while Abby Fletcher recorded 45 assists. Veronica Cezahnowitz and Chloe Weiss had nine kills each while Morgan deRidder had 15 digs and four kills. Courtney McMillan had seven kills.

► **Fenton def. Owosso 25-10, 25-12, 25-8:** The Tigers remained in a tie for first place in the Metro by beating Owosso easily in three sets on Thursday.

► **Linden def. Clio 29-27, 22-25, 23-25, 25-19, 15-13:** The Eagles made the comeback possible by coming back to win the first set after being nine points down at one time. Without that win, the

Eagles' five-set win wouldn't have been possible.

Avery Koan had 35 digs to pace the defense while Ellie Klocek had five blocks. Makenna O'Keefe, Linnea Wittbrodt and Jordan Moros had nine kills each while Klocek and O'Brien had eight kills each. Moros had 47 assists and was a perfect 25-for-25 with three aces.

► **Fenton def. Kearsley 25-16, 25-14, 25-8:** Kearsley gave Fenton a battle early in the first set before the Tigers steadily took control of the match with a balanced attack and some solid defense. Chloe Idoni led the attack with 13 kills while Lydia Podlesak had eight kills. Delaney Miesch had four kills. Fenton had just eight hitting errors compared to the team's 34 kills. Sydney Acho had 17 assists while Jessie Bright had nine assists. Lauren Lamb had 10 digs while Acho had seven. Meg Wolosonowich had three aces. The Tigers were strong with their service reception, having just two service reception errors the entire match.

BOYS SOCCER

► **Linden 3, Lake Fenton 0:** Koby Hall scored all three Linden goals, leading the Eagles to the win. Jarrod Buswell, Cameron Hatfield and Aaron Whitted had assists. Ian Donwarowicz earned the shutout in the net.

BOYS TENNIS

► **Holly 5, Fenton 3:** Holly won three of the four singles matches to edge out the Tigers. Garrett VanGilder (No. 2), Wyatt Caldwell (No. 3) and Leyton Reister (No. 4) were Holly's singles winners. Fenton's Gabe Hand (No. 1) won his singles match, earning the Tigers a singles point.

In doubles action, both teams won a match. Fenton's wins came at No. 1 doubles with Jack Gundy and Trevor Bloss, while Sheldon Hand and Tommy Lockwood won at No. 3 doubles. Holly's doubles wins were earned by Garrett Reid and Christian Sells (No. 2) and Trey Ridgway and Jack Ford (No. 4). All of the doubles matches either went three sets or had a tiebreaker in one of the sets if the match went just two sets.

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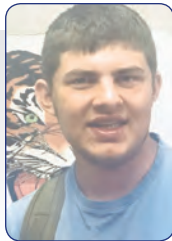
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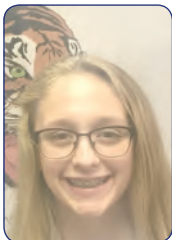
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