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**Next wave of businesses moving in on downtown area**

By Vera Hogan

Upcoming projects in the downtown Fenton area are moving right along. According to Mike Reilly, building and zoning administrator for the city of Fenton, the second and third floors of the new Horizon Building have been approved for occupancy. A 23,500-square-foot, three-story commercial and retail facility, the third floor will be occupied by Serra Automotive personnel and the second floor by The Horizon Group of Raymond James Financial Advisors.

Andiamo restaurant is set to occupy the first floor. This will be the Joe Vicari Restaurant Group’s ninth Andiamo location in Michigan but it will be their first in Genesee County. See **BUSINESSES on 8**

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**Area grand marshals have lasting impact**

By Vera Hogan

Three women will represent three local school districts in noble style this Friday, Sept. 21, when they take part in their 2018 Homecoming parades as grand marshals. Fenton High School has chosen retired Fenton High School teacher Sally Averill to lead its parade. “Sally retired from teaching in June 2018,” said Principal Mark Suchowski. “Her three children are all graduates of FHS. Sally was truly loved by all of her students and colleagues. We are excited that she has been recognized for this honor by our Student Council.” See **GRAND MARSHALS on 9**

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**Initialize some brass!**

Homecoming weekend for three area school districts — On Friday, Sept. 14, the Linden marching band performs its halftime show, titled “The Quest,” for the crowd attending the Linden vs. Fenton football game. Director John Bennett said there are 60 members, between the color guard, drum line and marching band, making them a smaller program in the tri-county area. Their program puts more emphasis on competition and practices around school hours instead of during the day as a class. They also use props for their performances. This week, Linden, Fenton and Holly marching bands will be busy with homecoming parades and games. See more photos online. Photo: Tim Jagielo

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**Butterflies are safe from chemicals**

By Vera Hogan

Butterflies, like the monarch, should be safe from the mosquito sprays used in downtown Fenton near the Butterfly Garden. Times file photo

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**Board debates $350,000 property on Thompson Road**

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — The Fenton Township Board of Trustees debated what to do with a $350,000 property that the township has owned for approximately five years. See **THOMPSON ROAD on 10**

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**COMMENT OF THE WEEK**

“Hissy fit Harbaugh. He is a good recruiter but he sure needs to grow up and learn to at least act professionally on the sidelines. He is an embarrassment to the entire state of Michigan.”
Metal detector uncovers class ring lost 40 years ago in crash

By Hannah Ball

Surprises come in all shapes and sizes, including a class ring lost 40 years ago in an accident. Casey Ewers, formerly of Linden and current Lennon resident, found a class ring belonging to Byron resident William Tomasek while he was using his metal detector on Byron and McCaughna roads in Burns Township. He returned the ring to Tomasek on Friday, Aug. 31.

“It was very nice that all he wanted to do was get it back to the owner. He was able to do something helpful for somebody. That was really neat,” Tomasek said.

Ewers, who has a Minelab Etrac and a Minelab Equinox 800, was metal detecting around the area a few weeks ago. Unbeknownst to him, an accident occurred there 40 years prior.

In 1978, Tomasek was driving home over a hill, traveling around 55 mph. A car coming the other direction was in his lane, passing another vehicle.

“We hit driver’s side corners and it sent me and my passengers into the ditch,” Ewers said. “But I don’t recall anything except seeing a mailbox and the ditch. That was all I remember until I woke up in the hospital.”

The three other people in the car were okay, besides him. He stayed one night at the hospital with a broken collarbone and lacerations to his face. It took him a few days to realize that his class ring, which he acquired in his sophomore or junior year, was missing.

Roughly 40 years later, Ewers found the ring at the accident site.

Tomasek’s initials were engraved in the ring, so Ewers did some research. He got on Facebook and found a Byron 1978 alumni page, and he found his name in the list.

Ewers reached out to him about a month ago. Tomasek doesn’t frequent Facebook, and Ewers originally reached out to his son. Tomasek’s son told him a guy was trying to return his lost class ring.

“I was surprised. I was a little confused at first,” Tomasek said. They met Friday, Aug. 31.

“When I reached out to him and finally talked to him he was ecstatic and could not believe that I had found it. Even the owner of the house remembers the accident 40 years ago,” Ewers said.

The ring was damaged in the crash. “I put it on. It still fits like it used to,” he said.

Ewers expressed his enjoyment over the situation in a Facebook post.

He wrote, “The feeling you get when you see someone’s face when they get it back is what makes spending all the time and money in the hobby we love worth it ten times over. He was amazed I wanted to return it and not keep gold! Told him your smile is priceless.”

While metal detecting, which Ewers began doing with his father when he was young, he also has found a dog collar, Indian head pennies, silver coins, a Standing Liberty quarter, a barber dime and other old relics.

He runs a metal detecting Facebook group with a friend called Detect Michigan.

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Expanded dog park use takes a back seat

Township to focus more on Thompson Road development

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — When the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park off Thompson Road was in the planning stages, there were talks about what to do with the entire 26-acre piece of land.

The fenced-in dog park takes up approximately 2.2 acres.

Krug, who spearheaded the dog park project, had discussed developing the rest of the park with sports fields, like baseball diamonds.

However, that’s taking a back seat recently.

“There hasn’t been a lot of discussion about expanding the park with the ball field and soccer fields,” he said. “There’s more interest in the development of Thompson Road area and the Master Plan.”

The dog park was built entirely with donations. While the expansion of the park is included in the master plan, Krug estimates it will be several years before anything more is developed at the park.

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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

MAIL FRAUD
On Sept. 14, Genesee County Sheriff’s deputies were informed by the Linden Police Department of an attempted mail fraud involving an elderly female. The incident is currently under investigation.

LARCENY FROM AUTO ON JENNINGS ROAD
On Thursday, Sept. 13, Genesee County Sheriff’s deputies were dispatched to the 12000 block of Jennings Road in Fenton Township for a larceny from auto complaint. The incident remains under investigation.

LARCENY ON NORTH ROAD
On Wednesday, Sept. 12, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office were dispatched to the 14000 block of North Road in Fenton Township for a larceny from a building complaint. The incident remains under investigation.

LARCENY FROM AUTO ON LANDINGS WAY
On Sept. 14, Genesee County Sheriff’s deputies were dispatched to 13000 block of Landings Way in Fenton Township for a larceny from auto complaint. The incident remains under investigation.
Fall is the time to cozy up to books

This season is the most popular time of year for new title releases

By Sally Rummel

Fall is the biggest time of the year for books, and if you’re an avid reader, you’re likely awaiting the release of many big names this season. Bob Woodward, Michelle Obama, Sally Field, Reese Witherspoon, Nicholas Sparks, John Grisham — these authors and celebrities all have books set for release this fall.

Whether you like a romantic fiction novel or an edgy political page turner, there is a book waiting for you. Probably the most anticipated book this fall is Bob Woodward’s “Fear: Trump in the White House,” released on Sept. 18.

Fenton’s Open Book had eight copies on the shelves on Monday and sold six of them that day. “They’ve been going quite quickly,” said Debbie Bommarito, of this independent downtown bookseller.

Chris Heron, librarian at Fenton-Wingarden Public Library, said that library patrons keep calling and asking for “Fear.” “We’ve got over 100 people on the waiting list for 21 copies throughout the Genesee District Library system,” she said.

Another popular title, released on Sept. 18, is “In Pieces” by Sally Field, a personal memoir of the actress who first portrayed “Gidget,” then became an Academy Award-winning film star. “They’ve been calling all day about this book,” Heron said.

One highly anticipated motivational, inspirational book is “This is the Day” by Tim Tebow, former football quarterback and now a New York Mets baseball outfielder. “Whiskey in a Teacup,” a lifestyle guide/cookbook by actress Reese Witherspoon, celebrates her southern roots by sharing style, parties and traditions from her southern upbringing. “We’ve got this book in stock and it’s been a big seller,” said Karen Piacentini, owner of Fenton’s Open Book.

Political watchers will enjoy the reflections of former First Lady Michelle Obama, in her book “Becoming,” set for release on Nov. 13.

Want to join a book club?

Whether you enjoy the quiet solitude of a reading hobby or prefer discussing a book in the company of others, you might appreciate the perspective of a book club, and there are many to choose from in the local area.

The Genesee District Library system (Thegdl.org) offers pre-made book club bags so that patrons who want to start a book club can have up to 10 copies of one book in each bag for participants to use. Some of the book clubs have open memberships, while others are closed groups. One example of a closed group is a men’s group in Fenton that meets at member homes.

The Fenton-Wingarden Library is home to three book clubs:

• A fiction group that meets the second Monday of each month at 10 a.m.

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Mine explosion that killed 78 men ‘did not have to happen’

By Vera Hogan

For 50 years it has been a mystery why 78 men died in a mine explosion in Farmington, West Virginia.

But several months after the explosion, a federal investigator discovered one possible explanation — a safety alarm on a ventilation fan had been deliberately disabled.

The investigator put his findings in a memo, which his superiors simply filed away. It has remained unknown to the public until recently.

That memo — and sworn testimony taken after the disaster — suggest that no one had to die on Nov. 20, 1968. Had this alarm been working, the men most likely would have been evacuated before the explosion.

See EXPLOSION on 10
Elvis, Michael, Marilyn and America

We are all familiar with the sad stories of talented people who intentionally destroy themselves. Elvis Presley, Michael Jackson, Marilyn Monroe and many more who had it all, yet threw it all away.

I think that America will soon be on this list. We’re the greatest nation that ever existed, yet the left is hell-bent on destroying it all.

Education? Hell, teacher unions have destroyed public schools, populating the leadership with radical liberals who are so busy staffing politi cal propaganda and liberalism down students’ throats that there is little time for math, history or science. Meanwhile, everyone is taught that nothing is wrong, bathrooms don’t matter and all participants are winners. That’s why so many millennials will walk out of college after four years proudly carrying their “participation trophy” while searching for a “safe space.”

If these are the leaders of tomorrow, God help us.

We’re a nation full of silver spoon adults throwing tantrums because even though we have it better than anyone else in the world, it’s still not as perfect as some people say it can be. We’ve become so weak, decadent and reluctant to obey the rule of law that we reward illegal aliens for breaking the law. Morally, we’ve become so lost that many people think the bad guys are the ones who want to protect programs. Nothing of any consequence. Our politicians are mostly the sons of rich men who have no interest in tackling America’s real problems. They may not know how to fix the debt or do anything else right, but they have strong opinions on what the team name of the politically incorrect Washington Redskins should be changed to.

This is what we’ve done with a great nation handed to us on a silver platter by our ancestors and protected by the constitution they penned. A beacon of light, a city on a hill, a shelter from the tyranny that grips so much of the rest of the planet — and we’re systematically destroying and degrading everything they built.

We are sitting on the sidelines watching this great legacy, passed on to us by men better than ourselves, being intentionally devastated, dismantled and destroyed.

We should be ashamed of what we’re allowing to happen. I know I am.

Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor

What is the best book you’ve read?

“My favorite book ever, ‘The Help.’ I felt so emotionally connected to the characters. I was sad to tell them goodbye at the end of the book.”

— Debbie Herman
Groveland Township

“I enjoy ‘Old Bear’ by Jane Hissey. The pictures are beautiful.”

— Tara Kanon
Grand Blanc

“My favorite, and best book is ‘House of Leaves’ by Mark Danielewski. It’s unique, complex and sophisticated and very entertaining, thought provoking.”

— Benjamin Spencer
Fenton

“I don’t actually read books, I usually read magazines. My favorite is ‘Car & Driver.’”

— Tyler Molyneaux
Fenton

“The book of the Night Woman’ by Marlon James; it’s historical fiction. You learn some historical facts you weren’t taught about. It’s a history lesson.”

— Sonya Harrison
Davison

Amber Naganashe Fenton

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

READERS WRITE

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Sports coverage

Dear Editor,

I have tried to ask this question via the Hot lines and it has not been printed so I will ask the old fashioned way by writing a letter. The tri-county area is full of great kids, has your paper ever considered expanding the sports page? The articles are great to read and Dave does a wonderful job covering all the sports, but to be in the middle of an article then have to stop and log into your computer to finish the article is disheartening, especially if you want to cut the article out and put it in a scrapbook. The kids deserve the extra space. I believe even if it meant you had to charge extra for the extra couple of pages people would be willing to pay. Please advise on why this wouldn’t be a consideration.

Thank you for all you do, I love your paper!

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48-hour ‘boil water alert’ ends Wednesday afternoon

Affects all village of Holly residents and businesses

By Vera Hogan

On Monday, Sept. 17, the Holly Village Department of Public Works (DPW) issued a 48-hour boil water alert for all residents and businesses.

Andi Barber of the DPW said the alert was due to a broken valve.

Tap water could be brown and as a precaution, water is to be boiled until 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19, she said.

According to Holly DPW Director Brian Claussen, the broken valve was at the corner of Thomas and North Saginaw streets. The cause of the break was “age,” he said. “This valve is 50-plus years old and was set to be replaced in the spring (2019). We needed six more months out of it.”

Classen said the boil water alert has to be for 48 hours. “We need two, back to back, 24-hour tests to show the water is bacteria free,” he said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), a boil water advisory although a nuisance, keeps residents safe.

It’s a public health advisory given by government officials when a city or community’s water system could be contaminated by bacteria. Until the advisory is lifted, residents are advised to boil water before drinking it or using it to cook to ensure there is no bacteria before consumption.

Boil water advisories typically happen due to a water main break and/or a loss of pressure in the water system.

Great Plains contamination, boil all tap water used inside the home or business. Todo so, fill a pot with water, heat the water on a stove (or another heat source) until bubbles come from the bottom to the top of the pot.

Once you see the water reach a “rolling boil,” let it boil for one minute.

Turn off the heat on the stove (or other heat source) and let the water cool. Pour the water into a clean container and cover for storage.

To be clear, you must boil your water before using it to drink, make ice, brush teeth, wash dishes, make coffee, prepare food, and wash fruits and vegetables.

You can bathe and shower, but make sure you don’t swallow any water. Use caution when bathing babies and/or young children. Consider a sponge bath to reduce the chance of them swallowing water, according to the CDC.

Other tips

Keep a good stock of bottled water handy in case of a boil water advisory. (Especially since bottled water will fly off store shelves during water emergencies.)

Brush your teeth with boiled or bottled water only.

Serve your pets bottled water or boiled water that has been cooled.

If you don’t like the taste of boiled water, you can try adding a pinch of salt, letting the water stand for a few hours or pouring the cooled boiled water back and forth from one clean glass or container into another to add air to the water, according to the CDC.

For more information, call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

The “boil water alert” was posted at tctimes.com at 2:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 17.
Our favorite social media comments

Homecoming, ALICE training, emergency services and more

By Hannah Ball

Social media is a popular medium for sharing stories, debates and showing support for certain causes. Here are recent memorable comments on the Times multiple social media accounts.

Facebook

On the post about Pinckney High School dropping the titles of homecoming “king and queen,” we asked readers if local schools should follow suit.

Michelle wrote, “A popularity contest by any other name would be the same.” Debby posted, “If that’s what the majority of the kids want, then yes. Let them decide.”

On the story about Tyrone Township charging non-residents for emergency services, Renee wrote, “Please, let’s not kick people when they’re down. Do the right thing. It’s no less than what I would hope for if something happened to me away from home.”

Caroll wrote, “I shouldn’t have to pay for something I don’t need if I didn’t call for it. World has gone crazy! Who can afford to pay thousands of dollars for emergency services?”

Ellen posted, “Please think this through. Every community pays taxes to fund these types of services. If someone is hurt (no matter where they are hurt)—the services should be covered.”

The Times wrote about Lake Fenton students participating in ALICE training in case the school ever had an active shooter.

Debbie wrote, “I had one of my babies for the weekend, and he was telling me about an “ALICE drill.” Where they hide, take off shoes, and all throw shoes at the bad person. He said it was fun.”

On the story about community advocate and Realtor Wade Pyles dying, Sandy posted, “So sorry to hear this. Prayers sent to all his family and friends.”

After the Times published the story about a man in a wolf mask howling at kids at a bus stop in Holly, Shannon wrote, “Sounds like he was just trying to have some Halloween fun.”

Cheryl wrote, “In today’s world with the sex trafficking it should be illegal and he makes it scary for us parents that care about the children in our community.”

Twitter

On our story about Applefest, Eric Szczepanski tweeted, “Our set-up team works hard but we always have a fun time!”

On the post about the Our Town on Fenton Athletic Director Mitch Smelis, Smelis tweeted, “Grateful to be a part of “Our Town” all of these years! Thanks to the community for welcoming and supporting me over the years! Also thanks to my family for allowing me to do the work that I do!”

Instagram

On the story about Lake Fenton students taking ALICE training, Instagram user @1ena54 said, “Stay safe kids.”

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The Virgin Mary

Thomas Jefferson

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Who from throughout history would you most like to have dinner with?

Vera Hogan

I’d love to have dinner with author Stephen King. His writing is amazing. Every time I watch “Shawshank Redemption” or “The Green Mile,” I can’t believe he made this up out of thin air. Tell me everything, where do you get your ideas, how do you get started? I don’t like all of his books, not the scary/horror ones, but I like most of them. I thought he was hilarious back in the day. Just listening to him laugh makes me laugh.

Kathy Bates, she’s absolutely my favorite actress. She just seems so real, so down to earth. She’d be a lot of fun to talk with.

Princess Di, because you always think you can help someone who has a tragic life. She was a victim of her circumstances. I’ve always thought she could’ve used a girlfriend to talk to.

Sounds crazy, but the Virgin Mary, because, before I met my husband and became a Catholic, I thought it was crazy to pray to her. Then I took classes (to become a Catholic). Now I appeal to her as another mother.

Hannah Ball

Henrietta Lacks, an African-American woman who died and scientists found out her cells self-reproduced more than usual. My sister is a doctor in chemical engineering and I think the whole conversation on people’s rights to their own bodies is a very important conversation to have in this age of technology.

Thomas Jefferson, one of our founding fathers, had incredible ideas and helped shape our Constitution. At the same time, he also had hundreds of slaves. A lot of his ideals dealt with man being free, yet he believed in slavery. I’m wondering how those two thoughts can co-exist in someone’s head.

Margaret Atwood, author of “The Handmaid’s Tale,” has written so many books about women’s rights and how society treats women. I’d like to talk to her about writing. Her book, “The Blind Assassin,” is one of my main inspirations for me wanting to write my own novel.

Ayn Rand, one of the most controversial authors around. I read “The Fountainhead” and “Atlas Shrugged.” I’d like to talk with her about her views on people who can’t work, like children and older people. Her main philosophy is that everyone needs to work to make society survive. Yet, there are people who can’t work.

George Washington, I’d just like to see how he’d view our political system. He was so adamant against political parties.
FHS senior homecoming court

The Fenton senior homecoming court includes (back, from left) Keegan Jarrett, Lance Merch, Nolan Day, Gabe Horton, Ethvan Fulton and Brock Henson. (Front, from left) Megan Armbuster, Madeline Bluthard, Chloe Idoni, Sophia Frost, Emma Sneeden and Emily Hayes. Photo submitted to the Times

BUTTERFLIES
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And Assistant City Manager Michael Hart, has thought of almost everything, including things like new stairs and lighting that could curb any safety issues. But did they think about the butterflies themselves?

The total cost of the butterfly garden so far is about $54,000. According to Brian Gramer, district director of operations for the southern district of APM Mosquito Control, the butterflies will be safe. The city of Fenton has contracted with APM Mosquito Control for mosquito control for several years.

“Butterflies do not fly at night, after dark, and we do all of our spraying at night,” he said. “In addition, our equipment is calibrated so that nothing bigger than a mosquito is harmed in the process.”

Gramer said he has 20 years of experience in this business. During the summer months, APM begins spraying in the city of Fenton at around 10 p.m. They start a little earlier once the days get shorter.

Gramer said his crew “tips toe” around the downtown area with the mosquito spraying so as not to disturb the patrons at restaurants with outdoor seating, such as the Fenton Fire Hall and The Laundry. Hart said earlier this year that there are specific flowers and plants that attract butterflies. Fenton’s garden could have approximately 12 to 18 species of flowering plants. “We will make a conscious effort to attract butterflies and potentially hummingbirds,” he said.

Hart said they are not planning on an enclosure for this garden. It will take time for whatever plantings are put in to become established, Hart said. He anticipates butterflies becoming attracted to healthy growing flowers as early as 2019. It will likely take two years for it to really flourish.

“If we have a really rough winter, we might have to replant or refill,” he said. With the number of activities taking place in the downtown area, like concerts in the park in Millpond Park along the river, farmers markets, and outdoor seating at most restaurants, mosquito control will continue to be important for the health and comfort of downtown visitors.

The contract

The city of Fenton has a two-year contract (2018 through 2020) with APM Mosquito Control in the city. The contract price for the mosquito spraying is $38,375 per year. It was approved at the June 11 City Council meeting.

According to Gramer, $38,375 is the amount budgeted for the service. “It’s a pay as you go system in the city of Fenton. We only charge for services rendered and always come in under the quoted price,” he said.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED
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WHEN BIG BOY and Pizza Hut were torn down, we were told that they would be included in the new strip mall. Liars. Who needs a new Starbucks?

THANK FOR YOUR service but you are wrong on what the first amendment means. It protects us from the government restricting speech, not private business. No one argues they cannot take a knee but the location and timing are not protected.
THOMPSON ROAD
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At the Monday, Sept. 17 meeting, the board discussed a 12-year lease offer to bring in a Quick Lube Services to 3095 Thompson Road. The property used to be a Fenton Fast Lane, but is now a vacant building on a developing road. It was built in 1999 and sits on 1.53 acres of land between U.S. 23 and Torrey Road, less than a mile from the highway.

The township acquired 3095 Thompson Rd. through tax forfeiture by the Genesee County treasurer in December 2013. In 2017, the board decided not to sell it for less than $350,000.

Realtor Ed Constable of Tremaine Real Living Real Estate, who’s contracted by the township, said he needs some direction on the property.

“I’ve brought cash offers to purchase it, which were denied. I’m trying to market it for lease and it’s an oil change facility and I brought an oil change user with an oil change background so I just want to know what I need to do,” Constable said. “I’ve brought offers for $400,000 in cash and you didn’t take it.”

The property is zoned C-3 Highway service and M-2 Light Industrial. The property will be sold with the vacant lot immediately east, which is 3125 Thompson Rd. C-3 zoning allows for more extensive business and entertainment activities, like retail, clubs, daycare centers, hotels, manufacturing establishments, medical care facilities, offices, and many others. It also requires more off-street parking.

M-2 zoning is meant to encourage and facilitate the development of industrial businesses in a setting conducive to public health, according to a past Times article. This includes industrial service establishments, landscape contractors, automotive repair facilities, truck terminal, towing service, and wholesale and warehousing among other uses.

“There’s been a lot going on in the township at different phases. Right now we’re kind of in limbo in my mind if we sign up for something for 12 years,” said Supervisor Bonnie Mathis. “I would not consider it (the lease offer) at all.”

Trustee Shaun Shumaker said the township should not be in the business of owning property.

“It is the taxpayers’ dollars. It is not ours,” he said. “It is an oil change place … that’s what it is unless we want to rip it down and go from there.”

It’s currently an empty building. Shumaker said it’s going to get to the point of blight if they don’t do anything.

Mathis said she’s been trying to market the building and land as something different than an oil change business to a few different potential developers. She hopes something will come together in two months, and that she’s confident that something will happen with the property within two years.

“I can’t tell the public right now because I don’t know,” she said. “If this goes, it will be a great thing.”

The board voted 6-1 to reject the lease offer and to take the property off the market. Shumaker cast the dissenting vote.

EXPLOSION
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About 5:30 a.m. that day, explosions and fire rocketed through the mine. Some of the men died instantly from the blast’s concussion. Others were overcome by poisonous gas.

It was the first major mine disaster to be nationally televised. Americans watched for days as anguished relatives held vigils at a coal company store.

On the 10th day, company officials sealed the mine, with the bodies of 78 men still inside. The families gathered at a church to hear the news.

An electrician tried to restart a large ventilation fan and noticed its safety alarm had been disabled. This same fan had stopped working shortly before the explosion. Its alarm should have sounded, signaling the miners to evacuate.

But it didn’t, and 78 men died.

A federal investigator sent a memo about the sabotaged alarm to top officials at the U.S. Bureau of Mines. But William R. Park, district manager for the bureau, ordered the memo to be filed away.

That memo and sworn testimony tell the grisly story that unfolded that cold November morning.

A ventilation fan goes down

At about 3 a.m., mechanic Alex Kowal was called to the mine because of a problem with the power at one mine entrance. He arrived at 3:45 a.m., looked at the kitchen clock and it was 4 a.m.

That meant the fan wasn’t working for at least an hour and a half before the explosion, allowing dangerous levels of methane gas to build up.

Russell Foster, who had been monitoring the fan safety alarm system, said no alarms sounded that morning.

A narrow escape

Section foreman George Wilson was still mining coal 500 feet underground when he lost power just before the 5:30 a.m. explosion.

“I had taken two to three steps when this thing came in on us,” he said.

He and his crew began crawling toward their first-aid station, a space cut into the side of the tunnel. Together, the eight men stumbled and crawled through heavy smoke to the bottom of an air shaft and waited to be rescued.

In all, 21 miners escaped that morning.

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Tigers play complete game, take sole possession of first with 3-1 win vs. Linden

By David Troppens

Linden — The Fenton varsity boys soccer team is a tough squad to compete against. The team seemingly has several strong scoring options and seemingly have quality depth at every position. Even when opponents play even with them for a period, eventually the Tigers wear on their foes and eventually end up on the plus side of the contest.

That’s what happened on a hot day on Linden’s new turf on Monday. The Eagles tried to stick with the Tigers, and did so for a good chunk of the game. But eventually Fenton’s quality depth all over the field wore the Eagles down as the Tigers won a 3-1 Metro League contest.

It was a pivotal game between the two area rivals. The win places the Tigers at 4-0-0 in Metro play, the only squad without a loss or a tie in the standings. If Fenton wins its final four Metro games, the Tigers assure themselves of an outright Metro title. Even with a draw in one of those four games, the Tigers could do no worse than finish as co-champions. Meanwhile, Linden (3-1-0) fell to third place in the standings, behind second-place Swartz Creek (3-0-1). Linden probably needs to win out and would still need help to earn at least a share of the league crown. This marked the second time Fenton beat Linden this year. The Tigers won a 1-0 non-league game at Fenton against Linden earlier this year.

“That was kind of our plan — to put pressure on them as much as we could,” Fenton varsity soccer coach Matt Sullivan said. “The boys brought a lot of pressure. The conditions (hot weather) were brutal down there. ... I thought our guys played a great game, one of the better games of the season.”

The Tigers always owned the possession lead, but it took awhile before it resulted in a great scoring edge on the scoreboard.

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Fenton Tigers ground rival Eagles again

Tigers’ victory is sixth straight vs. Linden

By David Troppens

Fenton — Chalk up Fenton’s sixth victory in a row against their biggest Metro League rivals, the Linden Eagles. The Fenton varsity football team dominated the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball resulting in a 34-7 victory on Fenton’s first game on Linden’s new turf field on Friday Night.

The Tigers outgained the Eagles 420-109 in total offensive yardage, cruising to the victory and improving to 3-1. Linden fell to 2-2.

“We really switched it up this week,” Fenton defensive lineman Parker Brady said. “We ran a lot of stunts which they weren’t expecting and we just played with intensity and that’s how we need to play every week. Our defensive line is the heart of that defense. When we don’t do our assignments other players have to make up for it. So when we do our assignments, that’s what happens — we have a terrific game.”

“We watched a lot of film on them so we knew all of their formations and what they were going to do,” Fenton offensive lineman Logan Prater said. “We knew who their personnel were and we put the best against the best, and we came out on top and demolished them all night. We had fun with it.”

The game started out as a competitive battle with the Tigers only leading 17-7 at the half. However, Fenton slowly took control of the game in the third quarter. The Tigers scored the only TD of the third stanza when Fenton took eight plays to drive 48 yards to score on a one-yard quarterback keeper by Logan Welch. Braden Moore made the third of his four extra-points, putting the Tigers up 24-7 with 1:41 left in the third quarter.

Linden’s Jarrod Buswell battles Fenton’s Brock Henson for possession of the ball.

Linden was forced to punt on its next possession as well, and Fenton blew the game open on its next possession. It took Fenton six plays to drive 35 yards, scoring on a two-yard run by Lance Mercord during the Tigers’ 34-7 victory against the Eagles on Friday. Photo: Mark Bolen

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Dallwitz’s big game leads Bronchos to victory, 36-18

By David Troppens

Quarterbacks are known for what they can bring to a passing game. It makes sense since the quarterback makes the throws. But sometimes a signal-caller can have a great game based on the decisions he makes in other areas of the game. That was the case in Holly’s 36-18 victory at Kearsley on Friday night.

Cade Dallwitz only attempted four passes but the decisions he made with the running game helped the Bronchos to their easy victory. He ran for 172 yards on 17 attempts, sparking a strong ground game. When Dallwitz wasn’t running the ball, others had big games. Kollen Steele ran for 112 yards on just six carries while Joe O’Connor had 61 yards and one TD on 13 attempts. Jacob Hild and Rico McDonough also combined for 49 ground yards.

“We got our option game going pretty well tonight and Cade Dallwitz had another great performance,” Holly varsity football coach Ryan Culloty said. “He did a good job reading and taking what was there. Our fullbacks did a tremendous job as well. Kollen busted out a lot of good runs.”

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Broadhurst captures Ally Challenge title at Warwick Hills

By David Troppens

Grand Blanc — Paul Broadhurst was one of only a few PGA Champions golfers in The Ally Challenge field that had never played a competitive round at Grand Blanc’s Warwick Hills before. Apparently experience is a bit overrated. Broadhurst made his first trip to Warwick Hills memorable by winning The Ally Challenge Presented by McLaren.

Broadhurst was five-under-par for his final round through 13 holes, had to scramble for some important pars down the stretch and then iced his victory by nailing a birdie putt on the 18th hole, earning The Ally Challenge championship with a 54-hole score of 15-under-par 201, two strokes better than Brandt Jobe (203) and three strokes better than Mark O’Seara and Tom Lehman (204).

The win was Broadhurst’s second in Michigan this season. He also won the Senior PGA Championship held at Benton Harbor’s The Golf Club at Harbor Shores earlier this season.

“(This was) one of my tougher wins I’ve had, no doubt,” Broadhurst said. “My game wasn’t 100 percent. I wasn’t driving it. Most of the time my driving was okay, but I knew there was always a bad one in there. ... But yeah, really pleased. And to birdie the last, you know, that was a bit of a dream come true really.”

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Blue Devils cruise by Corunna, 42-6

By David Troppens

Marty Borski was looking for a complete game from his Lake Fenton varsity football team.

Borski and the rest of his coaching staff got just that on Friday night against Corunna.

The Blue Devils (2-2) were balanced on offense and dominant on defense, resulting in a 42-6 victory against Corunna.

“It was a great step but we still have a ways to go,” Borski said. “We did a better job preparing — both players and coaches did a better job carrying over Sunday through Thursday prep into Friday night. It was our most complete game we’ve played by far.”

The Lake Fenton blowout started when Michael O’Brien scored the Blue Devils’ first TD on a 20-yard run. Later, Sean Trombley scored from one yard out and Hunter Schramm scored from eight yards out. Trombley had the team’s final TD run, scoring from 36 yards out. After that, the passing game did the scoring.

Schramm threw two TD passes. The first was a 34-yard reception to O’Brien. The second was a seven-yard reception to Kevin Stevens.

State-ranked Blue Devils place fourth at large Spartan Invitational

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity boys cross country team is starting to show why the Blue Devils are ranked eighth in Division 2.

The Blue Devils placed fourth at the Michigan State University Spartan Invitational held at Forest Akers East Golf Course on Friday.

The Blue Devils placed fourth in a field of 39 teams in the Division 1&2 race. Linden’s boys were 20th. Linden’s girls took 16th in the Division 1&2 women’s race.

Fenton’s program also had a strong showing. The Fenton boys placed sixth in a field of 40 teams in the Spartan Elite race, while the Fenton girls took ninth in the event.

Lake Fenton’s boys came within three points of finishing second. The Blue Devils had 182 points, which was one less than third-place Reeths-Puffer and two points behind Thomas Worthington. Caledonia won the race with 99 points.

Bronsos finish strong at its own Duane Raffin Festival of Races

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity cross country program hosted its 51st annual Holly/Duane Raffin Festival of Races and put together some solid performances while doing so.

The event billed as one of the largest high school cross country meets in the country, saw the Holly varsity boys team place fourth in the Division II race.

Victor Ruiz led the Holly boys by taking 13th in 18:17.40. He was followed by Jose Vivanco in 15th (18:20.6), Gabe Sanchez in 25th (18:34.9), Nolan Weidsofer in 26th (18:36.7) and Tyler Thomason in 30th (18:47.9).

The Holly girls placed a strong sixth in their Division II event.

Andrea Ruiz had a strong showing, finishing second in 19:33.2. She finished about 16 seconds behind winner Meg Scheske (19:17.4) from Sturgis.
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Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, things that may have contended you in the past will be much clearer this week. Someone comes into your life and will explain what you need to know.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 20
Conversations with friends the next few days prove to be a great mood filter. Taurus, things in your life will change in a positive direction for some time afterwards.

GEMINI
May 21/June 20
Gemini, enough is enough work life and home life are separate, they are inextricably bound. Use this time wisely to build deep relationships.

CANCER
June 21/July 22
You have a trustworthy circle of friends. Cancer, if the going gets a little tricky this week, call upon the people who just can’t wait to support you.

LEO
July 23/Aug 22
Let supervisors know just how much you have been contributing at work and how it has been beneficial to their bottom line. This can be the doorway to a pay increase, Leo.

VIRGO
Aug 23/Sept 22
Vergo, go get it! Like you have to change much about yourself to fit the mold others have created. It is okay to be unique and be proud of your differences.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 22
You are naturally trusting of others. Libra. But keep a small amount of skepticism going so that no one takes advantage of you. Once you vet friends, keep them close.

SCORPIO
Oct 23/Nov 21
Spending too much time worrying about what others are doing or what you think of you is not productive. Scorpio. Focus on what makes you happy and don’t worry about others.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 22/Dec 21
You may have taken on too much. Sagittarius, and now you think you can’t get it all accomplished. It may take a few long nights, but your initial goal is still attainable.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 19
It is okay to seek perfection, Capricorn, but not when others are helping out. Be grateful of all they have to offer, even if you may need to fix something along the way.

AQUARIUS
Jan 20/Feb 18
Aquarius, you must follow through when you say you are going to do something this week. If not, others may associate you with broken promises, and that reputation is not easily remedied.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
This is a good weekend for kicking back and relaxing, Pisces. If you feel like hosting, open your home to some guests for even more fun.

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10. Every iota
11. Paradise
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14. Grooving on
15. Body
16. Always, in verse
17. Watermelon-shaped
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19. Stash excessively
20. Privately funded
21. Confess
22. Not quite
23. Converg., e.g.
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25. Meteorologist
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5. November’s measure
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7. Provide
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9. Discoverer’s cry
10. Package
11. Bachelor’s last words
12. Insult (Sl)
13. Prepared
14. Arrived
15. Dawning

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