



# Kmart building project starting soon

Now that the developer has officially purchased the old Kmart building, construction to renovate the structure into five retail spaces is expected to start soon. **Times file photo**

■T.J. Maxx, Petco, Five Below and more will bring more than 100 new jobs to Fenton

By Vera Hogan

The process of getting the Kmart building on Silver Parkway ready for its new occupants is moving right along.

Planning Consultant Carmine Avantini of CIB Planning, Inc. said he will be at-

tending a landscaping meeting next week relative to this project.

According to city of Fenton records, the Kmart property, located on 12.7 acres in Silver Lake Village, was officially purchased by K2 Construction Retail Services of Wixom from the Kmart Corporation on July 17, for \$2.8 million.

The 128,914-square-foot building was **See Kmart on 14A**

## Weekend Times

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# Fenton 911 surcharge funds 'held hostage' by county

■City penalized \$32,000 annually for not joining consortium

By Vera Hogan

It should be easy. The state of Michigan cuts a check to Genesee County, and Genesee County in turn cuts a check to the city of Fenton.

Not so, when it comes to getting back the 9-1-1 surcharge money the city has coming to it.

Genesee County voters passed the 9-1-1 System Funding increase by a vote of 12,125 to 8,933 in the May 2, 2017 special election.

**See 911 SURCHARGE on 16A**

“There is no justification for the consortium getting our money.”

Lynn Markland  
Fenton City manager

The city of Fenton is the only municipality in Genesee County with its own emergency dispatch center, and is being penalized for not being a part of the county's 9-1-1 Consortium. Here, dispatcher Laura Donofrio works at her station Thursday, Sept. 20. **Photo: Tim Jagielo**



The Oakland County Road Commission spreads new gravel on Tinsman Road in Holly Township on Wednesday, Sept. 19. This is part of a three-year project to rebuild several gravel roads in the township.

**Photo: Tim Jagielo**

## New roads for \$88,000

■Project first of its kind in 20 years

By Tim Jagielo

**Holly Twp.** — On Wednesday, Sept. 19, Regie Scarberry's road grader was spreading something Tinsman Road hasn't seen in 20 years — new road gravel.

It took the Oakland County Road Commission (OCRC) crew about a day to finish the road, with dumping the

**See ROADS on 19A**

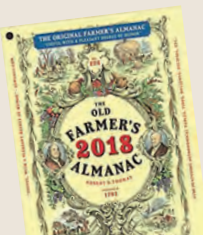
## Fall weather predictions

■Farmer's Almanac predicts October to be warmer than normal

By Hannah Ball

The official first day of fall is Saturday, Sept. 22.

As the leaves change color and people take their boats out of the water, many switch to their fall **See WEATHER on 18A**



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“Yesterday in Kansas, a police officer was shot to death. And so today I'm sure that the NFL kneelers and Obama, who started the anti-police rhetoric, must be celebrating along with Nike because it's one less police officer who's in their way.”



“It's fascinating that Vera Hogan can come up with figures for illegal immigrants when the government can't keep track of exactly how many, etc.”



“The King hit the nail on the head with this Wednesday's article. I wish everyone would read it and take it to heart.”



COMMENT  
OF THE WEEK

“Holy cow. Back the cattle up, Roy and Gene. The traffic in Linden Saturday was unbelievable. What do you people think about when you do this stuff?”





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We will forever miss our dear colleague and friend, **Wade Pyles**, whose dedication and commitment to family, friends and the community was unsurpassed. The impact you made here will be felt for many generations. Time will never erase the work you have accomplished and the lives you have positively affected. May we all strive to be a little more thoughtful and giving to those around us.

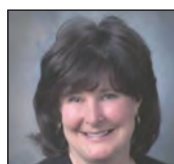
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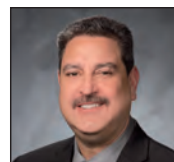
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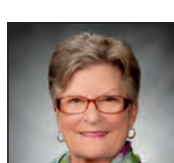
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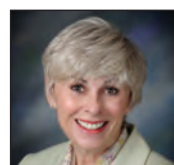
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A man works on a Chene Anchor, made in Fenton. These popular anchors are manufactured by Epic Machine, Inc., which hires apprentices from the Genesee Career Institute. **Times file photo**

Avoid college debt — become an apprentice

■ Earn money while learning a lucrative and in-demand skilled trade

By Hannah Ball

Instead of taking on college debt, more and more young people are deciding to do an apprenticeship and get a job in one of the skilled trades.

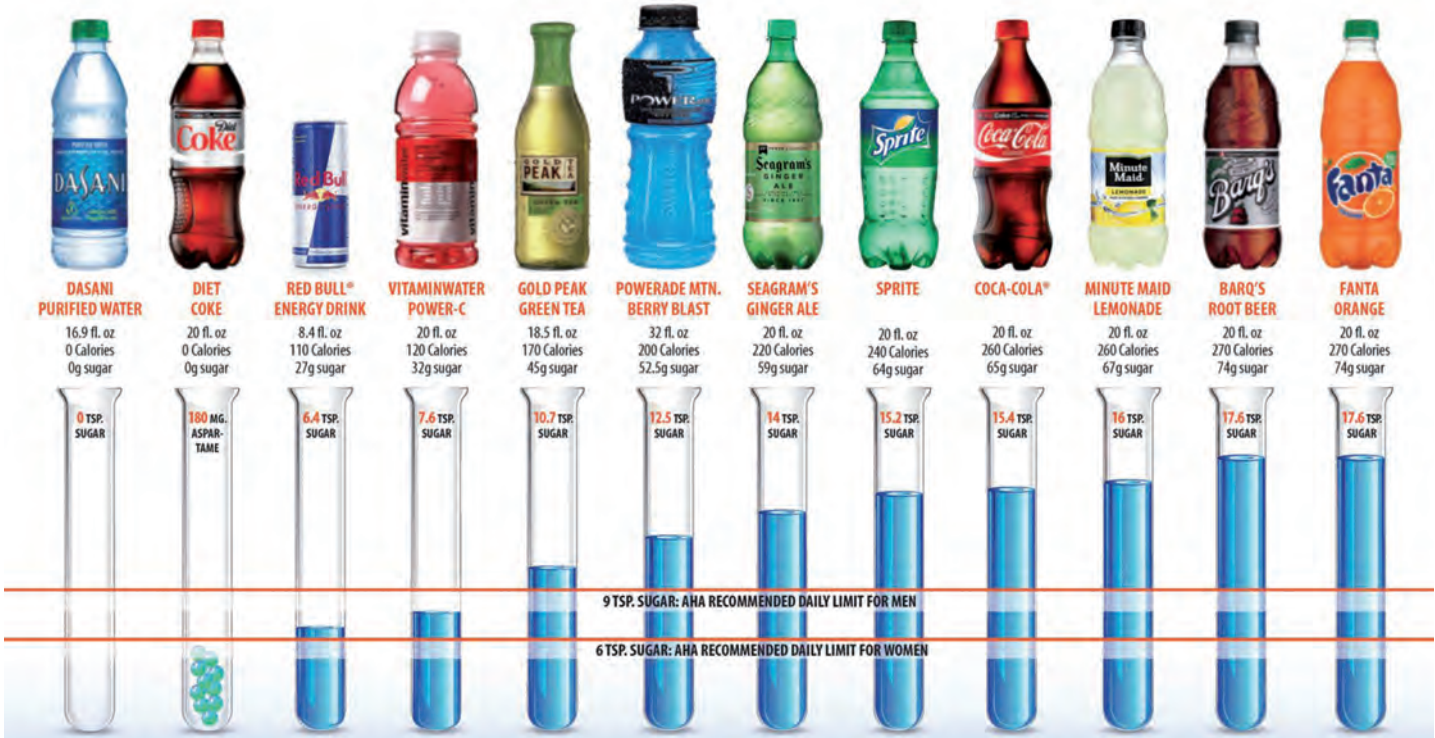
SUMMARY

■ College isn't for everyone. High school students should explore other options, like an apprenticeship where they can get paid to work and learn.

Mott Community College offers the employer sponsored Apprenticeship Program, which offers programs in automotives, computer aided design and drafting (CADD), electricity and electronics, industrial materials, machining, mathematics, heating, cooling welding, and more. MCC partners with numerous companies in Michigan to place apprentices.

See **APPRENTICE** on 14A

THINK BEFORE YOU DRINK



Source: 2015 Business Health Services

Added sugar in sweetened beverages contributes to obesity, cancer, diabetes

By Sally Rummel

When Amy Doyle of Fenton Township woke up every morning, the first thing she reached for wasn't a cup of coffee — it was a Coke.

"My first Coke of the day was my coffee," said Doyle, 48. "Bottled coke was my treat. I was drinking up to four or more a day."

Doyle has recently quit her Coke addiction, although it's not her first attempt. Health reasons, specifically a kidney stone issue, have put more urgency into her decision. "I hope I can do it this time," she said. "It's just a bunch of garbage."

Although she is drinking tons of water

in its place, Doyle still craves the taste and routine of opening the Coke bottle and taking the first swallow. "I crave it," she admitted. "I've just got to move past that."

Fenton resident Marissa Mayberry, 31, used to end her day with a 20-ounce bottle of Mountain Dew, gave up that habit for a Rockstar energy drink, then switched to drinking Coke with meals.

"I decided to quit drinking Coke about six to eight months ago," Mayberry said. "I went from real high sugar drinks to being a huge water drinker. Now I drink

milk and water. I was hoping I'd lose weight, but that hasn't happened yet."

Doyle and Mayberry aren't alone in their addiction to Coke.

About half of all American adults drink a sugary beverage on any given day, although sugar-sweetened drinks aren't as popular as they once were, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). One in 20 people drink the equivalent of more than four cans of pop each day.

“My first Coke of the day was my coffee.”

Amy Doyle  
Fenton Township resident

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Andrew Heller

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## Come *Heller* high water...

• **I wish Democrats** would just shut up about a “blue wave” for the mid-terms. There may be one but it’s far less likely to happen when they keep going on pundit shows and yapping/boasting about it. Zip the lips, people. Let things unfold. Watched pots, you know?

• **Democrats: “But the polls!** They’re in our favor!” Yeah, so? They were in Hillary’s favor in 2016, too. I never believe polls and always scoff when pollsters tell me how “scientific” they are and how there’s a 4-percent margin of error. No, there’s not. With every poll, there’s a guaranteed 100 percent chance they’ll be wrong. And do you know why? Because people are people and sometimes

people lie to pollsters or change their minds after talking to them. That’s why.

• **Hear ye, hear ye,** after watching the first two games, I have officially revised my prediction of the Detroit Lions’ record this season from 5-11 to 0-17. You’re thinking, “Shows what you know — they only play 16 games so they can’t possibly lose 17, dummy.” That’s true, but I think the Lions will be so incredibly bad the league will award them an extra loss so it’s clear for the record books that they were the worst of all time. (Of course, I’m a lifelong Green Bay Packers fan so I might be a tad biased. But honestly, how many decades are you people going to put up with this? There’s loyalty then there’s masochism.)

• **Stafford throws like** he needs glasses.

• **Trump said this** week, “This is a tough hurricane, one of the wettest we’ve ever seen from the standpoint of water.” It was also one the windiest we’ve ever seen from a stuff blowing around standpoint. And one of the most destructive from the standpoint of stuff

breaking. Sometimes it’s almost like he’s trying to get mentioned on “Saturday Night Live,” you know?

• **A new study** says that by 2019 nearly half of all cell phone calls will be scams. Fortunately, no one ever answers their cell phone, so no big deal. The only time I answer is when the person calling is in my contact list and the screen shows me their name. Otherwise, I figure it’s my former lawn care company calling again (the invention of Constant Contact was a terrible, terrible thing) or whoever’s calling will leave a message if it’s important, which it never is.

• **I’m not sure** if you’re aware, but I often use my little column to air petty complaints about people and society.

(You: “No kidding, Sherlock.”) So here’s today’s beef: Why, of all commercials, are car and truck commercials so incredibly bad, dumb and irritating? And all the same? Every pickup truck and SUV commercial I see, for instance, shows manly men at construction sites, driving up mountains or crossing streams. Streams? Why? Most pickups and SUVs I see are driven by businessmen and women. The dirtiest they get is when they hit a puddle. And why are pickups so damned big these days? They don’t fit in parking spots. How do people get them in a garage?

• **Also, why do** they play rock music under sports highlights while they’re also talking about them? I can’t hear what you’re saying, announcer person! Then I have to turn it up, prompting the lovely yet formidable Marcia to tell me to turn it down.

• **“Our greatest glory** is not in never failing but in rising every time we fall.” — Confucius

Opinions offered in Come Heller High Water are the author’s alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email the Andrew at andrewheller@tctimes.com.

“This is a tough hurricane, one of the wettest we’ve ever seen from the standpoint of water.”



Andrew Heller  
FEATURED COLUMNIST

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**THE DEMOCRATS HAVE** demonstrated that they are the ultimate bullies in an anti-bullying environment. As proof look at their poor behavior toward President Trump and the Brett Kavanaugh hearings. I voted for Obama, a clear mistake.

**DO WE REALLY** trust the city of Linden with the proposed road millage after the complete mess they’ve allowed downtown now? They are manipulating the vote by promising a retirement community that their road is done first. Fact check me.

**LANSING HAS DECIDED** to keep all tax revenue from the 6-cent sales tax, the gasoline tax and Secretary of State taxes, not giving any back to our local municipalities, causing double tax on their citizens to pay for roads, police and fire protection. If King George had tried these tactics, he would have been hung from the London Bridge. There are many rats in Lansing. We need a Pied Piper.

**DON’T BELIEVE THE** hype. Police brutality and black oppression are myths.

**ANYONE CLAIMING TO** speak on behalf of veterans is only expressing a personal opinion. No one speaks for all vets, including this veteran.

**WHY WOULD ANYONE** want to spend time and money to attend any Detroit professional sporting event? Does

anyone know when any Detroit pro team has won a national championship?

**YOUR CLAIM THAT** taxes are an example of Democratic Socialism is false. The collection of taxes is a characteristic of all governments, not an activity unique to Democratic Socialism. Try again.

**BE WARY OF** someone promoting diversity and equity. You are talking to a racist.

**HOW CAN WE** not know that the earth will not come to an end when the human population is rapidly expanding while cropland is shrinking as more of it is becoming used for housing developments?

**TO ME, STANDING** for the flag, turning your back on the flag or kneeling, all show the same respect for the ideals that the flag stand for in America, as someone once said — ‘may not like what you say, but I will fight for your right to say it!’

**COME ON ALL** you veterans and all voters; let’s support a great veteran for the Michigan Senate, John James. Time to change the old guard and get John James elected to the senate with new ideas and a breath of fresh air. A true patriot.

**IMAGINE GOING NINE** months with no electricity, as an American.

**YEAH, THE ONE** good thing about Debbie Stabenow is she’s not a Republican.

**I WISH THE** king were king.

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“My sister Leanne’s because I was her maid of honor. It was so special for both of us.”

**Denne Weaver**  
Fenton Township



“My sister’s because I helped her plan it. She was out of town, so I did a lot of planning, and it made it that much more special.”

**Angie Donar**  
Fenton Township



“I’ve been to a lot lately, but one that stands out is my niece’s. She lives in Sweden, but got married here and the wedding was beautiful.”

**Sue Grandy**  
Argentine Township



“I went to a wedding reception this summer, the reception was at a bar and the ceremony was behind it. The setting was so pretty.”

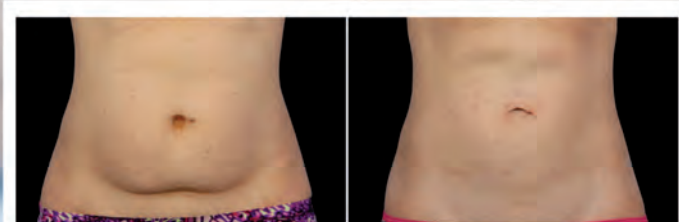
**Dave VanValin**  
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“My youngest daughter’s wedding sticks out. It was really eventful, the Porta Potty lost power because of the band. It was a mess.”

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**EVERYONE WHO USES** the northbound U.S. 23 Silver Lake Road exit knows that they need to find a new way home. We don't need another light in that area.

■■■■  
**YOU'RE GETTING PAID** thousands of dollars to play football. You should do it on your feet, not your knees. Get over it you overpaid babies.

■■■■  
**LAST WEEKEND IN** New Jersey, a 16-year-old girl was stabbed to death by an illegal immigrant. This is now becoming a weekly occurrence around the country and yet the Democrats still defend illegal aliens being in our country and they still object to the wall being built on our southern border.

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**SHOWS HOW DESPERATE** the Democrats are. They called up something that supposedly happened in high school a 'she said, he said' 45 years ago. That's pretty poor.

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**MEXICO WAS SUPPOSED** to pay for 'the wall,' not going to happen. Now U.S. is paying Mexico to send immigrants back before they get to U.S.

**LHS senior homecoming court**

Linden High School senior homecoming court includes (girls, from left) Olivia Stoddard, Ryann McDowell, Krista "Gracie" Lopez, Sabra Robinson and German foreign exchange student Pia Seidel. The boys (from left) are Parker Mabe, Nick Bentley, Lewis Walterhouse and Ryan Thurman. Photo submitted to Times.

**POLICE & FIRE REPORT****CELL PHONE STOLEN FROM CAR IN HOLLY**

The Holly Police Department is investigating the theft of a cell phone from a Holly resident's car. According to police, a resident on Holly Pines Court reported on Sept. 16 that someone had stolen his phone from his vehicle, which was parked in his driveway overnight. The vehicle was unlocked. The case is pending.

**LICENSE PLATE STOLEN FROM CAR IN HOLLY**

A 27-year-old Holly man reported on Sept. 11 to Holly police that someone had stolen the license plate from his vehicle, which was parked at a transmission repair business on Grange Hall Road for several months. Neither the business nor car owner were able to say when the theft occurred. A police report was required so the owner could get a new plate.

**TIRE STOLEN FROM CAR IN HOLLY**

Holly police are investigating the theft of a tire, which was reported Aug. 30 from a resident in the 4200 block of Grange Hall Road. The car owner's son told police that the rear driver's side tire was missing and the car was propped up with a small log. There are no suspects at this time.

**FENTON MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI - THIRD OFFENSE**

At 5:55 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, Fenton police responded to the 14000 block of Swanee Beach Drive to investigate a complaint. The caller told the dispatcher that a man who might be intoxicated was yelling at neighbors. A description of the vehicle was provided to police. An officer located the gray Saturn vehicle and initiated a traffic stop at 6:02 p.m. Contact was made with the driver, a 54-year-old Fenton resident. Suspecting the driver had been drinking, a Breathalyzer was administered, resulting in a blood alcohol content of .179 percent. The man was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He was transported to the Genesee County Jail where he submitted to a blood draw to determine if any other substances were in his system. He was detained until sober. Fenton police will be seeking a felony arrest warrant for OWI, third offense.

**Welding and Manufacturing Programs at Ferris State University**

Established in 1984, Ferris State University's nationally recognized Welding Engineering Technology program is the largest of its kind in the United States. Ferris' two-year Manufacturing Technology program is the only one of its kind in Michigan, and one of only a few in the nation to offer manufacturing pathway concentrations in both processing technology and tooling technology.

Ferris' welding program encompasses instruction related to welding skill development, inspection, mechanical testing, robotics and laser processing, resistance welding and material preparation and fabrication. Core welding program courses are taught by professional faculty with more than 90 combined years of teaching experience. Faculty members Kenneth Kuk and David Murray have been awarded the Adams Memorial Membership and recognized as American Welding Society Counselors for outstanding teaching and leadership activities.

Since 1986, students in the welding programs have received more than \$1.3 million in academic scholarship awards from various industry and professional organizations. Professional welders are in high demand, with one out of every two products that comprise the U.S. gross domestic product containing a weld. Graduates of the program find employment opportunities in all sectors of the construction, fabrication and manufacturing economy.

Ferris' Manufacturing Technology program prepares students for work in tooling operations, machining operations, manufacturing and engineering operations, computer



Ferris is preparing to launch a Center for Welding Excellence and Center for Advanced Manufacturing. Photo submitted to the Times

programming operations, CNC operations, and general manufacturing applications. Graduates of the program can enter the industry or choose to continue their studies to complete a four-year degree in a related program.

Students who complete the Manufacturing Tooling Technology concentration can enter the four-year Manufacturing Engineering Technology program, which provides preparation in analysis, development, design, methods and equipment, planning and supervision for production of industrial and consumer goods. Graduates of the Manufacturing Engineering Technology program enter positions such as manufacturing engineer, process engineer, produc-

tion engineer, tool engineer, quality engineer or industrial engineer.

The university recently completed a major expansion and renovation of the Swan Technical Arts Building Annex, which houses its School of Design and Manufacturing, and is preparing to launch a Center for Welding Excellence and Center for Advanced Manufacturing. The project makes room for substantial enrollment growth, doubling laboratory space and providing cutting-edge resources for in-demand programs such as Welding Engineering Technology, Manufacturing Engineering Technology, CAD Drafting and Tool Design, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Automotive Engineering Technology, and Plastics and Rubber Engineering Technology.

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LOOKING BACK  
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**HISTORY**

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

**SEPT. 23**

**1846:** German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle discovers the planet Neptune at the Berlin Observatory. The blue gas giant, which has a diameter four times that of Earth, was named for the Roman god of the sea. It has eight known moons, of which Triton is the largest, and a ring system containing three bright and two dim rings. It completes an orbit of the sun once every 165 years. In 1989, the U.S. planetary spacecraft Voyager 2 was the first human spacecraft to visit Neptune.

**SEPT. 24**

**1789:** The Judiciary Act of 1789 is passed by Congress and signed by President George Washington, establishing the Supreme Court of the United States as a tribunal made up of six justices who were to serve on the court until death or retirement. That day, President Washington nominated John Jay to preside as chief justice, and John Rutledge, William Cushing, John Blair, Robert Harrison, and James Wilson to be associate justices. On Sept. 26, all six appointments were confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

**SEPT. 25**

**1957:** Under escort from the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division, nine black students enter all-white Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. Three weeks earlier, Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus had surrounded the school with National Guard troops to prevent its federal court-ordered racial integration. After a tense standoff, President Dwight D. Eisenhower federalized the Arkansas National Guard and sent 1,000 army paratroopers to Little Rock to enforce the court order.

**SEPT. 26**

**1945:** Lt. Col. Peter Dewey, a U.S. Army officer with the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in Vietnam, is shot and killed in Saigon. Dewey was the head of a seven-man team sent to Vietnam to search for missing American pilots and to gather information on the situation in the country after the surrender of the Japanese. He was the first American soldier killed in Vietnam.

**SEPT. 27**

**1915:** Second Lt. John Kipling of the British army, the only son of Nobel Prize-winning author Rudyard Kipling (The Jungle Book, Rikki-Tikki-Tavi), is killed at the Battle of Loos, in the Artois region of France.

**SEPT. 28**

**1989:** Former Philippines president Ferdinand Marcos, whose corrupt regime spanned 20 years, dies in exile in Hawaii three years after being driven from his country by a popular front led by Corazon Aquino.

**SEPT. 29**

**2005:** New York Times reporter Judith Miller is released from a federal detention center in Alexandria, Virginia, after agreeing to testify in the investigation into the leaking of the identity of covert CIA officer Valerie Plame. Miller had been behind bars since July 6, 2005, for refusing to reveal a confidential source and testify before a grand jury that was looking into the so-called Plame Affair. She decided to testify after the source she had been protecting, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, signed a waiver giving her permission to speak.

Source: history.com

NEWS  
**BRIEFS**

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) offers scholarships for grades six through 12. There are three scholarship programs. **Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest** is the premier scholarship program. This essay is for the grades nine through 12. This is a written essay and the theme is "Why My Vote Matters." The deadline is Oct. 31, and the application, essay and recording must reach the VFW Post 3243 N. Leroy St., Fenton or Chairperson Bonnie Pray. Local winners will advance to the District, followed by the State of Michigan. The State winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to be honored by the VFW and its VFW Auxiliary and receive their portion of \$155,500 in national awards, the top scholarship being \$30,000. The **Patriot's Pen Essay Program** is offered to students in six through eighth grades. The theme for this essay is "Why I Honor the American Flag." The top winner, after the Post level, District, and State, will then compete for National Prizes. The deadline date is Oct. 31. The **Patriotic Art Contest** is offered to the nine through 12 grades by the VFW Auxiliary #3243. Local winners will be entered at the state level. The deadline for the art is March 31, 2019. For more information on these three programs, contact Pray at (810) 516-6721 or email her at bonniejoprav@gmail.com. You can also inquire to www.vfw.org for Voice of Democracy, and Patriot's Pen. Patriotic Art is www.vfwauxmi.org programs, scholarships, to Young American Patriotic Art Application.

**Holly Powder Puff**



Senior Peyton Price drives with the ball during the second quarter of the Holly High School Powder Puff Game on Monday, Sept. 17. Price was a co-MVP for the game. The seniors defeated the juniors 30-10. The senior class also won last year's game. Holly's homecoming is this weekend. **Photos: Tim Jagielo**



Holly High School seniors celebrate the 30-10 Powder Puff Game victory over the juniors on Monday, Sept. 17. **See more photos and video at tctimes.com**

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**HOT LINE** CONTINUED

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**LOVE THE GENERATION** Gap, always insightful. This week I would say they were both blessed with great values from their parents.

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**TO THOSE WHO** foolishly try to tell me of the economic expansions of 'the anointed one Obama,' please explain how increased regulations and taxes cause an economy to grow.

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**IF YOU BELIEVE** that the Russians stole the election, which I don't, then I will thank them for getting the Democrats out of the White House.

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**THE FIRST SOLUTION** to solving our U.S. problems is to re-install the value of family and two parents, instead of breaking down the family institution.

■■■■  
**I WANT TO** tell of my experiences with police officers. I treat them with respect, as they're working for me, and they treat me with respect.

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**IT'S EASY TO** explain not reading Heller's column because I start to read, realize it's garbage, then stop.

# Harvey Dent is turning 2

## ■ Owner asking people to donate pet food to Adopt-A-Pet

By Hannah Ball

More than a year after being adopted, Harvey Dent, a blind puppy who was tortured and abandoned, has settled into his life and is doing "wonderful," said his owner, Megan Beck, 24.

### SUMMARY

■ Harvey Dent, the puppy that was burned, abandoned, and lost both his eyes, turns 2 Sept. 30.

Harvey came to Adopt-A-Pet around April of 2017 with severe burns on the left side of his body and face, and a wound on his hip. The wounds to his face were so bad,

his eyes and parts of his ears had to be removed. At the time Jody Maddock,



Harvey Dent, who is almost 2 years old, stands for a photo after he was adopted last summer from Adopt-A-Pet. **Times file photo**

director of Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton, said it looked like someone sprayed him with lighter fluid and set him on fire.

For his birthday on Sept. 30, Beck, who recently moved from Fenton to the Grand Blanc area, is asking people to purchase a

bag of healthy treats or food to donate to Adopt-A-Pet. Beck said one option is to purchase from Paw Tree at pawtree.com/meganbeck. She sells Paw Tree, and is donating her commission to Adopt-A-Pet as well. Adopt-A-Pet also accepts donations from other retailers.

"I got overwhelming support from people last year. He had a birthday party last year and he received hundreds of dollars in toys and gift cards. I got divorced last year and when people heard they sent me more for him. This year I want it to go to the place that deserves it," Beck said.

Adopt-A-Pet spent a lot of time and money on Harvey, she said, and she appreciates all of it.

"He's healthy and happy now. That's what's important to me. They have a lot of pets to feed and I know that's not easy. I want to help in any way I can," she said.

"Harvey is doing wonderful," she said, adding that he's finally filling out. He gets along well with Beck's other dog, Bailey, 3.

Even though Harvey's birthday is Sept. 30, there is no deadline to purchase and donate food to Adopt-A-Pet.

**“They have a lot of pets to feed and I know that’s not easy. I want to help in any way I can.”**

**Megan Beck**  
 Harvey Dent's owner

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Harvey Dent (left) cuddles with Bailey, 3. Owner Megan Beck said the two get along very well. **Photo submitted to the Times**

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Today, the site of the former Waterworks Park building is encircled with fencing as the Holly Parks Commission devises a plan to turn it into an educational site with kiosks, pavilion and a viewing platform. **Photo: Tim Jagielo**

## What's next for Waterworks property?

■ Likely to be turned into educational site with pavilion

By Tim Jagielo

**Holly** — Fencing surrounds the site of the former Waterworks Park building, which was razed Aug. 16, after several extensions and a failed grassroots effort to save the 100-year-old building.

Grass will soon grow where the northernmost building once stood.

The basement of the older building housing the turbine still stands, the turbine now visible from the road.

Today, the hardware that ran the first municipal water pump system in Oakland County sits exposed, with the sluiceway from the Shiawassee River whooshing around the old turbine.

The Holly Village Parks Commission has taken over planning and developing the site, said Chairperson Chris Rankin. They will be working with the Village Council and the National Water Trail Coalition since it is the park at the headwaters of a

National Water Trail.

Overall, the goal is to showcase the equipment, erect a pavilion, and place educational kiosks throughout the site. Rankin said the project doesn't have a formal title, but said that they are "re-imagining Waterworks."

**“In addition to showcasing the equipment by way of a viewing platform, there will be a small pavilion covering the site, along with educational kiosks to explain the history and function of the site.”**

**Chris Rankin**  
Holly Village Parks  
Commission chairperson

“We have not yet formalized a timeline,” he said. “The fences are only in place because the sluiceway from the millpond is exposed now that the building is down.”

He said fencing will be removed after they construct a platform, possibly next summer.

A major challenge of redeveloping the site is the way the remaining building foundation was constructed. Rankin said

the equipment and turbine rest on a structure that was poorly designed.

“A new support structure will have to be erected,” Rankin said. “The good news is that getting the pump out of the basement, and getting the north portion of the building demo'd went smoothly.”

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE LINDEN ROAD project is one of the most inept, poorly executed and disruptive way beyond its scope. The Linden City Council and mayor need to be replaced. There is no way I will vote yes on the upcoming millage to again raise my taxes for incompetence.

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# Natural disasters — are you prepared?

■ Every family should have an emergency plan

By Vera Hogan

Over the past two weeks, while enjoying several delightful Michigan summer days, we sat in front of TVs, watching in horror as Hurricane Florence was about to slam into the eastern seaboard, and the aftermath of storms, floods and tornados.

Many of us were asking ourselves, “Good grief, the governors of the affected states, newscasters and meteorologists were telling people repeatedly for five or six days, “Get out! If you don’t get out now we can’t be responsible for your safety.” There were mandatory evacuations and more televised threats of what could happen if residents didn’t get out.

Still, after the hurricane made landfall, the rains came and the floodwaters began to rise, a major rescue operation got underway, with volunteers and emergency service personnel risking their own lives to get to the thousands of people who refused to leave when they were warned. And as of this writing, 34 people have been confirmed dead because of Hurricane Florence.

Why? Authorities believe it is because many of these people just don’t have the financial means to leave their homes. It would require a significant amount of money for gas to keep their vehicles on the road, motels for those without friends or loved ones to take them in, food, and much more.

According to a recent article in USA Today, will repeated exposure to vivid scenes of natural disaster — western wild-



Before we know it, cold snowy weather will be here. Be sure that your family is prepared for a weather emergency. **Times file photo**

fires, a global heat wave, Hawaiian volcano eruptions, the 2017 hurricanes’ anniversary and a suddenly active 2018 season — finally turn America into a go-bag nation, prepared for calamity and ready to flee it?

Experience and human nature dictates that it won’t. Experts say people aren’t really motivated by disaster until it comes to, or through, their door. Seeing disaster scenes are not enough.

America is riddled with fault lines and bordered by storm-tossed oceans, with two great north-south mountain ranges but none running east-west to keep Arctic air from flowing south and tropical air from going north.

There are hurricanes in the Southeast and nor’easters in the Northeast; tornados on

the lower Plains and blizzards on the upper Plains; earthquakes and volcanoes along the Pacific Coast, which also is vulnerable to tsunamis; sinkholes and lightning in Florida; avalanches in the Rockies and flash floods in the Appalachians; hail from Minnesota to Texas and ice storms from Wyoming to Maine; lake-effect snow from the Great Lakes and the Great Salt Lake; and monsoons in Arizona.

Yet, as federal emergency management experts have observed, America lacks a “culture of preparedness.” We mostly don’t stock up on batteries, candles and water; we don’t prepare a family emergency plan or buy a hand-cranked radio; we don’t listen carefully to warnings and often don’t understand them when we do,

and don’t obey them.

As the saying goes, old habits die hard. Viral internet images and nonstop TV news coverage of this year’s disasters and disaster anniversaries have inspired some hope that Americans will begin to focus more on preparing for emergencies, rather than just reacting to them.

But, experts say, most people won’t change unless they’ve experienced something like a living room with 5 feet of water, or a tree coming through the ceiling.

Source: *usatoday.com*

## PREPARE, PREPARE, PREPARE ...

Although peak tornado season is just about over for this year, it would be wise to remember that locally we have experienced tornadoes in October. On Oct. 24, 2001, a tornado hit Davisburg Elementary School in the Holly school district at 8 p.m., with winds registering at 112 mph. It caused \$600,000 in damage.

With the winter storm season just around the corner, now is a good time to begin preparing.

Winter storms create a higher risk of car accidents, hypothermia, frostbite, carbon monoxide poisoning, and heart attacks from over-exertion. Winter storms and blizzards can bring extreme cold, freezing rain, snow, ice, and high winds. A winter storm can last a few hours or several days; knock out heat, power, and communication services, and place older adults, young children, and sick individuals at greater risk.

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Meet a resident of

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# Mary Fiebernitz

- Linden graduate
- MSU soccer coach
- Avid sports fan

By Hannah Ball

Mary Fiebernitz, 25, graduated from Linden High School in 2011 and is a volunteer women's soccer coach at Michigan State University. She was born in Flint and moved to Linden when she started kindergarten. She's played an array of sports, from soccer to high school football.

## Where did you go to college?

I attended Michigan State University from the fall of 2011 and graduated in December 2015.

## What sports have you played?

I have played a few sports — basketball, soccer, and football where I served as the placekicker for the Linden varsity football team.

## What's been your favorite?

Soccer has been my favorite by far. I started playing at a very young age and was able to fulfill my childhood dream of playing Division 1 women's soccer at Michigan State University. It has also given me lifelong friendships and many life lessons along the way that have anchored who I am today.

## What was it like being on the football team in high school?

It was an awesome experience. I love competition and being a part of a team. Everyone was very welcoming, excited, and supportive. I will remember it for the rest of my life.

## What did you study in college?

I studied Interdisciplinary Studies - Health and Society, which is a Social Science major that allowed me to pull from the other majors within the college to broaden my horizons.



Mary Fiebernitz (right) grew up in Linden playing soccer, basket and football. She played Division 1 women's soccer at Michigan State University. Photo: Matthew Mitchell

## What do you do in your free time?

I love to watch all sports, visit with friends and family, play backyard sports, and relax.

## What teams are you watching right now?

College GameDay on Saturdays, and the NFL on Sunday and Monday nights. I am a Manchester United fan as well.

## How do you like coaching?

I am the volunteer assistant women's soccer coach at Michigan State University. I was in sales for about a year and a half after graduating from Michigan State to venture out on my own but knew

all along that my dream career was to coach soccer at the collegiate level. I finally took a leap of faith and quit my job to pursue my coaching career.

## What's something you wish you would have known in high school?

Time management. It's something I had to learn and master quickly being a D1 student-athlete. Managing your time spent with family, academics, soccer, and in the social realm was very critical for me to figure out because I knew I wanted to excel on the pitch but it

really molded me into the person I am today. I'm so thankful for that opportunity/experience because I was able to grow tremendously.

## What do you think is the biggest challenge your generation is facing right now?

Student loan debt, lack of employment opportunities — struggling between being overqualified with degrees but lack of experience, and lack of affordable housing. When put together it creates quite a challenging situation to provide for yourself.

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# Fenton Township opts in to county parks plan

■ Provides a no-cost way to demonstrate cooperative planning efforts

By Hannah Ball

**Fenton Twp.** — The Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted to opt into the Genesee County Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan.

This encourages the township to share its park and recreation plan with Genesee County Parks.

"It's just a way to merge plans together," said Thomas Broecker, Fenton Township operations manager and deputy clerk. "It doesn't give them any authority over us, it doesn't hurt our situation. They just like showing cooperative effort between communities

because the state likes those things."

In the Fenton Township resolution, the language states, "Fenton Township believes opting in to the Genesee County plan will demonstrate cooperative

## SUMMARY

■ The Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted to opt in to Genesee County Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan, which will show cooperation between communities.

June, acting director, opting in to the plan will not replace the municipalities

local parks, recreation, open space and greenway plan. "It also will not give the County Parks any authority over your parks," the letter reads. "Opting in to the County Parks plan is a no-cost way to demonstrate the type of cooperative planning efforts that the state is encouraging in several initiatives that may, ultimately, provide access to additional resources for individual communities and for the Genesee County region as a whole."

According to a letter from Genesee County Parks, Barry

local parks, recreation, open space and greenway plan.

The public can give input on county parks on the organization's website, [geneseecountyparks.org](http://geneseecountyparks.org). Residents can share opinions on facilities, programs and priorities, according to the letter.

The resolutions and action plan must be sent and received by Genesee County Parks by Oct. 24.

## WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following is what you missed in the **Wednesday, Sept. 19, Midweek Edition** of the Tri-County Times. To subscribe and receive both the Sunday Weekend and Wednesday Midweek editions, please call (810) 629-8282

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

Italian restaurants, new pub coming to downtown, tenants moving into Horizon Building.

### Area grand marshals have lasting impact

Three women will represent three local school districts in noble style when they take part in their 2018 Homecoming parades as grand marshals on Sept. 21.

### Butterflies are safe from chemicals

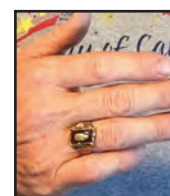
Mosquito spraying does not harm winged friends, according to APM Mosquito Control operations director for southern district.

### Board debates \$350,000 property on Thompson Road

Rejects lease offer, takes property off the market.

### Metal detector uncovers class ring lost 40 years ago in crash

Linden man returns ring to 1978 Byron High School graduate.



### A look back at 1968

Mine explosion that killed 78 men "did not have to happen."

### Our Future

Meet Joey Lamb, a Lake Fenton High School senior, drum major and jazz band member, and theatre club member.

### The Generation Gap

Vera Hogan and Hannah Ball share the names of people throughout history that they would like to have dinner with.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

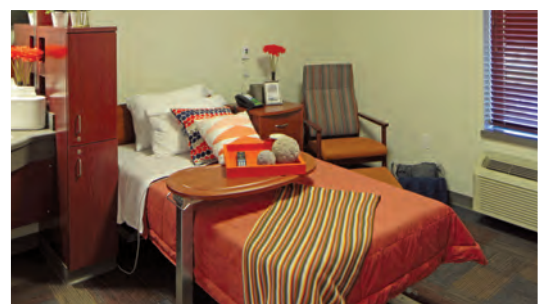
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■■■  
**THE 'ME TOO'** movement is a sham, witness the Brett Kavanaugh sexual harassment accuser choosing not to testify, because the event never happened. Relating to the 'Me Too,' accusations, men have no defense. It is a, 'he said she said,' event generally that happened a long time ago.

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Byers Wrecker Service pulls a garbage truck up from the ditch along Grange Hall Road in Holly Township on Tuesday, Sept. 18. Photo: Tim Jagielo

## Two drivers taken to hospital after crash

■ State police say one driver might have fallen asleep, drifted across center line

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Michigan State Police (MSP) troopers are investigating a Tuesday morning crash in Holly Township. The crash happened at about 7:30 a.m. on Grange Hall and Hess roads near I-75, according to state police.

A preliminary investigation showed a 2010 Chevrolet Impala traveling east on Grange Hall Road crossed the center line of the road and into the travel lane of a garbage truck, resulting in a head-

on collision. It's possible the driver fell asleep, state police said.

Both drivers were trapped in their vehicles and required extrication. The Impala's driver was taken to a hospital with serious injuries and is expected to recover, police said. The garbage truck driver sustained minor injuries.

North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) personnel treated and transported both patients to the hospital. Assisting with the crash was Groveland Township Fire Department and Holly Police Department.

Grange Hall Road was closed until approximately 2 p.m.

## HHS senior homecoming court



The Holly High School Senior Homecoming Court (from left) are Kaleb Foglesong, Megan McReynolds, Maya Varela, Bradley Tillier-Martin, Faith Lee, Joseph O'Connor, Lexie Curtis and Cade Dallwitz. Photo submitted to the Times

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## APPRENTICE

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including Mass Transportation Authority (MTA), which has a branch in Fenton.

Kim Romes, coordinator of recruitment at MTA, said the program “absolutely” helps people. They’ve partnered with MCC to find apprentices for about 20 years. Since then, they’ve had approximately 10 people in the position. Currently, they employ two mechanic apprentices.

“It helps the community, it helps MTA, it helps the employee,” she said. “It’s a way to get your foot in the door. It’s a way to get a trade and make a career for yourself.”

MTA posts the job positions they’re seeking, conduct interviews and then contact MCC to enroll the right person in the program. They also use Baker College of Owosso, which has a diesel program.

“They have a couple different roles. They’re going to school and learning the trade. We have some selected classes they have to take. They’re working 40 hours a week and getting paid. They’re assigned to a journeyman in whatever field the apprenticeship is in,” Romes said.

### Why does Michigan need skilled trade apprentices?

The Great Lakes State is set to experience a professional trades workforce gap of more than 811,000 openings through 2024, often referred to as the “skills gap,” according to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget’s Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. This means there won’t be enough workers in the information technology and computer science, health-care, manufacturing and other skilled trade labor industries. Many of these fields are high in demand and offer high wages.

Matthew Sullivan, electrician technology coordinator at MCC, said he could talk for hours about the “skills gap.”

“Our entire mission is to close it. As the baby boomers retire, it continues,” he said.

Apprentices in his classes work 40 hours a week and take one class each semester. The law requires 8,000 field hours. The industrial automation industry is expanding in southeast Michigan, and globally.

“We could probably triple our enrollment and still have our hiring partners needing more people,” he said. “There is a great demand for people within this work.”

## Apprenticeship opportunities

Those interested in an apprenticeship have dozens of opportunities.

Pure Michigan Talent Connect runs the Michigan Advanced Technician Training Program, which partners with more than 50 Michigan companies.

Apprenticeships are available through Michigan Road 2 Work for boilermakers, bricklayers and restoration workers, carpenters, cement masons and more.

For a full list of apprenticeship opportunities at MCC, go to [mcc.edu](http://mcc.edu).

MCC partners with surrounding companies in Michigan so students gain experience. Those companies include Flint-based operations like Oakley Sub Assembly, Mass Transportation Authority, Vetcon, Blevins Screw Products and more.

The program pays students while they earn credits. After finishing the apprenticeship, they can earn more money and more job opportunities, according to MCC.

Anyone can apply to join the program, and they don’t have to already be working under a licensed employer. People of all ages can take the classes. Currently, most classes are full, which Sullivan said is a reflection of the jobs available and how “hot the field is right now. The program is extremely attractive. Above all, the employers really like it.”

He said if you go through the apprenticeship program, “You will not be without work in this area of the state. The opportunities for the younger generation have never been greater.”

“Students do not have to go hundreds of thousands in debt and spend a lot of time taking classes that aren’t applicable,” he said, adding that it’s attractive to people who want to use their hands in the field.

“This is the fastest route for the workforce to gain skills and just get into the job.”

They’re working to expand apprenticeships into automation and robotics as well, and to encourage apprentices to have a cross section of skills, which makes them more marketable.

Read about Ferris State University’s welding program on page 6A.

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 Mott Community College  
 electrician technology coordinator

## KMART

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built in 1995 and has a current taxable value of \$2,442,033.

Avantini said he believes construction should be starting “pretty soon.”

In late May, it was announced that the property would be developed by K2 Construction Retail Services, Inc. and be converted into five retail spaces.

Kris Krstovski, president and founder of K2 Retail, told the Planning Commission at its May 31 meeting that leases have been signed with retailers planning to occupy some of the five spaces. They include T.J. Maxx, Petco and Five Below to name a few.

Krstovski could not be reached to confirm if any leases have been signed by additional tenants.

More than 100 new jobs are expected to be created by these additions to Silver Lake Village, Krstovski said in May.

According to Mike Reilly, building and zoning administrator for the city of Fenton, the project has received final approval from the Planning Commission.

“I am currently working on the building alteration and demolition plans for construction permitting,” Reilly said.

“They did purchase the property and once that happens, things move along fairly quickly,” Avantini said.



## SUGAR

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Drinking that daily 12-ounce can of Coke adds 39 grams of sugar (9 and 1/3 teaspoons) and 140 “empty” calories to your nutritional tally, often resulting in extra belly fat, according to research reported to NBC News.

People who drank the most sugary drinks gained 27 percent more of this “visceral fat,” the fat that wraps around the internal organs, compared to people who never or almost never drank them.

More and more research shows the dangerous health affects of eating or drinking too much added sugar.

The M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas explains that eating sugar doesn't necessarily lead to cancer; it's what sugar does to a person's waistline that can lead to cancer. Taking in too many calories from sugar may result in weight gain, and being overweight or obese puts a person at higher risk for cancer and other diseases.

While a body's cells use sugar to keep vital organs functioning, too much daily sugar can cause weight gain. Unhealthy weight gain and a lack of exercise can increase your cancer risks.

### How much sugar is safe to eat?

Women should have no more than six teaspoons of added sugar per day (25 grams, or about 100 calories) and men should have no more than nine teaspoons per day (37 grams, or about 150 calories).

Pop is one of the major sources of added sugar, plus candy, baked goods, fruit drinks, dairy desserts, cereals and many other products like pasta sauce, salad dressings and other canned and processed foods.

Will you lose weight when you stop drinking pop? If you replace a daily 20-ounce bottle of Coke with water, you reduce your annual calorie intake by 87,600 calories, resulting in a 25-pound weight loss.

You also might enjoy other health benefits, including better sleep, better dental health, reduced risk of type 2 diabetes, improved heart health and/or blood pressure, decreased risk of osteoporosis and decreased anxiety or nervousness, according to Verywellfit.com.

# Kicking the Diet Coke habit

■ ‘It has been easier than I thought, because my motivation is my own health’

By Sally Rummel

I started my Diet Coke habit in the early '70s by drinking multiple cans of Tab every day. Remember that hot pink can with light pink stripes? It was every teen girl's favorite drink of choice in high school.

Admittedly, the stuff tasted awful even then, but I grew to love it, then moved on to Diet Coke when the Coca-Cola Company introduced it in the 1980s.

I've been drinking Diet Coke daily since then. It kept me company at my work-from-home computer every day and was my constant companion. On a road trip, it sat next to me in the car console, just waiting for me to open and take that first delicious swallow. Sometimes I'd even take a swig in the evening, just because I could.

You can ask anybody at the Times about my Diet Coke habit because they loved to tease me about it, knowing I drank it a lot when I'd get stressed by deadlines.

That all changed two weeks ago when I decided to quit my Diet Coke habit for good. Now two weeks doesn't sound like a very long track record, but I can tell you for sure, without a doubt, that I'm done with Diet Coke.

Why? Because I've always known it's bad for me, and I'm now at the age that I want my habits to be good ones, not bad ones.

While I miss that constant “friend” by my side at my desk, now it's water I'm drinking, sometimes the sparkling kind like La Croix or Bubbly, or iced green tea fresh brewed with Celestial Seasonings fruit “zinger” flavors.

What I don't miss is the constant

cravings for sweets that Diet Coke gave me every day. It's much easier to lose weight when you're not downing cookies or brownies. Food now tastes “sweeter” on its own, without the slosh of Diet Coke.

Diet Coke and other diet beverages have been linked to a variety of serious health issues, from increased risk of heart disease and stroke to type 2 diabetes, low bone density, tooth erosion and more. Having been diagnosed with some minor heart issues this year, I take this health risk very personally.

You think it is helping you lose weight and keep calories under control, when actually, it does the exact opposite, by causing cravings you wouldn't likely have if you weren't drinking it.

It also justifies many a dieter into thinking they can have that cheeseburger and fries because they're saving calories with a Diet Coke. How's that for delusional, dangerous thinking?

For me, I'm not looking back, only ahead and I'm already enjoying my Diet Coke-less journey. It has been easier than I thought, because my motivation is my own health. If you'd like to join me, just give away or throw away your own stash of Diet Coke and start finding your own new beverages of choice.



Sally Rummel

“For me, I'm not looking back, only ahead and I'm already enjoying my Diet Coke-less journey.”

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## 911 SURCHARGE

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Since the ballot question was approved, the per-device fee went up from \$1.24 to \$1.86, which was expected to generate \$2.6 million for county 9-1-1 operations.

But Fenton City is the only municipality in Genesee County with its own 9-1-1 dispatch center separate from the Genesee County 9-1-1 Consortium.

After the vote, Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater thanked voters and said, "We strive to provide the citizens of Fenton with the highest level of service possible. With this increase, the city of Fenton will also see an increase to our share of the 9-1-1 surcharge monies. This additional revenue will assist us in maintaining technology, which will aid emergency personnel in the efficient and prompt response in your time of need, now and in the future."

With the May 2, 2017 successful vote, collection of the additional funds began in November 2017.

The city of Fenton is receiving the money from the surcharge minus 20 percent that the county is keeping and re-appropriating to the county's 9-1-1 consortium.

The matter of Fenton's surcharge funds was discussed three times in 2017 by the 9-1-1 Consortium's Executive Board, according to the board's Aug. 14, 2018 meeting minutes.

According to Director Spring Tremaine of the Genesee County 9-1-1 administration, "It was discussed that the 9-1-1 plan is outdated and needs to be updated to reflect Flint and Fenton, if agreed."



Dispatchers Laura Donofrio (right) and Supervisor Samantha Sturgis deal with a 911 hang up on Thursday, Sept. 20. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Consortium attorney Lyndon Lattie said Flint abandoned its PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) in favor of the county taking over its operation. It was not necessary to change the plan for that instance, however, if the 9-1-1 plan was opened, the Flint change would be something to add.

When it came to discussing Fenton's surcharge, Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland, who was present at the August meeting, said he isn't sure what Fenton is getting for the 20 percent the county removes from Fenton's surcharge distribution and returning it back to the consortium.

Lattie explained that the Genesee County Board of Commissioners wanted

all of the county to be under the central dispatch. Fenton and Grand Blanc initially stayed out of the contract, but Grand Blanc decided to join later.

Lattie's opinion was that the Board of Commissioners wanted to convince the other jurisdictions to be under one authority.

Markland said that basically, a penalty was imposed on the city of Fenton, the 20 percent, for not joining the consortium.

When 9-1-1 dispatch was turned over to the consortium and no longer under the control of the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, the 9-1-1 Consortium did not initially trust the Board of Commissioners, according to the August minutes. As a result, the consortium insisted that a contract be adopted by 30 agencies. That meant if the contract were to be changed, each municipality would need to amend and adopt it.

Markland said the city's concern was that it never agreed to the 20-percent penalty that was levied. Lattie said it was allowed by the 9-1-1 Enabling Act, but the act does not dictate that all municipalities must join the consortium. He said Fenton City does not believe the county had the authority to give away 20 percent of its money.

The 9-1-1 Consortium's Executive Board agreed but needed to figure out a way to fix it. Lattie said in order to fix it, the Board of Commissioners would need to make a motion.

Fenton wants 20 percent of the revenue returned from the 2018 second quarter forward, which equates to about \$8,000 per quarter, or approximately \$32,000 per year. A motion was made by the 9-1-1

Consortium Executive Board to recommend to the Genesee County Board of Commissioners that they eliminate the 20 percent of Fenton surcharge revenue that currently goes to the Genesee County Dispatch Authority, and give it back to Fenton. The motion passed 9 to 1 with two members abstaining.

The matter was discussed at the Sept. 17 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Drew Shapiro (District 6) made the motion to eliminate removing 20 percent from Fenton's surcharge and give back to Fenton monies paid from the second quarter of this year forward.

The motion failed with commissioners voting instead to delay the matter until December, another 90 days, presumably, until the new corporate counsel for the county has a chance to review the matter.

When asked how the 9-1-1 Consortium justifies receiving those funds from the city of Fenton, Tremaine said, "We are following what the contract agreement, the 9-1-1 plan calls for, and that is what Genesee County, the fiduciary is following."

"That document was created many years ago and as director I can't justify those funds coming into 9-1-1," she said.

"We are not performing a service for them (Fenton City) to receive that money. Normally when money is received, a service should be provided and we're not providing a service."

Shapiro said, "As commissioner I have fought to rectify this travesty for two years. It is sad that although the city of Fenton, the 9-1-1 director and attorney urged my fellow commissioners to support my motion it still failed. I am concerned that the lack of action by my board will lead to more taxpayer dollars unnecessarily wasted on lawsuits in Genesee County."

Markland said, "There is no justification for the consortium getting our money."

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**Spring Tremaine**

*Genesee County 911 Consortium director*



Fenton Dispatch Supervisor Samantha Sturgis handles an administrative call Thursday. Photo: Tim Jagielo

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## Crock pot meals are easy and delicious

■ Get your slow cooker ready now for hearty meals later

By Vera Hogan

With fall and cooler temperatures now upon us, savvy cooks may want to spend a little time making sure their kitchen “must have,” the slow cooker/crock pot, is ready to go.

There is nothing like the aroma of a crock pot roast, soup or stew when you come home from work on a cool fall day. The beauty of crock pot cooking is that you can put it all together the night before, or in the morning (it doesn't take that long), plug it in before you go to work and eight hours later — voila, a delicious meal.

If you had your own vegetable garden this year, or frequented some of the many local farmers markets, you'll likely have plenty of fresh produce to accent your crock pot meals. Just toss in the greens, some tomatoes, onions, potatoes and more to cook along with your meat and the resulting dish will make your mouth water. And, it's healthy.

Sliced zucchini and squash are excellent additions to any crock pot meal.

Before you get started though, here are some tips from eatingwell.com to keep in mind when using your slow cooker or crock pot:

### 1. Use the right size

Slow cookers are available in a range of sizes, from 1 quart to 8 1/2 quarts. Use the size cooker recommended in each recipe. This helps ensure that the slow cooker isn't overflowing or under-filled, so that your meal can cook properly.

### 2. Don't overfill your slow cooker

To make sure your meal is finished in the time listed on your recipe, and to avoid potential food-safety hazards, don't overfill your slow cooker. Most manufacturers recommend filling them no more than two-thirds full, but it differs among brands, so check your owner's manual.

### 3. Keep a lid on it

Resist the urge to take off the lid and peek at your meal. Opening the crock pot lets heat escape and slows cooking. Only open it 30 to 45 minutes before the low end of the cooking range to check doneness.

### 4. Plan your meals ahead

If you want to turn your crock pot

slow cooker on first thing in the morning, a little planning goes a long way. The night before, cut and trim any meat, chop any vegetables, measure out dry ingredients and prepare any sauce; refrigerate the components in separate containers. (Do not refrigerate components in the slow-cooker insert; a cold insert takes too long to heat up and affects cooking time and food safety.) In the morning, add ingredients to the cooker according to the recipe and re-heat any sauce to a simmer before adding. If you won't be home close to the end of the cooking time, make sure you have a slow cooker that can switch to the warm setting when cooking is done.

### 5. Maximize flavor

If you're in a hurry or really prefer to just dump your ingredients in the crock pot and go, then you can skip this tip. But if you have a little extra time, brown the meat and/or vegetables in a skillet before adding it to the crock pot. Then “deglaze” the pan with your liquid to get all the brown, caramelized bits from the sauté pan into the cooker. You'll end up with a richer flavor that can't be achieved by slow-cooking alone.

### 6. Keep temperature in mind

A crock pot is certainly convenient, but if not used correctly there is the potential for food-safety hazards. Temperatures between 40 and 140 degrees F, fall into the so-called “Danger Zone,” since bacteria thrive in these temperatures. When using a slow cooker be sure to take precautions that keep food from being in the Danger Zone for too long. To avoid the Danger Zone, never add frozen ingredients to your cooker, refrigerate any ingredients you've prepped ahead in separate storage containers and bring liquids to a simmer if you're cooking on low before adding them to your cooker to give the heating process a jump-start.

### 7. Make sure you have the best slow cooker/crock pot

You may have a 20-year-old slow cooker that still works great, but it's probably a basic cooker for which you need to time your cooking manually and then be there to turn it off. A programmable slow cooker cooks your meal for a predetermined time and then switches to a setting that keeps the food at a safe temperature until you're ready to eat.

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## WEATHER

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wardrobes in preparation of the colder temperatures. Here's what weather to expect for the rest of September and fall in the tri-county area.

### September

According to The Weather Channel, Michiganders can expect near or slightly above average temperatures for the rest of September.

"Strong historical correlations between August and September, along with climate model trends, suggest another warm month in September, especially across the northern U.S.,"

said Dr. Todd Crawford, chief meteorologist with The Weather Channel.

The 2017 fall season was the 10th warmest fall across the contiguous U.S. However, 2017 saw warmer temperatures in the Northeast and Southwest, while the 2018 warmer temperatures are expected in the Northwest for the rest of September.

### El Niño

The Weather Channel also attributes the warmer temperatures this September to El Niño. There's a 60-percent chance that El Niño will develop this fall, which describes changes in the Pacific region where the sea surface temperatures rise to above-normal levels for an extended period of time. A weak El Niño could

### SUMMARY

■ The old Farmer's Almanac predicts October will have above average temperatures.

**The weather will "flip" from September to October, according to The Weather Channel.**

produce a cooler than normal fall and winter, and a strong one will bring a warmer seasons.

### October

The Farmer's Almanac predicts October will have an average temperature of 54 degrees Fahrenheit, which is 2.5 degrees above average. It also predicts that precipitation will be slightly below average, and the month will see a variety of thunderstorms, rain and snow showers at the end of the month.

### November

Southeast Michigan is expected to see near or slightly above average conditions

as fall is pushed out and winter begins. The El Niño conditions may also cause a milder November and December, according to The Weather Channel.

### The Old Farmer's Almanac

The Old Farmer's Almanac predicts above-normal temperatures almost everywhere in the U.S., except in the Southwest, where it expects colder-than-normal conditions for the 2018-2019 winter.

"It's still going to be wintery, of course, but it won't be an especially frigid year. Our milder-than-normal forecast is due to the expected arrival of a weak El Niño, which will prevent cold air masses from lingering in the North," according to the Almanac.

The Almanac also predicts above-normal levels of precipitation in the Northeast, but below normal levels of snowfall.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE HOMECOMING QUEEN thing is part of the socialistic/liberal indoctrination of our children. 'No one person prettier, or richer.' If you work harder than the others and have more they want some of it. 'We all should get the same,' they say. BS.

SAW THAT COMING. True to form, Democrats wait to the very last second to accuse Kavanaugh of sexual harassment.

TRUMP'S LAMENT. LET old acquaintance be forgot, as I cover my behind, for Manafort has begun to talk and his words will not be kind.

TO WHOEVER TOOK the Merry Go Round down and redid it at Bush Park, it looks great. Thanks for doing that. From a local family that uses Bush Park.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### THE STATE BANK WELCOMES ASIA MAEDER AS NEW MORTGAGE PROCESSING MANAGER

The State Bank is proud to welcome Asia Maeder as its newest mortgage processing manager. Maeder will be responsible for managing the workflow of the residential mortgage processors to ensure timely and accurate processing of mortgage applications. Maeder has worked in mortgage processing for more than 15 years, and brings an extensive amount of experience with her in all facets of residential mortgages, from home equity loans and primary residence loans, to secondary homes and investment transactions. Most recently, she held an underwriter position at Citimortgage, Inc., in southeast Michigan. Maeder has a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, and years of experience in sales, lending and management. "I'm very excited to be working with The State Bank as they support local residents and businesses. The mortgage team is exceptional and delivers results for not only the bank, but more importantly for the customers who have come to trust The State Bank." Craig Johnson, senior vice president at The State Bank, said, "We are very pleased to have Asia join The State Bank team. Her extensive background in the entire mortgage process will help the bank continue to expand our level of service to our customers and referral partners."





The Oakland County Road Commission oils the new gravel Wednesday, Sept. 19. The road will be graded a few times before complete. Photo: Tim Jagielo

## ROADS

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gravel, spreading it, spraying it with oil, and repeatedly grading it into an almost concrete-like firmness, with a crown on top to properly drain water.

"We haven't put gravel on our roads in 20 years," said Supervisor George Kullis. "That area there was so bad."

This leg of the project will include Tinsman, Kurtz and Addis roads. Over a period of three years, gravel roads north of Grange Hall Road and west of North Holly Road will receive 3 to 4 inches of gravel.

The project will cost \$250,000 overall, and will be split between the township general fund, Oakland County, and road commission funds. Holly Township's portion will be approximately \$88,000, due to extra work completed prior to this part of the project.

Kullis said he decided which roads to re-do after touring them with the OCRC. In 2018, the OCRC will be re-graveling Tinsman, Kurtz and Addis roads. In 2019, County Line, Gage and Grundyke roads will be repaired, in addition to Belford Road between Halsey and Gage roads. In 2020, the OCRC will re-gravel Mitchell, Elliot and Fish Lake roads.

After three years, the road commission will have dumped 300,000 tons of gravel.

Technically, the project started in some spots last



Road commission operators work in tandem on Tinsman Road on Wednesday. Photo: Tim Jagielo

year that Kullis said were "like driving into a sand pit." Other parts of the roads were worn down to clay, which became slick after the rain. Dirt from nearby lawns had to be used to build a crown for drainage.

With new gravel, it will drain properly, and potholes and ruts will be easier to repair, Kullis said.

Kullis also will be meeting with local subdivision groups for their paved neighborhoods, to discuss street repairs and possible programs to help pay for it.

**"We haven't put gravel on our roads in 20 years."**

**George Kullis**  
Holly Township supervisor

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## HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE PERSON in the Wednesday paper who says the Democrats have good ideas. Please elaborate on this one. If you are talking about making the tax cuts go away and taking back as much as possible that the America people have received from our current President, I personally do not think these are good ideas. I enjoy the extra money in my pocket and so do the people where I spend it. You are right about one thing; November is coming and so is the red tsunami.

WHAT IS THE difference between the 'Salem Witch Trial,' and the 'Me Too?'

I'M AN INDEPENDENT. I have voted both ways. I'm 63 years old. I cannot understand anybody who cheats on his first wife with his second wife, then cheats on his second wife with his third wife, then with a porn star and a Playboy bunny can be trusted to be president. I would still take a bullet for Trump, but only if he is president.

ON VETERANS AND Memorial Day, don't fly American flags, it's not what veterans fought and died for. Really? My father fought in WWII and was very proud of the American flag. What do they give widows and children of veterans who pass away? It's not a copy of the Constitution.

I AGREE WITH some of Foster Childs Wednesday rant, however, adding quick fixer with sound bite intelligence to 'to silver spoon adults throwing tantrums' would be more accurate especially for those claiming one election changed our economy in just 22 months.

THERE IS AN industry that profits off our unfounded fears. We are willing to pay a whole lot more for cars and appliances to save a little bit of money on something that doesn't last near as long. That's the green movement in a nutshell.

YEAH, TRUMP'S MANNER and unfiltered commentary can be abrasive. However, his offense pales in comparison to the unhinged, irrational hysteria plaguing the Democrat Party.

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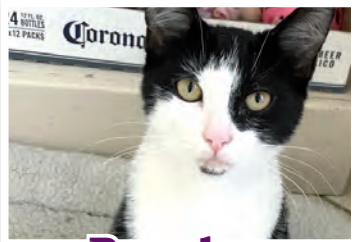


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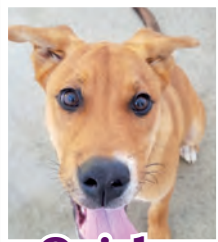


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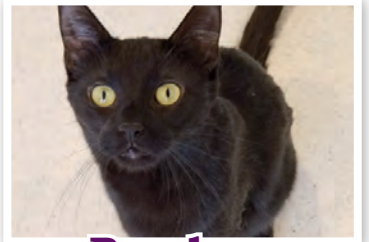


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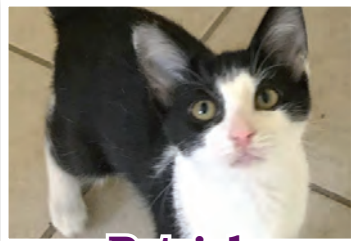


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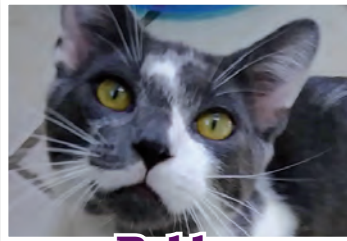


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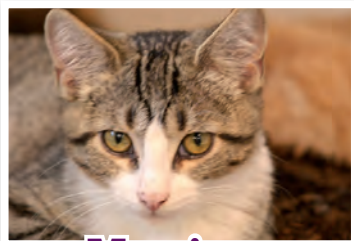


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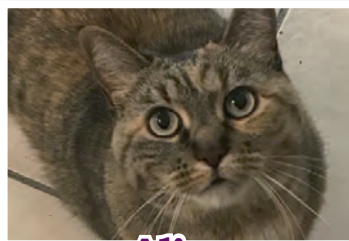


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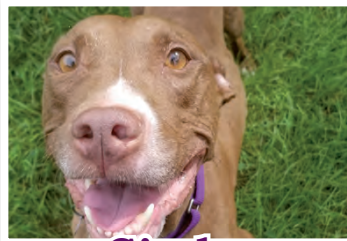


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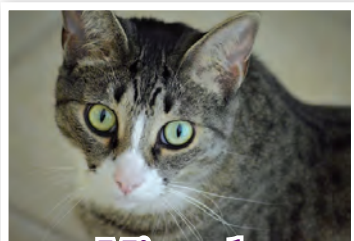


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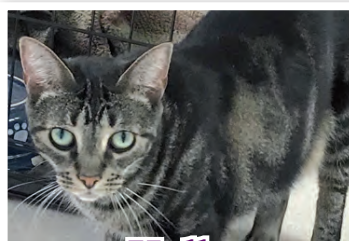


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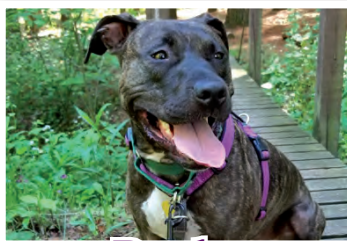


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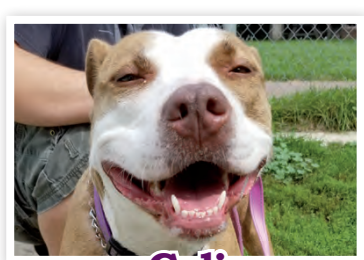

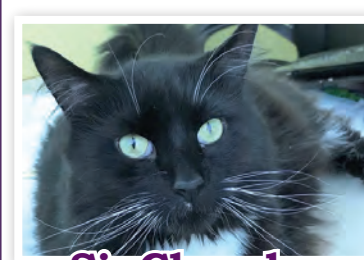

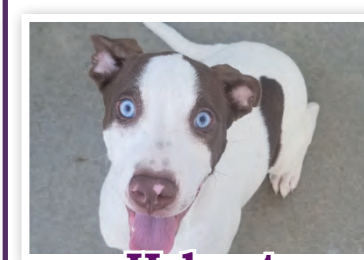

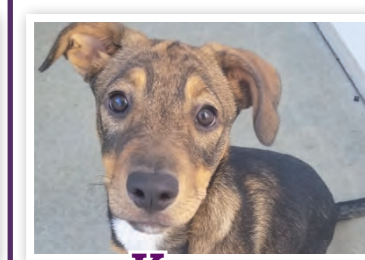

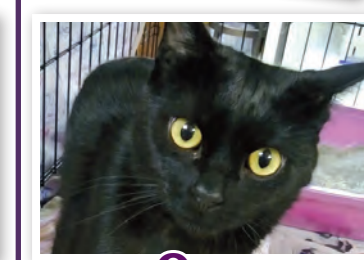



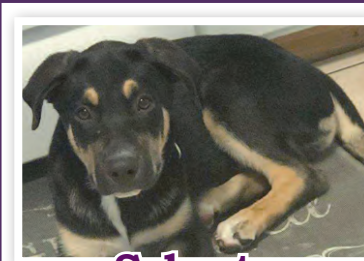



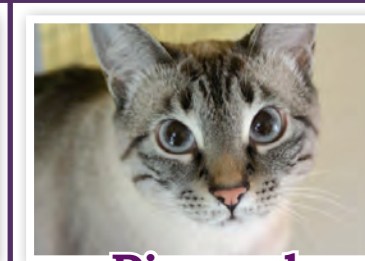

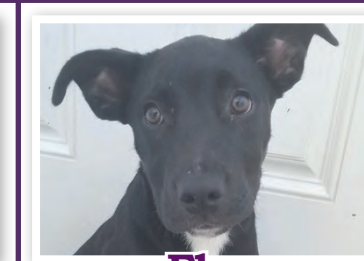

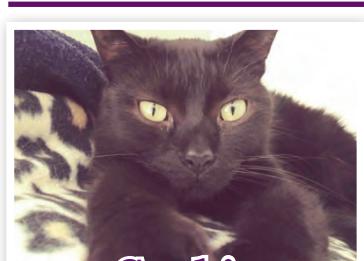

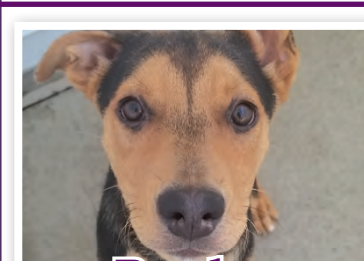


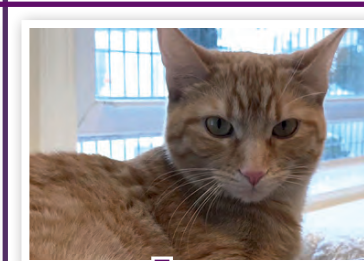

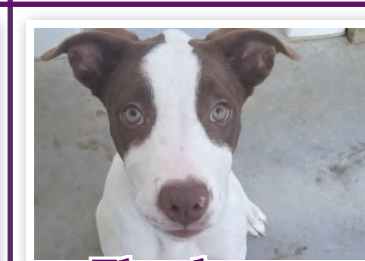

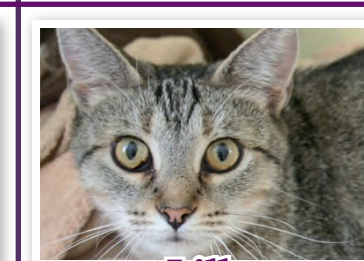

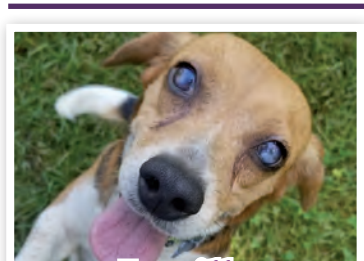

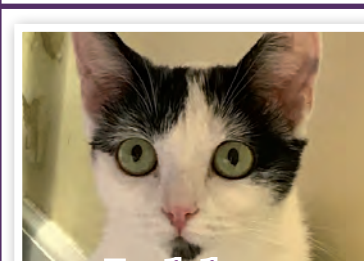

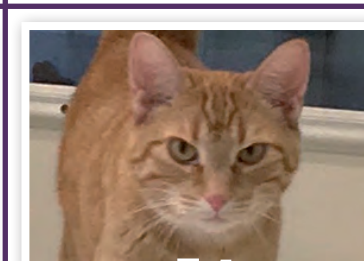

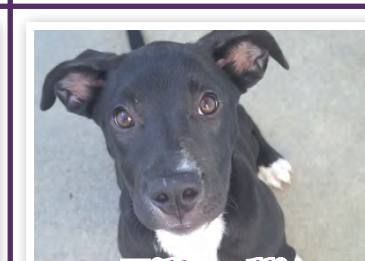

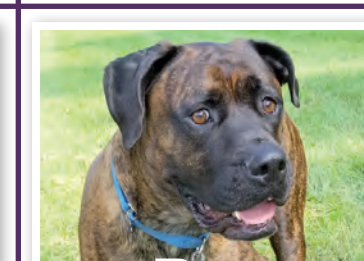

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# Eagles' offense soars vs. Kearsley, 8-0

By David Troppens

Two days after losing a tight 2-1 contest against Fenton, the Linden varsity boys soccer team apparently were looking for some revenge against Kearsley.

The Eagles found it, crushing Kearsley 8-0 in a Metro League contest Wednesday.

The win keeps Linden's title chances alive for the time being. They are

in second place, but first-place Fenton tied Clio 1-1 and are now just one point behind the Tigers. However, they'll need help to catch them since the Eagles already played Fenton in Metro action.

The Eagles (4-1-0 in the Metro and 10-4-2 overall) started with two goals in the first half, but then scored six goals in the second half.

Jarrod Buswell and

Aiden Miller had two goals while Alex Smith, Shane Mong, Koby Hall and Jacob Welch had a goal each. Ryan Gillespie, Smith, Welch, Hall and Lewis Walterhouse III had an assist each.

Linden varsity soccer coach Kevin Fiebertz named Smith the team's offensive player of the game while Walterhouse won defensive honors.

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Linden's Jacob Welch

## Sports Times

# Tigers remain atop Metro, beat Linden

By David Troppens

**Fenton** — Today's sports world has new words or phrases than it had 20 or even just 10 years ago.

When teams talk about success they talk about family, love and brotherhood versus the Xs and Os. If a team plays for each other, they'll argue, teams play better regardless of the talent.

The Fenton varsity volleyball team and senior Delaney Meisch believes in that theory.

Early this season the Fenton varsity volleyball team was struggling. The squad was learning about each other and still had to create those family bonds. Now, those bonds are there and the Tigers are a much better team than they were a month ago.

Fenton put on a strong offensive display earning a 28-26, 25-14, 25-19 road victory

against a Linden Eagles squad that showed it's season-long tendency of up-and-down play during the match.

"Yeah, that's how it was last year too," Meisch said about the team's early season slow start. "But then we pulled it together. We have to get back into it and become familiar with each other. Even though we are returning players, there are always new people, too, so we have to get the chemistry back.

"We are having fun and we are always bringing each other up now. At the beginning of the season, we weren't so close and that's why we were doing back. Now we are a month into the season and all of us are really good friends and we all support one another. That helps."

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Linden's Jordan Moros and Fenton's Delaney Meisch battle at the net during the Tigers' three-set sweep of Linden. Photo: David Troppens



Lake Fenton's Sophia Clements had 27 kills in the Blue Devils' four-set loss to Swartz Creek on Thursday. Photo: Mark Bolen

## Devils fall a little short vs. Swartz Creek Dragons

By David Troppens

**Lake Fenton** — Lake Fenton's varsity volleyball team's match against the Swartz Creek Dragons was filled with a lot of "what could've been moments."

What could've happened if the Blue Devils didn't have a service error on set point in the third set against the Dragons? What if the Blue Devils didn't have a few communication lapses on a handful of Swartz Creek free balls that ended up falling on their side of the court for Dragons' points? What could've happened in the fourth set if the Blue Devils didn't have four service reception errors, helping the Dragons sneak by the Blue Devils?

Even with the "what if" moments, the Blue Devils look like an improved product against the Swartz Creek Dragons.

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Caitlyn Dailey won the 50 freestyle in Fenton's win against Brandon.

Photo: David Troppens

## Young Fenton swimmers perform well vs. Brandon

By David Troppens

With Fenton's talented varsity girls swimming and diving squad, the Tigers have plenty of options when Metro League dual meets hit the schedule.

"For us the Brandon meet was a great opportunity to let our young kids get an opportunity," Fenton varsity swim coach Brad Jones said. "Our schedule gets in-

stantly tougher the next couple of weeks, so they won't have those chances. When we competed against Brandon, it gives them those chances."

The young Tigers thrived, defeating Brandon 150-34. The Tigers finished all but one of the nine individual events by sweeping the top three positions. They did the same thing in all three relays, with the

only difference being in relays, only the top two squads for each school are able to score. Two individuals won both of their individual events. Halee Alexander did it in the 200 individual medley (2:29.01) and the 100 butterfly (1:09.96) while Abigail Dolliver did the same in the 100 freestyle (58.94) and the 100 breaststroke (1:14.66).

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# Golfers enjoyed being back at Warwick Hills

By David Troppens

It was like old times for many of the golfers who competed at The Ally Challenge during the PGA Champions Tour's stop at Warwick Hills a week ago. Virtually the entire field played at Warwick Hills when the PGA Tour hosted the Buick Open, a tradition that ended in 2009 when Tiger Woods won the last event. But now professional golf is back at Warwick Hills, and the Champions Tour players seem pretty excited about it. "Oh, everybody's excited," said one of Warwick Hills' greatest fan favorites John Daly. "All the guys on this tour are so excited we're here. We just love it. It's great fans, great people. ... Everybody just loves coming out here to watch golf here. It's crazy. I love it." "I just stepped foot on the property today and it looks like it's in a time warp. It looked like nothing's changed," Kenny Perry said. "Everything looks the same."

Ten of the competitors in the 54-hole tournament which ran from Friday through Sunday were champions during the Buick Open era, with Vijay Singh being a three-time winner (1997, 2004, 05) and Kenny Perry being a two-time winner (2001, 2008). So a lot of the competitors had great memories of Warwick Hills before the tournament even started. "I love this golf course," said 1994 Buick Open winner Fred Couples. "It's got big greens. ... I think some people enjoy places by how they play and I'm one of those guys." "They told me that we were coming back and they wanted me to play and I said, 'sure.'" Singh said. "It's been a good golf tournament for me, good golf course for me. The fans are really good here. They seem to all remember who played here. They pretty much remember me, so it's nice to come where people recognize you."

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Vijay Singh was one of many golfers who enjoyed being back at Warwick Hills for The Ally Challenge. Photo: David Troppens

# Fenton golfers finish second at county meet

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls golf team has posted several strong showings at tournaments this fall. The Tigers had another one on Monday. Fenton finished second at the Genesee County Tournament at the Flint Elks Club with a team score of 345, five strokes more than Flint Powers' winning score of 340. Linden also competed, taking 10th in the 12-team tournament. The Tigers had the tournament medalist, Charlotte Cunaud. Cunaud continued her outstanding season by shooting a 70, eight strokes better than anyone else in the field. Powers golfers Maggie Knight and Jolie Brochu each tied for second with 78s and those were the only other players to card under an 80. The Tigers were one of four teams to get all of their golfers to post a score less than 100. Brook Herbstreit was Fenton's second-best scorer, carding an 85. Lily Horning had a 92 while Olivia Herbert shot a 98.

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# Tigers draw with Mustangs, remain in first place in Metro League

By David Troppens

Soccer is a funny game at times. Teams can pound a goal with shot after shot and just never get rewarded, maybe resulting in a draw or a loss in a game they dominated everywhere else on the stat sheet. The Fenton varsity boys soccer team had

one of those games on Wednesday against a Metro League foe. Fenton outclassed the Mustangs with its possession and its scoring chances, but couldn't outclass them on the scoreboard. In fact, the two teams were even in that respect as the Tigers earned a 1-1 tie.

The draw means the Tigers are still in first place, but the gap between them and the rest of the Flint Metro League is tighter. In order to win the Metro title outright, the Tigers (4-0-1 in the Metro) must win each of their final three league contests.

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# Holly swim continue to improve

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity girls swim team is working on building its program. So considering the squad was taking on the team that finished second in the Metro League a year ago (Owosso), the Bronchos know earning a victory on Tuesday would be a tough task. Holly didn't win, but the Bronchos had their share of solid performances in the 123-55 loss to Owosso. Holly did earn one first. Becca Costigan earned it in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:23.60, winning the event by more than four seconds. It was the first time this season she's competed in the

100 breaststroke. Costigan also took a third in the 200 individual medley (2:57.70). The Bronchos had two girls earn an individual second and an individual third. One of them was freshman Ella Althavary. She competed in the 500 freestyle for the first time and took second with a time of 6:52.03. She finished second by a matter of just .17 seconds. She also took third in the 100 backstroke (1:24.36). "She's a freshman with a lot of promise," Holly varsity girls swim coach Rachel Gardner said.

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### VOLLEYBALL

**Fenton at Bedford Tournament:** The Tigers went 4-2 overall and lost in the semifinals of the Bedford Tournament to Novi. Fenton had wins against Airport, Monroe, North Adams-Jerome and Ida. Both losses were against Novi. The semifinal match score was a tight one with Novi winning by a 22-25, 25-14, 16-14 score.

**BOYS TENNIS**

**Fenton 7, Owosso 1:** In what appears to be the most open Metro League race in boys tennis in a long time, the Tigers remained in the hunt for the title with a strong victory against Owosso. Fenton won all four doubles matches. The winning doubles flights were Trevor Bloss and Jack Gundry (No.1), Bradley Trecha and Ethan Guitzeit (No. 2), Tymec and Garrett Bloss (No. 3) and Sheldon Hand and Tom Lockwood (No.4). Gabe Hand continued his strong season by beating Wyatt Leland 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1 singles. Other Fenton singles winners were Nate Dymond (No. 3) and Mitchell Scheer (No. 4).

**GIRLS GOLF**

**Holly def. Clío:** The Lady Mustangs only had three golfers so the Bronchos won by forfeit. Kate Brown led Holly with a


49 while Ella Lonsbury had a 53.



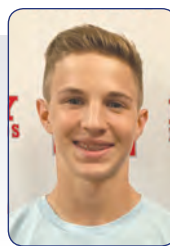





**Linden 210, Brandon 233:** The Eagles recorded their first victory of the Metro League season at Goodrich Country Club. "We have the youngest team in the state of Michigan so any win shows that there is improvement happening," Linden varsity girls golf coach Jon Hamilton said. "Each athlete has been getting their work in during practice and individually working on the things they need to in order to play decent golf in competition. I'm really happy that they were able to experience a victory." Ella LaMonthe led the Eagles with a career-low 50. Hannah Baldwin shot a 52 while Kaitlyn Straub and Emma Lurvey each carded 54s, their lowest nine-hole scores.

**BOYS SOCCER**

**Goodrich 5, Lake Fenton 0:** The Blue Devils (3-5-0) had to deal with limited numbers and lost to Goodrich. "We had one guy drop out who is playing football and another one quit, so we are trying to find ourselves," Lake Fenton varsity boys soccer coach Sam Jawhari said. "We played them well for about 30 minutes of the first half and then in the last 10 minutes they scored two on us. We were getting tired."

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