

# Food stamp recipients must meet new work requirements

■ More rigorous guidelines could help prevent fraud

By Hannah Ball

Starting Monday, Oct. 1, all able-bodied adults in Michigan who receive food stamp assistance will have to meet work requirements to be eligible for the benefits.

Changes to Michigan's Food Assistance Program started in 2017, slated to go in effect statewide this month. According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), an able-bodied adult describes someone who is between the ages of 18 to 49 and does not have a disability or dependents.

Michigan had these require-

ments since 2002, but the state received a federal waiver due to the high unemployment rates and the poor economy. Because of the now improved economy, certain Michigan counties are no longer eligible for the federal waiver and the requirements are being reinstated. The MDHHS started phasing in these requirements in various phases in January 2017.

See **FOOD STAMP** on 15A

## SUMMARY

■ Those receiving help from Michigan's Food Assistance Program will have to adhere to reinstated federal rules requiring them to work, train for a job, or do community service.





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David Lossing (D-Linden) canvasses with Dan Harrell in Fenton Township on Wednesday, Oct. 3. Photo: Tim Jagielo

## What it takes to be the next Michigan rep

■ Countless hours, thousands of dollars and sacrificing family time to win a seat

By Tim Jagielo

**Atlas Twp.** — Mike Mueller took the day off work to focus on his campaign. On Thursday, he was out near Davison, while a helper canvassed in Holly Township.

On Burleigh Road, he knocked on most of the doors, and spoke with about 20 percent of the residents. "I don't know how many times I've heard, 'you're the first one who's come to my door,'" said Mueller, 44.

Mueller (R-Fenton Township) is running against David

See **CAMPAIGN TRAIL** on 9A



Mike Mueller (R-Fenton Township) knocks on doors in Atlas Township on Thursday, Oct. 4. Photo: Tim Jagielo

## Rose Township under federal investigation


■ EEOC to investigate circumstances of constable's departure

By Vera Hogan

The EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) has agreed to investigate the circumstances surrounding the termination of former Constable Emile Bair's employment.

In May, Bair's wife Katherine said she filed a complaint with the EEOC regarding the actions involving township

See **CONSTABLE** on 13A



Emile Bair

## Drug courts save county money and reduce crime

■ Specialty courts address underlying issues for why some people commit crimes

By Hannah Ball

Genesee County has multiple specialty courts designed to address the actual reason a person has to stand before a judge because they are charged with committing a crime. For adults who steal to feed a drug addiction, they could appear before Judge Mark Latchana in Adult Felony Drug Court.

Susan Johnson, drug court supervisor, said, "We have found that those who graduate

See **DRUG COURTS** on 12A



## Are you registered to vote?

■ Tuesday is deadline to vote in November election

By Hannah Ball

The last day to register to vote in the November midterm election is Tuesday, Oct. 9.

If you're unsure if you're registered, search for the Michigan Voter Information Center online and enter your information.

Here's how to register to vote: Obtain a voter registration form from your municipal clerk and complete it by providing the information requested. Turn it

See **REGISTERED** on 17A




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“Good lord, voters. Stop electing the same do-nothing politicians year after year. Nothing will change until we make it change. Use your brain, not your memory.”



**COMMENT OF THE WEEK**

“Every election is really just a sort of advance auction sale of stolen goods. It has always been that way, and always will be that way.”





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‘Wolf man’ of Holly identified

Rose Township resident charged with misdemeanor for scaring students at bus stop

By Hannah Ball

The 50-year-old man wearing a wolf mask, who scared Holly Area Schools students waiting at a bus stop on Tuesday, Sept. 11 has been identified as Dennis Mickevicius.

Mickevicius was arraigned Tuesday, Oct. 2 in 52-2 District Court in Oakland County on one count of disorderly person, which is a misdemeanor.

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

Michael Story  
Holly police chief

The Rose Township man reportedly was driving a pickup truck near a bus stop where students were present, and tried to make contact with them. He reportedly put on a wolf mask and began howling and drove away. No students were harmed.

Immediately after the incident, Holly Area Schools Superintendent Scott Roper sent a letter to parents informing them what the school had learned.

In the letter, Roper said at about 6:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 11, a man driving a pickup truck approached students at the bus stop and tried to make contact with them. The man

See ‘WOLF MAN’ on 17A



(Above) An entire room of the Star Wars exhibit was dedicated to droids C3PO, R2D2 and BB-8. While one C3PO is on display, another is disassembled in a dome for closer inspection. Details on how the actors interacted with their droid costumes was also displayed. (Left) Master Yoda is the final feature of the exhibit.

THE FORCE IS STRONG WITH  
STAR WARS  
COSTUMES

DIA exhibit brought fantasy into reality

By Tim Jagielo

Detroit — At the end of the exhibit, Yoda is the star.

The actual puppet from “Return of The Jedi” film sits before a backdrop of jungle flora from his home planet of Dagobah and nearly everyone

stopped to take photos and listen to a media presentation about the smallest, oldest Jedi, on Friday, Sept. 28.

Childhood heroes collided with reality for adults and children alike for the last Friday of the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) special exhibit, “Star Wars and the Power of Costume.” The exhibit ran from May until the end of

See STAR WARS on 11A

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## Andrew Heller

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# Come *Heller* high water...

• **Reporters lately** are in love with the term “gaslighting.” And yet how many people know what it means? Not many, I’ll bet. I didn’t. I knew it meant something not good because it’s usually used in reference to the president. But I wasn’t sure what until I got so disgusted with hearing it so often that I finally looked it up.

According to Psychology Today, it means: “a tactic in which a person or entity, in order to gain more power, makes a victim question their reality. It works much better than you may think. Anyone is susceptible to gaslighting, and it is a common technique of abusers, dictators, narcissists, and cult leaders.”

Okay, but why gaslighting? What the heck does a gas light have to do with making stuff up? I suppose I could look that up, too, but instead I think I’ll grouse about professional communicators who don’t do the most basic job of a communicator, which is to communicate clearly.

• **And can we please, pretty please,** remove the term “crush” from the public lexicon? (Lexicon: the vocabulary of a person, language, or branch of knowledge.) I am sick of people saying they’re going to “crush” something when what they mean is they want to do something very well. You don’t “crush” tasks. You accomplish them. Crush means to “deform, pulverize, or force inwards by compressing forcefully.” That’s not what you’re doing when you take out the trash. You’re just taking out the trash. So stop thinking it’s funny to intentionally use a word that grossly overstates what it is, in fact, that you are doing. Thank you.

• **Clearly, I’m in a lousy mood to-**

day. I blame the cloudy, cold weather lately, which puts me in mind of another long Michigan winter, which always makes me want to — literally — crush something.

• **Jeopardy’s Alex Trebek** was booed at a gubernatorial debate he was hosting in Pennsylvania this week. The crowd didn’t like the fact that he talked more than the candidates. I’d have booed him just because I hate the smug way he pronounces foreign words on the show. But that’s just me.

• **This is not good.** General Motors has been tracking the radio listening habits of drivers in Chicago and L.A. to see if they can use the data to better target them with ads. God, what a horrible idea. We’re already tracked

to death. I’m already afraid to search for anything online because the second I do, my page fills up with ads for whatever it is I just searched for, which is damned creepy.

• **By the way,** I listen to a lot of ’70s songs by the Eagles, James Taylor, Tom Petty and the like. So what ads would GM recommend I be bombarded with ... fiber supplements, life insurance, suspenders?

• **Some men are** upset about a new California law requiring women on corporate boards. Relax, guys, things will be fine. This isn’t the Little Rascals and the “He-Man Womun Hater’s Club.” The ladies won’t make you have tea parties once they get in.

• **“Change before you have to.”** — Jack Welch

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Andrew Heller  
FEATURED COLUMNIST

**“I am sick of people saying they’re going to ‘crush’ something when what they mean is they want to do something very well.”**

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**WAY TO GO** democrats, your juvenile scheme to scam the public just lost the election for us. It is time to rid the party of senile leadership and horrific decision-making. They are their own worst enemy.

**THE OLD CARPENTER’S** adage, ‘measure twice cut once’ was obviously ignored by Holly Township for its farmstead project.

**I HAVE WATCHED** nearly every hour of the U.S. Senate hearings concerning Judge Kavanaugh. If you did not see it or hear it first-hand then please, please inform yourself and watch a video of the statement he gave to the Senate on Thursday. Watching those proceedings convinced me to ‘never again’ vote for a Democrat. I am disgusted with them.

**WHO GAVE FORD** the right to use the Michigan logo in their advertisements?

**SARCASTIC THANKS TO** whoever is cutting weeds, blowing leaves and throwing them back into the Lake Fenton to float down to the west side for everyone else to clean up.

**HANNAH BALL, OUR** generation does not research facts before shooting out an opinion. Just look at the anti-vax movement or for that matter just anti-science in general.

**IT’S ABOUT TIME** that sex maniac Kavanaugh is held accountable for his actions.

Instead of being a judge he should be an inmate.

**TO THOSE WHO** think reporting sexual assaults years after or not at all or for personal gain obviously are living under a rock. Consider all the boys and girls assaulted by priests. Do you take those assaults seriously? You are right about one thing; consequences for narrow-minded thinking will become evident on Nov. 6.

**UNLESS YOU HAVE** gone through what Dr. Ford experienced, you don’t know why she stayed quiet. I did and I understand.

**AS A BOOMER,** I find myself agreeing more with Hannah than my contemporary, Vera. Those of us who have evolved with our changing society — over the past half century — do not condone or endorse, excuse bigotry or treat gender identification as a fad.

**WE ALL LIVE** in this world together and should embrace our differences and diversity. That’s what truly makes America great.

**NOT HAPPY WITH Trump?** Look at your 401k.

**I’VE BEEN A Democrat** for nearly 50 years, but their un-American, sleazy conduct of the Democratic Party, from hating cops, blocking the function of our government, their unrealistic approach to illegal immigration and their sickening treatment of Judge Kavanaugh has opened my eyes.

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## If you could do a major home improvement, what would it be?

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“New furniture. Our children have moved out and our 20-year-old furniture is destroyed.”

**Jim Nugent**  
Fenton Township



“We just redid our kitchen, so I wouldn’t really change anything.”

**Sharlene Malburg**  
Deerfield Township



“I think we need new siding.”

**Chuck Malburg**  
Deerfield Township



“I would like to finish the basement. We’re both contractors, so there aren’t a ton of changes to make.”

**Darrel Kirby**  
Mundy Township



“I want a fireplace. I don’t think there are a ton of changes to be made though.”

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## WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, Oct. 3, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

### Developer reveals more plans for former Kmart building

Construction is now underway with three new out-lot buildings coming.



### Fenton man charged with intent to murder

A 52-year-old Fenton Township man, frustrated with cement workers blocking his driveway, points gun at them.

### City officials to explain ballot proposal language

Three meetings scheduled to discuss road repair plans.

### Refinery maintenance fuels hike in gas prices

Michigan is second highest in U.S. for fuel cost.

### Doctors recommend getting a flu shot

Strains have been updated to match viruses.

### A look back at 1968

Black Power protest raised fists during 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City.

**'Rock the Runway'** Elections' fashion show benefits women undergoing breast cancer treatment.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### LOCAL FOOD DRIVE

Non-perishable food items and paper products are being gathered to benefit Fenton City of Hope and World of Wonder Community Share food pantry programs. Collection dates are Oct. 8 through Nov. 10 at My Sister and Me Upscale Consignment Shop, 1210 N. LeRoy St., Fenton. Every five items you bring in qualifies you for a gift card drawing to the store, said owner Kris O'Neil. The store will follow this food drive with a toy drive Nov. 11 through mid-December.

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■  
**IT APPEARS IF** you have any aspirations to go into politics as a conservative, you better be able to document everything you have ever done and said since you were in pre-school.

■■■  
**IF KAVANAUGH HAS** nothing to hide, why didn't he volunteer for a lie detector test? He himself has called them a very useful tool for law enforcement.

■■■  
**DO DEMOCRATS BELEIVE** in 'the rule of law?' In this country your innocent until proven guilty. Accusations must be proven.

■■■  
**JUDGES RULE ON** the basis of law, not public opinion, and they should be totally indifferent to pressures of the times. The problem is that these days, everyone is a judge.

■■■  
**SPEAK FOR YOURSELF.** The majority of Americans do take sex abuse allegations seriously. So what if Professor Ford wants a thorough investigation? The Supreme Court is a lifetime appointment. Let's be sure.

■■■  
**TWO YEARS AGO,** I was told that I was part of the greatest American generation. Now the Democrats call me an old privileged white man who should just shut up.

■■■  
**DON'T TELL ME** what you believe. Tell me what you know. Facts matter.

## LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

### OCT. 7

**1984:** Chicago Bears running back Walter Payton becomes the NFL's all-time rushing leader, breaking the record Cleveland's Jim Brown set in 1965. In front of 53,752 people at Soldier Field, Payton carried the ball 154 yards and finished the game with a new career rushing record — 12,400 yards, 88 more than Brown.

### OCT. 8

**2009:** Two people die and more than a dozen others are hospitalized following a botched sweat lodge ceremony at a retreat run by motivational speaker and author James Arthur Ray near Sedona, Arizona. A third participant in the ceremony died nine days later. The sweat lodge exercise was part of a five-day "Spiritual Warrior" event held at a rented retreat center located six miles from Sedona. Participants paid more than \$9,000 each to attend the retreat.

### OCT. 9

**1974:** German businessman Oskar Schindler, credited with saving 1,200 Jews from the Holocaust, dies at the age of 66. A member of the Nazi Party, he ran an enamel-works factory in Krakow during the German occupation of Poland, employing workers from the nearby Jewish ghetto. When the ghetto was liquidated, he persuaded Nazi officials to allow the transfer of his workers to the Plaszow labor camp, thus saving them from deportation to the death camps. In 1944, all Jews at Plaszow were sent to Auschwitz, but Schindler, at great risk to himself, bribed officials into allowing him to keep his workers and set up a factory in a safer location in occupied Czechoslovakia. By the war's end, he was penniless, but he had saved 1,200 Jews from the Holocaust.

### OCT. 10

**1877:** The U.S. Army holds a West Point funeral with full military honors for Lt.-Col. George Armstrong Custer.

Killed the previous year in Montana by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians at the Battle of the Little Big Horn, Custer's body had been returned to the East for burial on the grounds of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, where Custer had graduated in 1861 — at the bottom of his class.

### OCT. 11

**2002:** Former President Jimmy Carter wins the Nobel Peace Prize "for his decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development." Carter, a peanut farmer from Georgia, served one term as U.S. president between 1977 and 1981. One of his key achievements as president was mediating the peace talks between Israel and Egypt in 1978. The Nobel Committee had wanted to give Carter the prize that year for his efforts, along with Anwar Sadat and Menachim Begin, but was prevented from doing so by a technicality — he had not been nominated by the official deadline.

### OCT. 12

**1492:** After sailing across the Atlantic Ocean, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus sights a Bahamian island, believing he has reached East Asia. His expedition went ashore the same day and claimed the land for Isabella and Ferdinand of Spain, who sponsored his attempt to find a western ocean route to China, India, and the fabled gold and spice islands of Asia.

### OCT. 13

**1775:** The Continental Congress authorizes construction and administration of the first American naval force — the precursor of the United States Navy. Since the outbreak of open hostilities with the British in April, little consideration had been given to protection by sea until Congress received news that a British naval fleet was on its way. In November, the Continental Navy was formally organized, and in December, Esek Hopkins was appointed the first commander-in-chief of the Continental Navy.

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## Linden gas station torn down



The old Marathon gas station and Fairbanks Service Station in downtown Linden was demolished Thursday, Oct. 4. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is monitoring the project, and contracted Environmental Consulting and Technology Inc. for the job, which includes other environmental work. The DEQ discovered a gas leak at the site. The building was a Texaco gas station before it was a Marathon. Look for the full story in the Wednesday, Oct. 10 Midweek Times. Photo: Hannah Ball

## GUEST VIEWPOINT

By Scott Roper  
Holly Area Schools  
superintendent



At Holly Area Schools, we take great pride in fostering a culture of kindness, compassion and respect that provides our students with real world skills outside the classroom they will use throughout their lives.

The cornerstone of our nurturing learning environment is the Leader in Me program, now provided in all four of our elementary schools and Holly Middle School. Leader in Me is the school version of the "7 Habits of Highly Effective People," which include being proactive, planning and creating goals, setting priorities, consideration of others, listening, teamwork and healthy habits. The program teaches 21st century leadership skills based on the fact that every child can be a leader at school and in their community.

Through Leader in Me, Holly Area Schools students learn key life skills, including conflict resolution, taking responsibility and problem solving that help them achieve and succeed before, during and after school and eventually in the modern workforce.

We began phasing in Leader in Me in the fall 2012 at Holly Elementary School, and then expanded into Holly Middle School in the fall of 2013. Teachers and staff at Patterson, Rose Pioneer and Davisburg elementary schools began Leader in Me training this summer, and all three schools are now certified Leader in Me schools.

Holly Elementary School and Holly Middle School have been designated Leader in Me Lighthouse Schools. To earn Lighthouse status, schools must demonstrate that students have achieved leadership benchmarks, which include daily tasks such as student mentoring, public speaking, providing school tours and greeting visitors. Lighthouse Schools must also demonstrate implementation of the program in classrooms and parent involvement in the rigorous program.

Leader in Me schools around the globe usually witness an increase in students setting short- and long-term goals inside and outside the classroom and taking greater ownership of their school work and progress at school.

We're continuing to see such positive results here at Holly Area Schools.

For example, Holly Elementary School has seen a sharp decline in student fights and trips to the principal's office as students continue to become leaders in their school and community. In one case, a kindergarten student who was initially shy and unsure of himself developed self-confidence through the Leader in Me principles. That student eventually addressed a large crowd of parents and students at our annual Leadership Day.

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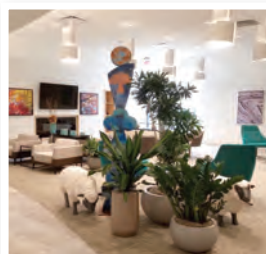
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## CAMPAIGN TRAIL

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Lossing, 55, (D-Linden) as 51st District State Representative. The 51st district covers parts of Genesee and Oakland counties, including the townships of Argentine, Atlas, Fenton, Flushing and Gaines and the cities of Linden and Fenton.

In Oakland County, Holly, Rose and Groveland townships are included. The candidate who is elected will replace Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township) who is term limited.

On Wednesday, Oct. 3, Lossing canvassed select homes on Swanee Beach Drive in Fenton Township with the assistance of Dan Harrel of Argentine Township.

Lossing knocked on doors, and dropped off literature. He's focusing on potentially undecided voters.

"The biggest concern I've heard from residents is the pension tax," said Lossing, after meeting with a resident. He said he speaks with 20 to 25 percent of the people when he's knocking on doors during the day, and they're usually receptive.

Lossing has a campaign headquarters in Fenton and his director, Dan Moilanen, coordinates his digital schedule.

Mueller's headquarters is his family's Fenton Township orchard, and his home. He started campaigning in February and plans to continue until election day.

"Since I'm in law enforcement and law enforcement is a 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year business, my 12-hour work days and schedule is challenging at times," said Mueller, a Livingston County Sheriff's deputy.

Mueller also works at his family's orchard. He's married with four children, ranging in age from 9 to 16. "Everyone understands the sacrifice that is needed to obtain the objective and everyone is understanding and helpful," he said, adding that it's difficult to quantify how many hours go into working on the campaign.

Most of his campaign time is spent meeting people and usually runs from morning to night. There is a lot of driving and answering questions from potential voters.

He expects to pay thousands of dollars for yard signs to cover the 51st district, along with literature and mailers.

"I enjoy meeting people, listening to their concerns and tackling the challenges of the day-to-day activities of campaigning," he said. "Of course, the time spent away from family is challenging, especially when your children are young."

He said he tries to include them in the campaign to learn about the political process. "It has been a learning experience for the entire family and many of our friends," he said.

Lossing worked for the University of Michigan-Flint for 16 years and

for the Michigan Senate for nine. He was mayor of Linden for 12 years. Right now, he campaigns full time.

Lossing started campaigning in April, and had the advantage of running unopposed in the Democratic primary in August. Like Mueller, he plans to campaign until the last minute.

Lossing is also married. "My immediate family and extended family members have been very supportive and helpful with all the activities in the campaign," he said.

"I think the biggest challenge is carving out 'family time' with my wife and family members. It's a balancing act to maintain some sense of normalcy and needed downtime."

Right now, he said he spends 50-60 hours per week on the campaign. Vacation time and Michigan football games have been

sacrificed to run for office. He said a candidate spends time doing three things — attending events like candidate forums, talking to voters and raising funds.

He said he's raised \$50,000. Mueller said he raised and spent about \$40,000



**"I had my first dog bite in over 30 years of knocking on doors. I've met a pet pig that barked like a dog at me, been surrounded by 40 chickens hoping that I was going to throw out some feed to them."**

**David Lossing**

*Democrat candidate for 51st District State Representative*

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**"Everyone understands the sacrifice that is needed to obtain the objective and everyone is understanding and helpful."**

**Mike Mueller**

*Republican candidate for 51st District State Representative*



Candidates will spend thousands of dollars on campaign literature, including mailers, flyers and yard signs. Photo: Tim Jagielo



## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**LISTENING TO ALL-**news TV and cable stations, I notice that some Trump Republicans always blame problems on liberals or the left. Anything they don't like, anything that they don't agree with or anything that they think someone or some group has done wrong, it's the Democrats.

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## YOUR SMILE MATTERS!

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

### WISDOM TEETH

The third molar teeth are last teeth to develop and erupt into the mouth. This usually occurs when a person is around 18 or 19 years of age. They are called Wisdom Teeth because these teeth appear in the mouth once the person has reached the "age of wisdom." I think most would agree that this is a misnomer as I personally can't think of any 18 year olds exhibiting much wisdom. Few people have adequate room in their mouth for their third molars to erupt into full position. For those that do, my philosophy, in their case, is if they can keep their wisdom teeth healthy then they can keep them. Most wisdom teeth, however, are problem teeth. Few people have enough space for their developing third molars. This lack of adequate room causes most wisdom teeth to become impacted. An impacted tooth is trouble. Impacted Wisdom Teeth create pressure which can cause damage to the other teeth and can cause crowding of the other teeth. Impacted third molars can become infected and can sometimes develop cysts or develop periodontal disease which can spread throughout the mouth. It is best to have impacted wisdom teeth removed before any serious trouble develops which involves surgery. It's best to have wisdom teeth surgery at ages 18-20. At this stage in their life the person is young and healthy, the third molar teeth and bone are not fully developed, and there is no active infection in the area. Third molar surgery in this situation is usually considered minor surgery and recovery is fast and easy. Conversely, the impacted third molar surgery on a 50+ year old is often considered a more major surgery with a much prolonged and difficult recovery with a great chance of post-operative complications. Because of this, I recommend removal of Wisdom Teeth for my young adult patients.

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## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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ON FEB. 22, Trump said he would push for 'no more' bump stocks. They're still available. Did someone steal this memo off his desk as well?

I USED TO think watching sports was an incredible waste of time, but this 'gaming' thing really takes the cake.

IF YOU ARE a white male and vote for a Democratic candidate on Nov. 6, you are saying you have no respect for your race or gender, not to mention a backbone. Brett Kavanaugh deserves at least an up or down vote this week.

THE SENATORS SIT there asking questions, acting pious. Most grew up in the '60s. Remember the sexual revolution? Free love? Who will cast the first stone?

THOMAS PAINE ONCE said arguing with a person who has renounced reason is like giving medicine to the dead.

WHY IS IT when the men who come forward 30 years after they have been assaulted by the clergy are called heroes, yet women who come forward after a notable length of time with accusations of assault upon themselves are called liars. When will women be deemed more than second-class citizens?



Statistically speaking, the youngest generation, Generation Z, is commonly known for being digital masters and multitaskers. Photo: Metro Creative Connection

# Who is Generation Z?

■ Multitaskers, digital gurus, future business owners

By Hannah Ball

Whenever the topic of generations arises, Millennials and Baby Boomers are the most written and talked about, followed by Generation X, which lies between them. So what about Generation Z?

The Generation Z population was born in the late 1990s to the late 2000s. The majority of this population is younger than 18, but many can vote this fall.

Here is what defines Generation Z so far:

### 1. Digital masters

Technology is no longer a luxury. While Millennials had years without cell phones and computers, Generation Z will never know a world without that technology. They never had dial-up internet or compact, tough cell phones.

Shae Curtis, a Linden graduate who is now a freshman in college, who was born in 2000, she said, "I think phones, technology and social media define our generation."

She said her generation is more accepting of technology compared to older generations because they grew up with it, while older people grew up doing "everything face to face."

They know they can talk to anyone around the world at any time, and they don't feel limited that way. It's unlikely that Generation Z has used an iPod, but they would learn fast if needed. They've also never taped songs from the radio or put in a VHS tape.

### 2. Feeling unsafe

What separates Millennials from Generation Z is if they remember where they were on 9/11. Millennials do, but Generation Z is too young. They are used to seeing violence and terror on TV. Since 9/11, school shootings often dominate news cycles, as does conflict from around the world.

"I have wondered if it could happen to Linden but it doesn't change that I always

felt safe there and like if anything happened, we'd be in good hands," she said.

### 3. Acceptance

The younger generations are more accepting than their older counterparts.

"Younger generations express higher levels of support for same-sex marriage," according to Pew Research Center. Young

people, including Generation Z and Millennials often fuel the LGBT movement.

### 4. They care about security

Generation Z were kids during the Great Recession of the late 2000s and early 2010s, and saw the struggles their parents went through.

"While Millennials are often seen as more idealistic, and more motivated by purpose than a paycheck, Generation Z may lean more toward security and money. This is a pragmatic generation—they care about making a difference, but are ultimately motivated by ensuring they have a secure life outside of work," according to Forbes.com.

### 5. Multitaskers

Because they're used to always being connected to a cell phone, they're used to constant updates from numerous apps. It's their main source of communication. They're multitaskers and often get distracted easily.

### 6. More entrepreneurial and work-place-focused

Members of Generation Z are more likely to want to start a business than Millennials. According to a survey by marketing company Deep Patel, 72 percent of teens want to start a business someday.

According to Forbes, Gen Z also has less focus on secondary education, compared to Millennials who often complete undergraduate studies and beyond, and want to get into the workforce sooner. Many see how much college debt can accrue and wish to avoid it.

However, Curtis said, "I think my generation cares more about secondary education because they want to make good money."

Sources: Forbes, Oxford Royale Academy

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## STAR WARS

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September and was often sold out on weekends.

According to the DIA, more than 60 original costumes were on display throughout the strolling exhibit complete with sounds and backdrops to place visitors on the locations themselves. The exhibit included behind-the-scenes documentaries about Natalie Portman's various opulent costumes in the prequels as Padmé Amidala and what it was like for Anthony Daniels to play golden droid, C3PO.

Christine Kloostra, executive director of marketing and communications for the DIA, said that the busiest day was Sunday, Sept. 30, with 3,800 visitors attending. Overall, there were 140,592 tickets sold, making it the second most popular temporary exhibit in the past 15 years.

The exhibit is organized by Smithsonian International Traveling Exhibitions (SITES) in partnership with the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art and Lucasfilm. She said the DIA was the final stop on its national tour.

Kloostra said the goal of the exhibit was to attract new visitors and families, draw pop culture and the museum collection together and bring attention to the weekly film screenings through their historic Detroit Film Theater.

The show brought guests as diverse in age and race as the cast of the series.

The exhibit was full of "did you know," facts. For example, did you know that Yoda's face was inspired by Albert Einstein? And that Daniels, who plays C3PO, can barely walk in his droid costume and he definitely could not sit down.

Visitors also learned what it took to put on Darth Vader's costume, and that it took until the prequels for the actors playing Chewbacca, who is clothed under



Photos by Tim Jagielo  
Boba Fett's costume was actually an early possible mock-up for Darth Vader. He wasn't initially used, but was recycled into this iconic character.



Chewbacca

15 pound of yak fur, to get an interior cooling vest. Did you know Chewbacca's famous vocal style was inspired by director George Lucas' Alaskan malamute dog's own yowling voice?

Of course, Han Solo's costume and Chewbacca were featured in a place of honor, taking up an entire wall, before a backdrop of streaking hyperspace.

The exhibit also took visitors behind the scenes to see what early sketches of the iconic characters looked like, and get a sense of the numerous and unique fabrics that were used for such costumes.

Costume creators were given credit for iconic designs, and Lucas' initial inspirations were shared as well.

If you missed out, the 'Times has a gallery online of several costumes and visitors enjoying the exhibit.



This room of the exhibit features the battle of the Jedi and the Sith. In this case, Darth Maul, versus several Jedi. Visitors could activate the light saber sounds, and learn about how they were made.



Darth Vader, from "Revenge of the Sith."



A Sand Person, from episode IV.



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## Trunk or Treat caps successful Holly car cruise season



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## DRUG COURTS

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from drug court have a 90-percent chance of not reoffending in the legal system. We track them for two years.”

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**“You are taking people and turning them into productive citizens, people who are paying taxes again, contributing to society, and decreasing the amount of criminal offenses that are occurring in the community.”**

Susan Johnson

Genesee County drug court supervisor

in every day. Latchana said even people who don't graduate the program only have a 50-percent chance of reoffending compared to someone who's gone through probation.

“We're twice as effective and cost a quarter of the cost to incarcerate,” he said. The specialty courts cost approximately \$7,000 to \$8,000 per person, while incarcerating someone costs approximately \$34,000 yearly.

Latchana said people stay in the program for an average of 16 months, but it could be longer or shorter depending on their situation and progress.

### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THESE SPECIALTY COURTS?

“The state of Michigan identified that we have a ton of people committing illegal acts just to get money to support their drug habit,” Johnson said.

These crimes include breaking and entering into homes and vehicles, writing bad checks, stealing credit cards and more. Helping people get off, and stay off, illegal substances helps not only the individual, but the community.

“You are taking people and turning them into productive citizens, people who are paying taxes again, contributing to society, and decreasing the amount of criminal offenses that are occurring in the community,” Johnson said.

In Family Dependency Treatment Court, they help parents who struggle with drug problems and whose kids have been taken away, or might be taken away, from them because of it.

“We help them get sober and see if we can get the charges against them dismissed,” she said. This court sees approximately 45 cases a year.

There is a big change in participants because of these courts. Graduates reunite with their family again after being cast out for lying and stealing from family members to feed their drug habits.

“You hear them start talking about how their parents trust them again, how they're allowed back at Grandma's and Grandpa's, they're doing Christmas with the family again,” she said. “It's a huge benefit for them.”

They can hold a job, receive medical treatment they'd been neglecting, and feel normal again.

“A lot of them say ‘I'm finally a normal person again,’” she said.

Many express their excitement over not having to worry about looking over their shoulders for police or a drug man to whom they owe money.

“They walk with pride without worrying that someone is going to come and get them,” she said.

## GENESEE COUNTY SPECIALTY COURTS

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### New residence hall

LTU's fourth residence hall opened in 2018, featuring the latest in green technologies and a design that focuses on community engagement; over 1000 students live on campus and enjoy an expanded dining center with healthful food options. Utilities, WiFi, basic cable TV, and parking are included in residence hall fees.

### Student clubs and organizations

The university also offers more than 60 student clubs and organizations, including fraternities, sororities, honor societies,

and student chapters of professional groups. New labs have been added in robotics, engineering, and biotech.

### Sports

You can also play sports at LTU — the university offers 26 men's and women's sports, including NAIA, ACHA, and USBC variety and junior varsity athletics in men's and women's basketball, soccer, lacrosse, bowling, ice hockey, golf, tennis, volleyball, and cross country, as well as women's softball, and men's baseball; and after a 70-year absence, varsity football is back. Alternatively, you may show your Blue Devil spirit as a member of the marching band or dance team.

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## CONSTABLE

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personnel and the letter of resignation they had her husband sign. On Tuesday, Oct. 2, Katherine confirmed that the EEOC has opened an investigation into her husband's case.

During both the Feb. 14 and March 14 Rose Township Board of Trustees meetings, it was reported that Bair was asking people in the township to help him. They said he could no longer do his job and their bringing a letter of resignation to his health care facility to sign was his doing and that he requested it.

But at the Feb. 14 meeting, Katherine said publicly, "Imagine my shock that someone from this office went to the (care facility) to have my husband sign it without my knowledge."

"We're not ready to commit at this time." She further stated that this sounds like "collusion," and that she is having an attorney look at it. "How dare you," she told the board at the time.

The constable position at Rose Township will never appear on the ballot again. The Rose Township Board of Trustees voted to dissolve the position once it expires in November 2020.

Emile Bair, who held the elected office for decades, became ill, putting in jeopardy his ability to do the job. After some prior discrepancies on whether Bair really intended to resign, the Board of Trustees accepted his signed letter of resignation by a vote of 3 to 2. Clerk Debbie Miller and Trustee Glen Noble cast the dissenting votes.

The family was given 30 days to bring to the board something regarding their position on the matter.

The family did not come forward in the 30-day period. After voting to dissolve the position when it expires in 2020, the board voted favorably to give Dave Plewes, the township's zoning administrator, the job. He has been doing the work of the constable for a couple of years.

Plewes has been paid \$6,000 a year

for code enforcement duties. Now that he will be taking over for Bair, he will be paid an additional \$6,000 annually.

On Wednesday, Oct. 3, Miller was asked about the EEOC investigation, but she declined to comment.

Kimberly Smith-Brown, director of the communications staff for the U.S. EEOC, said, "Title VII has strict confidentiality provisions where we're prohibited from confirming or denying the existence of specific charges."

"We're also not allowed to provide information on investigations and administrative resolutions," she said. "Information becomes public only when the EEOC files a lawsuit, which is typically a last resort. Only when and if we file suit are we allowed to furnish any information. At that point, of course, it has become public court record."

On the agenda for the Oct. 10 Rose Township Board of Trustees meeting, it shows that a closed session will be held to discuss a U.S. EEOC discrimination charge made on Aug. 20, by Katherine Bair on behalf of her husband, Emile Bair. A case number is listed on the agenda.

Katherine said preventing township officials and personnel from being able to treat employees the way they did her husband is among the reasons she filed the complaint. "The township board has since voted to eliminate the elected constable position, taking the decision of who does the job now away from the voters," she said, of another reason.

**“Imagine my shock that someone from this office went to the (care facility) to have my husband sign it without my knowledge.”**

**Katherine Bair**  
Wife of Rose Township constable

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**TIMES**



The 2017 Linden Zombie Walk featured dozens of zombies, from kids to adults, and hundreds of spectators. Times file photo

## Linden Zombie Walk set for Oct. 12

■ Cash prizes given for best costumes

By Hannah Ball

The fourth annual Linden Zombie Walk is set for Friday, Oct. 12 at 6 p.m.

Anyone can paint their face with white makeup and fake blood, adorn ratty clothes with holes and dirt, and join the zombie walk, or stand on the side of the street to watch.

The Linden Arts Council hosts this event.

Led by a hearse, the walk will start at the corner of Tickner and High streets near the cemetery. It will proceed along the millpond toward the

Linden Library, cross by the dam, and end in front of the VFW hall, said Sue Turpen of the Linden Arts Council.

This is the first year cash prizes will be awarded for best costume. The best child zombie will win \$15, the best adult zombie will win \$20 and the best family of zombies will win \$25.

After the walk, dancers from Linden Dance Academy will perform a flash mob to Michael Jackson's "Thriller." A DJ will play music, and food will be provided by the Kiwanis Club, Hungry Howie's and Mueller's Orchard, which will bring cider and doughnuts.

Turpen said they're hoping for 500 to 600 people to attend.

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Now is the time you'll be making hotel reservations for the holidays or next winter. Take some expert advice before booking your next hotel reservation. Photo: Stock Photo Secrets

## How to get the best hotel room

■ Fall travel season means it's time to learn the best strategy for your perfect overnight stay

By Sally Rummel

It happens to just about everyone. You make a hotel reservation sight unseen, and when you arrive, your hotel room is not what you were expecting. Maybe the location is too close to a noisy street or the room itself is the size of a closet.

Planning ahead and arriving prepared appears to be the first strategy in getting what you want. Do your research and check out a prospective hotel's website before making a reservation. Read the TripAdvisor reviews about a specific property to see what recent guests have to say about their experience.

If there are multiple buildings at a resort, ask to see a plan of the property, so you can see which buildings are really close to the beach, or are close to a noisy highway.

If your trip is going to involve a lot of restaurant dining, you might want to inquire about having a small refrigerator or microwave, to store and re-heat leftovers.

Upper floors are generally quieter, but from a safety perspective, consider the advice from USA Today to not stay higher than the sixth floor or in a room with a balcony. The safest rooms are on the side of the hotel farthest from the front entrance and above ground level.

If it's a hotel chain you like, join their rewards program to earn upgrades and discounts.

Travel experts also suggest that you consult with a travel agent you trust, who will likely know the ins-and-outs of your destination, as well as your own personal preferences.

Call the hotel before your arrival and speak with the front desk. This is the staff that chooses a room for you when you check in. You can then ask specific questions about the location, size or proximity to noise of a particular room.

Ask the front desk to see the room prior to check-in and before moving your luggage in.

Also, be sure to mention if you're celebrating a special occasion like your birthday or anniversary. You never know what might end up in your hotel room — a bottle of wine, chocolates, a restaurant discount, etc.

What happens if you get to the room and you don't like the cleanliness, condition or location of the room?

If it's not to your liking, don't touch anything, said one frequent traveler who operates a consulting agency in the hospitality industry. Don't unpack, don't use the bathroom or anything else, or you might make that room unsellable for the night.

Go to the front desk and ask if there is another room available. Show them your loyalty card which demonstrates your long relationship with that particular hotel company.

Most of all, be kind and respectful to the staff, because this will make them more willing to accommodate your needs.

SOURCES: USA Today, Smartertravel.com

**“We suggest leaving a tip of \$1 to \$5 per day for hotel housekeeping in an envelope or next to a note showing it's for the housekeeping staff.”**

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## CONCERNED ABOUT CLEANLINESS?

• **Call hotel management** before booking your room to find out about their sanitation standards and housekeeping department. Does the hotel belong to the International Housekeeper's Association or has it been certified by the International Sanitary Supply Association? Ask about the type of cleaning products used and the regularity of deep-cleaning in pool area, fitness centers, hot tubs, in-room bed linens, shower curtains, carpets, etc.

• **Check the condition** of the carpet to assess whether it has been vacuumed or deep-cleaned.

• **Upon arrival, assess** the appearance of the hotel, including the exterior, lobby, elevators and dining areas. You should expect groomed landscaping, trash-free walkways, shiny and mopped floors, stainless carpets, dust-free furniture, organized brochure shelves and a fresh scent.

• **Evaluate your room's** cleanliness. Pull back the bedspread, sheets and pillow and look between mattresses to check for bedbugs and lice. Examine the bathroom for mold, hair, rust stains and grime.

• **Inspect glassware** for fingerprints, lipstick remnants and soap residue. Check the inside of refrigerators, microwaves and drawers, for items left by recent guests.

• **Turn the lights** off in the hotel room. Flash a black light onto the carpet, walls and bathroom to reveal traces of potential bodily fluids and bugs. Spots and stains that appear indicate a lack of sanitation.

SOURCE: USA Today

## FOOD STAMP

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To meet the work requirements, candidates must:

— Work an average of 20 hours per week each month in unsubsidized employment

— Participate for an average of 20 hours per week each month in an approved employment and training program

— Participate in community service by volunteering at a nonprofit organization

In Genesee County, MDHHS, Michigan Works! and the Talent Investment Agency have resources like training programs available to residents.

People can be deemed exempt from the requirements if they are physically or mentally unable to work, receive Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance due to disability or blindness, or receive Supplemental Security Income or State Disability Assistance, are pregnant, or receive or are an applicant for unemployment benefits.

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**NO ONE IS** saying that sexual assaults have not happened in the past. Duke lacrosse team, Twanna Brawley and UVA students are examples that without evidence, and no proof, the person is innocent.

■■■■  
**TO SAY THAT** a person deserves to be sexually assaulted because of the clothing that they are wearing is the most ignorant thing I have ever heard. No one has the right to touch another person without permission, period.

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# MICHIGAN VOTES

## LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

*MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Sept. 28.*

## House Bill 4351: Exempt private aircraft owners from sales tax on parts

To exempt owners of private general aviation aircraft from having to pay sales tax on parts. Fiscal agency projections indicate this and a related use tax exemption will save aircraft owners \$4 million annually, and reduce state revenue by the same amount.

## Passed 36 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)  
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)  
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)  
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)

☒ YES  
☒ YES  
☒ YES  
☒ YES  
☒ YES

## House Bill 5902: Allow cross-subsidization of utility rates for Dow solar-cell maker

To allow the indefinite continuation of special discounted electricity rates granted by Consumers Energy to the Hemlock Semiconductor subsidiary of Dow Corning, which under a 2010 law was exempted from a ban on cross-subsidization between residential and commercial/industrial customers.

## Passed 35 to 1 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)  
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)  
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)  
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)

☒ YES  
☒ YES  
☒ YES  
☒ YES  
☒ YES

## Senate Bill 704: Protect tourism marketing bureau tax from lawsuit

To amend and potentially expand a law that authorizes private convention and tourism bureaus in various regions to impose a room tax on local hotel and motel owners to pay for the bureaus' marketing programs. The bill was introduced after the progress of a Mackinac Center Legal Foundation lawsuit appeared to place the authority of these private bureaus to impose the fees in legal jeopardy.

## Passed 27 to 9 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)  
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)  
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)  
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)

☒ YES  
☒ NO  
☒ YES  
☒ YES  
☒ YES

## Senate Bill 919: Clarify that the operator is liable for drone crimes

To define unmanned aerial drones as "an extension of the person" for purposes of assigning responsibility for criminal misuse. Bills have been introduced to essentially add "it's also illegal if done with a drone" provisions to various criminal statutes, and this bill would make that presumption automatic.

## Passed 36 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)  
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)  
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Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)

☒ YES  
☒ YES  
☒ YES  
☒ YES  
☒ YES

## Senate Bill 1023: Impose training mandate on used (but not new) car dealers

To mandate that existing and prospective used car dealers — but not new car dealers — complete a training program as a condition of getting a required state license, and also impose a continuing education requirement on used car dealers.

## Passed 35 to 1 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)  
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Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)  
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)

☒ YES  
☒ YES  
☒ YES  
☒ YES  
☒ YES

## House Bill 5548: Authorize electronic voter registration

To require the Secretary of State to develop a system for online voter registration, which would work for individuals who already have a driver's license or state ID card. Individuals who register this way would have to vote in person in their first election (rather than with an absentee ballot).

## Passed 107 to 0 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)  
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

☒ YES  
☒ YES

## House Bill 6011: Enroll state in multistate driver license compact

To enroll Michigan in a national driver license compact that shares traffic violation records with other states. Under the compact, a traffic violation in another state would generate "points" on a Michigan driver's license, and vice versa.

## Passed 105 to 2 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)  
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

☒ YES  
☒ YES

## Senate Bill 477: Mandate 10 mph speed reduction when passing emergency vehicles

To require drivers to slow to 10 mph below the posted speed limit when passing police or emergency vehicles on the side of the road, and also require this when passing roadside tow trucks, garbage trucks, maintenance and utility vehicles that have amber lights flashing. Violations would be a civil offense subject to a \$400 fine. The bill does not define which posted limit on freeways would apply (the one for cars, for trucks, for work-zones, etc.).

## Passed 107 to 0 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)  
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☒ YES  
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To vote this November, you must be registered by Tuesday, Oct. 9. *Times file photo*

## REGISTERED

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back into the clerk in person or by mail.

"If someone who needs to register is in another part of the state (a college student, for example), the application may be submitted to any county, township or city clerk in Michigan, who would then forward the application to the correct jurisdiction," said Thomas Broecker, Fenton Township operations manager/deputy clerk. "As long as the application is submitted to that local clerk before the deadline, the person will be eligible to vote, even if their own clerk receives the application after the deadline."

According to a press release by Holly Township Clerk Karin Winchester, the following are places to register.

- at the township clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours
- at any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours
- at the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind
- at the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces

If you register by mail, you must obtain and complete a Mail Voter Registration Application and send it to the election official by the close of registration deadline.

"Any person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped," according to the press release.

These applications are available at [michigan.gov/sos](http://michigan.gov/sos) or by contacting your local clerk.

Fenton Clerk Sue Walsh said you can also register to vote online at [michigan.gov/sos](http://michigan.gov/sos).

"Voting and democracy are very important because it provides people an opportunity to voice their opinion, vote for what they believe in and it prevents the minority from dictating the policies of the majority," she said.

Marcella Husted, Tyrone Township

clerk, said she expects a high voter turnout this year.

"This is your opportunity to elect legislators who will represent your interests. In addition, there are several nonpartisan judgeships, school races and three proposals on the ballot in Tyrone Township. If you are unable to attend the polls on election day, please contact your local clerk to request an absentee voter ballot," Husted said.

When asked why it is important to vote, Broecker said, "President Franklin Roosevelt once said, 'Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.' The right to vote is often taken for granted, but I believe every voter has an obligation to vote and to have a

voice in the shaping of their local community, state and nation."

### REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION

Fenton Clerk Sue Walsh said the identification requirements to register and to vote are the same.

- **Michigan issued** driver's license or personal ID card
- **Driver's license** or personal ID card issued by another state
- **Federal or state** government-issued photo ID
- **U.S. passport**
- **Military identification** card with photo
- **Student identification** with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education
- **Tribal identification** card with photo

### ABSENTEE VOTING

Argentine Township Clerk Denise Graves encourages people to vote absentee. "I encourage absentee ballot voting for this election for everyone who is eligible, so the voter can take their time to make their decision and to avoid the long lines. A voter can request an absentee voter ballot application by calling our office at (810) 735-5050. Absentee Voting is easy and secure," she said.

Contact your local clerk if you wish to vote absentee.

## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

### MT. MORRIS WOMAN ARRESTED FOR STEALING MORE THAN 50 DVDS

At 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 2, Fenton police responded to a retail store on Owen Road on a report of a shoplifter. The loss prevention officer told police that they observed a woman, later identified as a 28-year-old Mt. Morris resident, selecting numerous DVDs and concealing them. The woman and another woman she was with, later identified as a 24-year-old Flint resident, were observed exiting the store without purchasing the DVDs. The license plate was provided to Fenton police and the officer located the suspect vehicle on U.S. 23 near Silver Lake Road. A traffic stop was initiated. While being questioned, the women denied taking anything from a store. When the Mt. Morris woman exited the car on the passenger side, a blanket covering more than 50 DVDs, valued at more than \$1,200, on the floorboard pulled away exposing the DVDs. The officer also recovered a Roku stick. She was arrested for first-degree retail fraud. A computer check showed she had an arrest warrant from Monroe County. Charges are pending. The driver was cited for driving on a suspended license and released.

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proceeded to put on a mask. The students fled and reported the incident to a parent.

The Holly Police Department quickly located the suspect at a nearby gas station.

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

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

Misdemeanors are punishable by up to 93 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**CONGRATULATIONS, HOLLY AREA** Schools. It seems you found another way to alienate parents and remove them from their children's education experience. Chaperones selected by 'lottery?' What happened to schools valuing families?

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**THE RECENTLY COMPLETED** butterfly garden downtown is stunning and well worth the cost.

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**THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST** Judge Kavanaugh has been an orchestrated, left-wing plot to ruin him. The Democrat Party has become the party of crime, lies, and smears as well as being devoid of morals, values, and ideas. I agree with President Trump that the Democrats resist, obstruct, destroy, and delay.

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Joey Spencer is interviewed minutes after winning his fifth fight Sunday night.  
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## After easy KO, Spencer 'ready to fight' again

By David Troppens

Joey Spencer is learning the ups and downs of being a professional boxer.

A couple of months before his fight Sept. 30 with Cory Macon, Spencer was excited about the prospects of doing battle with his best opponent to date.

It was scheduled and he was training for that fight. However, a couple of weeks before the fight was scheduled, bad news came to Spencer's camp. His initial opponent had failed a drug test.

That meant Spencer's camp had a couple of weeks to find another opponent, and finding a quality opponent on such short notice isn't easy. And that's what happened to Spencer. His replacement, Macon, certainly didn't meet the criteria of his initial opponent.

"I had a fight lined up that would've been my best on paper, the best person I fought yet," Spencer said. "I was training for him but then he failed a drug test and we had to throw another fighter in at the very last minute.

"That's the guy (Macon) that took the chance. Usually you end up with guys with awkward styles and I had to adjust. He was holding me a lot at the beginning and hitting me behind the head and working clinches. I had to adjust to get it done."

Spencer adjusted with no problem, earning a knock out late in the first round.

"It was a quick one," Spencer said. "At first I had to take a minute to get my rhythm but then I went to the body and everything came together."

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## Eagles enjoy easy sweep victory vs. Dragons

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity volleyball team is slowly moving up in the Metro League standings.

The Eagles won its second straight Metro League match with a 25-21, 25-17, 25-17 sweep of

Swartz Creek, Tuesday. The win raised the Eagles to 3-3 in the Metro with a chance to finish in the upper-half of the conference if they are able to earn victories in their last two Metro matches. The Eagles are currently in fifth place in the nine-

team league.

The Eagles' offense was strong, led by setter Jordan Moros. Moros had 28 assists while mixing in four kills of her own. Ellie Klocek led the Eagles with nine kills while Makenna O'Keefe had eight kills.

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Linden's Makenna O'Keefe



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# sports Times

## Tigers are outright Metro champions

By David Troppens

Swartz Creek — Brady Young doesn't know what came first to make the Fenton varsity boys soccer team successful this season

Is it the talent or the team camaraderie? Is it both? Who knows. What Young does know is his team, are outright Flint Metro League champions.

The Tigers won their first outright league championship since 2009 and its first at least share of the crown since 2016 by beating Swartz Creek 2-0, Wednesday.

"With the seniors we've had this year, it's been amazing with our team chemistry," Young said. "To have the victories along with the team — I

don't know if it comes hand-and-hand or if it's just that we have a lot of talent along with the brotherhood we have. Whatever it is, being together makes it such a fun experience."

The Tigers defeated Swartz Creek by doing what they've done most of the Metro League season — by playing strong defense. The Tigers shut out six of their eight Metro League foes this season, never allowing more than a goal in any of the eight games. The Tigers' offense was pretty potent as well, scoring 26 goals in league performances.

"We have a nice combination of young talent and we have some great experience

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Fenton's Desmond Braham (middle) scored two goals in the Tigers' 2-0 Metro League championship clinching victory against the Swartz Creek Dragons. Photo: David Troppens



Fenton's team celebrates after defeating the Holly Bronchos in four sets, Tuesday. Fenton can assure themselves of no less than a share of the Metro title with a win against Flushing on Thursday. Photo: Monica Bradburn

## Fenton moves a step closer to league title, beat Holly

By David Troppens

Fenton — The caliber of Metro League volleyball has improved this fall.

Gone are the days when favorites like Fenton could just walk on a gym floor and not only expect to win all of their Metro League matches, but win them in straight sets. Wins can't be taken for granted any more.

That said, none of Fenton's Metro foes have beat them over

the course of a full match yet this season, and the Tigers are in a strong position if they want to defend their league crown for the fourth straight year.

The Tigers improved to 6-0 in the Metro League by defeating Holly in what was a pretty tight match for large chunks of the night. Fenton lost the opening set 27-25, but then rebounded to win the next three sets against the

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with these guys who have been on varsity for awhile,” Fenton varsity soccer coach Matt Sullivan said. “We also have some real senior characters. They have so much fun together. Most of my job is just trying to reel them in a little bit and trying to get some focus, which really doesn’t happen. That combination is unique. We were fortunate to have some young talent come in, but this senior group is special, there’s no doubt about it. They have a lot of fun together.”

Young and Chase Poulson are four-year varsity members and are the senior leaders. Other seniors on the team include Joe Loria, Noah Martin, Jacob Metras, Nick Cairnduff, Brock Henson, Farid Cashmere, Jake Humpert, Dalton Wagner, Billy Pesch, Remy Smith and Jackson Racette.

“It’s really fun playing with the guys,” said sophomore Desmond Braham, who scored both of Fenton’s goals. “It’s a really good time. I was on the team last year and it was as fun. All of the seniors make it a great season. I’m glad we are



Fenton's Jake Humpert fights to keep possession of the ball in the Tigers' 2-0 victory against the Swartz Creek Dragons. Photo: David Troppens

doing good.”

The Dragons, who still had a shot at the league crown themselves with a win, battled the Tigers hard for the entire first half, as neither team showed any great edge against the other. However,

with 58 seconds left in the first half, the Tigers scored their first goal on a diagonal cross from Ashton McKellar to Braham. Braham scored on a shot to the farside post on an extreme angle.

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## Holly tennis takes second at Metro meet

■ Fenton's Hand captures No. 1 singles championship

By David Troppens

For the first time since the 2012 season, there is a different Metro League champion in boys tennis other than the Holly Bronchos.

The Flushing Raiders won their first Metro League championship by capturing first at the Metro meet by winning five flight titles en route to a 21-point effort at the meet. Holly had two flight champions and finished second at the meet and in the overall standings. Fenton's Gabe Hand captured the No. 1 singles championship for the third straight season, leading the Tigers to a third-place finish at the meet and in the overall standings as well.

Hand, a junior, cruised through the tournament to earn his third title. He defeated Clio's Sean Culhane 6-0, 6-2 in the semifinals and then beat Flush-

ing's Andrew Kearney 6-2, 6-2 in the title match. The pair faced off in last year's title match as well with Hand winning 6-4, 6-2. Hand won his first title as a freshman in 2016 by beating Holly's Joey LaVigne 6-1, 6-0.

Holly's two flight championships were won by Leyton Reister at No. 4 singles and by Garrett Reid and Christian Sells at No. 2 doubles.

Reister had a challenging battle with Flushing's Ryan Mignerey in the championship match, but won a 6-2, 5-7, 7-6(3) verdict. In it, Reister trailed in the third set by a 5-2 score before bouncing back to win.

“He gets along with everyone on the team, and he’s waited his turn,” Holly varsity tennis coach Will Sophiea said. “He’s been on the outside looking in the lineup for the last couple of years. ... He fought or a No. 4 singles spot and has been very impressive. He’s undefeated in league play.”

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Bronchos 25-21, 25-14, 25-17.

“Every year that’s gone by since I’ve been in high school, the league has been getting better and better,” Fenton’s senior outside hitter Chloe Idoni said. “You can tell. A lot of these teams are giving each other good matches, just like Holly and us (in this match). So yeah, I think teams are getting better.”

“It’s a lot more fun, a lot more competitive. All of these girls are really good, so it just makes for a good game.”

One of those teams that have made the Metro a stronger league is Holly. The squad made a strong jump in quality a year ago and have maintained that new standard this season. Last year the Bronchos pushed Fenton to five sets. This season it was four, with Holly winning the first set.

Fenton jumped to a 16-10 lead in the first set after a Holly violation, but the Bronchos bounced back.

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(Top photo) Holly's Kennedy Hogan prepares to hit a ball during the Bronchos' loss to Fenton. (Immediately above) Fenton's Sydney Acho sets a ball to Lydia Podlesak. Photo: Monica Bradburn

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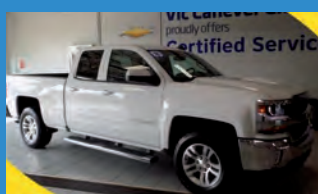
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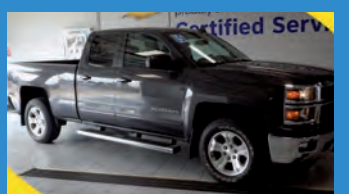
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