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Why downtown is flourishing

■ Local builder talks about good things happening in Fenton

By Vera Hogan

With all the recent development going on in the city of Fenton — specifically in the downtown area and in Silver Lake Village — it begs the question, how do developers determine what to put where and how much is too much.

Kevin Johnson has been the president of Rhoads & Johnson in Fenton for 22 years. His multi-generational company, which was started by his grandfather in Frankenmuth in 1902, is responsible for the construction of several state-of-the-art facilities in and around the Fenton area, including the recently completed Horizon Building in downtown Fenton.

Johnson and his family also make their home in Fenton.

On the method developers use to attract businesses to a certain location,

See **DOWNTOWN** on 10A



Over the past few years, downtown Fenton has attracted an increased number of developers and businesses. This drone photo shows the intersection of LeRoy Street and Silver Lake Road on Friday, Oct. 12. Photo: Fred Moses



Old U.S. 23 and White Lake Road to be four-way stop

A common type of crash that occurs at the intersection of Old U.S. 23 and White Lake Road is when someone pulls out in front of someone else.

Photo: Hannah Ball

■ \$12,000 to \$15,000 project should reduce number of crashes for the 7,000 daily motorists

By Hannah Ball

Tyrone Twp. — The intersection at White Lake Road and Old U.S. 23 in Tyrone Township will be a four-way stop beginning Wednesday, Oct. 17.

Michael Goryl, traffic and safety engineer with the Livingston County Road Commission (LCRC), said this is due to the number of accidents at the intersection.

Starting Wednesday, Oct. 17, motorists driving along White Lake Road to Old U.S. 23 will encounter stop signs and an overhead flashing red light at the intersection.

"There should be minimal delays on White Lake Road," Goryl said.

See **FOUR-WAY STOP** on 6A

One driver seriously injured in head-on crash

■ Second driver taken into custody following Holly Township crash Thursday

By Sharon Stone

One man was seriously injured and another man was taken into police custody after a Thursday

See **CRASH** on 12A

The driver of this white pickup truck was seriously injured in a crash just after 7 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11 in Holly Township.

The driver of the second vehicle involved was taken into police custody. Photo: NOCFA



Verbal threat at LHS deemed non-imminent

■ No charges for female student who initiated school shooting discussion

By Hannah Ball

Two students at Linden High School will

not face charges after an incident that occurred Monday, Oct. 8.

A female student accused a 14-year-old male classmate of making a verbal threat about a school shooting.

See **THREAT** on 12A

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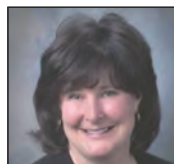
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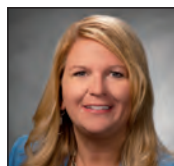
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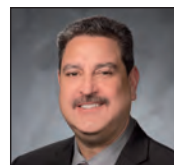
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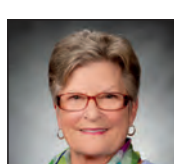
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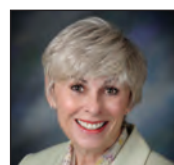
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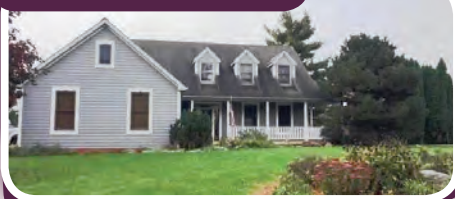


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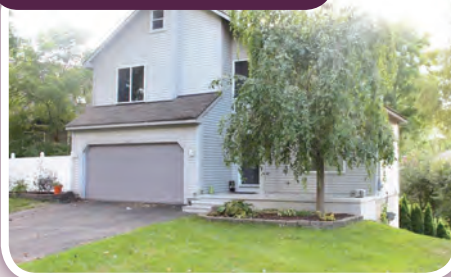
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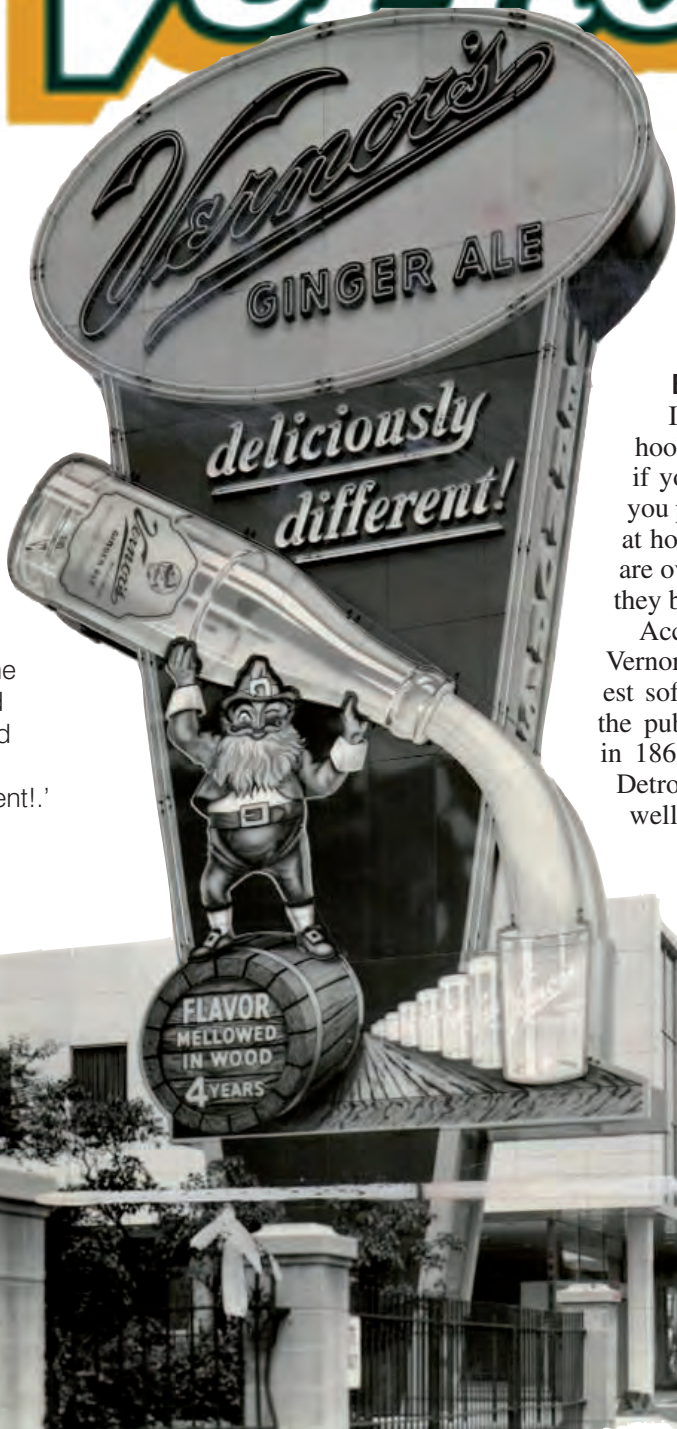
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Pictured here is the Vernor's plant and sign on Woodward Avenue, Detroit. 'Deliciously Different!.' Photo: www.intervu.us

■ Originally created by Dr. James Vernor as a medicinal tonic

By Vera Hogan

If you're a Michigan native, you are no doubt hooked on, or at least a fan of Vernor's ginger ale. And if your life circumstances take you out of the state, you probably engage (a.k.a. beg) friends and relatives at home to send your favorite "pop" to wherever you are over the holidays. Better yet, if they come to visit, they bring it with them.

According to detroithistorical.org, Vernor's is one of the nation's oldest soft drinks. It was first served to the public more than 150 years ago, in 1866. The drink was created by Detroit pharmacist James Vernor, a well-respected pharmacist with a reputation for meticulous care with his prescriptions.

Like most pharmacists of his time, Dr. Vernor also ran a soda fountain adjacent to his Woodward Avenue pharmacy. The doctor was working on a medicinal tonic of vanilla and spices, with the addition of ginger to calm the stomach, when he was called to fight in the Civil War. He left the blend in an oak cask and went off to fight in the Civil War in 1862. When Vernor returned from the war, he opened the barrel and was



VERNORS RECIPES
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VERNORS COCKTAILS

Monkey Spanker

Mix one can of Vernors original ginger soda with 3 ounces of Jack Daniels Tennessee Whiskey. Serve in a beer mug.



Detroit Red Wing

Combine 6 ounces of Vernors with one shot of cinnamon Schnapps in a Collins glass.



Naughty Gnome

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Andrew Heller

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Come *Heller* high water...

• **Michelle Obama** was known for saying, "When they go low, we go high." I've always loved the sentiment but I wonder if it needs tweaking in today's political climate. In my opinion, Democrats have always been too polite, too unwilling to call a lie a lie, too reluctant to take bold stances, and way too passive when attacked. Turning the other cheek doesn't work in politics, not these days.

So while I agree with Michelle about being respectful and civil,



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

I think Democrats need to be much more aggressive and passionate in defense of their ideals and in calling out opponents for their deeds and words. I think that's what Hillary Clinton

was getting at this week when she inartfully said, "You cannot be civil with a political party that wants to destroy what you stand for."

I don't think incivility is the answer, however. Incivility does no one any good. You can be forceful without being a jerk. If I were to give Mrs. Obama's pet phrase a makeover, it would say, "When they go low, call them out for it, hold their feet to the fire and don't let up. Then tell people — passionately — why your way is the better way. But maintain your dignity and let their side look like fools." It's not as memorable but it might work.

• **I love that** the right is trying to paint the left as angry mob while the crowds at presidential rallies routinely chant "Lock her up!" These are the same people who just got done hollering that Judge Kavanaugh wasn't afforded due process. Charming.

• **A new poll** says college textbook prices have jumped so sharply in recent years that 41 percent of

students skip meals to pay for them. That's beyond outrageous. But stuff like this has been going on for a long time. Years ago I taught a few journalism classes at a community college. Back then the textbook company would move a chapter or add a few paragraphs and call it a new book, forcing students to buy it, as if journalism had changed in the preceding year. I've said it before and I'll say it again, the next big financial crisis will be students defaulting on college loans. Why are we allowing this? I can't imagine how awful it would be to graduate owing the equivalent of a home mortgage.

• **Scientists say** a space elevator will soon be possible. Can you imagine? And you think it's uncomfortable when no one speaks during a five-floor ride.

• **A United Nations** report this week says we have 12 years to do something about greenhouse gases before the start of extreme drought, food shortages and flooding. I'm glad they put a deadline on it of sorts. Maybe that will finally jar us into action. But the pessimist in me says, "But probably not." Humans aren't smart.

• **The way things** are going, the Great Lakes are going to be the new Florida. I'm not ready for alligators, swamps, pythons and bugs the size of drones.

• **"The older I** get, the more I understand that so many people we know are fighting personal battles they rarely show. They persevere through life's challenges and are greater heroes than those we cheer on in stadiums." — "Morning Joe" host Joe Scarborough

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"I've said it before and I'll say it again, the next big financial crisis will be students defaulting on college loans."

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DEBBIE STABENOW IS a fraud. She has been in the Senate for over 18 years and has passed only five bills. The longer they serve, the worse they are. Let's clean house. It's time for change.

■ ■ ■
WE ALREADY KNEW this area supported racist views. Now we know this area doesn't respect the working class, pre-existing conditions or women after seeing the mini rally.

■ ■ ■
CONSERVATIVES ARE UNDER attack, both physically and fiscally by the left. Please fight back with your vote. If they take control America will be destroyed in one term. Every vote counts in this election.

■ ■ ■
THE WINNERS OF last week's SCOTUS confirmation process are: 1) the bedrock principles of American justice. 2) President Trump. 3) Senator McConnell. The losers last week are: 1) Democratic senators (all partisan hacks) who orchestrated a desperate smear campaign vs. Kavanaugh. 2) Americans who were witnesses of politicians with no courage or moral decency.

■ ■ ■
I FEEL THERE is no comparison between Republicans and Democrats, for if you compare the swearing-in of Bork, Thomas and Kavanaugh, there is no comparison of the wretched behavior of the Democrats.

■ ■ ■

READERS WRITE

Letters, 150 words or less, must be signed and include a phone number. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and liability. Letters must be written exclusively for the Times.

Classroom 'state' project

Dear Editor,
My name is Sarah Cover and I am in sixth grade. I attend Brethren Heritage School in Modesto, California. We are doing state reports this year in our history class. I have chosen to do my report on your state of Michigan. If you should happen to read this in your local newspaper, I would greatly appreciate receiving any information or items regarding your state. You could send pictures, tourist attraction information, trivia about your state, or anything that would cause me to be more familiar with your state.

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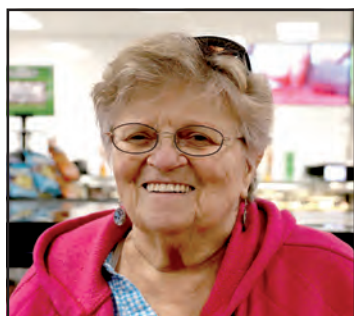
Compiled by Hannah Ball,
staff reporter

streettalk



"I would go vegetarian. My sister has gone vegetarian. If I lived in a city it would be more of a possibility. I would probably not go vegan. I definitely want to consume more raw products."

Bethany Griffith
Linden



"I have thought about going vegetarian. I have a daughter-in-law and three granddaughters who are vegetarian. I have tried it before. I did like it."

Marilyn Roehl
Fenton Township



"I mainly am vegetarian. I still eat cheese and eggs and no meat. Just because of factory farms and the terrible ways the animals are treated there."

Diane Rea
Hubbard Lake



"No. I'm a big deer hunter. I love eating beef and pork. We've raised our own for years. I hunt deer all the time."

Andrew Sokolowski
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"No. Too old to change now. I wouldn't say it's never crossed my mind."

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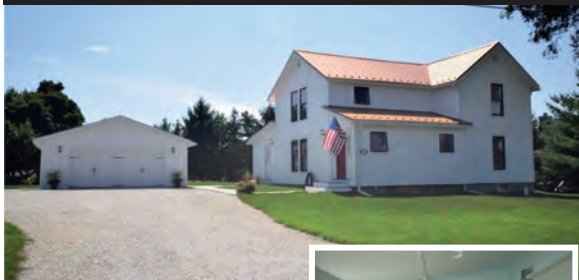


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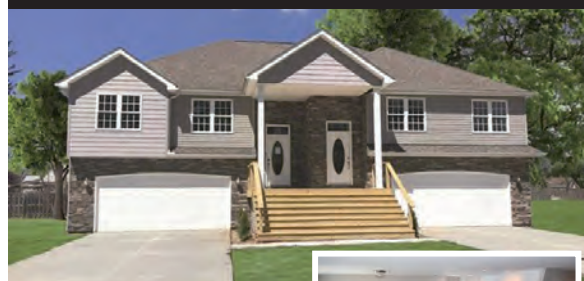


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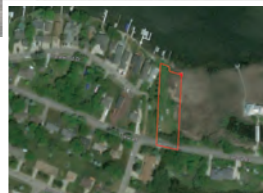
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FOUR-WAY STOP

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The cost of the project is between \$12,000 and \$15,000, paid for by the LCRC.

In the crash review to determine if the intersection would benefit from a four-way stop, the commission collected traffic counts, turning movements and additional information to build a traffic model. Analysts used a simulation to determine how a four-way stop will work at the intersection. The plan was approved by the commission.

The study found that approximately 7,000 drivers go through the intersection daily.

For an intersection to qualify for a four-way stop, it must have at least five correctable crashes in a 12-month period. Goryl said they looked back five years, and the intersection met the minimum standards.

The most common type of crash

was an angle collision, which happens when someone pulls out in front of someone else.

"Those are the types of collision that they (four-way stops) generally reduce," Goryl said. "Those and head-on left turn collisions. They do sometimes increase rear-end crashes. It's a trade off. Those (rear-end crashes) are less severe."

The commission's main concern was backing up traffic on the off ramps of U.S. 23. However, in their traffic simulations with a four-way stop, ramp traffic was fine.

Goryl said he isn't concerned with an adjustment period. The commission has "done a number of" four-way stops in the past few years, he said, and with the overhead red lights

and the warning signs put up beforehand, motorists generally know to stop. Police will also patrol the area more while drivers adjust.

"We get very few violations," Goryl said.

“They do sometimes increase rear-end crashes. It’s a trade off. Those (rear-end crashes) are less severe.”

Michael Goryl
Livingston County Road
Commission traffic and
safety engineer



If you're tired of expensive cable bills, here's how you can cut the cord.

Photo: Metro Creative Connection

Cutting the 'cable cord'

■ From high-tech antennas to streaming service options, you can save hundreds of dollars a year

By Hannah Ball

The war of TV entertainment mediums has been tipping toward streaming services for years.

With average cable costs more than \$100 a month, according to bankrate.com, more and more people are cutting the cord and choosing a streaming service for under \$50 a month.

Amazon, Hulu and Netflix reach approximately 100 million consumers collectively. Here's how you can join them in three steps.

STEP 1:

Make sure your home internet is stand-alone

Many cable providers offer bundles that allows consumers to get their cable, internet and home phone under one bill. Before you cancel your cable subscription, make sure you have independent internet. Verizon, AT&T, Comcast, Charter Spectrum and others offer an internet-only deal.

STEP 2:

Choose which entertainment provider is best for you.

One of the most attractive aspects of streaming services is that consumers can find one that matches their specific wants. Consumers also have more than a dozen options. On the Times Facebook page, we asked our readers for the names of their favorite streaming services.

Netflix and Hulu were popular. Both contain hundreds of movies and shows, and a handful are specific to each site. For example, "Stranger Things" is only available on Netflix while "The Handmaid's Tale" is only available on Hulu.

On the Times Facebook, Laurie said,

"Hulu and Netflix. Hulu for next day streaming of current shows. Netflix for original Netflix shows and older shows."

Hulu also offers Hulu Live, which allows users to watch shows and news programs as they air from major networks like ESPN, NBC, CBS, Fox, Fox News, CNN, HGTV and dozens more. It costs \$39.99 a month, and users can record up to 50 hours of live TV.

Another user said Sling TV, which costs \$25 to \$40 a month. Networks included are ESPN, AMC, CNN, HGTV, CNN, Bravo, Fox, The History Channel and more. For a complete list, go to sling.com.

Times readers also mentioned Playstation Vue. If you have the video game console, you can get packages ranging from \$45 to \$80 a month, with popular live TV options, to kids TV, sports, and movies.

Another newer, popular service is YouTube TV. This cable-free live TV option is \$40 a month. It allows six users per household, unlimited Cloud DVR storage, and an extensive list of dozens of networks. This includes popular news networks, Disney, BBC, sports and more. The Wall Street Journal called YouTube TV the "top internet-TV contender."

On our Facebook, Ted said, "YouTube gets me live college (sports) from schools that aren't broadcast on networks. Get to watch our grandson at the 'next level.'"

Choose your service and set it up. Look online at the company's frequently asked questions if you have questions.

The antenna option

If you're worried about these services not delivering local news, you can get an antenna that will provide those stations. Go to antennaweb.org and enter your zip code to see which stations broadcast where you live.

In Fenton, consumers can use an antenna to see Fox, NBC, TCT, ABC, CBS, ION and PBS. This website will also tell you which antenna you will need to view the channel, from a large directional antenna to a small multi directional antenna.

These antennas range from \$30 to \$150.

STEP 3:

Cancel the subscription.

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CHAMBER UPDATE



It's time to RSVP to Annual Awards Dinner

■ Chamber invites members to its most exciting gala event of the year on Nov. 9

By Sally Rummel

It's almost time for one of the most exciting, eventful evenings on the Fenton Regional Chamber's annual calendar of events.

The spotlight at the Chamber's Annual Awards Dinner on Nov. 9 will be on chamber members who have gone "above and beyond" in a number of categories, from entrepreneurship to education, and will receive awards for their efforts.

The dinner will be held at Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden, creating a backdrop of simple elegance, said Dawn Placek, chairperson of this event with Chamber Events Coordinator Lee Mitchell. "We will be honoring people

who give back to local communities," Placek said. "It's a long-standing tradition for our Chamber."

Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. A digital Silent Auction will be held to benefit the Chamber's Scholarship Program at all three high schools: Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden. "It's all digital," Mitchell said. "You can bid on your phone. It's exciting because you can get a friendly bidding war going and it all benefits the kids."

Entertainment will be by Flint singer/musician Jymi Dill. Reservations are now being taken on Fentonchamber.com or at the Chamber office at 104 S. Adelaide St., Fenton, telephone (810) 629-5447. Deadline to make your reservation is Oct. 26.

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Educator of the Year – Linden Community Schools:

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Educator of the Year – Fenton Area Public Schools:

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Put the 'jingle' in your Christmas on Dec. 1

■ Annual Jinglefest kicks off the Christmas season in Fenton

By Sally Rummel

Jingle bells will ring on Saturday, Dec. 1 for the annual Jinglefest in Fenton.

Local stores will be open for the official kick off of the Christmas shopping season in Fenton. Keep your shopping receipts for a chance to win a \$500 Shopping Spree of gift cards from your favorite chamber member stores.

Visit Rotary Park off N. LeRoy Street, where elementary school students will decorate live trees, beginning at 10 a.m. View the ice sculptures on display, sponsored by area businesses and created by Icon Ice of Fenton.

Jinglefest activities will begin at 3 p.m. with

the JingleJog 5K Run/Walk. Presenting Sponsors are Genisys Credit Union and McLaren-Flint.

Enjoy your favorite Jinglefest activities, including the Live Nativity and reindeer at Fenton United Methodist Church. Horse and carriage rides, arts and crafts, Brunch with Santa Paws (photos with pets), entertainment and warm, comfort foods will be presented by community groups.

The Lighted Parade will step out at 6 p.m., the official tree lighting at 7 p.m. at Fenton Community and Cultural Center, followed by fireworks. Inside, visitors will enjoy photos and visits with Santa, entertainment and refreshments. Presenting Sponsor for Jinglefest is Genisys Credit Union.

The Fenton Regional Chamber also supports Linden, as they plan Holiday Happening on Friday, Dec. 7.



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November 9
Annual Awards Dinner

Spring Meadows Country Club - 6pm

November 28
Networking After Hours

Sawyer Jewelers 5-7pm

November 29
Customer Service Seminar

John's Pizzeria - 8am

December 1
Jinglefest & Jinglejog – 10am-9pm

December 4
Boys and Business
Loose Senior Center – 8am

December 20
Networking @ Noon
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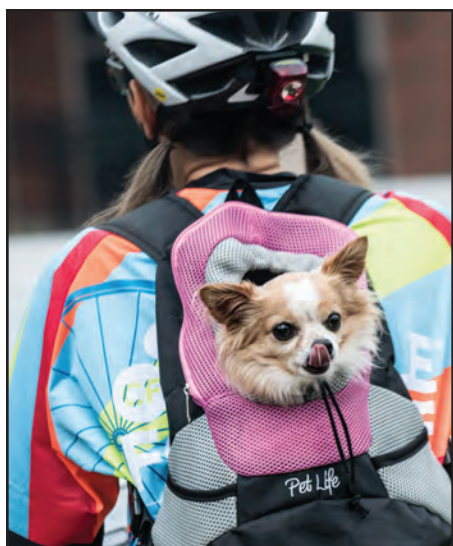
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Sunny Canup, 3, is kissed by her grandfather, Andy Szymanski, before the Cycle for Life ride Saturday, Oct. 6. The ride is to fight cystic fibrosis, a disease Sunny has. **Photos: Tim Jagielo**



This rider is bringing her tiny canine companion along for the ride.

Cycle for Life

■ Statewide fundraiser pedals through 'picturesque' tri-county area to fight cystic fibrosis

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — There was excitement and nervous energy in the air behind the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. Dozens of cyclists were tinkering with their bikes and strapping on their helmets, preparing for the big ride, set to start at 8 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 6.

Andy Szymanski of Im-lay City was ready to ride his recumbent bike. He hoisted his granddaughter, Sunny Canup, 3, of Lapeer up for a kiss. "We're riding for you," he told her. Sunny has cystic fibrosis (CF).

The Michigan Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation hosted the Michigan Cycle for Life 2018. The non-profit organization has a cycle goal of \$79,000 and has raised \$32,427 so far, according to its website.

The organization promotes finding a cure for CF and providing those afflicted with the chance to lead "full, productive lives"

“Knowing that I could breathe freely up hills and into the wind was a constant reminder of why I ride.”

Tracy Kapenga
Michigan Cycle for Life
fundraiser leader



Cycle for Life riders head north on N. LeRoy Street on Saturday, Oct. 6. The ride benefitted the Michigan Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. **Photo: Tim Jagielo**

by funding research and drug development, and promoting access to specialized medical and individualized care.

There were 65 people registered to ride, said Caitlin Ulrich, development director. The weather seemed to threaten rain, pushing up to 30 riders to stay home. Still, the weather was ideal for at least the first part of the bike trip, and each rider brought at least \$150 as a minimum pledge. They raised more than \$40,000 Saturday.

The routes were either 11, 36 or 64 miles long and each rider had to be at least 16 years of age to pledge, raise funds, and then ride. Ulrich said the 36-mile route is always the most popular, but the 64-mile route follows closely after that.

According to organizers, the ride is fully supported along the route, with stocked rest stops with bike mechanics and ride marshals to cheer on riders. The route through the tri-county area was described as some of the most scenic and picturesque terrain. Some went as far as Merwin Road in Hadley.

When asked why they chose Fenton, Ulrich said, "We were looking for a location change, and we heard such great things about Fenton, the surrounding area, and how great it was for cycling. The first time we visited Fenton, we knew it would be

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a great place to host the event. Everyone we spoke to in town was so helpful and welcoming and our cyclists raved about the new location and route.

Individuals or teams can raise funds. The leading team for Michigan is "Biking for Breaths," led by Tracy Kapenga of Hudsonville. So far they've raised more than \$10,000. "Knowing that I could breathe freely up hills and into the wind was a constant reminder of why I ride," Kapenga wrote on her Cycle for Life page.

What is cystic fibrosis?

Cystic fibrosis is an inherited disorder that causes severe damage to the lungs, digestive system and other organs in the body. It affects the cells that produce mucus, sweat and digestive juices. These secreted fluids are normally thin and slippery. But in people with cystic fibrosis, a defective gene causes the secretions to become sticky and thick. Instead of acting as a lubricant, the secretions plug up tubes, ducts and passageways, especially in the lungs and pancreas. This condition requires daily care, but people with the condition are usually able to attend school and work. It is a terminal disease. People with cystic fibrosis can live into their 30s, on average, and sometimes into their 50s.

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With the Legislature holding intermittent sessions during the general election campaign season, the Roll Call Report continues its review of key votes from the 2017-2018 session.

House Bill 4636: Criminalize female genital mutilation of minors

To make it a 15-year felony to perform a clitoridectomy, infibulation, or other female genital mutilation on a girl age 17 or younger. Claims that the procedure is required by custom or ritual would be explicitly excluded as a defense.

Passed 105 to 2 in the House on June 8, 2017

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) YES

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) YES

Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate on June 15, 2017

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) YES

Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) YES

Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) YES

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) YES

Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES

NEWS BRIEFS

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TORREY ROAD TO CLOSE MONDAY FOR REPAIRS

The Genesee County Road Commission has announced that **Torrey Road between Baldwin and Cook roads in Mundy Township** will be closed to traffic on Monday, Oct. 15, for cross tube replacement. Work is expected to run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Motorists are advised to seek an alternative route.

LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

OCT. 14

1912: Before a campaign speech in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Theodore Roosevelt, the presidential candidate for the Progressive Party, is shot at close range by saloonkeeper John Schrank while greeting the public in front of the Gilpatrick Hotel. Schrank's .32-caliber bullet, aimed directly at Roosevelt's heart. Schrank was immediately detained and reportedly offered as his motive that "any man looking for a third term ought to be shot." Roosevelt suffered only a flesh wound from the attack and went on to deliver his scheduled speech with the bullet still in his body.

OCT. 15

1917: Mata Hari, the archetype of the seductive female spy, is executed for espionage by a French firing squad at Vincennes outside of Paris. She first came to Paris in 1905 and found fame as a performer of exotic Asian-inspired dances. She soon began touring all over Europe, telling the story of how she was born in a sacred Indian temple and taught ancient dances by a priestess who gave her the name Mata Hari, meaning "eye of the day" in Malay. In reality, Mata Hari was born in a small town in northern Holland in 1876, and her real name was Margaretha Geertruida Zelle.

OCT. 16

2011: Dan Wheldon, 33, a popular, two-time Indianapolis 500 winner, dies following a fiery, 15-car crash during the IndyCar World Championship at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway in Nevada. Wheldon's death marked the first on-track IndyCar fatality since 2006.

OCT. 17

1973: The Arab-dominated Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) announces a decision to cut oil exports to the United States and other nations that provided military aid to Israel in the Yom Kippur War of October 1973. According to OPEC, exports were to be reduced by 5 percent every month until Israel evacuated the territories occupied in the Arab-Israeli war of 1967.

In December, a full oil embargo was imposed against the United States and several other countries, prompting a serious energy crisis in the United States and other nations dependent on foreign oil.

OCT. 18

1867: The U.S. formally takes possession of Alaska after purchasing the territory from Russia for \$7.2 million, or less than 2 cents an acre. The Alaska purchase comprised 586,412 square miles, about twice the size of Texas.

OCT. 19

1982: Automaker John Z. DeLorean is arrested and charged with conspiracy to obtain and distribute 55 pounds of cocaine worth \$24 million. DeLorean was acquitted of the drug charges in August 1984, but his legal woes were only beginning. He soon went on trial

for fraud and over the next two decades was forced to pay millions of dollars to creditors and lawyers. Nevertheless, DeLorean occupies an important place in automotive history: Thanks to its starring role in the 1985 film "Back to the Future," his gull-wing sports car is one of the most famous cars in the world.

OCT. 20

2011: Moammar Gadhafi, the longest-serving leader in Africa and the Arab world, is captured and killed by rebel forces near his hometown of Sirte. The eccentric 69-year-old dictator, who came to power in a 1969 coup, headed a government that was accused of numerous human rights violations against its own people and was linked to terrorist attacks, including the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jet over Lockerbie, Scotland.

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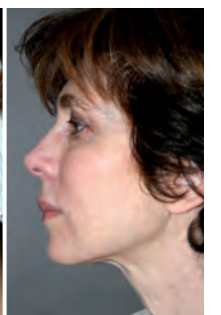
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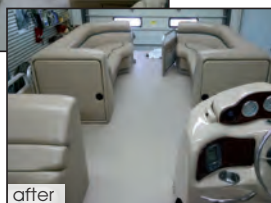
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WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, Oct. 10, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Drugs and firearms recovered during raid at adult foster care home

Husband and wife face charges; license suspended

Most local schools see drop in enrollment

Annual count day determines how much state funding each district receives.

Hee-Haw!

Argentine Township police locate owner of donkey wandering down Rolston Road near McCaslin Lake Road.



What's for dinner? Check out the newly remodeled VG's

The remodel grand openings at both the Silver Parkway and North LeRoy Street stores will be Sunday, Oct. 14.

Linden loses a piece of city history

Old, full-service gas station is demolished.

The Generation Gap

Pat Polakowski, 82, a member of the silent generation, and Gayle Hartwell, 36, a Millennial, answer the question: How has being a woman affected your choices in life?

Our Future

Meet Chloe Idoni, 17, a senior at Fenton High School. She is the 2018 Homecoming Queen and a basketball player.

Should married couples be allowed to serve on the same council?

Holly Village charter settles questions on validity.

FORMER LIMO COMPANY OWNER:

'Assume nothing'

■ New York crash that killed 20 exposes dangers of 'stretched' vehicles

By Vera Hogan

Whether it's a wedding, birthday, bachelorette party, anniversary or no particular occasion at all, most people believe that hiring a limousine is the smartest thing they can do if their celebration includes the drinking of alcohol.

Many people are second-guessing that decision this week after a limousine crash in New York on Saturday, Oct. 6, claimed the lives of 20 people, 18 in the limo on their way to a birthday party. The driver was one of those killed.

It has been deemed the deadliest U.S. transportation crash since 2009.

Limousines and tour buses are a popular way to travel, especially this time of year with fall weddings, fall color tours and visits to wineries to name a few.

Jill Bond, formerly of Fenton, retired to South Carolina two months ago. She is the one-time owner of a limousine company based in Lapeer and agreed to share her insight.

Bond said she purchased Star Limousines in Lapeer County in 2005. She closed her doors in 2008 when the economy plummeted.

"Hiring a limo is a budget line item," she said. "You don't really need a limo for a wedding and you don't really need a limo for a bachelorette party. After three years I was ready to break even and the events (economy) of 2008 crippled everybody."

Of the accident in New York on Saturday, Oct. 6, Bond said what everyone is thinking, that the car should never have been on the road. "I have never supported stretching them (limo) out," she said. "They don't come out of the factory that way. A body shop cuts the two ends (front and rear) apart and rebuilds the middle."

Not all of the critical mechanicals in the vehicle are upgraded in a stretch limousine that long. "The braking systems, the transmission systems and more are generally not upgraded to handle the length and the weight," she said.

Bond said when she was in business in Michigan, limousines had to be inspected every year. "We had to have a permit in the window showing that it had been



The driver of this stretch limo only served nine months in jail, despite having caused life-altering injuries to Detroit Red Wings champions, who had just won the Stanley Cup in June 1997. Photo: www.freep.com; William Archie DFP

inspected," she said. "It was a \$500 fine if you didn't."

The driver of the stretch limo in New York wasn't licensed properly, Bond said.

"I don't know how it is in New York, but anything carrying over 15 people, you had to have a CDL with a passenger endorsement," she said. "He was basically driving a truck with people in it."

Bond said passengers should ask the driver to produce a valid driver license. "Most passengers don't, they think everything's fine and climb right in," she said.

Limousines don't typically have seatbelts, she added. "But people wouldn't

EXCLUSIVELY ONLINE

Read about the June 1997 limousine crash involving Detroit Red Wings players, and how safety is compromised when a limo is stretched.

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put them on anyway."

In Michigan, a limo is the only vehicle that can have open intoxicants onboard — they just have to stay out of the driver area, Bond said.

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THREAT

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Argentine Township Police Chief Daniel Allen said Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton chose not to bring charges against the students.

Allen said the incident began when a female student repeatedly told the male student that he "looked like a school shooter." She allegedly asked him how he would carry out a school shooting. He answered her questions without specifics after being told numerous times that he "looked like a school shooter," Allen said, and it was nothing particular to Linden schools.

"It was all general," Allen said.

The female student then reported him to the school officials, who involved the school resource officer.

John Potbury, Genesee County deputy chief assistant prosecutor, said a juvenile petition and a criminal investigative report was brought to their office for review.

"The police interviewed the male and female students involved and several other students who heard the conversation between them as well as the male student's parents. There was no indication that the male student had any plans to or even an idea of shooting anyone prior to the female student's repeated questions to him about being a school shooter," he said.

The 14-year-old student does not have any access to guns at home.

Potbury said the girl will not face any

repercussions from the prosecutor's office related to this incident.

Potbury said Prosecutor David Leyton has stated many times that the subject of school shootings is never a joke.

“There was no indication that the male student had any plans to or even an idea of shooting anyone prior to the female student's repeated questions to him about being a school shooter.”

John Potbury
Genesee County deputy
chief assistant prosecutor

"He was disappointed to learn of this incident and, based on what's in the police reports, was not pleased to hear of the female student's comments about her classmate 'looking like a school shooter.' School shootings are a serious matter and joking about them in any fashion is wrong and, in some instances, may prove to be criminal," Potbury said.

Linden Superintendent Russ Ciesielski said they are investigating the incident. There's no word on if they will

seek disciplinary action for the female student yet.

On Monday, Oct. 8, Ciesielski sent an email to parents about the situation.

The letter stated, "I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage you to have an open dialogue with your student regarding the seriousness of making threats whether real, or perceived. We take all threats serious and will continue to work diligently to provide the safest learning environment possible. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me."

SUMMARY

■ After an investigation, the Genesee County Prosecutor's Office has declined to bring charges against a Linden High School student for reportedly making a verbal threat.

CRASH

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morning crash in Holly Township.

Michigan State Police and North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) responded to a two vehicle head-on crash at 7:15 a.m., on N. Holly Road, just south of Mitchell Road.

A male driver who was seriously injured was trapped in his heavily damaged white pickup truck. Extrication was required. He was transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township for medical treatment and subsequent surgery.

NOCFA Assistant Chief Matt Weil said

the impact was so severe that the man's truck came apart. The cab became separated from the frame and came to rest on the driver's side roof rail.

The male driver of the other vehicle, a Trailblazer, refused medical treatment and transport. He was taken into police custody pending the investigation.

The Holly Police Department assisted with traffic control and two off-duty responders, a Holly firefighter/EMT and a medic from MedStar ambulance, also stopped and assisted.

MSP is investigating the cause of the crash and the road was opened at approximately 11 a.m.

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VERNORS RECIPES

Vernors Cupcakes

INGREDIENTS:

1-1/2 cups flour
1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 cup sugar
3/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1 teaspoon ginger
3/4 cup Vernors
6 tablespoons butter, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 eggs

PREPARATION:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line 15 muffin cups with paper liners.

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, sugar, brown sugar, salt, and ginger. In a measuring cup, combine the Vernors, butter,

vanilla, and eggs; whisk together.

Pour liquid ingredients into the bowl with the dry ingredients, and stir to combine.

Divide the batter among the lined cups, and bake for 20 minutes until a tester comes out clean. Let cool completely.



Photo: publicspyfortheprivateeye.com

Aretha Franklin's holiday ham glaze

We lost the Queen of Soul this year, but some of Aretha Franklin's love lives in through her special holiday ham glaze. During a 2012 appearance on LIVE with Kelly Ripa, Franklin shared her recipe. Franklin called her recipe



Photo: www.tiphero.com

"Re Re's Christmas New Bethel Ham," and told hosts Kelly Ripa and Michael Strahan that it is named after the Detroit church where her father was pastor for more than 38 years. Franklin said this is how the ladies at the church do it.

INGREDIENTS:

Half picnic ham
Cloves
5 cups brown sugar
5 tablespoons yellow mustard (more or less to taste)
1 cup Vernors (ginger ale)
1 cup pineapple juice
Shredded coconut to finish
Small can of pineapple rings
Small jar of Maraschino cherries,

PREPARATION:

Put the ham in a baking dish and cut into the fat on the top of the ham 1 inch in. Sweat the ham in oven for 20-25 minutes with the cloves inserted in between the scored sections.

Remove ham from the oven to cool.

Mix the brown sugar, yellow mustard, ginger ale and pineapple juice. Pour over the ham and cover with aluminum foil.

Bake ham, until crisp, in the oven at 400 degrees. Baste every 20-25 minutes.

Remove from the oven, sprinkle with coconut and add pineapple slices and Maraschino cherries. Serve.

Sources: Huffpost.com; Detroit Historical.org; foodflooie.blogspot.com; wxyz.com

VERNORS

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surprised by its delicious contents. The beverage had a zesty, sweet, gingery flavor that was accentuated by the wood's aging process.

For several years, Vernor's soda fountain was the only place where one could purchase the beverage. As demand grew, Dr. Vernor began to sell his product to other soda fountains. A master of quality control, the doctor reportedly maintained a firm stance with his vendors concerning even seemingly minute details. Pharmacies were required to install special equipment in order to properly serve the soda. The doctor was vigilant about each ingredient, reportedly treating the soda with the same consistency and attention that he paid to his prescriptions. As its fame grew, Vernor's became available throughout the Midwest. A plant was soon opened in Detroit so that Vernor's could be mass produced locally; the factory would continually expand with the company's increasing success.

James Vernor was 84 when he died. His family joked that he did not retire until just hours before his death. His son, also named James Vernor, became the president of the company.

A highly carbonated beverage, Vernor's is often used to cure stomach aches. Sometimes it is even mixed with lemon juice and served hot to nurse a sore throat or cough. A popular desert beverage, the Boston Cooler, pairs vanilla ice cream with Vernor's soda, a drink named after Detroit's Boston Boulevard where it was reportedly first served. The Detroit chain Sanders Confectionary also served a Vernor's-flavored ice cream at one time.

Sometime mid-century, the name lost its apostrophe and became simply "Vernors." The Vernor family sold the company to an investment group in 1966. It was later owned by American Consumer Products, United Brands and then A&W Beverages. Today, Vernors is owned by Cadbury Schweppes, one of the nation's largest beverage producers.



Before the Civil War began, James Vernor, a Detroit pharmacist, concocted a drink made from 19 different ingredients. For years, the only place one could buy Vernors was from the fountain in James Vernor's pharmacy at 233 Woodward Ave. in downtown Detroit.

CORRECTION

In the Oct. 7 article, "Preserved for the right person" it incorrectly stated that Rick Sauve served with the 211th Engineer Company (SAPPER) in 2010. He had a relative stationed there and regularly sent care packages.



Shown above is the Ginger Ale storefront, which was located in a four-story brick building at 33 Woodward Ave.

Photo: www.detroithistorical.org

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■■
HOLLY HIGH SCHOOL parents, you need to ask your children about the recent 'survey' they were required to take and the inappropriate questions on it. Information that should not be asked by any school district.

■■■■
WHAT'S UP WITH the Democrats, have they gone insane? They hire protestors, gangs to create havoc, they are told to attack conservatives, and former attorney general states 'when the go low, kick them.' Looks like their vision for our country is hatred and violence against fellow citizens. Scary.

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15-year-old to decorate the town red

■ FHS freshman will place red ribbons around light poles in memory of murdered DEA agent

By Vera Hogan

The Fenton City Council unanimously approved a request by Hunter Graves, a 14-year-old Fenton High School freshman, to place red ribbons around city light poles.

Graves, a member of the "Young Marines USA," a youth program in the United States and Japan to promote the mental, moral and physical development of its members on the principles of honesty, fairness, courage, respect, loyalty, dependability, attention to duty and fidelity to the United States and its institutions.

As his community service project for the Young Marines, Hunter will place red ribbons on light poles in the downtown Fenton area to recognize the federal law enforcement service of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena.



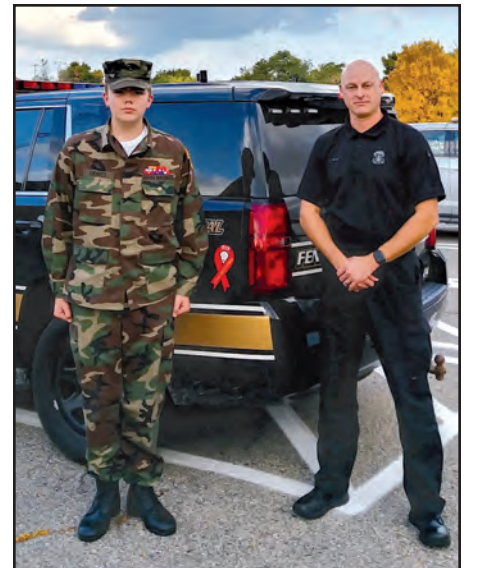
Enrique "Kiki" Camarena

Camarena, who was 37 when he died, worked for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and gave his life trying to stop the flow of illegal drugs into the USA through the Mexican border. In 1984, acting on information from Camarena, 450 Mexican soldiers backed by helicopters destroyed a 2,500-acre marijuana plantation with an estimated annual production of \$8 billion known as "Rancho Búfalo."

Camarena, who was identified as the source of the leak, was abducted in broad daylight Feb. 7, 1985, by corrupt police officers working for a drug lord. He was tortured mercilessly for more than 30 hours, then murdered. He had been injected with amphetamines and other drugs, most likely to ensure that he remained conscious while being tortured. His body was found in a rural area outside a small town in Mexico on March 5, 1985.

Hunter will start placing the ribbons around poles the evening of Sunday, Oct. 21 and will collect them from the poles on Oct. 31. He also has permission to place red ribbon vehicle magnets on local police cruisers.

"I am so proud of my son," said Hunter's mom, Dawn Graves. He has been with the Young Marines for three years. "He



Hunter Graves, a member of the Lapeer County Chapter of "Young Marines USA," poses with Lt. Jeff Cross of the Fenton Police Department, after placing red ribbon magnets on the police cruisers. Photo submitted to the Times

hemmed and hawed about joining at first," she said. "We asked him to give it a year and now it's year three."

Young Marines was founded Oct. 17, 1965. There currently is no Genesee County chapter. Hunter belongs to the Lapeer County Chapter. They have approximately 26 members with another 26 new recruits coming into their chapter.

According to his mother, Hunter has not yet decided whether he will enlist in the Marines or other military. "He's only 14," she said. "He has plenty of time to make a decision on that."



At the Oct. 8 Fenton City Council meeting, Hunter Graves, a member of "Young Marines" handed out cards explaining the purpose of his organization. Photo submitted to the Times

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LIMO

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"Passengers should always make sure their driver is licensed, that he or she is neat in appearance and professional," she said. "Don't get into the car and assume it's okay."

Bond said some people put cars (limousines) on the road just to make some money. But she said, many of those vehicles have mechanical issues.

"I had two cars," she said. "I didn't want to run with the big boys. I had two 1996 Cadillacs that carried 10 passengers. I never wanted a big Hummer or anything like that. I don't think those vehicles are made to be stretched and certainly not to carry 14 people."

"They come off the assembly line in one piece," Bond said. "Body shops literally cut them in half and put everything on from the drive train, to the transmission — from bottom on up to the roof. Then it's all welded together."

Bond said passengers should "assume nothing."

WHAT IS A STRETCH LIMO?

There's no official definition, but in the real world, it is a regular car or SUV that has been cut in half, separating the front and rear. The body is extended on the top, bottom and sides. Additional seating is added, often along the sides.

HOW DOES THAT CHANGE THE SAFETY OF THE PASSENGERS?

One way is behavior. People who usually ride in hired vehicles are less careful about using seatbelts than those who regularly travel in private cars, a survey by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety found. While studies have not been done specifically of passengers in stretch limousines, the party atmosphere suggests that the same behavior applies. Unbelted riders not only put themselves at risk but can become a flying hazard to the belted passengers. Their bodies can be hurled through a vehicle's interior at terrible speeds.

HOW ELSE DOES STRETCHING A VEHICLE CHANGE SAFETY?

By federal law, vehicle interiors are designed, in part, as cages that deflect the forces of a crash away from the passengers. The modifications to create a stretch limo eliminate some of those protections. In making the vehicle longer, side rollover pillars and airbags are removed or become useless.

HOW ABOUT AVOIDING CRASHES?

Keeping control of such a large vehicle is a challenge for the driver. Fatalities from SUV rollovers led to a regulation that required the addition of electronic stability control. But that's not really going to help a stretch limo. When a vehicle is modified this much, the algorithms for electronic stability control would not work because the length and mass have been changed. Brakes and tires are typically designed around the size of the vehicle, and increasing the mass changes the vehicle dynamics.

Source: dreamlimousinesdetroit.com/limo-service; clickondetroit.com

Driver runs stop sign and causes crash

■ Two-car crash flips minivan carrying young twin boys

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — The cause of the Tuesday, Oct. 9 crash at Wiggins and N. Long Lake roads has been determined.

Genesee County Undersheriff Chris Swanson said a female driver traveling on Wiggins Road failed to yield to oncoming traffic at the large curve at N. Long Lake Road near the north end of Lake Fenton.

Her van collided with a white car driven by a man from Flint.

The minivan driven by the woman who was traveling with her two young twin sons, flipped onto its side. All three were taken by ambulance to the hospital.

The white car traveling on N. Long Lake Road sustained front-end damage.



Sections of Wiggins and North Long Lake roads were closed Tuesday, Oct. 9 as first responders dealt with a crash. Photo: Hannah Ball

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Holly parents unhappy with field trip chaperone limitations

By Tim Jagielo

Maybe it's too much of a good thing.

Some parents are feeling left out, or cut off from field trips their children are attending at Holly Area Schools (HAS) — especially at the elementary levels.

HAS follows a chaperone policy that allows the individual schools to control who can accompany students on a field trip.

Superintendent Scott Roper said, "Schools limit the number of chaperones based on venue/location limitations and/or transportation capacity restrictions."

He said that this fall, some of the grade levels at the elementary buildings were attempting to address the limitations set on the number of guests/visitors established by field trip venues. "As a result, they adjusted some of their procedures in how chaperones were selected," he said.

Some parents describe this as a "lottery" system, though the district does not. The volunteer background check form also declares the right of HAS to approve or deny volunteers based on the background check.

"So, been hearing a lot about Holly schools chaperone policy for field trips. Is this the best they could do is this lottery crap?" asks a Facebook commenter, kicking off a discussion thread on the Holly, MI open discussion forum.

This post triggered a lengthy thread of comments on the topic of restricting parent and volunteer access on field trips. "I couldn't go on a few field trips with my youngest last year because of it. I think it's ridiculous," another commenter wrote.

“It's time parents realize that school field trips are not your family vacations.”
Times Hot-liner

A mother posted that she is used to going on practically all the field trips with her son, who is now in middle school. She doesn't like having to explain to her youngest son why she can't go with him.

The discussion led to suggestions of pulling kids out of the district, voting down the upcoming bond, or breaking the rules and just showing up to field trips when it's held at a public space.

Another woman suggested gathering concerned parents to talk to the HAS Board of Education at an upcoming meeting. "The lack of parents at these meetings is part of the problem," she said. "They are not hearing our concerns."

She was restricted from a planetarium trip, but said her son still had a great time.

Roper said elementary classes are reverting to their past practices for how chaperones are selected. "They will continue with the same chaperone selection process they have had in the past," he said.

A Hot line in the Times read, "It's time parents realize that school field trips are not your family vacations. Thirty-five parents on a field trip is not only ridiculous but unsafe. Take your kids to those places on your own time."

Another Hot line read, "Lottery policy is alienating parents."

In a recent letter sent to parents, Patterson Elementary Principal Peggy Kraemer said that the school will follow the student handbook to determine how many parents or family members can go when space is limited. She said one family member per child will be permitted in these cases.

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Learning American Sign Language

■ More and more people signing up for classes

By Hannah Ball

Videos often circulate of sign language interpreters signing at rap concerts, or YouTube videos of people who are deaf communicating a story to the rest of the world, often with subtitles. Their hands move fast and fluidly, in what is called American Sign Language (ASL).

ASL is a language that combines hand movement, facial expressions and body posture that allows people who are deaf or hearing impaired to communicate.

Stephanie Naeyaert, a Mott Com-



ASL III students Krista Lopez (left) and Emma Draper work together during class Tuesday, Oct. 9. Photo: Tim Jagielo

munity College professor who's been teaching ASL since 1991, said, "ASL is not English on the hands. It's a completely separate language with its own syntax and grammatical structure."

Some students learn it quickly, but most struggle. Some students sign up for the classes thinking it's an easy A, but it's more involved than learning your ABCs.

"It also depends on how hard the students are willing to work at mastering the language. How much time they put in it outside of class. How immersed are they in the native ASL-using community. Generally speaking, it takes 10 years to be fluent in any language," she said.

Awareness of ASL is growing past the deaf community. More and more colleges and high schools are offering the course as a secondary language. All Mott Community College ASL classes are open to the public. Naeyaert said Genesee County has the GenNet system, which offers ASL classes, and that Michigan Virtual University offers them as well.

"I do know the number of hearing children learning ASL is increasing in leaps and bounds every year. ASL is now being offered in many high schools and colleges," she said. "While at the same time deaf children are banned from using sign languages internationally. Language deprivation among deaf children is a huge crisis internationally right now."

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Linden High School American Sign Language (ASL) instructor Karly Blandford signs to students during her sixth-hour ASL III group Tuesday, Oct. 9. Photo: Tim Jagielo

such as doctors, audiologists and teachers, mistakenly believe that if deaf children are exposed to sign language they will never learn to speak, Naeyaert said.

"While at the same time, the same people are encouraging hearing children to learn sign language as a bridge to learning English," she said.

Naeyaert said Galaudet University's Visual Language and Visual Learning Lab has done extensive research and found that the brain does not discriminate against language modality (voiced vs. signed).

"The same area of the brain lights up when humans recognize a language is being used," she said.

ASL is important for deaf children to learn. Nine out of 10 children, who are born deaf are born to parents who hear. Children born deaf should be exposed to sign language as young as possible. "The earlier any child is exposed to and begins to acquire language, the better that child's communication skills will become. Research suggests that the first few years of life

“If we weren't deaf or didn't know ASL, we wouldn't have such a rich life as we have right now.”

Stephanie Naeyaert
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Pinning ceremony set for all who served during the Vietnam war

■ Military vets invited to be honored at Holly Moose Lodge

Compiled by Sharon Stone

A formal Vietnam veteran lapel pinning ceremony will be held Saturday, Oct. 20 in commemoration of the 50-year anniversary of the war. It will be held at 2 p.m. at Holly Moose Lodge 1168, at 210 S. Broad St., Holly.

The event was made possible in part by the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration.

Michigan Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Kowall (R-White Lake) said, "The 'Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event to Thank and Honor Vietnam Veterans and Their Families' in Holly will give long-overdue recognition to Vietnam war era veterans and their families."

He encourages all interested residents and veterans to join his representative at the event, Director of District and Veteran Affairs Lynn O'Brien, in paying tribute to the men and women who were

too often forgotten when they returned home.

O'Brien will provide a Vietnam War Commemorative Lapel Pin to U.S. veterans who served on active duty at any time from Nov. 1, 1955 – May 15, 1975, regardless of location.

U.S. Army and Vietnam veteran Joe Mishler will be the master of ceremonies and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5587 Color Guard will post the colors. The guest speaker will be Lori Weber, member of the Children of Vietnam Veteran Health Alliance.

In addition, Joanna Lauren, daughter of a Vietnam era veteran, will perform the national anthem and lead attendees in a God Bless America singalong; entertainment will be provided by Michibillys Band; and the Holly Moose Lodge will provide a light lunch for attendees.

Information regarding the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration can be found at www.vietnamwar50th.com.

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are the most crucial to a child's development of language skills, and even the early months of life can be important for establishing successful communication," according to the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD).

Naeyaert said ASL, and other signed languages, are incredibly important to learn. She, along with her parents, grandparents, spouse, and child, are deaf.

"Every day I look at my neighbors and think to myself how limiting their lives must be. Only knowing English, and only interacting with others in their immediate community and their families," she said.

They've attended events for the deaf, like deaf conventions, deaf academic bowl competitions, deaf battle of the books competitions, deaf film camp, deaf snowboarding camp and more.

"If we weren't deaf or didn't know ASL, we wouldn't have such a rich life as we have right now. We have close friends all over United States and Canada and other places in the world as well, all because of our language," she said.



Seeger DeGayner signs during class Tuesday, Oct. 9. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Background on ASL

About 5 percent of the world population, or 360 million, is deaf. In the United States, 1 in 20 people are deaf or hard of hearing; 10 million are hard of hearing, and 1 million are functionally deaf.

Sources: audicus.com; academic.oup.com,
National Institute on Deafness
and other Communication Disorders

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

DOOR LOCK TAMPERING

On Oct. 4, a Holly police officer was sent to the 100 block of S. Saginaw Street in Holly to investigate a malicious destruction of property complaint. The owner of the building said she noticed that her key was difficult to fit into the door lock and it was difficult to lock and unlock the door. She believed the door had been tampered with. The officer observed some damage to the lock. The building owner suspected that someone during the large car show the previous evening might have tampered with the door.

STORE REPORTS STOLEN NECKLACE

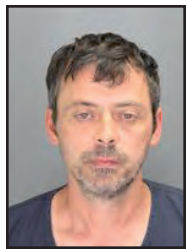
Holly police were dispatched to a retail business in the 100 block of S. Saginaw Street on Oct. 6 to investigate a larceny complaint. The store owner told police a white male had entered the store and stole a men's necklace, priced at \$39. She said she noticed because he seemed suspicious and she kept an eye on him. After he quickly left the store she saw him sitting in a white Chevy truck. He drove away when he noticed the owner watching him. The man was described to be in his early 30s, approximately 5-feet, 10-inches tall with a thin build. He also had a full beard. Police continue to investigate.

WOMAN RECEIVES THREATENING MESSAGE

A 53-year-old Holly woman filed a harassment complaint with Holly police Oct. 10. The woman told police that she had received a threatening message on her phone from her 38-year-old son, who she believes lives out of state. Police are investigating.

HOLLY MAN ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT

On Oct. 8 at 5:28 am., Holly police responded to a home in the 800 block of E. Maple Street to investigate a domestic disturbance complaint. The incident involved a victim, her boyfriend, later identified as Kevin



Dunigan, and a witness who are all acquaintances and present during the incident. The 44-year-old woman and her 48-year-old boyfriend, Dunigan, who was arrested, had been living together. The

woman said Dunigan had assaulted her Oct. 4. Police observed injuries. A male witness called police Oct. 8 following an argument over money among the three of them. Dunigan was charged Oct. 8 with obstruction, simple assault and domestic violence in Oakland County 52-2 District Court. He is lodged at the Oakland County Jail on a \$10,000 cash surety bond.



Argentine cops go pink for breast cancer awareness

The Argentine Township Police Department is going pink for the month of October to recognize breast cancer awareness month. Officers can buy a pink badge from Smith & Warren, a badge making company, which is donating part of its proceeds to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. The foundation provides early detection screenings, education and support services nationwide. Argentine officers are also putting pink ribbons on the police cruisers, and participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in Flint on Saturday, Oct. 13. Above, Argentine Township Police Officer Teresa Archer-Walters wears one of the pink badges. Photos submitted to the Times



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Here's what to watch on TV this season

Comedies, tragedies, and real-life prison escapes

By Hannah Ball

Americans age 18 and older watch an average of four hours and 46 minutes of TV a day, according to the Nielsen Total Audience Reports reporting on the first quarter of 2018.

This season, many of those hours will be spent on popular TV shows coming back this fall.

Shows to look out for...

"Maniac" (Netflix)

All episodes were released Sept. 21 on Netflix, with co-stars Emma Stone and Jonah Hill playing two mentally ill people signing up for a pharmaceutical drug trial that promises to fix mental ailment. The series was developed by and directed by Cary Fukunaga, who did "True Detective."



"Manifest" (NBC)

A plane goes missing while in air and shows up one night, five years later, at its destination. For passengers, no time passed. Drama meets subtle supernatural elements. It premiered Sept. 24, and airs Mondays at 10 p.m. EDT (Eastern Daylight Time).



"A Million Little Things" (ABC)

This show, which premiered Sept. 26 and airs Wednesdays at 10 EDT, follows a group of friends and their partners as they deal with the suicide of one of their close friends. The show has been likened to the popular "This is Us," promising deep emotions and heavy scenes.



"Escape at Dannemora" (Showtime)

Directed by Ben Stiller, this show tells the true story of a prison break by two inmates in upstate New York that cost taxpayers at least \$23 million. It features Benicio del Toro and Paul Dano as the escapees, and Patricia Arquette who had sex with both men before helping them escape. It premieres Sunday, Nov. 18 at 10 p.m. EDT.



Reboots and comebacks...

This fall, TV viewers will see reboots of old shows that have been off the air for years. Here are a few blasts from the past:

"Murphy Brown" (CBS)

Popular TV broadcaster Murphy Brown is back 10 years later as the host of a morning show. Brown deals with "fake news," the ever-changing climate of the news industry and more. The show premiered Sept. 27 and airs Thursdays at 9:30 p.m. EDT.



"Charmed" (CW)

The reboot of the successful "Charmed" series premieres Sunday, Oct. 14 with three new sisters who fight demons and wield magic. It's created by "Jane the Virgin" creator Jennie Snyder Urman.



"Magnum P.I." (CBS)

Magnum comes back, now played by Jay Hernandez, without the iconic mustache. He's a private investigator living and working in Hawaii after retiring as a Navy SEAL. The show premiered Monday, Sept. 24 and airs at 9 p.m. EDT.



More fall shows to watch

Bull (CBS)
Dancing With the Stars (ABC)
Magnum P.I. (CBS)
The Big Bang Theory (CBS)
The Voice (NBC)
Young Sheldon (CBS)
NCIS (CBS)
NCIS: New Orleans (CBS)
The Gifted (Fox)
This is Us (NBC)
Empire (Fox)
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While this show isn't a reboot, it did survive after being cancelled by ABC. Fox picked up the show, spearheaded by Tim Allen, who stars in the series as the owner of a sporting goods store in Denver, Colorado. He has a wife and three daughters. The show, which airs Friday at 8 p.m., follows the family.



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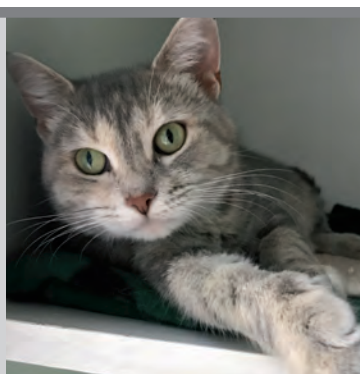


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Lake Fenton's first graduating class —1963 — holds reunion

The 55th reunion from Lake Fenton High School's first graduating class (1963) took place Aug. 4 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center with a luncheon while overlooking Lake Fenton. The setting fit our class motto, "Now that we have set sail, where shall/did we anchor?" Classmates numbering 49 at graduation now number 33. Top photo — attendees from left are David Glover, Emily Carroll (for Judy Vestel), Art Mason, Mike Stubbs, Carol Kille Stephenson, Linda Newland Bacon, Mike Cohoon, Lenora Briggs Gann, Sue Stone Gillette, Glenda Eades Damm, Bill Hall, Cathy Parks Cross, Carol Lang Jameson, Sally Nickel Abbott, Lloyd Rembowski, Rodney Cross, Gary Lenzi and Floyd Edwards. Photo submitted to the Times

HOT LINE CONTINUED

FAKE NEWS ALERT: Hot-liner claiming HB4351 passed by 100 percent of Michigan legislature is wrong. Check the roll call; 38 representatives voted 'nay.' Also check the bill title; it had nothing to do with spare parts. The bill simply tax-exempted aircraft not based or registered in Michigan.

IN REGARD TO Debbie Stabenow. Do you think the young people who read the Hot lines are naive? It was constructive criticism because that is where her head is. She does not have a mind of her own. She voted against Kavanaugh and she voted against a tax cut for the American people. Shame on her.

COSBY ADMITTED TO giving women drugs. He put himself in jail. Do not know Nassar, but if he's in jail that's proof positive. Ford had no evidence, no witnesses,

and no collaboration. There was no evidence. That's why he is on the Supreme Court where he should be.

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House Bill 6064: Authorize new corporate subsidy program

To authorize a new program to give up to \$50 million in state taxpayer subsidies to some private business owners through a device the bill would create called a "rural development fund."

Passed 81 to 25 in the House

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

Senate Bill 425: Authorize electronic voter registration

To require the Secretary of State to develop a system for online voter registration on its website. An individual would have to have a valid driver's license or state identification card to use the proposed system.

Passed 107 to 0 in the House

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

House Bill 4224: Repeal ticket scalping ban

To repeal a state law that bans ticket "scalping" at sports and entertainment events, but also authorizes jail time for interfering with an internet-based ticket distribution system used by an event's promoter.

Passed 71 to 36 in the House

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

House Bill 6200: Criminalize anchoring in Straits of Mackinac

To make it a crime to anchor a vessel in the Straits of Mackinac, subject to two years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Passed 106 to 1 in the House

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

House Bill 6379: Allow pension double-dipping by some "retired" legislature employees

To permit some "retired" individuals formerly employed by the legislature to return to work and collect both a paycheck and a state pension check.

Passed 103 to 4

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES
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Fenton swimmers continue to dominate, crush Pinckney

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls swim team is only about halfway through its season, but has already accomplished many season-long goals.

Many have qualified for the state meet in individual events or in relays. Pool records are being broken not only at Fenton, but also when they go to other pools within the Metro League. School record times

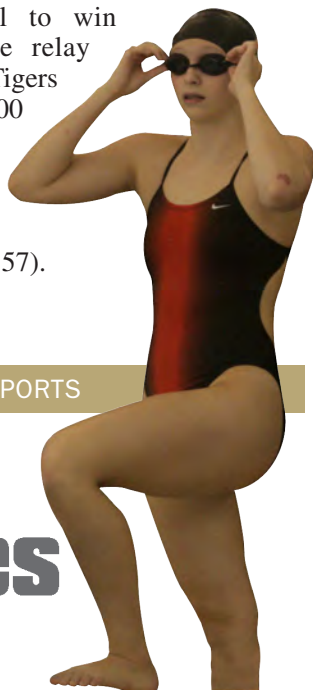
are being posted routinely as well. The Tigers always win Metro duals and are undefeated this season in league action as well. Finally, they also won the county tournament. They did something else not listed previously, Wednesday. The Tigers won a non-league dual meet. They earned one by beating Pinckney 140-46 Wednesday.

The Tigers won 10 of the 12 events,

easily cruising to the win. Freshman Gracie Olsen continues to dominate impressively, winning two individual events and helping two Fenton relays to first-place efforts. She won the 100 freestyle (59.04) by swimming the butterfly. She also won the 50 freestyle (24.81). She teamed with Rose Haney, Caitlyn Dailey and Sabrina Hall to win the 200 medley relay (2:01.28) and with Lillie Kromer,

Dailey and Hall to win the 400 freestyle relay (3:57.35). The Tigers also won the 200 freestyle relay with the team of Hall, Dailey, Chloe Mallard and Kromer (1:45.57).

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Fenton's Gracie Olsen

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Sports Times

Holly's Culloty, Linden's Douglass gone from football coach positions

■ Culloty resigns Thursday; Douglass 'relieved of his duties' as Linden co-head coach

By David Troppens

Two tri-county varsity football coaches have found themselves dealing with disciplinary actions that have resulted in the terminations of their coaching careers at their respective school.

What allegedly began as a two-week suspension for Holly varsity football coach Ryan Culloty earlier this week for a potential violation of school board policy turned into Culloty resigning his position Thursday night. Meanwhile, Linden's co-varsity football coach Nick Douglass was "relieved of his duties as co-varsity football coach" on Oct. 3, said Russ Ciesielski, superintendent of Linden Community Schools.

On Thursday at 9:54 p.m. Holly Area Schools Superintendent Scott Roper released the following statement about Culloty:

"Ryan Culloty has offered and the district has accepted his resignation as Varsity Football Coach effective immediately. Christopher Sikora, currently an assistant coach for the team, has been appointed interim head coach for the remainder of the season. Mr. Culloty's resignation follows a report of and an investigation into a potential violation of school board policy. He will continue his teaching duties."

Holly High School athletic director Deb VanKuiken did not return many texts, phone messages or emails and

See FOOTBALL on 23A

Tigers' title chances take a hit vs. Flushing

By David Troppens

Flushing — The Fenton varsity volleyball team couldn't have asked for a better first set against Flushing as the Tigers battled to defend their Metro League championship, Tuesday at Flushing High School.

The Tigers played near flawless volleyball during that first set, quickly jumping to a 25-10 victory and a 1-0 set lead. Life was still good if you were a Fenton fan after the Tigers won the second set by a tighter 25-22 score. However, from that point, the Tigers made more errors, and really struggled with service reception the rest of the match, resulting in a 10-25, 22-25, 26-24, 26-24, 15-12 loss to the Flushing Raiders.

Flushing (6-0) now has the inside track to the Metro League title as the Tigers (6-1) are going to need help to earn at least a share of the crown. Fenton has one more Metro match left — a Tuesday match at Swartz Creek — and needs a victory. Flushing has a home match against Clio and a road match against Kearsley during the next two weeks, but will be a heavy favorite in both matches.

"No question, they served us tough and we didn't serve receive well," Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger said. "We serve received well early and then it kind of fell apart on us and we couldn't get it back. It made a difference."

The Tigers may have played their best set of the season in the first set. Chloe Idoni started on fire, earning Fen-

ton's first six kills, leading the Tigers to a quick 10-3 lead. Flushing tried to get back into the set by scoring the next two points, but that's about as much of a run that the Raiders made. A kill by Delaney Meisch was followed by a Sydney Acho ace, raising the lead to 10 (16-6) for the first time in the match. Set point came at 25-10 on an Idoni kill.

In the second set, the Tigers played solid as well, collecting 14 kills with just one hitting error during the set. Fenton trailed 22-20 late on a kill by Sutton Bate. However, a service error gave Fenton's Erin Carter the service with Fenton trailing 22-21. Carter served the final four points of the set with Lydia Podlesak earning a kill and Idoni earning three kills during the run. Idoni provided set point's kill.

The Tigers struggled after the second



Fenton's team celebrates a point in a recent match. The Tigers lost a tough five-set match at Flushing Tuesday. Photo: Monica Bradburn

set. Fenton's poor service reception hurt their offense as the Tigers had just nine kills and three hitting errors in the third set. Still, despite the Tigers' struggles, Fenton remained close and had a chance to win the match. Trailing 23-17, Fenton's Meisch collected a kill, giving Acho the service. She provided four straight points, cutting the deficit to 23-22.

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Bronchos headed to D2 state meet

By David Troppens

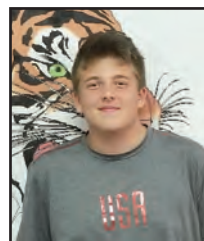
Team success hasn't come as easy or as frequently for the Holly varsity boys tennis team as it has in the recent past this season.

The squad was pushed in Metro duals this season more than in the recent past, seeing its lengthy unbeaten streak end at 107 this year when Flushing defeated the Bronchos. Holly also had to settle for second place in the final Metro League standings after capturing the last five straight Metro crowns.

But hard work has paid off

at the regional level.

The Bronchos finished second at the regional meet held at North Farmington, earning the squad a trip to the Division 2 state tennis meet being held at Hope College Oct. 19 and 20. Meanwhile, Fenton's No. 1 singles player, Gabe Hand, also is headed to the



Fenton's Gabe Hand

state meet after capturing his regional title flight. Hand defeated Avondale's Nathan Reichenbach in the regional championship match.

Auburn Hills Avondale won the team regional crown with 13 points, while Holly was second with 12 points. The Bronchos were able to earn some revenge on Flushing, as the Raiders qualified for the state meet, but took third with 10 points. Holly had one flight champion and three other flights earn runner-up honors.

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The Holly varsity boys tennis team qualified for the Division 2 state meet by placing second at the regional held at North Farmington High School Thursday. Submitted photo

Blue Devils improving near district time

By David Troppens
Lake Fenton — Not really being a part of a league this season, it was hard for the Lake Fenton varsity boys soccer team to have any serious championship goals during the regular season. So instead, Lake Fenton varsity boys soccer coach emphasized improving during the season in preparation for the state tournament series at the end of the year. The Blue Devils did just that. Lake Fenton took some more losses than the Blue Devils usually experience, but Lake Fenton appears to be playing its best soccer of the season right before districts start. Lake Fenton played unselfishly and displayed a diverse passing attack during a 4-0 victory against Almont on Monday.

“We told the guys that our emphasis was going to be on the playoffs this season,” Lake Fenton varsity soccer coach Sam Jawhari said. “We are playing better, passing better.” The Blue Devils took a 4-0 lead in the first half and dominated the game more than the final score may indicate. They dominated the possession and Almont



Lake Fenton’s Alden Finney takes a shot during the Blue Devils’ 4-0 victory against Almont Monday. Photo: Monica Bradburn

didn’t get more than a shot on net the entire contest. Meanwhile, four different players scored for the Blue Devils. Riley Besser scored just seven minutes into the game while Nicholas Abdallah scored on a breakaway on an assist by Luke Rimarcik. Austin Ames assisted

Besser’s goal. The third goal came with 15:21 left in the half on a shot by Caleb Hardy, scoring on an assist by Besser. Finally, with 9:06 left in the first half, Rimarcik scored a penalty kick goal, making it a 4-0 lead.

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Holly’s varsity girls swim team celebrates a victory. The Bronchos have won two straight dual meets. Submitted photo

Holly swimmers getting stronger, earn two recent dual meet victories

By David Troppens
Wins are not a common result for the Holly varsity girls swim team. Well, at least earlier in the season they weren’t. Victories are coming more frequently in recent times. The Bronchos won back-to-back duals, defeating Avondale 89-86 and defeating Kearsley 101-82 in recent meets. So the recent trend meant something else — the swimmers had an excuse to throw Holly swim coach Rachel Gardner into the pool for a celebration photo. “We don’t win often so when we do it’s a big deal,” Gardner said. “And after winning two in a row, the girls felt it necessary to push me in the pool.”

The push didn’t bother Gardner a bit. Against Avondale, the event was won during the final event, the 400 freestyle relay. Emily Sanders, Ella Althaver, Abi Bullard and Becca Costigan won the event with a time of 4:46.10. Ella Athaver had a big meet, winning both of her individual events. She led the Bronchos to a 1-2-3 sweep in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:30.69. Following behind her was Becca Costigan in second place (2:31.55) and Emily Sanders in third (2:38.95). She also won the 500 freestyle (6:59.82) with Sanders finishing in second (7:11.06). Holly also went 1-2 in the 100 freestyle.

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BOYS SOCCER

► **Grand Blanc 2, Fenton 1:** Alex Flannery scored on a Ben Chapple assist with 12 minutes left to put the Tigers ahead 1-0. However, Grand Blanc scored two late goals, one on a penalty kick, to earn the win. Noah Martin had nine saves. ► **Fenton 2, Oxford 2:** Nick Cairduff and R.J. Stack scored Fenton’s goals while Brock Henson and Mitchell Scheer

assisted the goals. Joe Loria made 13 saves in net. ► **Linden 5, Owosso 1:** Ryan Gillespie, Matt Whitted, Jacob Welch, Koby Hall and Chad Kenney had a goal each, leading the Eagles to a 13-5-3 record overall. Hunter Hall, Jarrod Buswell, Josh Clift and Kolby Hall had an assist each.

FOOTBALL

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refused to comment about the Culloty alleged suspension throughout the week. Sikora was running varsity football practices throughout the week. Culloty was reached Friday morning and declined to make any additional comments concerning his resignation.

Linden athletic director Greg Durkac, who is an assistant varsity football coach on Linden’s staff, confirmed Douglass’s status, but refused to make any comments beyond that. Douglass, who has been a co-head coach with Denny Hopkins since 2012, declined to make any comments as did Hopkins, who is now the varsity football coach. Hopkins was the outright Linden varsity football coach from 1998 until 2011 and shared the varsity head coaching duties with Douglass until Douglass’s recent departure from the program.

Ciesielski declined to make a comment about Douglass on Tuesday and Thursday citing it “being a

personnel issue.” “That information I can’t discuss due to it being a personnel issue,” Ciesielski said. “Denny will continue to be the head coach.” Linden’s program has been hit hard with numerous injuries, resulting in the loss of 13 starters during the season. The result has been a 3-4 overall record through the seventh week of the season, and has Linden needing wins the last two regular season weeks just to have a chance at making the state football playoffs. The Eagles have been in the playoffs 16 consecutive seasons. Douglass, who was on the varsity football staff prior to being a co-head coach, held a 49-23 record at Linden during his co-coach tenure with Hopkins. Holly has struggled this fall as well and are 2-5 entering the final two weeks. Earlier this season, Culloty became the Bronchos’ all-time winningest varsity football coach. He has won 43rd game at Holly.

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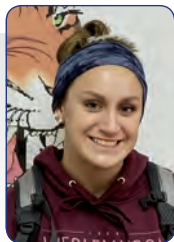
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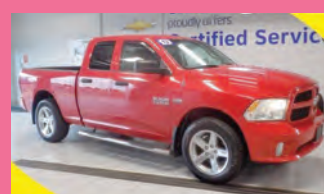
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