

Gubernatorial candidates promise to 'fix the roads'

By Vera Hogan

Whatever the election year, there is always one big "issue" politicians latch onto and promise to fix. In past years it has been "creating jobs" and "transparency." This year it's "fixing the roads,"

and in one candidate's words, "fixing the damn roads."

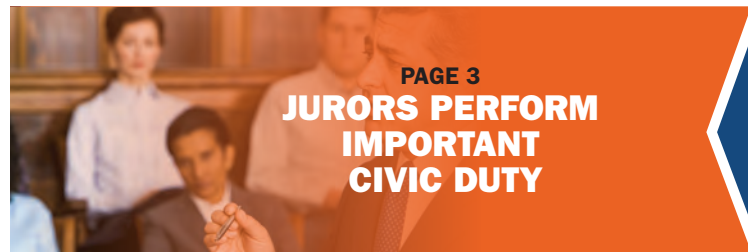
Democratic candidate for governor, Gretchen Whitmer, was the first (but not the last) to launch a television ad campaign on "fixing the damn roads."

Republican candidate Bill Schuette has made the same promise, sans TV commercial regarding roads, but he too has a plan.

According to [detroitnews.com](#), Schuette has not specified how much he wants to increase road spending, but

Whitmer's proposal calls for an annual \$2-billion investment into a state infrastructure bank that would provide loans, matching funds and grants for state and local projects.

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Matthew Carrier to be sentenced Friday

■ Could get up to life in prison for crash that killed five people in May 2017

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Matthew Jordan Carrier, 22, of Fenton, is scheduled to appear in Livingston County Circuit Court this Friday, Oct. 19, for sentencing.

He entered a "no contest" plea Aug. 24 to 19 counts, including five counts each of second-degree murder and operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing death.

Carrier was charged after a traffic crash at M-59 and Argentine Road in Oceola Township on May 9, 2017 that resulted in the deaths of five people and serious injury to two others.

Those killed include Justin Andrew Humberto Henderson, 18, and Preston Wetzel, 24, both of Fenton, Candice Dunn, 36, of Oakland County, along with her mother, Linda Hurley, 69, of

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Hundreds flock to downtown for Witches Night Out



Many Fenton businesses, like Fenton's Open Book, participated in Witches Night Out on Friday, Oct. 12, which encouraged participants to come dressed as witches. The event raised approximately \$1,400 for Fenton firefighters. See story on page 6. Photo: Hannah Ball

Cost of trash services could increase

■ Higher price may be due to China no longer accepting recyclables

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — Fenton Township residents could see an increase in cost for their trash, recycling and yard waste collection services.

On Monday, Oct. 15, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees held the first reading for the solid waste collection special assessment

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Republic Services increased its annual fees for trash, recycling and yard waste collection.

Times file photo

Judge allows seized evidence in CSC case

■ Circuit court judge denies motion to suppress 'materials' in Watson trial

By Tim Jagielo

Despite a motion to suppress, some materials taken from Derek Watson's Fenton Township home will be used as evidence in his criminal sexual conduct case.

On Monday, Sept. 24, Genesee County Circuit Court Judge Geoffrey Neithercut denied the motion to suppress materials,

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“If there was evidence finding Hillary guilty I am sure the Republicans would have prosecuted her. Since they didn't, I have to assume the evidence is all in your mind.”



COMMENT
OF THE WEEK

“The road millage the city is asking for will be \$4.78 per week or \$248 per year for 10 years, which comes out to \$2,480 for that time period. How much is the DDA paying? I haven't had a raise in 20 years.”

Marijuana use was legal in U.S. until 1937

■ Fears that Mexicans were distributing the 'killer weed' to unsuspecting school children prompted the legislation

By Vera Hogan

High school students in the '60s and '70s still had what was called a "Health Class." It was likely in that class that the 1936 movie "Reefer Madness" was shown to students in order to scare them away from marijuana use.

What was meant to be a deterrent, however, had the opposite effect, turning it into a big joke. Students nearly fell out of their chairs laughing so hard they had tears in their eyes. Anyone who has seen the movie understands why.

Marijuana use was not always prohibited, or illegal in this country.

According to history.com, Anglo-Americans and Europeans have known about marijuana's medicinal benefits since at least the 1830s. Around that time, Sir William Brooke O'Shaughnessy, an

Irish doctor studying in India, documented that cannabis extracts could ease cholera symptoms like stomach pain and vomiting. By the late 19th century, Americans and Europeans could buy cannabis extracts in pharmacies and doctors' offices to help with stomach aches, migraines, inflammation, insomnia, and other ailments.

Modern research has backed claims that marijuana has real medical benefits. For example, it can decrease seizures and alleviate pain without causing physical dependence.

Despite its medical usefulness, many Americans' attitudes toward cannabis shifted at the turn of the century. This was at least partly motivated by Mexican immigration to the U.S. around the time of the 1910 Mexican

Revolution, according to Eric Schlosser, author of "Reefer Madness: Sex, Drugs, and Cheap Labor in the American Black Market."

The prejudices and fears these peasant immigrants endured also extended to their traditional means of intoxication,

On Wednesday, Oct. 17, Canada is set to become the second nation in the world to allow legal consumption of recreational marijuana.

Now legal in Canada

On Wednesday, Oct. 17, Canada is set to become the second nation in the world to allow legal consumption of recreational marijuana. The Cannabis Act, passed by the Canadian Senate on June 21, controls and regulates the growth, distribution and sale of recreational marijuana in Canada, according to forbes.com. Consumption is set to begin Wednesday, Oct. 17. Canada is the first G-7 country to take this step and the second overall after Uruguay. With voters in many developed countries advocating for decriminalization and legalization of cannabis, this appears to be a trend.

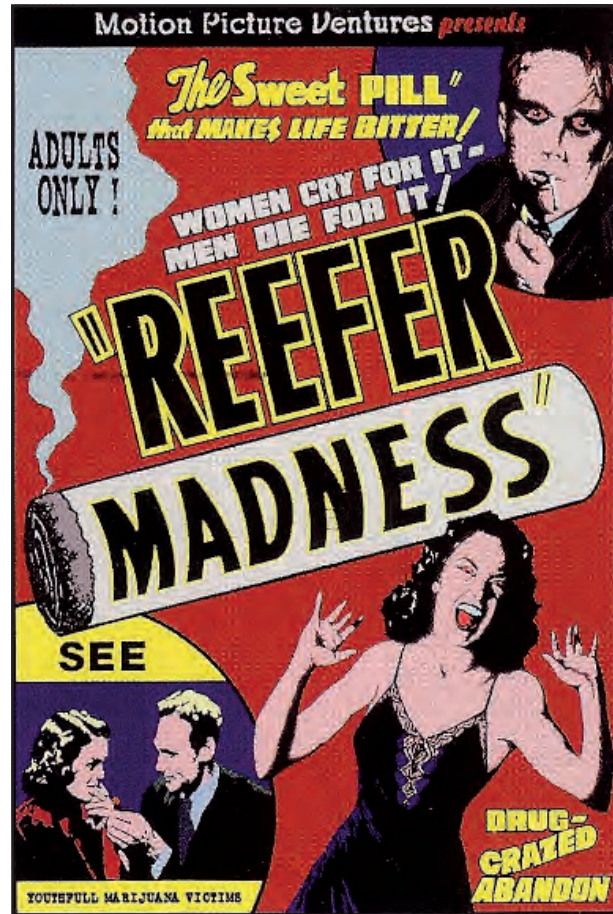


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smoking marijuana.

According to Schlosser, police officers in Texas claimed that marijuana incited violent crimes, aroused a "lust for blood," and gave its users "superhuman strength." Rumors spread that Mexicans were distributing this "killer weed" to unsuspecting American schoolchildren.

It should be noted that research has shown alcohol to be more dangerous than marijuana. In addition, cannabis does not really cause superhuman strength, and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's fact sheet on the drug says that "No death from overdose of marijuana has been reported."

Even though there was no evidence to support claims that marijuana had a Jekyll and Hyde effect, 29 states outlawed marijuana between 1916 and 1931. The Marihuana Tax Act of 1937 essentially banned it nationwide despite objections from the American Medical Association related to medical usage. This act came just a year after the film "Reefer Madness" warned parents that drug dealers would invite their teenagers to jazz parties and get them hooked on "reefer."

The federal government and states continued to increase punishments related to marijuana until the late 1960s, when the laws began to touch white, upper-middle-class college students who were smoking the drug.

According to the New York Times, during the mid-1970s, virtually all states softened penalties for marijuana possession.

Today, 29 states and Washington, D.C., have legalized medical marijuana, and eight states plus D.C. have legalized it for recreational use. It's illegality at the national level has created tension between the federal and state governments.

Possession of marijuana is illegal in Michigan unless you have a debilitating medical condition. However, marijuana is still illegal under federal law, regardless of medical need.

On Nov. 6, voters in Michigan will decide whether to legalize recreational

marijuana for individuals age 21 and over. If it passes, it will still be illegal under federal law.

Big business in the early 1990s was threatened by hemp, cannabis

Publishing giant William Randolph Hearst lobbied for marijuana prohibition because hemp farming threatened his paper company. Hearst spent his life building his media empire, while he was also heavily invested in the timber business at the time. Competition from hemp fiber was threatening because fiber from hemp is not only better for producing paper, it also takes only about six months to grow, while the same amount of timber fiber might take three or more years to produce. Hemp is simply producing better fiber cheaper.

John D. Rockefeller was another powerful wealthy business person of these times, who had a different set of reasons to fear cannabis. Rockefeller was leading the development of the new pharmaceutical industry, Medical herbs, most especially something so effective and widely used as cannabis, meant a massive competition for new pharmaceutical products.

Sources: history.com; forbes.com; sott.net



The 1936 film "Reefer Madness" warned parents that drug dealers would invite their teenagers to jazz parties and get them hooked on "reefer." Photo: www.kpbs.org

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Jurors perform important civic duty

■ You can't volunteer to be on a jury, you must be chosen

By Hannah Ball

Not every jury trial will be reminiscent of "12 Angry Men," but serving on any jury is one way Americans perform a civic duty. How is someone chosen for this service?

Approximately 35,000 people in Genesee County may be called to jury service every year, said Thomas Temple, jury management supervisor of the 7th Circuit Court.

Temple said they receive a list in June from the Secretary of State with names of Genesee County residents who have a driver's license or identification card. Genesee County Jury Commissioners meet annually and follow Michigan statutes while mathematically generating a list of those 35,000 names for jury service. The Jury Management Software randomly selects from the list as needed.

"There are no limits on how many times one can serve. However, once you serve, you cannot be



selected again for a full year," he said.

You cannot request jury duty; you must be selected. Approximately 33 percent of those called for jury service are no-shows.

"Citizens selected for jury service are summoned pursuant to a court order. Those that fail to appear are subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both, for contempt of court," he said.

People can be exempt from jury service for multiple reasons. The most common exemption used is for medical reasons.

"Some examples for a temporary excusal are medical reasons, being a full-time student 12 months out of the year, and active duty military. You may be disqualified from jury service by not being a citizen of the U.S., not being a resident of Genesee County, having a felony on your record, or being over the age of 70. Almost all requests require supporting documentation," he said.

Temple said prospective jurors are responsible to appear for two to three days, depending on the week. Jurors call the night before or day of service to find out if they're needed. They often get inquiries about pre-scheduled events that could conflict with jury duty, like vacations and doctor's appointments. Those selected are al-

lowed the opportunity to reschedule one time.

"Citizens are required to be available for the two to three days identified on their summons or longer if they are selected to sit on a jury. The length of a jury trial varies but five to seven days is not unusual," he said.

Individuals could be called to serve on different types of trials and juries. Genesee County courts consists of criminal, civil, family, probate and juvenile courts.

"Grand juries are a large group of citizens whose purpose is to determine if there is enough evidence to bring criminal charges against a defendant. They are rarely used in the court system. Typically, we rely on preliminary hearings for that purpose," he said.

Reader shares jury duty experience

Cherie Smith, Fenton City councilwoman, has been called for jury duty twice. In the mid 1990s, she was on the jury in Judge Geoffrey Neithercut's courtroom for a defendant charged with making meth. Before she was selected, she was asked questions about if she had any family in law enforcement, has

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A LOOK BACK at 1968

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O.J. Simpson was the 1968 winner of the Heisman Trophy. It was stolen in 1994 from Heritage Hall, home to USC's (University of Southern California) athletic department. Photo: www.worthpoint.com

O.J. Simpson wins USC's second Heisman 50 years ago

Compiled By Vera Hogan

O.J. Simpson, one of the greatest running backs in football history, won USC's second Heisman (and its second in four years) while setting the NCAA single-season rushing mark in 1968.

Born in San Francisco, Simpson graduated from Galileo High in 1965 as a star running back, defensive back and track athlete. He attended City College of San Francisco for his first two seasons and was named a junior college All-American as a running back in 1966 (he is the first of three Heisman winners to attend junior college).

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- You must be a resident of Genesee County.
- You must be 18 years or older.
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- Those 70 years old or older may claim exemption from jury service based on age.

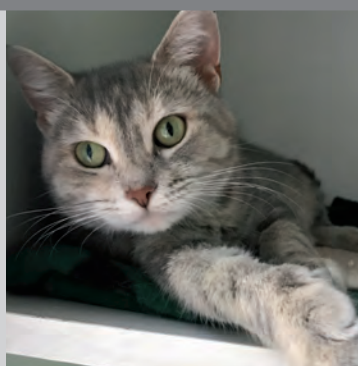
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If I Were King...

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Royal words of wisdom

You would worry a lot less about what people think of you if you knew how little they actually did.

When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.

Plan your life like you will live forever, live your life like you will die tomorrow.

Always listen not with the intent to reply, but with the intent to understand.

A wise man speaks when he has something to say. A fool speaks when he has to say something.

What others think of you is none of your business.

For just one minute a day, walk outside, stand in silence, look up at the sky and contemplate the good things in your life.

Buy a plunger prior to needing a plunger.

A man is incomplete until he is married. Then he is finished.

It is a wise man who changes his mind. A fool never will.

If you are looking for the one person that can change your life, look in the mirror.

Don't worry that your children never listen to you. Worry that they are always listening to you.

Do unto your children as you wish your parents had done unto you.

What hair color do they put on the driver's license of a bald man?



The Lord is close to the broken-hearted, he rescues those whose spirits are crushed. You just have to ask.

Your character is defined by what you do when you think no one is watching.

The reason grandparents and grandchildren get along so well is that they have a common enemy.

It is not coincidence that dog is God spelled backwards.

The perfect marriage would be between a blind wife and a deaf husband.

Is it better to do the right thing and fail, or is it better to do the wrong thing and succeed?

A word to the wise isn't necessary. It's the stupid ones that need advice.

My father once knelt down, put his hand on my shoulder, looked me in the eye and told me, 'Son, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm.'

If you kneel before God on earth, you will stand before him in heaven.

Wisdom doesn't necessarily come with age. With many people age just shows up all by itself.

Never have more children than you have car windows.

When you get upset about something, ask yourself, "If I knew I was going to die tomorrow, would I still care?"

The best way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.

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Hotlines

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I LOVE MY TV remote. I can mute political, medical and lawyer ads. Golly, gee gosh, my home is so quiet.

THE ROAD TAX didn't pass on the last ballot, so now we can take a class to understand the language that their attorneys wrote for this ballot. If city hall cared about the residents, they would work within the budget and not throw the entire budget into downtown and we wouldn't need higher taxes.

A VOTE FOR higher taxes in Fenton, to fix the roads, means more money for the city to buy more butterflies. Our neighborhood roads have continued to get worse for the 22 years. Time to ask city hall to step down and get people in there who care about the city residents.

I'D BE GLAD to tell the King why I'm angry. Trump only won because of Russian interference. He used hate, racism, xenophobia, and Islamophobia in the same way Hitler used anti-Semitism to rise to power. And, the current period of economic expansion began in 2010.

I SUPPOSE 401K means nothing to you, because you are a socialist who didn't bother and are depending on the 'government' to support you when you're old.

DEFINITION OF DIVERSITY: The condition of having or being composed

of differing elements: especially: the inclusion of different types of people in a group or organization. As you can see, diversity is a philosophy of inclusion and racism is a philosophy of exclusion. It's not the same thing. You're wrong, bud.

THE U.S. SPENDS less on children than almost any other developed nation.

I ALWAYS HAVE and always will cast my vote based on which candidate will protect and fight for the human rights I believe we all deserve in this country.

CLIMATE CHANGE MATTERS in our local elections. Twelve years. That's how long we have to limit the effects of climate change, concludes a new U.N. report. Yet there's no sign that President Donald Trump intends to reverse course now.

TO THE DEMOCRAT who is so concerned with honesty, please tell me what you think of Hillary, Feinstein, Schumer, Pocahontas and Booker.

TO ALL THE idiots who still feel that Ford was hoodwinked into going public with her accusations of Kavanaugh, otherwise why would she have done a crooked polygraph?

I THINK HELLER is smoking that smuggled Canadian marijuana when he states that Democrats are too polite. I offer him \$100 if he can tell me when a Republican group has shouted down a liberal college speaker and broke windows with their demonstrations.

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Have you ever served on a jury?



"Yes, I was on an armed robbery case in Genesee County. It was a 'guilty' verdict. It was interesting; justice was served."

Greg Escue
Burton



"I've been called, but I've never served and I'm glad I didn't."

Sharon Miller
Burton



"I never did. I was summoned. I went in for two days, but I was never picked to be on it. It was a murder case."

Shannon Cummings
Fenton



"No, I was called a couple times, went through the motions. I guess they didn't need me. The case was in Livingston County. I wanted to do my part."

Kevin Stinson
Tyrone Township



"Yes, it was a car accident. The guy broadsided another car; he was being sued, and was found negligent and there were witnesses. I was also on a firearms case."

Joe Mishler
Holly

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PROMISE

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She said she would add that spending to her first state budget proposal and challenge the Legislature to again raise revenue through “user fees,” such as higher gas taxes or registration fees paid by motorists.

If lawmakers are “not strong enough to take those votes,” Whitmer said she would ask voters to authorize \$20 billion in general obligation bond sales over 10 years, which would require approval on the statewide ballot.

Schuetz says additional taxes or debt could slow the state’s economic rebound.

Jay Rising, the state treasurer under former Gov. Jennifer Granholm who helped devise Whitmer’s infrastructure bank plan, estimates \$20 billion in bonding would cost the state about \$70 million a year in interest and debt payments.

Whitmer argues her plan could help the state and local road agencies leverage up to \$1 billion a year in additional federal funding.

Schuetz’s four-part plan to rebuild Michigan roads does not identify a funding mechanism. But he said he’ll make road funding a top priority in the state’s \$56.8 billion budget.

Shifting more money into roads could require cuts elsewhere in the state’s \$10 billion general fund that pays for public health initiatives, prisons, universities and other state programs. Schuetz is also proposing to trim the personal income tax rate from 4.25 percent to 3.9 percent, which could reduce state revenues by \$1 billion a year.

The 2015 road funding law already requires the state to devote \$600 million a year from the general fund to roads. Schuetz has proposed using any savings from the state’s recently repealed prevailing wage law to fund road repairs. Unions argue the prevailing wage law repeal will not save the state any money on road projects.

Schuetz wants a “top-to-bottom audit” of the Michigan Department of Transportation, which has been subjected to 23 full or partial state audits in the past three years. He also has proposed stronger, enforceable guarantees and warranties

on roads and bridges. Current Michigan law requires the state to secure warranties “where possible” on pavement projects that cost more than \$2 million and on any new highway construction project.

Schuetz said that principle would guide him as governor. Sources: detroitnews.com; gretchenwhitmer.com; billschuetz.com

Already paying off MDOT debt

Funds local communities receive through Public Act 51 are not enough to fund regular maintenance, including winter maintenance and improvements to the streets.

Public Act 51 (of 1951 as amended) created the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF). Revenues collected through highway user taxes, state motor fuels taxes, vehicle registration fees, and other miscellaneous automobile-related taxes are deposited into the MTF.

By the year 2021, the city of Fenton, for example, is expected to collect \$1,398,117 from the MTF. A few years ago, the state legislature enacted some new legislation that provides more funds for roads and streets, however, the first few years of that additional revenue collected will go to pay off Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) debt (bonds) that was incurred several years ago.

Until MDOT’s funds are paid off, the city’s increase will be marginal.

Whitmer and Schuetz road repair plans

Voters can learn more about Gretchen Whitmer and Bill Schuetz’s road repair plans on their individual websites: gretchenwhitmer.com and billschuetz.com.

View stories at myfenton.com



TRASH

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district for single-family residential properties in the township.

The current provider, Republic Services, priced the assessment at \$180 per household annually for four years. This is an increase from an average of \$142 per household, which single-family residential properties paid the last four years.

Republic was the low bidder of two companies. The other was Emterra Environmental USA.

“My understanding is the biggest reason for the increased cost is the ... change in recycling market. It was explained to me that China has stopped accepting recyclables from the U.S. and it has driven the modern price down significantly. That price has to be factored in their cost. If they are getting less for the materials, they have to charge more to collect it,” said Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk.

If it’s approved, Broecker said people assessed will pay approximately

“If they are getting less for the materials, they have to charge more to collect it.”

Thomas Broecker
Fenton Township operations manager/deputy clerk

\$15 a month for trash, recycling and yard waste collection for the next four years.

“This, very simply, is the process we’re going through to continue what we’re already doing. If you’re already being assessed for trash, you’ll continue being assessed for trash. The service is the same,” he said.

One resident asked if the market

changes and the value of recyclables goes up, will the price for the collection go down. Broecker said if there was a drastic change, it’s possible Republic would sit down with the township and renegotiate the contract.

Supervisor Bonnie Mathis reminded those in attendance that used pizza boxes cannot be

recycled. She also said that if residents cannot physically pull or push their waste collection receptacles all the way to the road, they can arrange with the township to allow Republic down their driveway.

The second public reading for this special assessment district is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 29.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing on the Special Assessment Roll for the Fenton Township Solid Waste Collection Special Assessment District Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF FENTON TOWNSHIP, GENESSEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THE OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN THE FENTON TOWNSHIP SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that supervisor and assessing officer of the township has reported to the township board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by her covering all properties within the Fenton Township Solid Waste Collection Special Assessment District benefited by the proposed continuation of the residential solid waste collection program within the Township. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs of residential trash, recycling and yard waste collection and disposal and services related thereto within the aforesaid special assessment district as more particularly shown on the scope of services and plans on file with the Township Clerk at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the township, which assessment is in the total amount of \$1,095,840 per year for four years.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan on Monday October 29, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

An owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. (The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 35 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.)

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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

HUMMER TAKES OUT GAS PUMP

On Friday, Oct. 12 at 9:59 p.m., a 19-year-old Holly male pulled out of a side street onto southbound N. LeRoy Street. He lost control of the 2008 Hummer he was driving and drove over the curb at the gas station in the 400 block of N. LeRoy Street. Once over the curb, the Hummer ran over a gas pump nearest the road. The pump was inoperable from the damage and yellow caution tape surrounds the area. The Fenton Fire Department responded to the scene for environmental cleanup. No alcohol or drugs were suspected and the driver was cited for reckless driving.

CAR BREAK-INS REPORTED

Lt. Jeff Cross of the Fenton Police Station warns residents to remove all valuables from their vehicles and to lock them at all times following a rash of car break-ins. He said overnight between Oct. 10 and 11, at least

four residents along Main Street and neighboring subdivisions reported that someone had entered their unlocked vehicles. Cross said thieves target unlocked vehicles looking for loose change, cigarettes, sunglasses, cellphones, laptops and other small items that could be sold.

BRICK THROWN THROUGH PARTY STORE DOOR

The Genesee County Sheriff’s Office is investigating a break-in at a party store in the 13200 block of Jennings Road in Fenton Township. Undersheriff Chris Swanson said the suspect(s) threw a brick through the front door of the store at 5:30 a.m., Monday, Oct. 15.

INSPECT YOUR CHANGE

A local woman is warning others to look closely at the coins they receive when making change at businesses. She received these two coins, which look and feel like quarters, but are not. They cannot be used in vending machines.



\$1,400 raised for Fenton firefighters

■ First 'Witches Night Out' features hundreds of costumed participants

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — The first Witches Night Out event in downtown Fenton Friday, Oct. 12 was full of women in tall, black hats and black clothing.

"And a few wizards," said Brenda Hasse, one of the organizers for the event.

The light rain did not deter the hundreds of people who walked from business to business dressed like witches to celebrate the month of October and Halloween.

Hasse had the idea for the event after attending something similar in Howell. She and a few others approached the city about it, and decided to have an event that also featured shopping at local businesses.

She said it's hard to estimate how many people attended, but Fenton's Open Book saw over 300 people,

and many participants did not go in the bookstore. They did a "stuff the boot" fundraiser for the Fenton Fire Department and placed boots at each participating business. People donated approximately \$1,400.

"The feedback I got from most of the local businesses was they were busy with the foot traffic and they were excited to see everyone dressed as witches. They were all impressed with the variety of witch's hats," Hasse said, adding that going into local restaurants, you would see a "sea of witch's hats."

Participating businesses decorated their stores for the season

with spider webs, ghouls, skeletons and more. Fenton's Open Book had prizes and Northern Country Chic Boutique serviced drinks with "eyeballs" floating in them. Luna's held palm readings and tarot card readings.

"I'm excited about it and we're definitely looking forward to next year. We'll earn even more money for the firefighters and it'll grow," Hasse said.

"I'm excited about it and we're definitely looking forward to next year."

Brenda Hasse
Witches Night Out organizer



Sally Rummel

The Generation GAP



Alicia McKay

By Vera Hogan

Editor's note: This exclusive Midweek series, The Generation Gap, features opinions from area residents of differing generations. This week's comments are from Sally Rummel, 62, a freelance writer for the Tri-County Times and member of the Baby Boomer generation. She and her husband, Mark, have two adult children and two grandchildren. Alicia McKay, 28, is the owner/venue coordinator at The Oakley, a wedding venue in Rose Township. She and her husband, Kevin, are still newlyweds and have not started a family.

What do you think are the best, and worst, things a mother can teach her children?

Sally Rummel

The best things a mother can teach her children are to have faith in God, so that her kids will grow up understanding a 'bigger picture' of life than just the earthly things they can touch and feel. That faith will keep them on a 'steady keel' throughout their lives and will teach them their absolute value in this world.

Also, moms should teach their kids through actions and words that kindness and empathy are more important than getting your own way and being selfish.

Boundaries and structure are important, too. Kids want to know what their limits are, and will do better in life if they have a firm grasp on what they can and cannot do. Routines, traditions and expectations give kids solid footing and firm ground to stand on when their world starts 'shaking.'

Teaching kids how to value money by giving them experience with it at a young age is helpful, too. Teach them how to work and be productive by giving them age-appropriate chores that make them feel like a valued member of your family.

One of the worst things a mother can do is be a poor role model of being an adult. Kids are 'sponges' and will model what they see. Never, ever, bad-mouth your kids' father, whether you're still married or not. Show your kids what it's like to have a relationship where you care more about that other person than you do yourself.

"One of the worst things a mother can do is be a poor role model of being an adult."

Alicia McKay

I think one of the best things parents can teach their children is acceptance, whether it's of themselves or of other people. Kids are under a lot of pressure to be perfect, but perfect is subjective.

Teach children to love themselves and it will make it easier for them to accept and embrace others. They will grow from embracing differences and learn how to appreciate that people are not cookie cutter. We all learn, look and think differently. When kids choose acceptance over tolerance, they open the window of opportunity to learn about people who may be unique from them.

One of the worst things that parents can teach their children is that they have a specific path they are "supposed to" follow. Life isn't a template of right or wrong — everyone has their own individual timeline, goals and talents. It may take some kids longer than others to figure out what they're good at or who they are, and that's okay.

"Teach children to love themselves and it will make it easier for them to accept and embrace others."

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CARRIER

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Macomb County and Hurley's boyfriend, Jerome Tortomasia, 73, of Macomb County.

Those injured include Kyle Lixie, 23, of Fenton, and Albert Boswell, 39, of Oakland County, who was driving the second car.

Livingston County Prosecutor Bill Vaillencourt said the court made the decision to accept a "no contest" plea, which is treated the same as a guilty plea, because

Carrier claimed a lack of memory due to his intoxication.

When Carrier is sentenced this Friday, the victims and their families will have a chance to explain how this tragedy has affected them.

State sentencing guidelines recommend a minimum prison sentence between 225 months (18.75 years) to 375 months (31.25 years) or a possible life sentence.

The Michigan State Police-Brighton Post responded to the crash. Responders described the crash scene as "horrific."



Mark McCabe
67th District Court
Ask the
judge

The elimination of cash bail bonds in California – Part II

The calls for change have been heard in a number of locations with the first significant change coming in 1991 when Washington, D.C. enacted a law, which had the effect of virtually eliminating cash bail.

It requires the use of a risk assessment tool to determine both a defendant's potential danger to the public and the likelihood of their returning to court if released. In all release cases, conditions are set for a defendant to follow.

Over time this has resulted in 80 percent of defendants being released without posting any money, 15 percent detained without bond and 5 percent having a cash bond set.

Since then what is generally called "Bail Reform" has become a growing trend.

Kentucky, New Jersey, and Illinois have enacted legislation to reduce the use of cash bonds and also require the use of a risk assessment tool.

In Arizona, the State Supreme Court has ordered a similar change by its judges, and New Mexico voters passed a constitutional amendment for bail reform.

There have been other state, county, and local court systems, which have taken a similar approach to pretrial release.

This has all led to the ultimate next step, which occurred on Aug. 28, 2018 when California Governor Jerry Brown signed the California Bail Reform Act, which eliminates all cash bonds.

It takes effect in October 2019 and replaces cash bonds with a risk assessment system.

There will be three risk categories — low, medium and high. The higher the risk the less likely it is for a defendant to be released. Many of the specific details have yet to be determined as each of California's 58 Superior Courts will be responsible for developing their own risk assessment tools.

Criticisms of the law have already been made because it is possible that more, rather than fewer, defendants will be incarcerated pending trial.

In Michigan, it was announced last week that there will soon be a pilot project in 10 courts, which will use a risk assessment tool from the well known Laura and John Arnold Foundation.

History has taught us that no one knows what will happen next. I am confident that it will all be positive and if there are changes they'll be for the good.

(Part I was published in the Wednesday, Oct. 10 edition.)

JURORS

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she been convicted of using illegal drugs, or had a family member or close friend who's been convicted?

She was juror number four. They were given packets to read. "To our surprise, it was a detailed recipe of how to make meth. First, you need 10,000 books of red phosphorus tipped matches. Wow," she said.

The defendant was a man who wore the same brown suit every day. Smith said she realized he was lodged at the

jail. She said there was no air conditioning, and it was incredibly hot.

"The first week ended and we'd heard accusations, seen pictures of the inside and outside of the defendant's home and detached garage. I memorized 'the recipe' and was fairly certain I could whip out a batch of the toxic, hazardous stuff by then," she said.

Officers and neighbors testified the second week, including members from Flint Area Narcotics Group and Michigan State Police troopers.

"In the afternoon of the 10th day, we went to the jury room and were given

instructions of what to consider, how to come to a reasonable conclusion without a shadow of a doubt," she said. "After 45 minutes we all agreed he was guilty. All but one juror, she thought the police were trying to frame him. How could all of us feel he was guilty and she didn't?"

Eventually, the woman said she "maybe" thought the man was making meth. They delivered the verdict and the man was taken back to jail. Judge Neithercut congratulated the jury on making a "sound decision," Smith said, because the man previously had been arrested and convicted in another state.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

BIG BLACK CAT! Thank you to the family along Shiawassee that puts up the inflatable every year. My kids love it. Happy Halloween!

FOX NEWS IS an opinion station just like The View.

COULD WE PLEASE discontinue national political rhetoric? No one is ever going to change anyone's mind. If someone has, would you let us know? And what it was? Thank you.

ONE OF THE most basic principles is that a person is innocent until proven guilty. I see a lot of angry people taking to the streets in protest waving signs, pointing fingers, and making accusations, but haven't seen much evidence of their claims. It is wise to examine any evidence before making any judgments.

REMEMBER WHEN OBAMA struggled (in vain) for eight years to bring our economy around? Apparently, he didn't know what he was doing.

OK THEN, LET'S talk about the character,

honesty, etc. of the Clintons. I didn't say I liked Trump, just his progress for our nation as our president.


THE DRONE PHOTO on front page of TCT, Sunday edition, shows LeRoy Street and Silver Lake Road and absolutely no trees. What a shame.

SURE AM GLAD that now that there is a Republican in the White House area conservatives have stopped whining in the Hot lines. Oh, wait.

DID DEBBIE STABENOW vote for the tax cut and jobs act? Nay.

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TO PROUD LIBERAL tired of people using the term liberal as an insult. Historically, Liberalism did give us free speech and individual liberty. Too bad for you the Democrats co-opted and corrupted the word. Modern Liberal connotes elitist intolerance, tyrannical tendencies and censored speech.

■■■■
AT A RALLY, President Donald Trump said all Democrats had signed on to a bill called the 'open borders bill.' That doesn't exist. Trump lies all the time.

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THE FEDERAL RESERVE Board is dominated by members of the Globalist, Council on Foreign Relations. Trump's opposition to a 'World Government' makes him their enemy. The Federal Board members are willing to destroy our economic recovery by raising interest rates in order to destroy Trump.

■■■■
YOU MEAN YOU have to sit down with your youngest child and have a discussion about life not always working out the way you want it to? What a burden it must be to be a Holly Area Schools parent.

■■■■
LIBERAL IS THE wrong term for the current Democrat Party. It is the Socialist Party now. Mobs trying to rule, obey the laws you feel like, guilty even when proven innocent, slander opponents and control the media. National Socialism is in its infancy.



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Shown here is Jeremy Alber with his family, including his wife, Christina and their three children.

Area dad with stage 4 colon cancer needs our help

■ Many medical issues and home repair needs face this Linden school district family

By Sally Rummel

Editors note: Since this article was posted at myfenton.com Friday, Oct. 12, some businesses and local residents have already offered their services and made donations.

They say that trouble comes in threes,

and if so, Jeremy Alber has already had more than his share, and then some.

Last October, Alber, then 40, was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer and abdominal cancer, after dealing with stomach issues that caused him a lot of pain. On Oct. 10, 2017, he underwent surgery to remove a foot of his colon and 13 cancerous lymph nodes.

The cancer has metastasized to his bladder, liver and lungs, according to his sister, Jodi Heethuis, R.N.

The diagnosis was a shock, there are no signs of any cancer of this type on either side of Alber's family, and he didn't have any of the risk factors typically associated with colon cancer, including tobacco use.

In the past year, Alber has endured 10 months of chemotherapy, two surgeries and a possible third surgery, following suspicious new areas shown on his last PET scan, as he awaits for his results. Doctors have also found emphysema in his lungs, although he's not a smoker, and a hernia in his abdomen.

Recently, Alber cracked a wisdom tooth and needs all four extracted, but he must be chemo-free for six weeks prior to the extractions, due to infection risk.

Meanwhile, Alber has kept his job at Precision Stamping in Howell, thanks to his very understanding and compassionate employers. However, he's not going to be able to do this indefinitely, said his sister.

"He applied for disability as working has become very difficult," Heethuis said. "He was denied benefits because he actually works too much. His doctor recommends he quit his job and re-apply for disability in a couple of months, but he needs his dental insurance for the wisdom teeth extraction."

The trouble hasn't stopped there. The house where he and his wife, Christina and their three children, ages 11, 7 and 4, reside in the Linden school district, has had several expensive home repair issues, most recently, their furnace.

"He really could use more help so he can quit work, get SSI (Social Security Insurance) and other insurance," Heethuis said. "Money is going to get tighter and tighter."

Heethuis has set up a GoFundMe page called "Help Jeremy Alber fight Cancer."

Our Future



Meet

Joel Robinson

- Lake Fenton High School junior
- Trumpeter and actor
- 'The weatherman' and snow day predictor

By Sally Rummel

Joel Robinson, 16, is the son of Rand and Leslee Robinson of Fenton Township. He has a 13-year-old sister, Millie, and is in the Lake Fenton Marching Band and Lake Fenton Theatre.

What are your interests outside the classroom?

My interests include meteorology, tornado sirens, aviation, telecommunication systems, acting and playing the trumpet.

What are your plans after high school graduation?

I plan to attend Central Michigan University to become a meteorologist. I love how it all works — everything from the weather instruments to understanding the different weather patterns.

What is your 'dream job'?

My dream job would either be working for the National Weather Service or becoming a broadcast meteorologist on a TV station.

What do you like to do for fun?

I like to fly RC (remote control) airplanes and play my trumpet. I also have an Instagram page for weather, 'JMR Weathercast,' where I post forecasts and alerts for fun and for service.

I am best known for predicting snow days. When there is a chance of a snow day, I post an analysis of what's happening, along with a percentage based on the analysis. People know me around school as 'the weatherman.'

What things worry you the most?

I trust God and try not to worry. I have a goal and I'm committed to do whatever it takes to achieve it.

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EVIDENCE

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requested by defense attorney Nicholas Robinson.

Robinson said Monday, Oct. 15 that he could not disclose what the materials were. He filed the motion due to the fact police obtained a search warrant based on a statement made regarding an alleged incident three years prior to those statements.

Robinson felt that the statement was “stale,” or too old to be used for a search warrant.

The judge disagreed and ruled in favor of the prosecution.

According to Robinson, Watson, who is out on bond, was “disappointed but undeterred.”

“We’re looking forward to the matter being scheduled for a jury trial,” Robinson said. The next pretrial date is Wednesday, Nov. 21 at 8:30 a.m.

Case background

Derek Timothy Watson, 62, is facing four felony counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct (CSC) with a victim under the age of 13, one count of second-degree

CSC with a victim under the age of 13, child abuse and possession of sexually abusive material. Two original weapons charges were dismissed.

Watson's preliminary exam began March 22 when the alleged 15-year-old victim testified that Watson sexually abused her when she was 12 years old.

Before the alleged incidents, she was friends with Watson's son, and admitted that Watson was somewhat of a father figure to her. She visited the house most days, and Watson would buy them all food. She said Watson bought her first smartphone for her.

Eventually she told her mother, her boyfriend and a school counselor about the alleged incidents. The school counselor learned about the situation in November 2017.

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at Watson's Hogan Road home in Fenton Township on Dec. 5, 2017 and investigators removed several undisclosed items.

Watson's case was bound over to Genesee County Circuit Court in April of this year.



A Genesee County Circuit Court Judge denied a motion to suppress materials taken from Derek Watson's home by the Genesee County Sheriff's Office. His next pretrial for his criminal sexual conduct case is in late November. Watson, pictured here in court next to his attorney, Nicholas Robinson, is currently out on bond. **Times file photo**

Notable social media comments



■ Topics include drugs found in adult foster care home, verbal threats, and chaperone policies

By Hannah Ball

The recent news has been filled with crashes, a potential “conflict of interest” on the Holly Village Council, a verbal threat at Linden, and more.

Here are some memorable social media comments from Facebook.

On our story about the Holly schools policy on chaperones, **Laura posted**, *"Maybe parents want to be there because they don't know if someone is going to watch their child as good as they would themselves."*

Jeanette wrote, “*Use this as an opportunity to teach your child that sometimes things like this happen. You may not get*

picked for the job you want or get picked in that team you tried out for. You move on and there is always next time. Just remember, this is a field trip and there may be limited spaces."

On the article about the Old U.S. 23 and White Lake Road intersection becoming a four-way stop Oct. 17, **Jamie wrote**, “*So happy about this. Now they just need to get one at Bennett Lake Rd & Linden Rd.*”

Tonya posted, “Glad to finally see this!! It will make a good difference even though the people traveling along White Lake Rd won’t appreciate having to stop quite as much. It is a must to help with the highway exit as well.”

After the Times posted the story about the verbal threat at Linden High School, **S.D. wrote**, “*Sad thing is, is this is now in both of their brains. I hope to God that*

this entire situation gets resolved peacefully. The poor young man is now gonna have to deal with garbage at school that he does not deserve, sad situation all the way around."

On the story about two local high school football coaches no longer coaching, **Patti**

wrote, “Coach Douglass is honestly one of my favorite human beings. He did so much for my son and was a mentor to him.”

In the comments about the Red Wings limo crash in 1997, **Lori wrote**, “Drove past it down Woodward on my way home”
See COMMENTS on 10

The image shows the logo for Fenton Healthcare Center. The word "FENTON" is in a large, stylized, dark blue serif font, with the "F" being particularly large and ornate. Below it, "HEALTHCARE CENTER" is written in a smaller, dark blue, all-caps sans-serif font. Underneath the logo is the tagline "REDEFINING EXCELLENCE IN NURSING CARE AND REHABILITATION FOR OVER 50 YEARS!" in a bold, dark blue, all-caps sans-serif font. Below the tagline is a dark blue horizontal band containing the text "PROUD TO BE A" in white, all-caps sans-serif font, followed by five white five-pointed stars. Below the stars, the text "5-Star Rated Community!" is written in a large, white, cursive script font.

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COMMENTS

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from work. It just happened, police weren't on the scene yet. I didn't know the accident involved Red Wing players until I saw it on the news that night. Terrible tragedy."

On the story about the crash on Wiggins Road and North Long Lake Road in Fenton Township, **Lexi wrote**, "I live in the park next to this and I watch people blow through that stop sign all the time. I think they should install a blinking red and yellow light and maybe then people will pay attention."

On the story about a woman running for Holly Village president while her husband is already on the council, **Tiffany wrote**, "I don't think it should be allowed. Conflict of interest."

Cherie posted, "Unless it's prohibited in your village charter, I see no reason why they can't serve together. At one time, Durand's city manager and her husband served together. Remember-married couples don't always agree."

On the story about a husband and wife facing drug charges related to their adult foster care home, **Megan wrote**, "Goes to show you literally can't trust anyone! I would be livid if I had family members there. This world is getting more sad and pathetic by the day."

Tiffany said, "That's soooo methed up!"



O.J. Simpson is pictured here during his murder trial. He was accused of murdering his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman. He would be acquitted in 1995. One of his attorneys, Robert Kardashian, is seated next to him.

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HEISMAN

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The 6-2, 210-pound Simpson transferred to the University of Southern California (USC) in 1967, where he immediately became a star on the track that spring, finishing sixth in NCAA 100m-dash while also running the third leg on the world-record setting 440-yard relay squad that won an NCAA title. The following fall, Simpson led the nation in rushing with 1,543 yards and scored 13 touchdowns to help lead USC to a 10-1 record and the national title. He finished second in the Heisman to UCLA's Gary Beban.

As a senior, Simpson ran wild, logging 1,709 yards and scoring 22 touchdowns

in the regular season as USC went 9-0-1 and finished second in the polls. He carried the ball an NCAA-record 334 times. Not surprisingly, Simpson cruised to the Heisman, winning by a record margin of 1,750 points.

In his 22-game career, Simpson gained 3,423 yards and scored 36 touchdowns playing for teams that went a combined 19-2-1 while winning a national title and two Pac-8 crowns.

He was selected as the first overall pick in the 1969 NFL draft by the Buffalo Bills and had a great football career. He became the first pro player to rush for over 2,000 yards when he gained 2,003 in 1973 in just 14 games. He later went on to be seen on television and movie screens regularly

and was a sports broadcaster for NBC and ABC.

Simpson was elected to the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame in 1985.

Zoom ahead to 1994

The Heisman trophy and an O.J. Simpson jersey were stolen in a July 28, 1994, burglary at Heritage Hall, home to USC's athletic department. At the time, Simpson was awaiting trial for the murder of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman, who were killed the previous month. He would be acquitted in 1995.

The trophy was recovered in December 2014 by detectives assigned to the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) art theft detail. The burglars dismantled Plexiglas display cases to take the items, and the theft was discovered by a janitor the next morning.

Police gave no further details on where or how they found the trophy, saying the investigation was still open. They sought the public's help with further leads in the probe and any word on the location of the jersey, which remains missing.

The recovered Heisman is the duplicate that is given to the university of the winning player and not the one given to Simpson himself in 1968, police said.

Simpson's own trophy was seized under a \$33.5 million judgment after a civil court found him liable for the deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson and Goldman.

Until earlier this year, Simpson served time in a Nevada prison after a 2008 conviction for kidnapping and armed robbery in a hotel room heist in Las Vegas.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

NOTICE THE MID-term election signs and literature. The Republicans put 'Republican' on theirs and the Democrats do not put 'Democrat' on theirs.

SOME HOT LINES just beg to be refuted. Lowest unemployment in history — a lie. Lower taxes, yes, 90 percent of which went to the richest 5 percent. Stronger military, opinion only, which is fine because this is America. Get some facts from someplace that will allow you to be factual.

SENATOR STABENOW ANNOUNCED passage of her legislation that authorizes full funding for the modernization of the Soo Locks. Her Soo Locks Modernization Act passed the Senate as part of the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018. But, will Trump sign-off on it?

BEST OF LUCK Fenton boys soccer as they begin tournament play next week. Although I can't be there, I will be cheering you on from my hospital room. Go Tigers!

WHAT MAKES ANYONE think it is acceptable to pull into a parking lot and throw your garbage on the ground? Do you think it is the store's responsibility to clean up after you? There are trash cans everywhere — use them.

WOW, CONSERVATIVES SURE do seem scared of protesters all of a sudden. Why have you all become so cowardly?

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Fenton's Ryan Miller made this interception, helping the Tigers earn their sixth victory of the season, also earning the Tigers a playoff spot. Photo: Mark Bolen

Tigers are in playoffs; Blue Devils need to win and wait

■Many scenarios still exist concerning Tigers' first foe

By David Troppens

As the prep football season enters its final week on Friday, only one area team has assured themselves a spot in the state playoffs.

The Fenton Tigers (6-2) assured themselves of a spot by beating Swartz Creek. Meanwhile, the only other area squad with a chance of making the playoffs is Lake Fenton (4-4). However, it's going to take a mighty strong performance against Jackson for the Blue Devils to get their fifth win and possibly still have a chance at a playoff spot.

Teams that win at least six of nine games automatically qualify for the playoffs. Teams that win five of nine must wait until Sunday to find out if they have enough playoff points to make it into one of the eight tournaments.

So who will Fenton play? One website named snooze2you.com projects if the playoffs began after week eight, Fenton may have ended up in a district with Jackson (8-0), Dexter (6-2) and Okemos (6-2) with the Tigers hosting a first-round contest against Okemos.

However, there are plenty of teams within the area that Fenton could be matched with. For example, Metro rivals Swartz Creek and Flushing are 6-2 and are projected as Division 2 playoff participants. Two other likely foes will be facing each other for an automatic playoff spot — Midland and Midland Dow. The winner of that game will earn a sixth win, while the loser will have to wait to see if their 5-4 record is good enough to qualify.

Eagles move on, play Powers today; Fenton hosts Owosso

By David Troppens

If the Linden Eagles want a shot at a Division 2 boys district title later this week, Linden will have to beat the team its coach led to a state championship in 1996 to do so.

The Linden Eagles and coach Kevin Fiebertz advanced to the semifinal round of the Fenton district by defeating Clio 2-0 Monday at Clio High School. Meanwhile, the Holly Bronchos saw their season end

during an 8-0 loss to Powers Catholic in another semifinal contest at Atwood Stadium. The two results mean that Linden will face Powers, the team Fiebertz won a state championship at earlier in his coaching career, in today's 5 p.m. semifinal contest at Fenton High School. The other semifinal match will pit the Owosso Trojans against tournament hosts Fenton at about 7 p.m.

The winners of those semifinal matches will compete in the district title match Thursday at Fenton at 6 p.m.

The Eagles had what was probably a tougher than expected contest against Clio. Linden beat Clio 5-0 the first time the teams met during the regular season, but entered the second half in a scoreless tie against the Mustangs.

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Linden's Aiden Miller

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Tigers pound Dragons; earn playoff spot

By David Troppens

Swartz Creek — The first half had all the makings of an outstanding defensive struggle with both teams having something to fight for.

The Fenton Tigers led just 14-10 at Swartz Creek High School, trying to get that playoff-clinching sixth varsity football win of the season. Meanwhile, the Swartz Creek Dragons were trying to remain undefeated in league play and earn at the very least a share of a Metro League crown.

With both defenses keeping the other team's run game in check, it looked like it was going to be one humdinger of a second half.

It was, but only for those who were Fenton varsity football fans. The Tigers' ground game and defense dominated the entire final 24 minutes of the contest, earning Fenton an impressive 41-10 road victory, earning the Tigers (6-2 overall) their 11th consecutive playoff bid. The win came

a week after a heartbreaking 26-7 road loss at Flushing, ending the Tigers' chances of earning an eight straight Metro crown, so Fenton's rebound redemption was sweet.

"We learned we can bounce back through adversity," Fenton senior Parker Brady said. "No matter what the challenge, if we put our minds to it we can achieve our goal and that's what we did tonight. We came with the right mindset."



Fenton's Austin Henard prepares to tackle Swartz Creek's Thomas Marshal in the Tigers' victory against Swartz Creek. Photo: Mark Bolen

"It's amazing (earning a playoff spot)."

"It's tough. We came in seven years in a row with a Metro League title and an

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Fenton's varsity girls swim team takes time out for a photo during the MISCA meet, Saturday. Photo Submitted

Fenton breaks records at MISCA

By David Troppens

With each week, the Fenton varsity girls swimming and diving team keeps reaching and breaking through new barriers.

The trend continued at the very competitive MISCA meet Saturday.

The Tigers broke four records and recorded a first in the meet that is basically the most talented competition in the state prior to the state meet in November.

Gracie Olsen is a freshman, but

its hard to see her as one when someone looks at what she's accomplished so far this fall. She broke a new school record in two individual events at the meet, while helping one relay to a new school record and posting another individual school record in another relay at the event.

Her first-place performance came in the 200 freestyle where she posted a time of 1:56.36.

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Devils lose heartbreaker, cling on to playoff hopes

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton's varsity football team knew it was going to take one of its best efforts to beat Williamston at Williamston High School Friday.

The Blue Devils (4-4) put together an outstanding effort, however, fell just a little bit short in their quest for a fifth victory, losing to Williamston 34-28.

The loss means the Blue Devils

must beat Jackson at home on Friday if they want to have a chance to make the state playoffs. Even a win won't assure a playoff spot, but it will give Lake Fenton a chance.

"It was a heck of a football game," Lake Fenton varsity football coach Marty Borski said. "We came up just a little short. It hurts. It really hurts, but these guys sold out tonight. I told them it was one

of the best efforts since I've been back the last six years. That's the hardest I've seen a team play every snap."

Williamston jumped out to an early 14-0 lead on a four-yard TD run by Evan Field.

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Fenton golfers headed to D2 state meet

■ Holly takes seventh; Linden places eighth at event

By David Troppens

It's really hard to tell how well a team is doing at a regional golf tournament.

The golfers from each school are spread out, and forget about leaderboards. This isn't the PGA Tour. Golfers find out how well other teammates (and the other competitors) have done when they finish their rounds.



Charlotte Cunaud

The Fenton varsity girls golf team probably didn't have a good sense where the squad was while playing at the Division 2 regional held at St. Johns's The Emerald, but by the time the tournament was over, it was apparent the Tigers did pretty darn good.

Fenton qualified for Friday's and Saturday's Division 2 state meet by taking second with a team score of 361, 14 strokes behind first-place Okemos (347) and 15 strokes ahead of third-place St. Johns (376).

"We always grind," Fenton varsity girls golf coach Kurt Herbstreit said. "The big thing I tell them to do is trust me because they don't know what is going on around here. They don't know what is happening and they don't know what I'm hearing. I knew the entire field was struggling for the most part and they don't know that. They just have to keep on going, and they may find out they are actually doing better than they think."

Scores were high, but it was a tough course in some tough weather conditions, creating the high scores throughout the field. That said, the Tigers were one of just three teams to have one of their scoring golfers with scores of under 100, and had three golfers within the top 10.

Fenton's Charlotte Cunaud was tied for second overall with an 18-hole score of 82, 13 strokes behind regional medalist Allison Cui.

She was followed by Brook Herbstreit who took seventh with an 87.

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Tigers pound Dragons; earn playoff spot

By Michael Pearce

Linden — On a wet, cold night at Claude Cranston field, the Linden varsity football team played host to the Detroit Country Day Yellow Jackets with playoff hopes on the line. In the end, the Eagles fell 28-7.

The loss ends the Eagles' playoff hopes as they fall to 3-5 on the season.

The first drive set the tone of the game, as the Yellow Jackets took almost half of the first quarter using only running plays. After moving the ball down the field, Detroit Country Day put a touchdown on the board but missed the extra point, putting their lead at 6-0.

The game was a grind-it-out, slow-moving, run-heavy game for the remainder of the first half. Linden was threatening to score when quarterback George Walterhouse kept the ball and slipped on the grass, twisting his ankle. Walterhouse limped off the field, and varsity football coach Denny Hopkins put in Travis Klocek.

"We're in the ballgame, driving in to score, and we lose our quarterback," Hopkins said. "We brought a boy in who hadn't played quarterback since probably eighth grade. It was a little bit of a letdown, but it is what it is."

The half ended with the score at 6-0 still, as both teams were struggling to consistently drive into opposing territory, and neither team wanted to kick a long field goal in the windy 40-degree weather.

This game was an incredibly defensive oriented game, with neither side

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outcome like (the Flushing loss) sucks, but at the same time we just clinched a playoff spot (against Swartz Creek)," said senior running back Spencer Rivera, who had touchdown runs of 32, 52 and 24 yards. "We just have to do better in the playoffs."

"(We learned) that no matter what, we just have to believe in each other and we can get it done."

"It's a great rebound from Flushing," Fenton junior Cole Patterson said. "We had to pick ourselves up. It's about how you finish. It's cheesy, but that's how it is."

Leading just 14-10 at the half, the Tigers' ground game flourished during the second half, but it was the passing game that first stretched the slim lead.

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Linden lost a tough 28-7 verdict to Detroit Country Day, Friday. (Above) Brenden Miller runs downfield. (Right) Sam Dunkley tries to break a tackle while gaining some yards. Photos: Monica Bradburn

filling up the stat sheet offensively. Jonathon Marme and Wyatt Gocha led the team with nine tackles, and Klocek had four.

The second half begun, and it was all Detroit Country Day. The momentum quickly was gained when the opening kickoff was fumbled and scooped up by the Yellow Jackets. Only a minute later, and the Yellow Jackets had put up a touchdown and a two-point conversion on consecutive quarterback keeper plays.

Thirty seconds later, an interception in Eagles' territory led to a quick Detroit Country Day touchdown, and after



only two minutes of the second half the Eagles trailed by 21 points.

"In the first half we did wonderful, then we got some guys hurt," Hopkins said.

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Holly can't contain Blackhawks' soaring offense

It was going to be a massive challenge for the Holly varsity football team to slow down Brandon's potent offense.

After scoring "just" 26 points in each

of their first two games, the Blackhawks entered Friday's game with Holly averaging 43.2 points in each of their last five contests.

Linden volleyball on nice winning streak

Linden volleyball has been on a nice little run of strong play in recent weeks.

The Eagles went 2-0 last week, defeating Brandon 24-26, 25-18, 25-6, 25-10 and also beat Davison, New Lothrop

and Goodrich during a recent quad.

Against Brandon, Makenna O'Keefe had 15 digs, seven kills and four aces. Linnea Wittbrodt had 12 digs and eight kills while Jordan Moros had 28 assists.

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Ralph H. "Pete" Wright

1925-2018

Ralph H. "Pete" Wright - age 93, passed away on October 13, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Alice for 65 years. Dear father of Bruce (Janice) Wright and Terry (Joyce) Wright. Ralph also leaves nine grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren and brother, Richard Wright. Ralph was a lifetime member of Tyrone Community Presbyterian Church, V.F.W post 3243 in Fenton and the American Legion post 415 in Hartland. Ralph worked for over 28 years at General Motors Proving Grounds. A memorial service and Veteran's honors will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2018, 11 AM at Tyrone Community Presbyterian Church, 9141 Hartland Rd., Fenton. Friends may gather beginning at 10 AM. Pastor Linda Hawley officiating. Contributions may be made to Tyrone Community Presbyterian Church. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Denise Ellen Baughman

1965-2018

Denise Ellen Baughman - age 53, of Fenton, died Sunday, October 14, 2018. Services will be held 1 PM Friday, October 19, 2018 at New Life Community Lutheran Church, 7235 Torrey Road, Swartz Creek. Pastor David Rossow officiating. Visitation will be held at the church Friday from 11 AM until the service. Those desiring may make contributions to New Life Community Lutheran Church. Denise was born August 19, 1965 in Detroit, the daughter of William and Patricia (Machowitz) McGurk. She was a 1983 graduate of South Lyon High School and received her Associate Degree in Early Childhood Development from Washtenaw Community College. She was employed by U of M Home Medical as a Client Service Assistant. She was a member of New Life Community Lutheran Church. Surviving are: her husband, Brian; son, Spencer Baughman of Fenton; Mother, Patricia (Joseph) Wienberger of South Lyon; father, William (Beverly) McGurk of Plymouth; sisters, Donna Petts of Fenton and Debbie McGurk of Howell; sisters-in-law, Bonnie (Laurence) Ochs of Fowlerville, Lori Boutell of Orlando, FL, and Lisa (Mark) Uzzle of Milton, FL; brother-in-law, Bruce (Evie) Baughman of LeHigh, FL; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her in-laws, Walter and June Baughman. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Richard Harold Edwards

1939-2018

Richard Harold Edwards - age 78, of Durand and Lakeland, FL, formerly of Fenton, died October 13, 2018. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 S. Leroy St., Fenton. Pastor Jeff Jaggers will officiate. Entombment in Crestwood Memorial Cemetery. Visitation was held 4-8 PM Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton and from 10 AM until the time of service Wednesday at the church. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society, Care Team Hospice or Fenton United Methodist Church. Richard was born November 19, 1939 in St. Louis, MO, the son of William Harvey and Louise Alberta (Parrett) Edwards. He married Carol Muzzy on October 7, 1961. Mr. Edwards was employed by General Motors and EDS for 45 years. He was a member of the Fenton Lions Club and Fenton United Methodist Church. He enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing and spending winters in Florida. He is survived by his wife, Carol; children, Terri (Jeffrey) Post, Tracy (Timothy) Raymond, Toni (Lance) Horde, Timothy Edwards; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nephew, William Edwards; several cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, William Edwards; sister-in-law, Donna Edwards; niece, Louise Ann Snebelt. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Martha Jean Chandler

1937-2018

Martha Jean Chandler - age 81, of Fenton, passed away in the comfort of her son's home on Sunday, October 14, 2018. A funeral service will be held 1 PM Thursday, October 18, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Interment will follow at Tyrone Memory Gardens. Pastor Marty Shouse officiating. Visitation will be held 4-8 PM Wednesday, October 17, 2018 and 11 AM until the time of service Thursday. Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Martha was born March 18, 1937 in Marmaduke, AR, the daughter of Charlie and Mattie (Pruett) Midkiff. She spent most of her life living in the Fenton area. Martha married William Chandler January 26, 1957 and they raised four boys together. She worked at Koegel Meats in Flint for 17 years. Martha had a passion for horses, she loved snowmobiling in her younger years, really enjoyed her vegetable garden and loved traveling all around the country with her husband in their motor home. She also loved singing karaoke in her later years, but most of all spending time with her family. Martha is survived by her three sons, Eugene (Deb) Chandler, Ed (Donna) Chandler, and Jeff (Kim) Chandler; grandchildren, Khrysten Chandler, Matt Chandler, Jeffrey Chandler, Alicia Chandler, and Chavez Espinoza; great-grandchildren, Myles and Ethan Chandler. She is also survived by her siblings, Wanda Lortz, Brenda (Carl) Jackson, Marvin (Beth) Midkiff, and Cloyce Midkiff. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, William; son, Ted Chandler; and grandson Zach Chandler. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Information that seems suspect on the surface may turn out to be much more if you're willing to dig a little deeper, Aries. Do not discount anything right away.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, if faced with a few different scenarios, do not immediately pick the path of least resistance. Sometimes the best reward is earned with some sweat equity.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, when social engagements seem to be slim pickings, you may have to broaden your social circle just a bit. Try putting a toe into new waters for a change of scenery.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, put your money where your mouth is regarding an important issue this week. You must lead by example, and you're fully capable of doing so.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Don't let a minor setback derail all of the plans you have been working on for so long, Leo. This can be easily remedied with the right people offering their support.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you do not need an engraved invitation to attend an event that could put you in a position of power and influence. Walk into the party with flair and confidence.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

When someone seeks your advice you are always willing to give it, Libra. Just do not freely offer unsolicited advice all the time or friends could view it as lecturing.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Disagreements can cause emotions to run hot, Scorpio. It is best if you find a cool-down measure so that problems do not escalate especially this week.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Take a break this week and reconnect with some of the fun activities that you used to do to amuse yourself, Sagittarius. Think like a kid and go to a zoo, aquarium or park.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, you're on the cusp of mastering a skill you have been honing for awhile. Use an opportunity this week to celebrate your hard-earned success.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Utilize all of the special skills you have at your disposal, Aquarius. You just may need every tool in your arsenal to get through an upcoming project. This work keeps you busy.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

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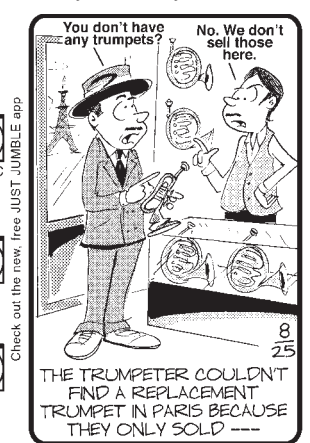
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Midweek Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Cleo's slayer
- 4 — de deux
- 7 Ornamental loop
- 12 Neither mate
- 13 Performance
- 14 Wahine's greeting
- 15 Excessively
- 16 Intercom speaker
- 18 "— Impossible"
- 19 African capital
- 20 At the home of (Fr.)
- 22 "— be an honor"
- 23 Maja painter
- 27 Table scrap
- 29 Luxury stadium seating
- 31 Italian isle
- 34 Put one's two cents in
- 35 Fridge
- 37 Insult (Sl.)
- 38 Ten (Pref.)
- 39 Anger
- 41 Vacillate

DOWN

- 47 Chaps
- 48 Chest for money
- 52 Type measures
- 53 Minimum
- 54 Corroded
- 55 "Gosh!"
- 56 "Whoopee!"
- 57 Sleuth
- 58 Pismire
- 1 Caper
- 2 Start for "sayer"
- 3 Regular writing
- 4 History
- 5 Find not guilty
- 6 Action-film sequence
- 7 Fido's feet
- 8 Sort
- 9 Corn castoff
- 10 "So that's it, eh?"
- 11 Earner's burden
- 17 Helps
- 21 1964 Anthony Quinn role

- 23 "Everything's Coming Up Roses" musical
- 24 Sapporo sash
- 25 Thither
- 26 Lumberjack's prop
- 28 Carnival site
- 30 Pond carp
- 31 Spanish literary hero
- 32 Expert
- 33 Chest muscle, for short
- 36 Intersection, on signs
- 37 Indicate
- 40 Moroccan city
- 42 Last letter
- 43 Mideastern land
- 44 Beginning
- 45 Division word
- 46 CEO, e.g.
- 48 Crafty
- 49 Earl Grey, e.g.
- 50 "Go, team!"
- 51 Bear, in Barcelona

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