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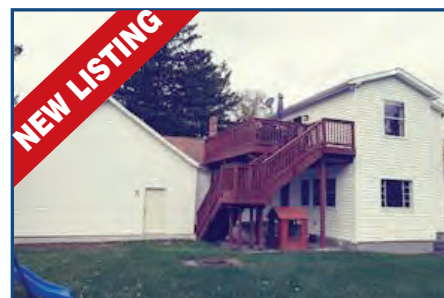


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Potholes — every driver’s nightmare

■ Average cost to repair damaged vehicle is \$306

By Hannah Ball
Bent or cracked rims. Flat or blown tires. Steering issues. Vehicles can sustain hundreds, or even thousands, of dollars worth of damage after hitting potholes on the roads.
In 2016, AAA found that U.S. drivers paid approximately \$15 billion over the previous five years for damage caused by potholes.
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Even worse, hitting a pothole — or taking the wrong measures to avoid one — could cause a crash and personal injuries.
AAA



The average cost of fixing damage on a car caused by a pothole is \$306, according to AAA, although sometimes the bill exceeds \$1,000.
Photo: Hannah Ball



A male dancer waits for the drums to start at a summer 2016 powwow in Sault Ste. Marie. (Below) Cultural education teacher Cathy DeVoy teaches students on Friday, Oct. 12 about traditional native methods for cooking “Indian corn” at the Ojibwe Charter School in Bay Mills. **Video stills by Tim Jagielo**

Times media editor creates documentary about Indian community in U.P.

■ Tribes bringing back native ceremonies, arts, language and culture

By Tim Jagielo
Bay Mills — Rev. John Hascall stood before his congregation for the Sunday, Oct. 14 afternoon Catholic Mass. To his left is a statue of Jesus, and Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American saint.
He read from the New Testament, Mark 10, specifically, in English, and also Anishinaabemowin, the language of the Ojibwe people.
The Bay Mills Indian Community (native name Gnoozhekaaning) is a
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Andrew Heller

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Come *Heller* high water...

• **My problem** is my view of life is too simple. For instance, I think “Why would we want to be friends with or sell weapons to a country that murders and dismembers journalists?” No matter how hard I try, I can’t come up with a good answer. Must be something wrong with me.

• **Bob Mueller**, some news reports say, will present the bulk of his findings just after the election. I think everyone needs it — Republicans and Democrats. It’s like we’ve been holding our collective breath for



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

it said Michigan would have a slightly warmer, slightly drier winter. When I left the store, it was “slowing,” which is my term for sleet and snow. I am not hopeful.

• **As you can** probably tell, I’m suffering from the early onset winter blahs. In the old cartoon, Fred Flintstone tried to talk himself into loving Wilma’s mom by muttering, “I love my mother-in-law, I love my mother-in-law ...” That’s how I feel about my home state when we get a month like this one. “I love Michigan, I love Michigan ...” If I say it enough, maybe I’ll convince myself.

• **If you haven’t**, try sprinkling your pizza with red wine vinegar. I learned that trick at Luigi’s in Flint. It’s good stuff.

• **According to the** critics, “Roseanne” (now “The Connors”) is better without Roseanne. I’m not surprised. Once an actor becomes known more for controversies or political views, it becomes harder to see them in character.

• **If and when** I cut the cable cord, it’ll be for these reasons: 1) It annoys me that I pay for 300 channels but

only 10 or 12 are watchable. The rest are selling bad jewelry and crock pots. 2) The networks have all adopted the same primetime formula: one show featuring God, angels or miracles (“God Friended Me”), one cop show, one special forces drama, one hospital show, one lawyer show, and one singing or dancing competition, plus 10 awful sitcoms.

• **You know what** I want — an old school variety comedy show like “Laugh-In” or Carol Burnett. I kinda miss those.

• **During an interview** on Tinder (wait, Tinder has interviews?) Jennifer Lopez caused a minor stir by saying she keeps her ketchup in the refrigerator. So? That’s where everybody keeps it, right? If you keep it in the cupboard, it’ll go bad, right? Not so, said the article. Restaurants keep bottles out on the table, after all. Apparently the vinegar and sugar in the ketchup preserve it pretty well. Learn something every day, I guess. But I’m still keeping mine in the fridge.

• **Since I’m on** a food kick, another story I saw said an increasing number of restaurants are replacing American cheese with fancier varieties because millennials don’t like it. Communists. You can keep your stinky bleu cheese and feta cheese. I’ll take “Amur-kin” on my burger any day.

• **The red seats** at Little Caesar’s arena in Detroit are being replaced with black ones so they don’t show up as well on TV when no one’s in them. Seems to me they should leave the seats and sign better players so people fill them.

• **“Get busy living** or get busy dying.” — Stephen King

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“Once an actor becomes known more for controversies or political views, it becomes harder to see them in character.”

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I’M AMAZED AT how the Facebook and Twitter social members have annihilated common sense and conventional wisdom guidelines to a point that being judged by what comes out of your mouth doesn’t matter, until the day of reckoning known as a job interview with resume.

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Fenton Forward

Dear Editor,

Mayor Osborn, please explain to me why you get a pulpit like the Fenton Forward propaganda brochure that all residents received in the mail paid for by Fenton taxpayers to tell Fenton taxpayers that they need to pay ever more taxes for roads. I think the money is there, but it is being wasted on things like butterfly parks, slogans for the city that no one hears, and signs that look like highway barricades. Where is my pulpit? How do I as an owner of two Fenton homes get to speak to the residents and say ‘vote no’ on this onerous tax bill? Where is my glossy slick-looking pamphlet that I can send postage paid to all the residents of Fenton? How do I as a tax-paying resident of Fenton get to equally express my first amendment rights to speak freely and openly using resident taxes?

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“Florida. I love the palm trees, the Gulf of Mexico and the climate.”

Judy Rockman
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“L.A. It’s beautiful there. It would be my dream home.”

Colin Menzies
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“I’m building my retirement home in Holly right now. It’s close to family and there’s plenty of acreage.”

Karen Boehm
Holly

“Texas. I like it there, the people are great and it’s beautiful.”

Mary Bills
Fenton Township

“I haven’t decided yet, maybe Pensacola in Florida.”

Holli Poyner
Tyrone Township

Times' readers respond generously

■ Local family's need for a new furnace turns up the heat for area HVAC businesses

By Sally Rummel

Times' readers are a compassionate group of people.

Immediately after the online story ran Oct. 13 about Jeremy Alber, 41, who is battling stage 4 colon cancer — calls, emails and texts brought in an outpouring of help.

The furnace recently stopped working at the Albers' Swartz Creek home in the Linden school district, following a series of other expensive home repairs.

A number of local heating and cooling professionals offered to install a new furnace for the family. Blessing Plumbing & Heating in Fenton will be installing a furnace for them early this coming week.

Alber's sister, Jodi Heethuis, R.N., of Fenton Township, admits she shed a few tears at work this week, being so grateful for the community's desire to help her

brother's family.

Alber was diagnosed with cancer exactly a year ago and it has metastasized to his bladder, liver and lungs. A lot of people offered their help at the time, but a year later, the family's situation has worsened, along with Alber's health and ability to work.

Heethuis has also set-up a GoFundMe page for her brother at www.gofundme.com/help-fight-stage-iv-colon-cancer. The \$25,000 goal is currently at \$2,040.

"He's very tired and is definitely not comfortable," Heethuis said. "It's an on-going situation. The first donations last year went right to medical bills. Then he had to start all over with all new deductibles in January. I just hope he can get enough in the

GoFundMe account to have two months of wages, so he doesn't have to stress about working."

With a new, donated furnace, the Alber family will be comfortable in their home this coming winter. "It's a relief to know the kids will be warm," Heethuis said.

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Jodi Heethuis, R.N.
Sister of local man battling stage 4 colon cancer

Honoring our first responders



The Flint Firebirds and Dort Federal Credit Union honored emergency medical personnel, firefighters, police officers and sheriff's deputies Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Dort Federal Credit Union Event Center in Flint. Before the drop of the puck, the Firebirds hosted the Save A Life Expo, which gave the public the opportunity to meet first responders while checking out local law-enforcement vehicles, fire trucks, and EMT vehicles. Dort Federal Credit Union provided the tickets to the game for the first responders. **Photo submitted to the Times**



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Fire stations getting security upgrades

■ Includes indoor and outdoor video monitoring

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — The Fenton Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved security upgrades for the two fire stations in the township.

Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said the safety of their buildings and knowing who's going in and out is important.

"Over the years, we've been really lax.

People can go in and out of the fire hall and I don't think it's a wise idea," said Supervisor Bonnie Mathis, adding that people could come in and tamper with the firefighter equipment.

“People can go in and out of the fire hall and I don't think it's a wise idea.”

Bonnie Mathis
Fenton Township supervisor

Volz researched security companies and preferred Unified Telecommunication Systems, LLC (UTS) in Burton. He said they're a local business and "pretty cost effective. I did a lot of homework on them. They're a reputable company."

The chief said he wanted cameras set up inside and outside the building, along with swipe-card access for each firefighter.

UTS submitted a bid of \$17,284.84 for equipment and labor cost, and \$418 for an annual service charge.

Out of three companies, UTS was the lowest bidder.

The Fenton Township Fire Department has funds in its budget to cover the cost of security upgrades.

STRAIGHT TICKET

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the option to vote straight ticket.

This past September, the U.S. Supreme Court denied a last-minute request to hear a case that could have kept straight ticket voting on the ballot Nov. 6. The court denied the request without citing a reason, according to The Detroit News. This occurred after the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals issued an order that straight party voting will not be on the November ballot.

"They did it too late in the process and he didn't have time to educate voters going to the polls," Gleason said. "We have many senior citizens that would go in and vote straight Democrat or straight Republican. Not everyone wants to go through every party's race and indicate their preference, which is very time consuming."

He said he doesn't care how people vote, just that they vote.

"It's none of my business if someone

wants to vote straight party. They should be allowed to do that," he said.

He said this will cause longer lines at the polls this November, especially with multiple proposals on the ballot. He also expects election workers to be "chastised" by those used to voting straight ticket.

"As many people as possible should vote absentee" to remedy this, Gleason said.

Straight ticket voting has helped both parties in the past.

Gleason said many voters in the 2016 elections voted straight-ticket Republican for President Donald Trump.

“As many people as possible should vote absentee.”

John Gleason
Genesee County clerk

PROPOSAL 18-3

Voters will be able to vote yes or no on straight ticket voting this November. Proposal 3 asks people if they want to authorize automatic and Election Day voter registration; no-reason absentee voting and straight ticket voting; and to add current legal requirements for military and overseas voting and post-election audits to the Michigan Constitution.

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NEWS

BRIEFS

PARENTING PROGRAM, 'LOVE AND LOGIC,' IS NOW BEING HELD AT HOLLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Families in the Holly Area Schools district can take advantage of a unique nationwide parenting program, "Love and Logic." The program is designed to teach parents how to handle arguments and disagreements with their children of all ages. "It's informative and entertaining at the same time," said Tena Alvarado, president of Holly Youth Area Assistance (HAYA). HAYA is sponsoring this six-week session, thanks to a \$500 grant from Walmart in Fenton. "We've been pursuing grants for quite awhile," Alvarado said. "The store manager in Fenton was instrumental in providing us with this grant." Classes are held Tuesdays, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Holly Elementary Media Room. About 25 parents attended the first session last week, and there is room for a few more, said Alvarado. Interested parents may contact HAYA at (248) 328-3181 to register for the remaining five classes.

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Halloween spirit

(Above) Leigh Spore of Fenton shops with her son, Chase, 9, for a costume at Spirit Halloween in Fenton on Thursday, Oct. 18. (Left) Shoppers stroll past the column of animatronic ghouls at Spirit Halloween of Fenton on Thursday, Oct. 18.

Photo by Tim Jagielo

POTHOLES

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Fall is a popular time for pothole damage, said Ken McConnell, owner of Austin's Body Shop in Holly. He sees bent wheels, blown-out tires, suspension problems and more.

"Depends on how hard you hit the pothole," he said.

He recently had a car in that sustained approximately \$2,600 worth of damage from hitting a pothole. Another car that hit a pothole in Flint cost thousands to fix.

"They can get real expensive. Just depends on how much damage you do to the cars," he said. "What damages the wheel is when you get down to the bottom of the pothole. You don't want to hit the pothole at all if you can help it."

Expensive wheels, like those made from aluminum, can run the price up. McConnell said the suspension on many cars is made out of aluminum now, and aluminum doesn't bend — it breaks and cracks. When a car needs realignment, it can cost \$85 to \$100, depending on the damage.

"If they hit potholes, they might want to have their stuff checked," he said. "Make sure the alignment is all right, make sure the tires are all right."

McConnell said they are trying to fix the roads, adding that Grange Hall Road and Milford Road were just redone.

The average cost of fixing damage on a car caused by a pothole is \$306, according to AAA, although sometimes the bill exceeds \$1,000.

"Even worse, hitting a pothole — or taking the wrong measures to avoid one — could cause a crash and personal injuries," according to AAA.

To avoid sustaining damage to your vehicle because of pothole-infested dirt and asphalt roads, AAA recommends the following:

- Keep your tires properly inflated.
- Eliminate driving distractions.
- Constantly look for road hazards.
- Be wary of any puddles that could be hiding a pothole.
- Keep a safe distance from other vehicles.
- Check your surroundings for collision threats before slamming on your brakes to avoid a pothole.
- If you can't avoid a pothole, slow down but release the brakes and straighten the steering wheel just before impact. This will help to minimize any damage.

Filing a claim if a pothole damages your vehicle

In certain situations, the state will reimburse motorists whose vehicles were damaged by potholes if they can prove that the government in charge of that road had prior knowledge of the potholes, according to the Detroit Free Press. State roads that are included begin with the letters I, M, or U.S.

However, it's unlikely the claim will be successful. Michigan only reimbursed nine of the 267 pothole claims for \$1,000 or less during the 2017 fiscal year.

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LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

OCT. 21

2014: South Africa's Oscar Pistorius, the first double amputee runner to compete at the Olympics, is sentenced to five years behind bars after being found guilty of culpable homicide, the equivalent of manslaughter, in the February 2013 death of his girlfriend, 29-year-old Reeva Steenkamp. The world-famous track star admitted to fatally shooting Steenkamp, a model and law graduate, at his home in Pretoria, South Africa, but claimed he mistook her for an intruder.

OCT. 22

1975: Air Force Sgt. Leonard Matlovich, a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War, is given a "general" discharge by the air force after publicly declaring his homosexuality. Matlovich, who appeared in his air force uniform on the cover of Time magazine above the headline "I AM A HOMOSEXUAL," was challenging the ban against homosexuals in the U.S. military. In 1979, after winning a much-publicized case against the air force, his discharge was upgraded to "honorable."

OCT. 23

42 B.C.: Marcus Junius Brutus, a leading conspirator in the assassination of Julius Caesar, commits suicide after his defeat at the second battle of Philippi. Two years before, Brutus had joined Gaius Cassius Longinus in the plot against the Roman dictator Julius Caesar, believing he was striking a blow for the restoration of the Roman Republic. However, the result of Caesar's assassination was to plunge the Roman world into a new round of civil wars, with the Republican forces of Brutus and Cassius vying for supremacy against Octavian and Mark Antony. After being defeated by Antony at a battle in Philippi, Greece,

in October 42 B.C., Cassius killed himself. On October 23, Brutus' army was crushed by Octavian and Antony at a second encounter at Philippi, and Brutus took his own life.

OCT. 24

1901: A 63-year-old schoolteacher named Annie Edson Taylor becomes the first person to take the plunge over Niagara Falls in a barrel. After her husband died in the Civil War, the New York-born Taylor moved all over the U. S. before settling in Bay City, Michigan, around 1898. In July 1901, while reading an article about the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, she learned of the growing popularity of two enormous waterfalls located on the border of upstate New York and Canada. Strapped for cash and seeking fame, Taylor came up with the perfect attention-getting stunt: She would go over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

OCT. 25

1980: AC/DC earn its first pop Top 40 hit with "You Shook Me All Night Long." Back when they were releasing albums like Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap (1977), AC/DC would have seemed an unlikely candidate to become one of the top-selling pop-music acts of all time. But over the course of the coming decades, that's exactly what these Australian rock gods became, and not by keeping pace with changes in musical fashion, but by sticking steadfastly to a musical style and business strategy that have helped the group stand the test of time.

OCT. 26

1984: Nineteen-year-old John McCollum is found shot to death on his bed in Indio, California. Although it was quickly determined that the fatal wound was self-inflicted, McCollum's parents believed that singer Ozzy Osbourne was actually responsible because their son had been listening to Osbourne's album, Blizzard of Oz, which contains the song, "Suicide Solution," when he killed himself. In their lawsuit, McCollum's parents claimed that there were hidden lyrics in the song that incited the teenager to kill himself. A California court dismissed the McCollums' lawsuit in 1988, ruling that John's suicide was not a foreseeable result of Osbourne's song.

Source: history.com



Bay Mills members Dwight "Bucko" Teeple and Jesse Bowen work on a sweat lodge, constructing the frame before the tarp is added. Video still by Tim Jagielo

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reservation of about 2,000 people, near Brimley and 20 minutes west of Sault Ste. Marie.

In Bay Mills, and throughout the region, there is an atmosphere of reclaiming native practices such as language, ceremony and arts that were nearly lost due to colonization, Indian boarding schools and the assimilation that followed.

This blending of native and mainstream America, as practiced at the church, is the subject of my next documentary, tentatively titled "The Seventh Fire: UP Michigan natives reclaim the past to save their future."

"The Seventh Fire" refers to the native prophesy, which includes the themes of resurgence and a new generation growing up with these practices.

The documentary focuses on Bay Mills, but is a small bite of a much larger movement. I went to powwows, traditional gill net fishing trips, industrial trap net fishing, watched artisans make ash baskets in the traditional style and a sweat lodge being built.



Tim Jagielo

"I went to powwows, traditional gill net fishing trips, industrial trap net fishing, watched artisans make ash baskets in the traditional style and a sweat lodge being built."

I took six trips to the community since November 2015 and gathered more than 2,000 video and audio files covering dozens of topics. This past week, I took my final trip to tie up some loose ends.

An important part of the movie is how the schools, both Ojibwe Charter School and Brimley Area Schools, teach native culture and history as a matter of course.

I covered young boys in the school learning how to drum and sing in the native style. Another class learned about making hominy in the native tradition,

which included several steps such as boiling the colorful, hard kernels of corn in wood ash. Others made ornaments out of sweet grass, a sacred native herb.

Throughout the classes, the native language is a constant, and is all over classroom walls, like English, French or Spanish might be around here.

The movie will be about 80 minutes long, and is still rather rough. Alexa Dexa, a musician from New York, is working on a score and soundscape from her own field recordings.

I'm planning on a spring 2019 release. I'll pursue regional media coverage as well as placement in film festivals.

This is my third full-length documentary — the first was on the Libyan Revolution, and the second, life in rural Appalachia. This will be my first documentary shot as a professional videographer, with better equipment and an independently produced underscore.

The serial documentary about Times reporter Hannah Ball's cosplay projects is ongoing.

For more information and photos, go to theseventhfire.tumblr.com.



Gill net fisher Lawrence "Bugs" LeBlanc pilots the craft away from the Bay Mills boat launch in 2015. Video still by Tim Jagielo



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MARIJUANA

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If passed, Proposal 18-1 would legalize the possession and use of marijuana and products by people who are 21 years of age or older, said Genesee County District Court Judge Mark McCabe.

It would also allow personal use cultivation of up to 12 plants, commercial sales of marijuana, taxation of those sales, changes certain criminal laws to civil infractions and provides for other licensing and marijuana possession quantity limits. (See sidebar for actual ballot language.)

It would also create six licensing types, like marijuana retailers, marijuana secure transporter and growers.

It does not allow it to be used or grown in the public eye. Like with the Medical Marijuana Act, municipalities can vote to disallow this activity in their city, town or village.

According to the Senate Fiscal Agency, the initiative could generate more than \$700 million in revenue in the first four years between sales tax revenue and the Marijuana Regulation Fund. A percentage of tax revenue is set to go to K-12 education.

Background

In late April, the Michigan Board of Canvassers certified a successful ballot initiative by The Coalition to Regulate Marijuana like Alcohol. This group gathered 365,384 signatures — 112,861 more than necessary.

Attorney Denise Pollicella has practiced marijuana law for nearly 10 years, and watched marijuana, and medical marijuana grow in visibility and acceptance. Now, Michigan will vote on whether recreational marijuana can be grown, sold and used in the state.

"It's crazy to me," she said in a previous article. "When you step back and look at this historically, it's a huge deal."

Marijuana will still be illegal at the federal level. This becomes an issue should the federal government decide to come in and enforce it.

She said removing the criminal element around marijuana should make getting marijuana safer. If marijuana is legal, then Pollicella also suspects the prison system could be unclogged of minor drug cases.

Local municipalities still have the power to disallow grow facilities in their communities, as the cities of Fenton and Linden and village of Holly have done.

Still, as far back 2014, several Michigan cities have made small amounts of marijuana legal locally, such as Saginaw and Oak Park.

Not everyone wants to see marijuana become legal. Healthy and Productive Michigan is a committee against Proposal 18-1. They share media and support for their anti-marijuana message. Recently they shared a story on their Facebook page about overwhelmed Colorado drug enforcement officers dealing with an influx of illegal growers setting up in rented residential homes, to send marijuana to the east coast, as broadcasted on USA Today. Colorado has become an experiment in legal recreational marijuana.

According to The American Journal of Psychiatry, Canadian researchers found that cannabis can have long-lasting negative effects on the brains of teenagers.

While Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater cannot comment personally on how he feels about the proposal passing, he said that both the

Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and the Michigan Sheriff's Association oppose the proposal.

On Wednesday, Oct. 17, Canada legalized recreational marijuana. Individual Canadian provinces can make their own rules regulating the sale of marijuana, according to CBS News.

According to the Senate Fiscal Agency, the initiative could generate more than \$700 million in revenue in the first four years.

Ballot language

This proposal would — allow individuals 21 and older to purchase, possess and use marijuana and marijuana-infused edibles, and grow up to 12 marijuana plants for personal consumption.

Impose a 10-ounce limit for marijuana kept at residences and require amounts over 2.5 ounces be secured in locked containers.

Create a state licensing system for marijuana businesses and allow municipalities to ban or restrict them.

Permit retail sales of marijuana and edibles subject to a 10-percent tax, dedicated to implementation costs, clinical trials, schools, roads, and municipalities where marijuana businesses are located.

Change several current violations from crimes to civil infractions.

Should this proposal be adopted?

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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WITH ONLY THREE weeks left before the mid-term elections, the timing is just right for Democrats to make a bunch of baseless accusations of rape and racism against their Republican opponents.

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Dep. Jason Thomas covers a football game at Lake Fenton in September. He covers many after-school events, in addition to being at various schools in the district. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Not just a police officer

■ Lake Fenton's new student resource officer educates, counsels and provides safety

By Tim Jagielo

If you're a Lake Fenton student or parent, you've seen him visiting schools, covering football games and helping coordinate active shooter training this summer.

Dep. Jason Thomas, 35, is the Lake Fenton Community Schools (LFCS) Student Resource Officer (SRO). This will be his first full year at Lake Fenton. He was hired in the spring of 2017.

Thomas has been a full-time deputy for the Genesee County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) for six years, and was a special deputy on the dive team since 2005.

Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell said there are nine sheriff's deputies in various schools.

Superintendent Julie Williams said the goal for the district's SRO is to provide security and to assist in situations that may have legal implications. "More

importantly, we want our SRO to build relationships with students, staff and community members," she said.

"So far, things are going great," Williams said. "Deputy Thomas is very knowledgeable and eager to assist in any way he can. He is passionate about school safety and is helping us refine our processes and protocols."

Pickell said he chooses deputies with good people skills, that get along with kids and teachers and recognizes the overall goal of safety.

There is no specific guidebook for an SRO. GCSO policies are augmented where needed to fit the job. Working with developing young adults is different from adults, but similar skills to help diffuse certain situations, for example, can be needed.

Thomas said good communication skills, thinking outside the box, seeing different perspectives and being a mediator are all parts of typical police work, and parts of being an SRO.

"The biggest difference with the SRO position is that you're the go-to between the school and law enforcement in general and the law enforcement and community."

He feels strongly that law enforcement has an obligation to bridge the gap between the community and police.

On an average day, he'll make stops at all the schools. He spends more of his time at the high school. His schedule follows the school day, and includes extracurricular events.

He was instrumental with active shooter training, and covered football games, prom, homecoming, parent-teacher conference, pep assemblies, graduation and senior night out.

He also analyzes school security, and works with school leaders to make improvements.

"I've had the opportunity to counsel some kids, basically have conversations with them, maybe they're going through some issues," he said. He's shaken hands with them afterward, and heard that he's been helpful. "That's really rewarding."

"At the end of the day, it's not our goal to get students in trouble," he said. "(It's) to help the

school to help the students to become successful adults, and help the students directly to become successful adults."

He also talks to lower grade levels and answers questions about his job and about police.

"In the end it's the schools and the parents that win," Pickell said. "I'm just so pleased that our schools recognize the need for our program; they've been so supportive of us, it's just a great relationship."



Dep. Jason Thomas helps coordinate active-shooter training at Lake Fenton High School in September. Thomas is present to keep students and staff safe, and also educate, counsel and to be a role model. Times file photo.

Meet a resident of

Our Town

Pat Jensen

- Nurse
- Traveler
- Adventurer

By Sally Rummel

Pat Jensen of Fenton has fit more living into her 83 years than most people will ever know. She has been a Fenton resident since 1980, and now lives with her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Bill Kelly. Her first husband, Harold, died in 2000 and she was married to her second husband, Ed Giannone, in 2002 until his passing in 2010.

What was your childhood like?

My mom was Wanda, a single, 18-year-old woman in Flint who worked as a waitress. My grandparents took care of me in Ewart while my mom was working. My mom met and married Albert when I was 5 and he adopted me when I was 7. I have two half-sisters, Penny, now deceased, and Paula. I moved around a lot as a child. It was a difficult childhood at times, but I never let those events define me. I'm always up for an adventure, whatever that might be.

I hear you spent some of your childhood at Whaley Children's Home.

Yes, about six months. We were living in Flint at the time and I climbed



Fenton resident Pat Jensen waves from her skydiving experience on her 80th birthday three years ago. Her life has been a big adventure, said her daughter, Linda Kelly. Photo submitted to the Times

a tree in the yard and broke a branch. The landlord told my mom I couldn't live there any more, so they took me to Whaley. One of the caretakers stole my candy all the time and I got head lice, and they had to tar my head to treat it.

Linda and I knocked on the door at Whaley last summer and they let us in when we told them I used to live there 75 years ago. I knew just where all the rooms were, even though it has been remodeled. They've offered to give me a full tour, but I haven't done that yet.

“I've been to all seven continents . . . every country in South America except Paraguay and all 50 states except Arkansas.”

Pat Jensen
Fenton resident

What was your most exciting life experience?

When I was 33 years old with

three small children, I found out I was accepted into the Mott nursing program. I went full time and got my R.N. degree. I worked at Flint Osteopathic Hospital. I loved being a nurse and I still keep in touch with many of my nursing friends.

Tell me about your travels.

I traveled a lot with my husband, Ed. I've been to all seven continents: Africa three times, the pyramids in Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Russia, Germany, Antarctica, Australia, Italy, Paris, China

(I walked the Great Wall), Thailand, Saudi Arabia, Machu Picchu (Inca site in Peru).

I've been in every country in South America except Paraguay and all 50 states except Arkansas. I fished for piranhas in the Amazon, went to an ice bar in Helsinki, sitting on ice stools at the bar made of ice.

I can't pick a favorite, but really enjoyed Africa.

How did you celebrate your 80th birthday?

I went skydiving. It wasn't scary to me at all, not even jumping out. Actually, I'm not afraid of anything. I wanted to get back on the plane and do it again.

Also, 45 friends and family celebrated with me in my favorite place, Las Vegas. I did the superman zip line down Fremont Street, took everyone on the High Roller and went on a helicopter ride down The Strip at night. Linda rented a private class where all of us women could take a pole dancing class and she took me on a mystery trip.

What is something about you that most people probably don't know?

I began playing guitar at 14 and started teaching at Lowe Studio in Flint at age 15. I played bass and Hawaiian guitar in a band when I was 16, at the Hungarian Club in Flint. I love playing, but haven't played for a few years.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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HEALTH PLAN

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If approved, the GHP would continue to provide basic affordable health care coverage for an additional seven years. Tax rates will stay the same as they are today and will cost the average homeowner about \$50 per year. Genesee County voters first approved the millage in 2006 and renewed it in 2012.

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“The GHP has served one in five Genesee County residents over the last 17 years, which means you probably know a friend, family member, coworker or neighbor who has been served by the health plan,” said Jim Milanowski, GHP

president and CEO. “GHP helps hard-working adults who may work two or three jobs but don't receive health care coverage from their employer or those who may have recently lost a job.”

Founded in 2001, the GHP covers preventive health care services including doctor visits, mammograms, cancer screenings, outpatient mental health services, prescription drugs, labs and x-rays. GHP also provides dental care coverage for seniors and veterans, as many seniors and veterans do not have dental coverage.

More information about the Health Care Services Millage renewal can be found at geneseehealthplan.org/about-us/ghp-2018-millage-renewal and the Friends of Genesee Health Plan at friendsofgeneseehealthplan.org.

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Art and craft show bigger every year

The Holly Holiday Art & Craft Show is growing. This year the 41st annual event is adding 20 more booths to an already packed Holly High School, 6161 East Holly Rd., Holly. It will be held Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is \$2. Children 12 and under will be admitted free. The venue is handicap accessible. There will be a wide selection of handmade gifts from Michigan artists and craftspeople; items include wood, fiber, glass, outdoor décor to gourmet food made locally. Great lunches will be available along with plenty of free parking. Strollers are welcome.

This is the major fundraiser for two area nonprofit organizations and run by volunteers from the Holly Historical Society's Hadley House Museum and Holly High School's Senior Project Graduation all night party committee. Every volunteer will be wearing their red T-shirts. For more information, call



Be sure to check out this year's Holly Holiday Art & Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Holly High School. Photo submitted to the Times

Susanne at (248) 634-5338 or Linda at (248) 634-7946. This is a great way to support the community and get into the holiday spirit.

GERRYMANDERING

Continued from Front Page

Proposal 18-2, seeks to establish a "commission of citizens" with exclusive authority to adopt state and U.S. congressional districts via constitutional amendment. The committee would redraw lines every 10 years along with the newest census data.

It would also prohibit partisan redrawing of maps.

Currently, Michigan district lines are drawn by the political party in power. They can draw lines in their favor, creating irregularly shaped districts, such as the 14th congressional district in Michigan.

The 13-member committee would include members who identify with both main political parties, and party-unaffiliated members.

Members would be appointed randomly by the state, and certain people, like lobbyists or partisan officeholders, would not be allowed on the commission.

Some who oppose the proposal, such as Jamie Roe, a political consultant with Grand River Strategies, are urging residents to vote "no" on the proposal. Roe was interviewed this summer by WDET of Detroit.

He suggested that the current system is not broken, and that a new system would break up communities, and offers no oversight for these new committees.

He believes that the current standards are working, and new committees would unfairly favor Democrats.

In the interview, Roe said the current standards "require us to maintain the integrity of communities across the state. We break as few city, township, and county lines as possible so that we maintain communities, and so they can best represent the people who live in those communities."

Background

VNP gathered 425,000 signatures to end the practice of "gerrymandering," which is the political manipulation of legislative and congressional district maps.

This manipulation can lead to oddly shaped districts, such as that of a lizard or salamander, as a Boston Gazette newspaper illustrator observed with

the first "gerry-mandered" district in Massachusetts. The word is combination of Elbridge Gerry, the Massachusetts governor in 1812 who signed off on the process, and a "salamander."

VNP held a town hall meeting in Fenton in March 2017.

Proposal language

A proposed constitutional amendment to establish a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress, every 10 years.

This proposed constitutional amendment would: create a commission of 13 registered voters randomly selected by the Secretary of State — 4 each who self-identify as affiliated with the two major political parties, and five who self-identify as unaffiliated with major political parties.

Prohibit partisan officeholders and candidates, their employees, certain relatives, and lobbyists from serving as commissioners.

Establish new redistricting criteria including geographically compact and contiguous districts of equal population, reflecting Michigan's diverse population and communities of interest.

Districts shall not provide disproportionate advantage to political parties or candidates.

Require an appropriation of funds for commission operations and commissioner compensation.

Should this proposal be adopted?

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Times

Holly schools seeks \$38.1 million bond in November

■Four-year tax extension would fund building improvements and upgrades but not personnel

By Tim Jagielo

Holly Area Schools (HAS) wants to go modern with security and a bevy of other structural improvements. It is asking voters for a four-year bond to do it.

According to the district, the bond isn't expected to raise taxes for HAS taxpayers, but continue the taxes at the same rate of 8.5 mills.

After the four years is up, Superintendent Scott Roper said the bond would be paid off over the next 24 years.

"If approved by voters, the bond proposal would fund safety improvements, building upgrades that keep students safe, warm and dry, and classroom technology that prepares students for jobs, with no tax rate increase," Roper said.

When asked why the district cannot fund these projects out of its operating budget, Roper said school districts do not receive funding from the state to finance capital projects like these, which requires districts to use bonds to pay for projects. "The district does not have the operating funds available to support these necessary capital expenditures," he said.

This bond will impact anyone residing within the HAS district, which aside from Holly, Rose and Holly townships, will also include parts of White Lake Township, Davisburg and residents right on the Fenton City border.

Overall, the bond is supposed to raise \$38,150,000 for HAS over four years,

and \$21 million in the first phase, starting March 2019. Projects would end December 2021.

The district is focusing on safety and security, building and site improvements and learning environments. Per state law, HAS would be audited to ensure that funds are being used as voters intended.

Through the life of the bond, the district would maintain the current foundation allowance of \$7,871 per student.

Bond monies cannot be used for personnel expenses, or other operating expenses — only for facilities upgrades, technology and additions.

"Buildings and facilities were assessed to determine and prioritize needs throughout the district," Roper said. He said they spent a year studying the needs of the district.

They conducted community surveys to seek input, among other outreach efforts. "We've made a point to include input from the entire community every step of the way," he said.

Structural improvements would include addressing failing heating and cooling systems, inefficient lighting and electrical systems, old roofs, all elementary school playgrounds and parking lots and sidewalks.

Technology would also be improved for students and teachers.

Bond project priorities

- Secure school building entrances
- New classroom door hardware
- Additional video surveillance
- Improved exterior lighting
- Upgrades to fire alarm systems, and
- Safer student drop-off sites

TIME FOR A change. After an abysmal season, kids continually transferring out, and the termination of a long-time coach, it's finally time for Linden football to move. Losing our best athletes every year to better programs should be enough of a warning to the administration.

■■■
THE CITY OF Fenton is trying again to get us to vote yes on Proposal 1. Vote no or they will be able to raise our property taxes every year for 10 years. Right now, they can only raise it every three years.

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PLEASE VOTE FOR all Republicans Nov. 6. I'm tired of paying for everyone else's freebies, which the donkeys want.

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PLEASE, PLEASE recognize Debbie 'Do Nothing' Stabenow as the professional politician she is. She has passed only five low-value bills in over 20 years representing this area. Get out and vote for the best candidate, not the candidate you know the name of. Time for change.

“The district does not have the operating funds available to support these necessary capital expenditures.”

Scott Roper
Holly Area Schools superintendent

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE MOBS WHO are chasing down and intimidating contrary opinion Americans are cowards. Anyone can call names, shout, threaten, and even get physical in an out-of-control mob. Takes a real man or woman to have a dissenting discussion and respect the opposing view. What's taking place in our nation is disgraceful. It literally promotes anarchy. Antifa is nothing more than a bunch of hired, face-masked, socialist thugs.

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HOW QUICKLY WE forget history. Over one million Chinese Muslims rounded up and sent to re-education camps and the world doesn't care. We are witnessing the rise of a modern day Hitler in China.

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I DON'T KNOW where your readers come up with Trump having a 51-percent approval rating because as of Monday it was only 43 percent.

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SEARS HOMETOWN

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"It's every day, it's constant," said Tim, but he and Jeff totally understand the confusion, because of the long-time iconic Sears name.

The name is the only thing these two separate businesses have in common. Each has its own board of directors and each does its own trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

"The Sears stores that are closing are corporate 'mall stores,'" Jeff said. "They have absolutely nothing to do with Sears Hometown Stores. They are totally separate. The only thing that is the same is the Sears name."

Sears Holdings Corporation, which owns Sears and Kmart, filed for bankruptcy protection Monday, Oct. 15. This 125-year-old retailer, once the nation's largest, will close 142 stores toward the end of the year.

The nearest Sears corporate store was at Genesee Valley Center in Flint Township, and it closed its doors in September. Its closing left a retail void

in Flint, but increased business at Sears Hometown Store in Fenton.

"A lot of their customers now shop here," Tim said. "People want Sears products. Sears Hometown Stores has shown a sales increase in the last two quarters at the dealer level."

There are about two dozen Sears Hometown Stores throughout Michigan, mostly serving smaller retail

markets, said Lisa Clontz, district manager for Sears Hometown Stores.

"The best way to understand what Sears Hometown Stores is all about is to think of our stores focusing on customer service, local ownership and three core inventory items: appliances, lawn and garden equipment and tools," Clontz said. "Corporate mall Sears Holdings stores empha-

size apparel and home décor, more 'soft' items. We can order those things for you, but that's not our main focus."

Clontz had been with Sears Holdings for 28 years, until she moved over to Sears Hometown Stores. "I think we're going to be stronger than ever because of our customer service, owner-based business model."

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Lisa Clontz
Sears Hometown Stores
district manager



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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. 17, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Gubernatorial candidates promise to 'fix the roads'

Democrat Gretchen Whitmer and Republican Bill Schuette, candidates for governor, both have a plan to fix crumbling Michigan roads.

Our Future

Meet Joel Robinson, Lake Fenton High School junior, trumpeter and actor, future meteorologist.



Matthew Carrier to be sentenced Friday

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

Cost of trash services could increase

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

Marijuana use was legal in U.S. until 1937

Fears that Mexicans were distributing the "killer weed" to unsuspecting school children prompted legislation.

The Generation Gap

Times' writer Sally Rummel and The Oakley owner Alicia McKay answer the question: What do you think are the best, and worst, things a mother can teach her children?

MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Oct. 12.

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.

Senate Bill 409: Allow private Great Lakes harbor leases

To authorize 50-year "bottomland" leases to owners of single-family homes on Great Lakes shorelines who want to create a private recreational harbor formed by a breakwater. Owners would have to pay 1 percent of the state equalized property value in an up-front lump sum payment every 25 years.

Passed 26 to 12 in the Senate on Sept. 6, 2017

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES

Passed 59 to 48 in the House on Jan. 18, 2018

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES

House Bill 4184: Restrict local governmental body "phone-in" voting

To restrict members of an elected public body casting a vote without being physically present. This would be allowed in one meeting per year per member, if the individual is absent for what other members deem to be good cause. It would also be allowed if a delay on a personnel or infrastructure issue could raise costs or liability. The Senate has not voted on this bill.

Passed 96 to 12 in the House on May 31, 2017

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES

House Bill 4215: Repeal rule banning car running in driveway

To repeal a rule that prohibits leaving an unattended vehicle running, except for on a public street or highway. This is intended to allow things like warming up the car in the driveway in winter.

Passed 77 to 30 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES

Passed 30 to 6 in the Senate on June 13, 2017

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES

House Bill 4608: Exempt residential painters and decorators from licensure mandate

To exempt painters and decorators from the licensure mandate imposed on residential maintenance and alteration contractors. The Senate has not taken up this bill.

Passed 62 to 45 in the House on June 20, 2017

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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WHAT IF THEY are wrong? Economic advisor and Marco Rubio question extent of human contribution to global temperatures after the devastation of Hurricane Michael and a recent United Nations report warning of a looming climate crisis. Larry Kudlow and Sen. Marco Rubio on Sunday questioned the extent of human contribution to rising global temperatures.
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WOMEN NEED TO realize that until women vote with their brain instead of being told how to vote, nothing will change.
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MILLAGE IS THE politician's word that is actually saying 'higher taxes.' You are already paying 60 percent of your income in taxation. You should budget like we have to.
■ ■ ■ ■
TO THE HOLLY Area School parents complaining about field trip chaperone restrictions. Grow up and stop acting like 'snowflakes.' It isn't about you. It is about the children, all of them, not just yours.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE city of Fenton administrators for a job well done. Running the affairs of a growing city calls for some daily tough decisions and a genuine vision for the future. Never going to make everyone happy, but keep up the good work taking our beloved community forward.
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IF YOUR KID is working hard at practice and not trying to find ways to get out of practice, they are seeing playing time — blow outs or not. You earn your playing

time, as you would know if you were at the parent meeting. This is not youth football. Not everyone's getting a participation ribbon. Have some respect for our coaches.
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JUST REMEMBER WHEN you vote the mid-terms, if the Democrats take back power, they will push for Medicare for everyone and it will end up Medicaid for everyone. We will lose doctors and hospitals and be worse off than we already are. So if you really want nothing in the medical field, keep letting them control the government.
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NOTICE OF ELECTION
ROSE TOWNSHIP

To the Qualified Electors of the Township of Rose, County of Oakland:

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the Township of Rose, County of Oakland on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

The election will be conducted in all voting precincts (#1, #2, and #3) of Rose Township for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

- Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- Secretary of State
- Attorney General
- United States Senator
- Representative in Congress 8th District
- State Senator 14th District
- Representative in State Legislature 51st District
- County Commissioner 2nd District
- Member of the State Board of Education
- Regent of the University of Michigan
- Trustee of Michigan State University
- Governor of Wayne State University
- Justice of Supreme Court
- Judge of Court of Appeals District 2 Incumbent Position
- Judge of Court of Appeals Court of Appeals District 2 Incumbent Position Partial Term Ending 01/01/2021
- Judge of Circuit Court 6th Circuit Court Incumbent Position
- Judge of Circuit Court 6th Circuit Court Non-Incumbent Position
- Judge of Circuit Court 6th Circuit Court New Judgeship
- Judge of Probate Court Oakland County Probate Court Incumbent Position

Precinct #1
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Local School District - Board Member Fenton Area Public Schools

Precinct #2 and 3
Community College - Board of Trustees Member Oakland Community College
Local School District - Board Member Holly Area School District

And to vote on the following proposals:

Proposals – (Precincts 1, 2, 3)

State Proposal 18-1

A proposed initiated law to authorize and legalize possession, use and cultivation of marijuana products by individuals who are at least 21 years of age and older, and commercial sales of marijuana through state-licensed retailers.

State Proposal 18-2

A proposed constitutional amendment to establish a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress, every 10 years.

State Proposal 18-3

A proposal to authorize automatic and Election Day voter registration, no-reason absentee voting, and straight ticket voting; and add current legal requirements for military and overseas voting and post-election audits to the Michigan Constitution.

Precincts #2 and #3

**Holly Area School District
Bonding Proposal**

Shall Holly Area School District, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Thirty-Eight Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$38,150,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:
remodeling, equipping and re-equipping, and furnishing and refurbishing school facilities; erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to the school district's elementary school buildings; acquiring, installing and equipping school facilities with instructional technology; erecting a new storage facility; and preparing, developing, equipping and improving playgrounds, play fields, and sites?
(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED
BY ACT NO. 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933
AS AMENDED

I, Andrew E. Meisner, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of October 2, 2018, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the Township of Rose in said County, is as follows:

YEARS INCREASE LOCAL UNIT	VOTED INCREASE	EFFECTIVE
Township of Rose	None	
Holly Area Schools	None	
Fenton Area Public Schools	.9362	2013 – 2019
Intermediate School District Of Genesee County	2.50 1.00	Unlimited Unlimited
C.S. Mott Community College	1.40	Unlimited
County School District Of Oakland County	3.6483	Unlimited
County of Oakland	.2415	2012 to 2021 Incl.
Oakland Community College	1.00 .7811	Unlimited Beg. July 1, 2012 (10 yrs)

Dated: October 2, 2018

ANDREW E. MEISNER, TREASURER

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The polling place locations for said election are as follows:

Rose Township Polling Locations:

- PCT. #1 Rose Township Offices
9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI
- PCT. #2 Rose Pioneer School
7110 Milford Road, Holly, MI
- PCT. #3 Rose Pioneer School
7110 Milford Road, Holly, MI

For assistance in determining the accessibility of the polling place locations and the availability of voting instructions in alternative formats such as audio and Braille, please contact the Rose Township clerk's office.

Persons wishing to obtain an absentee ballot may do so by contacting the Rose Township township clerk's office. The Clerk, or their designee, will be available in the Clerk's Office on the Saturday preceding the election, November 3, 2018, until 2:00 p.m., the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot which will be mailed.

For names of candidates, full text of proposals or any other information, please contact the Rose Township Clerk's Office at (248) 634-8701.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHAT DEMOCRATS IS Heller talking about that are polite, passive and reluctant to take a bold stance? They have obstructed everything since the election of Trump and certainly not passively or politely.

WOULD LOVE TO know if the fire truck Zeb Holland had was ever restored and running.

THE DEMOCRATS HAVE just announced

that if they win majority, they will reverse every Trump accomplishment. Weaken the economy, the military, open the borders and push for welfare as a career choice. And remember, the mainstream media is controlled by them.

HELLER’S EDITORIAL ABOUT Democrats needing to be more aggressive and passionate seemed to be based on fake news from CNN or Comedy Central.

THE SOCIALIST DEMOCRATS promise free housing, free healthcare, free educa-

tion, free food and free job training. These are all available in prison. They don’t offer personal freedom, they take it away.

VOTERS BEWARE: PROPOSAL 3 is nothing more than a carefully worded amendment to the Michigan Constitution, which opens the door to voter fraud in our state. Read between the lines when you scrutinize the wording. It is a bad proposal for any state to consider. It legitimizes undocumented voting and undermines the rights of citizens who are lawfully registered and legally eligible to cast their vote.

AS AN AMERICAN, do you think that since our government is primarily funded by working American citizens, it should always support programs that benefit American families and businesses first?

FENTON FOOTBALL COACHES are building future leaders and teaching our children that they have to work hard and earn playing time. Regardless of the score, the players that are earning playing time should be the players on the field. What is the matter with entitled parents and players?

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWNSHIP OF ARGENTINE
Genesee County, Michigan
Pineview Lake Estates #1, 2, 3 and Pineview on the River Special Assessment District

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Township of Argentine, Genesee County, Michigan, has resolved its intention to make certain public improvements (the “Public Improvements”) consisting of the following:

The repaving and improving Pineview Lake Estates #1, 2, 3, Pineview Lake Drive, Pineview Lake Court and Pineview on the River subdivisions in the Township.

The Public Improvements shall be located in the Township, as follows:

Pineview Lake Estates #1, 2, 3 and Pineview on the River subdivisions within or adjacent to the Special Assessment District.

The Township has made its final determination of the Pineview Lake Estates #1, 2, 3 and Pineview on the River Special Assessment District (the “Special Assessment District”) to consist of lots and parcels of land and against which a portion of the cost of the Improvements shall be specially assessed:

Property located in the Township of Argentine, Genesee County, Michigan, and described by attached Exhibit A

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Supervisor of the Township of Argentine has made and certified a special assessment roll for the Special Assessment District, which roll sets forth the relative portion of the cost of the Public Improvements that is to be levied in the form of special assessments against each benefitted lot and parcel of land in the Special Assessment District. The latest cost estimate for construction and administrative costs is \$ 738,000.00, not including interest, and the estimated per lot assessment is approximately \$ 5,820.00 per residence (Multi-Family Residential buildings are assessed 50% per residential unit, or \$ 23,280.00 per building.) The proposed term of the assessment is ten years, and the total per lot assessment may be paid in full by a date determined by the township board, or in ten annual installments with applicable interest.

HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Township of Argentine will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 29, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall located at 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, Michigan, to review the special assessment roll and to hear and consider any objections thereto.

TAKE NOTICE that appearance and protest at the public hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal.

TAKE NOTICE that an owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or may file his or her appearance or protest by letter, on or before the close of the hearing.

TAKE NOTICE that any person objecting to the assessment roll is requested to file written objections thereto with the Township Clerk before the close of the hearing.

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LF boys take second at GAC meet, girls place third

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity boys cross country team's goal this season was to catch Corunna and possibly defeat the school's strong cross country program to earn a Genesee Area Conference title.

That didn't hap-

pen. But even if the Blue Devils didn't win the title, they knew competing against Corunna and Goodrich for three meets would make the team better.

That apparently has happened, and it happened for both teams. Both varsity squads had runners record personal best times en route to solid efforts at the

final GAC meet held at Goodrich High School.

Lake Fenton's boys placed second with 41 points, 15 behind Corunna, but 23 points ahead of Goodrich. Meanwhile, the Lake Fenton girls placed third with 58 points. The boys also finished second in the final standings while the girls finished third.

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Lake Fenton's Eric Niestroy (left) and Tommy Hufton



Tigers' XC program wins two more league titles

By David Troppens

Davisburg — A tradition has started at Fenton High School.

For the third straight season, the Fenton varsity cross country teams have capped the league season with Metro League titles.

The Fenton girls made it a sweep of the Metro field by posting its entire starting seven within the top 14 places, leading the Tigers to a first-place finish at the Metro League Meet held at Springfield Oaks Park, Wednesday. Coupled with their wins in the first two jamborees, the Tigers easily won their third Metro crown.

The boys were equally impressive. While the Tigers scored more points than the girls (30-26), Fenton's boys beat the field by a whopping 52 points en route to the Metro meet victory and season championship. The boys had their scoring five finish within the

top 11 places.

In the girls' race, Alexa Keiser made it nine straight Metro competitions where she's won the event. She won the individual league title by posting a time of 18:22.57 in cold and windy conditions. She finished about 42 seconds ahead of Holly's Andrea Ruiz, who finished second.

"I feel really good. I'm glad I got all three wins. That was one of my goals," Keiser said. "That's something I've been working for. It's also awesome for the team so we can be Metro champs."

Flushing runners finished third and fourth, but after the two Raiders, the Tigers took five of the next eight places, including the next three. Kaitlin Bayer was fifth (19:38.51) Abbey Lee was sixth (19:42.30) and Cambria Tiemann was seventh (19:56.79).

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Fenton's varsity boys cross country team begins its Metro League meet (above), eventually winning the event. Fenton's girls (left) also won its meet and the outright league crown. Linden's girls (runners in background to the left) placed third. Photos: David Troppens

Tigers edge Linden in overtime

By David Troppens

Fenton — Thursday's district final contest between the Fenton varsity boys soccer team and Linden had all the drama one would expect.

Both teams played super aggressive and physical, with each having moments of dominance. It had outstanding goals

and outstanding saves. The most recent chapter even had a thriller of an ending.

Fenton freshmen scored on a rebound shot with 3:43 left in the second overtime, leading the Tigers to a 2-1 victory against the Eagles. The win means Fenton will play in a 7 p.m. regional semifinal contest

at Brandon High School, Tuesday.

"It was a corner and it hit the post. I headed it and it went in and I just lost it," said Fenton freshman Ben Chapple, who scored the winning goal. "I was going nuts."

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Linden's Tyler Buchanan won the boys Metro League Meet race with a time of 16:17.08. Photo: David Troppens

Buchanan repeats as Metro champ; Holly boys place second

By David Troppens

Davisburg — Tyler Buchanan won his first Metro League individual title a year ago on his home course at Linden Middle School.

Now the junior can say he's a defending individual league champion.

Buchanan won the Flint Metro League's boys race at the Metro League Meet held at Springfield Oaks Park Wednesday, dominating the field. Buchanan won the 3.1-mile race in 16:17.08, about 11 seconds ahead of Fenton's Adam Jesse (16:28.50). This was Buchanan's sixth consecutive Metro win.

While Buchanan won the boys race, his team finished fourth. Meanwhile, the Holly varsity boys cross country team captured second with 82 points, 52 points behind first-place Fenton. In the girls race, Fenton won with Linden taking third. Holly's girls did not field a complete team at the meet.

Buchanan was pleased with his performance.

"It means a lot. A lot of hard work has been put into it," Buchanan said. "It's a lot of dedication. I think I went out a little too fast and it really kicked my butt. I felt it a lot, but I had to keep my place and tell myself I can do it."

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Linden's Jarrod Buswell (right) tries to shield the ball from Fenton's Ryan Gillespie. Photo: David Troppens

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Holly swimming is collecting some victories

By David Troppens

Holly — Life on the Holly varsity girls swim team has always been fun for the athletes on the squad, but recently it's been a bit more rewarding than in the past.

The reason? The Bronchos are winning. Holly improved its win streak to three duals, defeating Brandon 112-55 during Tuesday's senior day meet.

"It's my senior year and we are not usually a winning team and we just wanted to win something," said four-year senior swimmer Emily Sanders. "And now we have a three-meet winning streak. I'm feeling pretty good about it."

"I feel like we wanted to get better and be more confident in ourselves as we do these things," senior Taylor Williams said. "We have improved how people see us when we come out. ... It's great to be winning and being a team."

The wins have the Bronchos looking at their squad with more positive vibes.

"It definitely makes us more confident," junior swimmer Becca Costigan said. "It's al-



Holly's Becca Costigan makes the turn during one of her events. The Bronchos have won three straight dual meets. Photo: David Troppens

ways been fun because we always have a great time with the other girls. We really are a close family. But I feel like having won meets gives us confidence and makes the season more fun. We get less discouraged because now we have something to look forward to, like maybe we'll win another meet. We have goals now. We know we can do it."

"It makes everyone more competitive," Sanders said. "The practice after wins have

been way more intense. Everyone is super excited and stuff, so it makes us better because we are swimming faster at practice because we are still excited."

The Bronchos excitement extended into firsts in 10 of the 12 events against Brandon. Two swimmers — Ella Althaver and Costigan — won two individual events and were part of two winning relays.

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Fenton knocks Grand Blanc down one more time

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls swim team had a couple of Grand Blanc goals this season.

They were to beat Grand Blanc at the county meet and then beat them in a dual meet.

The Tigers have accomplished both. Fenton used its quality depth to defeat Grand Blanc 112-74 in a Tuesday dual. The Tigers also defeated Saginaw Heritage at the meet 135-50.

"It's always a goal to be competitive with Grand Blanc because they've been the Genesee County champions over the last decade. They are the standard of Genesee County," Fenton varsity girls swim coach Brad Jones said. "For us, they are the best competition in our area, so to finish in front of them both times is a huge accomplishment."

The Tigers posted just five firsts in the 12 events, but in three of the events Grand Blanc did take first, the Tigers finished second, third and fourth. In another the Tigers placed second and third.

Two of Fenton's firsts included two relays. The 200 medley



Fenton's new 200 medley relay record holders are Gracie Olsen, Abigail Dolliver, Caitlyn Dailey and Sabrina Hall. Submitted photo

relay team of Gracie Olsen, Abigail Dolliver, Caitlyn Dailey and Lillie Kromer won with a time of 1:56.17 while the 400 freestyle relay team of Olsen, Kromer, Sabrina Hall and Dailey won with a time of 3:48.24.

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Lake Fenton volleyball stings the Hornets in four sets

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity volleyball team not only defeated future Metro League foes Kearsley Tuesday, the squad made a nice comeback in the process.

Trailing two sets to one, the Blue Devils bounced back to beat the Hornets 25-19, 22-25, 14-25, 25-23, 15-7.

"It was a great fight and finish," Lake Fenton varsity volleyball coach Allison VonDaggenhausen said. "It was a great fight by both teams. I'm proud of my team for playing with so much intensity and

never giving up. They fought and earned every single point. It was a great match."

Sophia Clements had an outstanding match, leading the Blue Devils with 25 kills. Veronica Cechanowicz had 10 kills while Courtney McMillan had three kills. Morgan DeRider had 20 assists.

Defensively, the Blue Devils had many players have strong performances. Abby Schupbach led the squad with 33 digs while Clements had 30 digs.

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Tigers, Eagles set up district title matchup with semifinal victories

By David Troppens

Fenton — The Fenton and Linden varsity boys soccer teams earned a spot in Thursday's district championship game by beating their semifinal foes during Wednesday's cold and windy conditions. Linden defeated Flint Powers 1-0 in the first game while Fenton defeated Owosso 3-0 in the second game.

"It's really exciting because they are our rivals," said Fenton goal scorer Ashton McKellar. "Everyone wants to beat Linden and this is the game to do it."

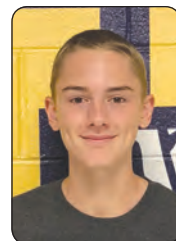
"It's just been a crazy season because you just never know how we are going to do and how we are going to play," Linden varsity boys soccer coach Kevin Fiebertz said. "The last couple of games we've been pretty solid and I'm pretty happy about that. We just have to keep working and now we get an opportunity to play Fenton."

Hunter Hall scored with about 14 minutes left in the first half, giving the Eagles their game-winning goal.

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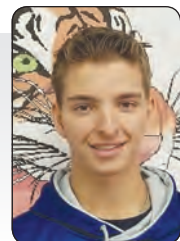
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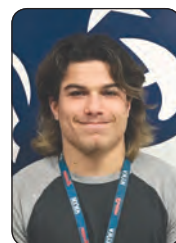
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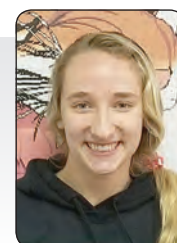
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VOLLEYBALL

► **Fenton def. Swartz Creek:** The Tigers maintained their slim chances of earning a co-Metro League title with Flushing by defeating Swartz Creek 25-8, 25-12, 25-9. The Tigers finished their Metro League season with a strong 7-1 record. The Tigers need Flushing to lose their final Metro match against Kearsley, Tuesday to earn a co-title. However,

Flushing is a big favorite in that match.

► **Holly def. Brandon:** The Bronchos improved to 5-2 in league play, defeating Brandon 25-15, 25-23, 13-25, 25-21. Holly returns to Metro action with a road match against Clio, Tuesday. A win will earn the Bronchos no worse than a third-place finish in the Metro League.



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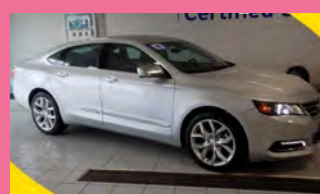
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