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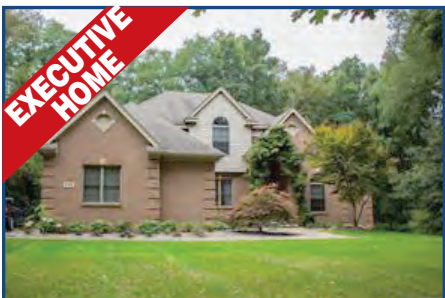
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Violin maker Bruce Carlson, a native of Fenton Township, now of Cremona, Italy, is pictured with prized violin, the “Cannon,” for which he is the curator through the city of Genoa, Italy. The violin has an insurance value of about \$34 million.
Photos submitted to Times



Making beautiful music

■ Lake Fenton graduate spends his life making and restoring violins in Cremona, Italy

By Sally Rummel

Ask any violinist, and they will tell you that their instrument is telling a story as they play it.

Bruce Carlson’s life is not in the telling of his own story through a violin, but of making and repairing violins so that the top violinists in the world can continue to tell theirs. Carlson, originally from Fenton Township, is a violinmaker and restorer in Cremona, Italy, “the stringed instrument capital of Europe.” It’s where famed luthier (stringed instru-

ment maker) Antonius Stradivarius worked, and is remembered in this northern Italian city, now a UNESCO World Heritage site for violin making, with 150 violin shops. It’s a long way from where Carlson grew up in Fenton Township, graduating in Lake Fenton High School’s class of 1965.
See **VIOLINS** on 21A

“If someone would have told me back then at Lake Fenton that I would live in Italy as a violin maker, I would have said they were nuts.”

Bruce Carlson
Violin maker and restorer in Cremona, Italy



Loneliness becoming nation’s number one health crisis

SUMMARY
■ Loneliness appears to be an epidemic in the U.S., with people feeling less connected to each other than ever before.

■ Today’s youth feel less connected due to technology

By Sally Rummel

The average Facebook user has 245 “friends.” Wouldn’t you think that would be enough to stave

off most people’s feelings of loneliness and despair? However, that doesn’t appear to be the case. Look all around you and you’ll see signs that people are lonelier than ever. A survey from health insurer Cigna and market research firm Ipsos found that a major-

ity of Americans are lonely, especially the youngest adults among us, ages 18 to 22. Researchers describe it as a “loneliness epidemic.” Senator Ben Sasse (R-Nebraska), who has written a new book, “Them: Why We Hate Each Other — and How to Heal,”
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If I Were King...

king@tctimes.com

Read before voting...

You, the voters, need to know that 29 states and 263 counties now have ballots in both English and Spanish. Why would a ballot need to be written in English and Spanish when, by law, you are required to be proficient in English in order to become a citizen and, therefore, be eligible to vote?

What defines American citizens is being diluted and destroyed by demented Democrats willing to do anything to obtain power, except listen to the people they claim they represent.

Believe it or not, there was a time when immigrants came to this country with the desire to become an American, not a hyphenated American. Yes, there were always ethnic neighborhoods in major cities — Little Italy, Chinatown etc. — that immigrants moved to upon their arrival. It made sense, they had limited to no English skills, so being able to communicate in their native tongue was understandable. But these neighborhoods were not their landing strips, they were the launching pads to their goal of becoming Americans. Immigrants stayed in those only as long as it took them to learn the language, learn what it took to assimilate. Then they moved on.

These days immigrants are encouraged by Democrats and the leftists to preserve their allegiance to their native land, to reject assimilation and maintain the cultures they, in most instances, fled from to improve their lives. Over time, this leads to a nation of people with nothing in common and limited ability to communicate with each other — and the liberals love that. Divide and conquer is their agenda.

Democrats insist that encouraging assimilation into America by people seeking to become Americans is racist. “Celebrate diversity,” they shriek. Diversity is defined by Webster as: “the condition of having or being composed

of differing elements.” Note the word composed, meaning a single entity. The left doesn’t want that. They want to divide and conquer the conservatives by fostering enmity and division in race and ethnicity. The more different we are, the more likely we will be a “house divided,” and thereby they can inductrate immigrants, both legal and illegal, to believe they are being racially discriminated against by being forced to follow the rules of immigration that have existed for a hundred years.

When my brother enlisted in the Marine Corps his squad consisted of whites, blacks, native American Indians, Jews, Mexicans and Asians — they were all Marines, but more importantly, they were all Americans, all fighting for the same thing — America. They knew that as a team they could survive in the jungles of Vietnam. If they weren’t a team, they wouldn’t survive. The same goes for our country.

There is a reason for the saying “divide and conquer.” It works. If you can divide a group, a team, an organization or a country, you can destroy them. The Democrats are intentionally dividing our house, America, for their own personal, political and fiscal gain. They are literally willing to destroy the greatest country that has ever existed in their pursuit of political power.

Know what you are actually voting for on Tuesday. We will be deciding whether we want to become a nation where it’s more advantageous to be here illegally than it is to be a tax-paying citizen.

That’s what we are really voting for in this election.

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FOSTER CHILDS

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IF YOU SUPPORT allowing illegal immigrants, then offer to sponsor and financially support a deserving family legally. ‘We the People’ should decide who and when we allow to live here. Think about it. Who wouldn’t want to live in America? Especially if the American taxpayers paid for everything.

FELLOW DEMS, OUR Dem representatives in D.C. have placed the wants and needs of foreigners over American citizens. A thousand people enter America illegally every day and we are expected to feed, clothe, house and care for these people instead of supporting the needs of our people. Vote pro-American.

REAL ESTATE TAXES have been going up dramatically over the past nine years because of increasing property values. Therefore, tax revenues are up — no new millages please.

SEEMS TO ME the Republicans increased the gas tax and automotive registration fees about two years to fix the damn roads. When is that going to happen?

CONGRATS TO THE Linden marching band for making it to the state championships at Ford Field. Looking forward to seeing your hard work pay off Saturday, Nov. 3, at 6:45 p.m.

REMEMBER, POLLS ARE run mostly by the media, the media is about 90 percent liberal and anti-conservative. Polling companies know who to call

for responses. If a Democrat and a Republican said the same thing under like circumstances, the media would bash the Republican and heap praise on the Democrat. Fact. Vote.

THANK YOU FOR the article reminding parents to check the sex offender registry. I just want to note that the men and women listed are on there because they are the only ones who have been caught and convicted to date.

THE POLITICS OF Fenton football are astonishing. Are repetitive titles worth crushing the self-esteem of so many young boys who never step foot on the field? Time to make some big changes. There is more talent out there than just the first string.

GRETCHEN WHITMER WANTS to rid the state of DeVos influence. Whitmer, the granddaughter of career educators, has released an education plan designed to unravel a DeVos’ agenda.

TO THE PERSON in Wednesday’s Hot line, ‘why do the players practice when they don’t get in to play.’ Because they think they will. By the way, you need lots of extra folks to practice, both offense and defense. If the folks don’t show up, no football program. Think about it.

TO ELDERLY PATIENT tired of condescending attitude by doctor. Had you spoken up for yourself instead of anonymously posting in Hot lines, you would have the respect you desire. The solution to your problems is in your mirror, go take a look.

TO THE LEFT who is attacking Kavanaugh, get over it, he’s in. Nobody of sound mind believes Ford and certainly, no one believes the gang rape concept.

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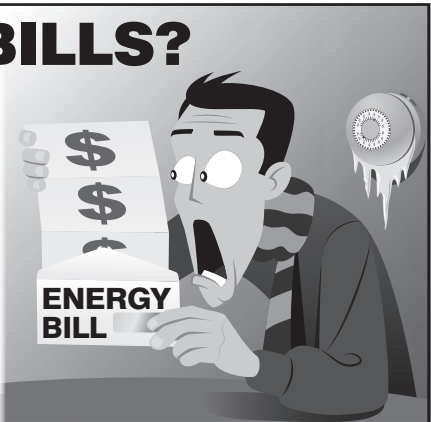
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When do you like to start hearing Christmas music?

Compiled by Gracie Warda, intern

street talk



“December. Before that is just too early.”

Luke Elfstrom
Fenton Township



“Usually Nov. 1. I really like Christmas music.”

Rebecca Pomrenke
Grand Traverse Township



“Mid-December. It’s close enough that I’m in the Christmas spirit.”

Sally Bolen
Tyrone Township



“The day before. I don’t care for it that much.”

Les Bolen
Tyrone Township



“After Thanksgiving. I like to focus on one holiday at a time.”

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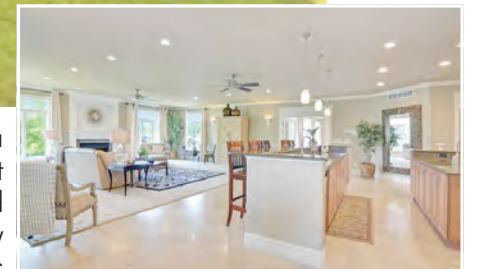
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DEQ cleaning up leak at old Fairbanks gas station

■ Leak may have been from years ago when gas station was operational

By Hannah Ball

Linden — The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is working to clean up a petroleum leak at the old Fairbanks gas station.

The leak, first detected in 2015, came from one of the underground storage tanks (UST). It was confirmed after a follow-up investigation.

The gas station, which used to be a Marathon, full-serve gas station, has been in the Fairbanks family since the 1960s. It was torn down in early October, approximately 15 years after it was closed down in 2003.

Marjorie Easton, environmental quality analyst in the remediation and redevelopment division of the DEQ, said residual contents in the UST taken after the 2015 soil investigation were above the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) limits. It has affected the soil and groundwater in the area and it migrated off site.

“Although DEQ does not know the exact location of the leak in the tank system, leaks often occur at the tanks, piping, pumps, dispensers and rusted spill buckets that contain a fill pipe that allows you to fill the UST with fuel,” she said. “It may be possible that given the site’s long history of having a gas station at this location, some of the contamination may have



Workers from Environmental Consulting and Technology, Inc. do cleanup work at the old Marathon gas station Thursday, Nov. 1. Here, they take out an underground storage tank. Photo: Hannah Ball

“...leaks often occur at the tanks, piping, pumps, dispensers and rusted spill buckets that contain a fill pipe that allows you to fill the UST with fuel.”

Marjorie Easton

*Department of Environmental Quality
environmental quality analyst*

occurred with the former tank system in the past.”

In May 2018, a settlement agreement was reached with the landowner to resolve cleanup obligations.

According to a press release from the DEQ, the settlement allowed the DEQ to initiate site cleanup. A contractor was selected and work began in September. The press release can be read in full at lindenmi.us.

Clean up for the site includes building demolition, removal of the UST system and source soil removal. Asbestos building materials were removed and disposed of. The DEQ will remove contaminated soil to a depth of 13 feet, and sheet piling will be installed near the road right-of-way along property boundaries on Broad and Walmar streets. This will allow excavation without damaging street pavement.

David LaBrecque of the DEQ said they contracted Environmental Consulting and Technology, Inc., at the cost of \$595,000 for demolition, asbestos abatement and universal waste removal, soil excavation, and chemical oxidation application.

“Local residents should be aware that during the installation of sheet piling there will be loud noise in the immediate area caused by the hammering of the sheet piles into the ground,” according to the release.

After demolition, UST removal and soil excavation, the DEQ will prepare a summary report and will continue to investigate the extent of the release on and off the property. The DEQ will issue a report in January 2019. The department will monitor the site for one year to determine if further cleanup work is necessary.

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New website will answer all your opioid questions

■ Find stats on overdoses, treatment options, prescription database and more

By Hannah Ball

Those seeking information on opioid addiction, treatment, services and more have a new online resource.

The website, run by Michigan.gov, can be found at Michigan.gov/opioids.

It offers...

Information

Opioids include illegal substances, such as heroin and prescription pain medicine, and oxycodone, hydrocodone, morphine, methadone and codeine. Side effects of using these substances includes sedation, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, constipation, dependence and more.

According to the website, Michigan had 2,729 deaths from drug overdoses in 2017. This means there were more deaths from drug overdoses than car accidents in the state. Approximately 11.4 million prescriptions for painkillers were written in 2015, which equals about 115 opioid prescriptions per 100 people.

According to the site, in 2017, the number of opioid prescriptions dispensed decreased by 10.7 percent since 2015.

Resources for seeking help

The national Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Abuse Hotline is 1-800-662-HELP.

The Michigan State Police joined in the Angel Program, which allows individuals struggling with drug addiction to walk into a police station and ask for help. If accepted into the program, they are taken

to a rehabilitation center for treatment. A few local police stations, including Argentine Township police, have also joined the program.

The site includes links to licensed treatment facilities, ways to dispose of your drugs, information on medication-assisted treatment and Naloxone, also known as Narcan, which is a life-saving drug used to counteract the effects of an opioid overdose.

Resources for prescribers and pharmacists

The Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS) is the state's prescription drug monitoring program. It provides dispensers with prescription data of controlled substances by compiling information on patients in the state who have prescriptions to certain drugs.

Other dispensers can consult the system to see if an individual has an addiction problem and is trying to get multiple prescriptions from different locations. It's now law that, under Public Act 248 of 2017, prescribers have to register with MAPS before prescribing a schedule 2-5 controlled substance that exceeds a three-day supply.

State departments with opioid programs and information

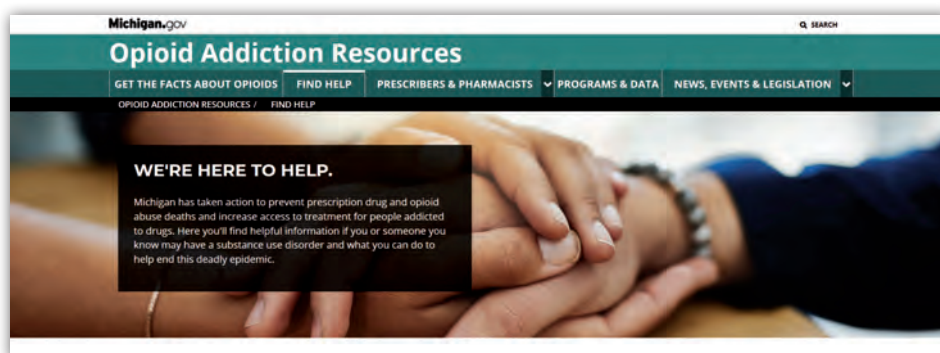
The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services runs a statewide educational campaign and supports treatment services. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) runs a drug take back program, and the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) administers the MAPS.

Website visitors can learn more about the prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Commission.

Latest news, laws

The site also has a running list of the latest headlines relating to opioids and new laws, including the Michigan's Good Samaritan Law, which prevents drug possession charges for those who seek assistance for an overdose in certain circumstances. It also contains information on having a bona fide prescriber-patient relationship before prescribing certain substances, drugs and minors, what information doctors must give patients about opioids and more.

Go to michigan.gov/opioids.



Flint woman wins \$2 million lotto prize

By Hannah Ball

A Flint woman is \$2 million richer, thanks to an itchy palm.

Jacquatte Prater, 28, matched the five white balls drawn in the Mega Millions prize in the Michigan Lottery. The numbers were 20-31-39-46-49. This won her \$1 million. Due to the Megaplier, her prize was multiplied by two for a \$2 million prize.

Prater told WJLW, "My hand started itching about a month ago, and I've always heard that meant you're about to come in to some money so I've been playing Mega Millions ever since. I woke up to a phone call from my best friend Wednesday morning to tell me someone had bought a big winning ticket at the Sunoco."

Prater bought the ticket at the Sunoco gas station at 4005 Clio Rd. in Flint. That morning, she said they got out of bed quick and checked their tickets.

"When we scanned it, both of our hearts dropped and we started celebrating," she said.

Prater plans to take her kids shopping and then make investments.



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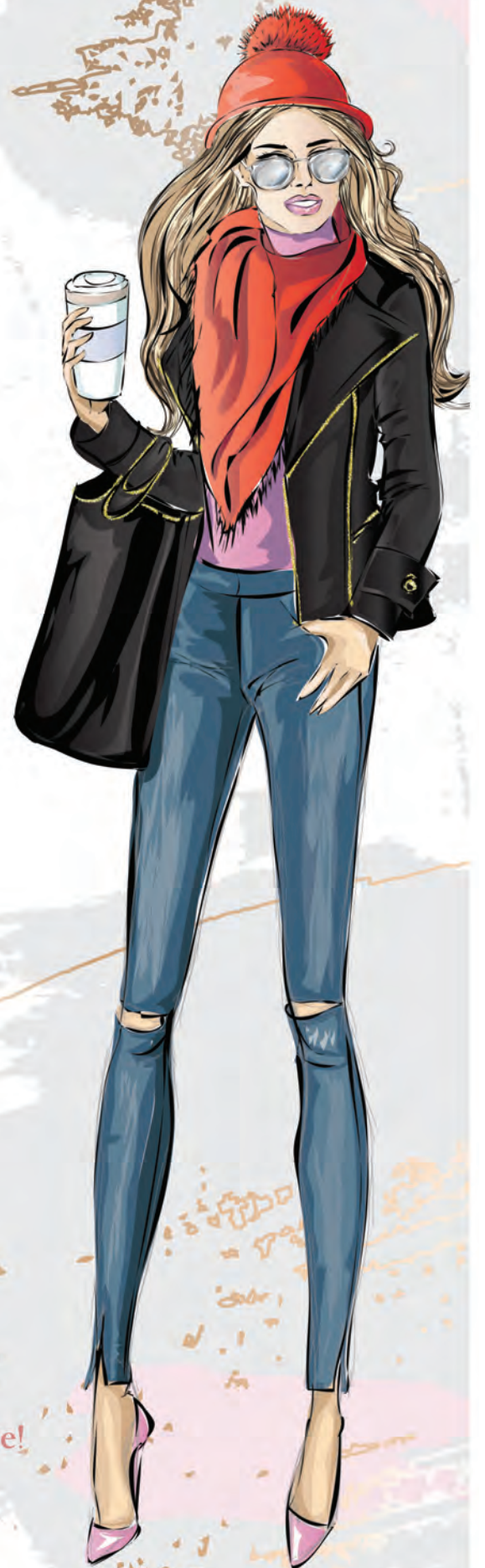
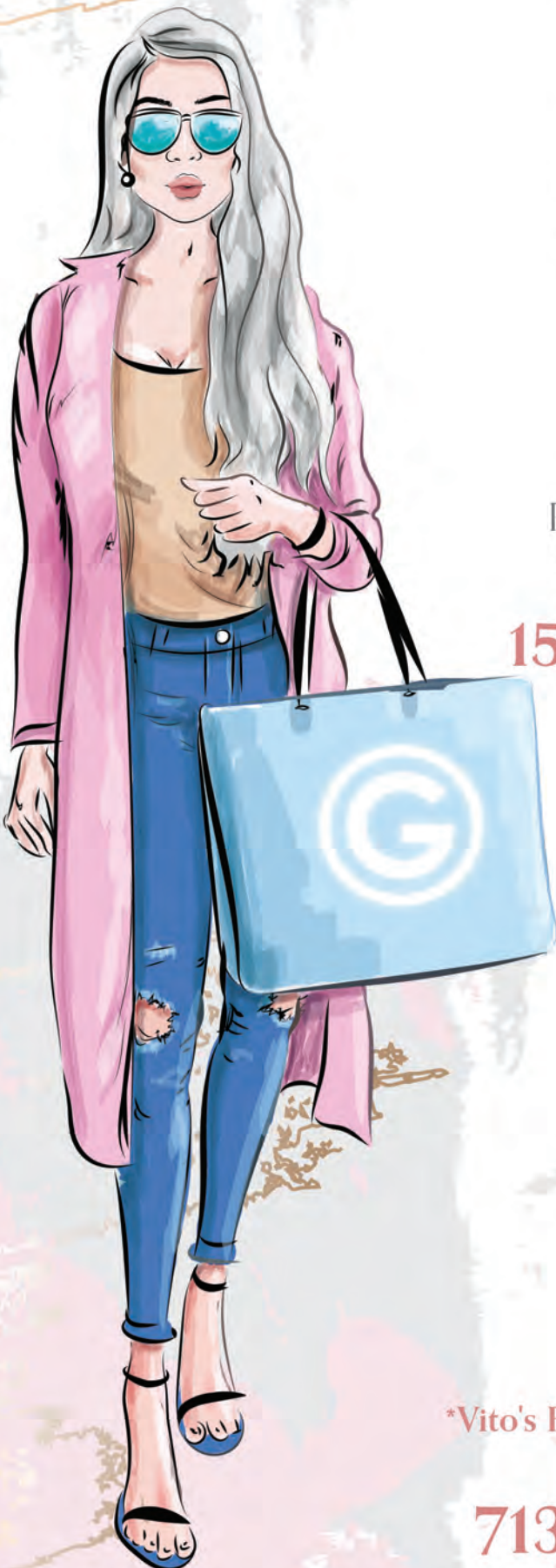
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VIEWPOINT

By Scott Roper
Holly Area Schools
superintendent



Promoting greater civility

As Holly Area Schools superintendent, I am committed to creating a culture of kindness, compassion and respect that provides our students with problem-solving skills that can be applied before, during and after school.

Holly Area Schools continues to invest in this positive learning environment, including our “Leader in Me” program, now provided at Holly Middle School and in all elementary buildings. “Leader in Me” teaches leadership, responsibility, conflict resolution and other life skills our students will use throughout their lives. Our Positive Behavior Supports and Recognizing, Understanding, Labeling, Expressing and Regulating emotion (RULER) programs also contribute to this nurturing learning environment.

This culture of kindness, compassion and respect is essential to our continued commitment to providing diverse learning opportunities that help prepare our Bronchos for the real world and 21st-century careers.

As we continue this track record of success, we must also encourage and reinforce a sense of civility in our kids in an increasingly uncivil world.

In a recent poll, 93 percent of Americans said incivility is a problem in our society, and 84 percent of Americans said they have experienced incivility, most often while shopping, driving or on social media. All of us are exposed to uncivil comments and actions every day, by public figures, on our cell phone, computer and TV screens.

Promoting greater civility requires the participation of everyone, including teachers, principals, staff members and parents who set an example for our kids. With that in mind, I’ve been talking about civility with our teachers and staff since the start of the school year, and made it the topic of my keynote speech at our Honor Society Inductions earlier this month.

Respect, kindness and compassion are powerful tools that increase motivation and improve your performance and that of others around you. This can be as simple as smiling, saying, “Hello,” thanking people or just taking time to listen to others. While simple, such positive habits will help our students become problem-solvers in real world situations as they approach careers in the competitive modern workforce.

I encourage everyone, from our students, to our staff and families, to be patient and understanding of one another, whether at school, at home, on social media or out in our community. It’s up to all of us to promote civility and continue to make Holly Area Schools a great place to learn, grow and inspire.

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

Big lotto winners get about half of their winnings
Winner of \$1.6 billion Mega Millions will take home only \$489.8 to \$569.5 million.

Visiting St. John Priest accused of sexual harassment
Sent back to India in August due to credible allegations.



Fenton Township votes to conduct background checks on new job seekers
New employees will now have to undergo a background check before starting work with the municipality.

A look back at 1968
Did President Richard Nixon make the Vietnam War last another five years?

The Generation Gap
Carl Gabrielson, 69, of Fenton Township, executive director of the Loose Center of Linden and a baby boomer, and Andrea DeVriese, 28, of Fenton, a commercial and consumer loan reviewer at The State Bank in Fenton, a millennial, answer the questions: How long do you plan to stay with a career? What are you looking for at work?

Our Future
Meet Joshua Sherrow, a Holly High School junior who favors year-round school and would like a license and a car.

POLICE & FIRE
REPORT

OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT
The Fenton Police Department is reminding residents and visitors that overnight parking restrictions go into effect Thursday, Nov. 1. If anyone has questions, call the station at (810) 629-5311. As stated in city ordinance, parking is prohibited on all city streets and in the municipal parking lots, for snow removal, from Nov. 1 to March 31 of each year, between 2 and 5 a.m., except for the following: emergency services personnel (police and fire) in the vicinity of the police station and fire station and properly registered vehicles, if special permits have been issued by the city.

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Remember to vote Ken Horn November 6th.



C&R Salon staff from left, Amanda - Hairstylist, Robin - Owner, Tami - Massage Therapist and Jenny - Hairstylist.

C&R Salon expands services

Owner Robin Fuller expanded her salon services at C&R Salon at 8331 Silver Lake Rd., in Argentine, adding tanning, facials and massage. "I am certified in professional Shellac nails," she said. Other unique services include steam pedicures and foot detox, plus accessories like Nicole Lee designer

handbags. C&R Salon offers walk-ins and online booking at crsalon.setmore.com. Watch for Nova Lash Eyelash Extensions coming in December.



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MARIJUANA

Continued from Front Page

He said he's already seeing it where recreational marijuana is legal.

Ads like California's Flow Kana dispensaries depict beautiful rolling hills, and cannabis "the California way." It's not "Joe Camel," but it is a legit ad for a product that the National Institute on Drug Abuse says can cause dependence.

While the Denver Post reported an increase in traffic fatalities related to cannabis, it did not report an increase in youth consumption, based on a report by the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners reported that insurance rates can increase alongside recreational marijuana legalization.

The Denver Post also reported an increase of insurance rates between 2016 and 2017, though it can't definitively be blamed on marijuana.

While marijuana tax income is supposed to also aid law enforcement agencies, the law still poses significant chal-

"I don't want my kids to grow up with another industry that's trying to hook them."

Matthew Yascolt
Healthy and Productive
Michigan grassroots director

lenges to law enforcement, according to a report by the National Police Foundation.

Issues include detecting marijuana impairment on drivers and discerning legal and illegal grow operations.

One of the main arguments for allowing recreational marijuana is the potential tax income for state governments. The money could be used for road repairs and school funding.

According to Forbes.com, California legalized marijuana in January 2018, and has posted \$2.75 billion in sales so far, at a 15-percent statewide tax, bringing in \$412.5 million in the first year.

The Detroit Free Press reported that the change would generate \$134.5 million annually for Michigan, once the measure is fully implemented. Michigan would use a 6-percent sales tax, and 10-percent excise tax.

Cannabis Attorney Denise Pollicella has several grow-facility clients in Michigan. She supports the measure passing, but has some concerns with the law.

She doesn't think states' licensing and regulatory agencies are ready to handle it. "I'm concerned about that hurting the businesses," she said, adding that she has clients dealing with difficult licensing and appeals processes already.

She is also concerned about the allowance for home-based unregulated operations. "I don't want marijuana becoming a nuisance drug again," she said. She doesn't want unregulated home-based conduct.

"This is all a learning process and this has to happen sometime. I'm definitely in favor of legalization," she said. She supports adults over the age of 21 using it in their home. She's also excited about legal hemp, a product that Michigan imports from Canada and China. "We're an agricultural manufacturing state; bring it on."

THE PROS AND CONS

Pros:

- Tax revenue generation
- Industrial hemp agriculture and sales
- Decriminalization as followed by law

Cons

- Possible increase in marijuana impaired driving
- Possible increase in auto insurance rates
- Challenges for law enforcement agencies



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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

TWO FENTON MEN ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

At 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 28, Fenton police responded to an apartment complex off Silver Lake Road after a caller told dispatch that they smelled a strong odor of marijuana. Upon arrival, police detected the odor and determined which apartment it was coming from. Police made contact with the residents of the apartment, a 20-year-old Fenton male and a 21-year-old Fenton male. When the apartment door opened, police immediately smelled marijuana. The residents allowed the officers into the apartment. From their investigation, police recovered a substantial amount of marijuana and several paraphernalia items. The men were arrested for possession of marijuana, booked and released with a pending court date.

FENTON POLICE IMPOUND CAR AFTER WOMAN FLEES

At 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30, Fenton police responded to Torrey Road at S. Long Lake Road to investigate a report of a white female slumped over the steering wheel of her stopped Chrysler 300. The caller told police that they approached the car to wake up the driver, at which time she exited the car and fled on foot toward nearby condominiums. Police attempted to locate the woman but were unable to find her. The car, with a temporary paper plate in the window, was impounded. It is registered to a Flint male. Police are waiting for the owner to claim the car.

CHANGES TO HOLLY VILLAGE'S OVERNIGHT PARKING ORDINANCE

The village of Holly prohibits parking on any village streets during a snow emergency. A snow emergency is declared when 2 inches of snow or more are predicted by the National Weather Service out of Flint or White Lake, whichever is higher. Parking will remain prohibited until 24 hours after the snowfall has ended. The village adopted this amended ordinance May 8, 2018.

With Proposal 1, can employees have marijuana in their system?

■ Companies can create their own policies regarding testing and disciplinary action

By Hannah Ball

If recreational marijuana becomes legal in Michigan with enough "yes" votes on Proposal 1 on Tuesday, Nov. 6, businesses will have to review their drug policies.

Michigan could become the 10th state to legalize recreational marijuana. One question being asked this election season is "if it's legal to use marijuana recreationally, is it okay for it to be in your system while at work?"

A section of the ballot proposal language sheds some light to this question. In section 4.3 of the proposal, it states, "This act does not require an employer to permit or accommodate conduct otherwise allowed by this act in any workplace or on the employer's property."

If the proposal passes, Michigan adults age 21 and over will be allowed the possession and sale of up to 2.5 ounces for recreational use, as well as the ability to grow up to 12 marijuana plants in their residence. However, it has to stay at home. The proposal would not allow people to bring pot to work. It would be allowed in a private business that is properly zoned.

The Grand Rapids Business Journal recommends employers go over their drug policies and make sure all employees understand.

Employers are allowed to discipline an employee for violation of a workforce drug policy or for working while under the influence of marijuana. This act does not prevent a business from hiring, firing, disciplining or taking action against a person with respect to "hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of that person's violation of a workplace drug policy or because that person was working while under the influence of marijuana."

(Michigan law uses the "marihuana" spelling while most news outlets use "marijuana.")

This language means businesses can still have policies not allowing employees to work while under the influence of marijuana.

Legal questions have risen because marijuana can stay in someone's system for days after use, meaning someone who used the drug on a Saturday night could still have it in their system Monday at work. According to legalnews.com, employers with

a zero-tolerance drug policy could have difficulty proving that the marijuana found in someone's system is affecting their work.

While the THC can be detected in the body for days after, the "high" affects can wear off quicker than alcohol would.

Testing for carboxy TNC, an inactive metabolite that only indicates prior use, is common, according to legalnews.com. Testing for THC, tetrahydrocannabinol, which is the psychoactive ingredient in the drug, would better indicate if someone is still feeling the effects of marijuana. But this determination requires a blood test.

Attorney Bruce Leach, who practices out of Flint, dedicates most of his practice to marijuana law. He said he's a big believer in medical marijuana, and hopes Proposal 1 passes. Leach said it's important to define "under the influence."

"Nobody wants employees to be under the influence of anything while they're at work. It stays in your system for a long time," he said, adding that it's different than alcohol because police can use a breathalyzer to determine someone's blood alcohol content. This is not the case with marijuana.

Leach said the mouth swab test for THC is not used in courts, and called it "junk science." Blood tests for marijuana levels are accurate, but he said, "I don't think an employer can subject an employee to a blood test. It's a violation of civil rights, especially if no crime has been committed."

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YOUR SMILE MATTERS!

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

CHILDREN'S DENTISTRY FIRST DENTAL VISIT

Parents of young children often ask me at what age they should bring their son or daughter into the dental office for the first time. When I was in dental school at the University of Michigan we were taught that the best time to see kids for the first time was age 3. By age 3 the child was usually mature enough to "cooperate" with the dental team and he or she could have regular preventative dental cleaning. The problem has always been that sometimes by age 3 major dental problems have already developed necessitating major dental treatment. With this in mind, The American Pediatric Dental Association recently came out with new recommendations. The new recommended age for a child's first dental visit is age 1. Age 1 dental visits are what we in our office like to call "well-baby check-ups", and are very important. Realistically, we are not going to be able to do a full dental cleaning with x-rays on a 1 year old. But I'm able to determine that all the teeth are developing normally and can catch problems very early well before any major trouble. Just as importantly, this gives me and my team an opportunity to educate mom and dad about proper dental care for their child. Dental office fears and phobias in adults are very common and can be so extreme that a person will avoid going to the dentist all together. This can lead to major dental problems and poor oral and overall health. When I question these people about their dental fears they almost always relate some traumatic childhood experience that has scarred them for life. I am committed to ensure that the children I see will not suffer this same fate. By seeing kids early in their life before major dental problems; I am helping them to maintain good dental health and avoid dental fears. Age 1 dental visits are key to a long and healthy life with good teeth.

I welcome your questions and comments.
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MICHIGAN DEMOCRATIC ATTORNEY general candidate Dana Nessel is blasted for having worked at a law firm that defended accused sex offenders in a television ad paid for by the Michigan Republican Party. Misleading images and a blatant disregard for the role of defense attorneys earn the ad a rating of 'foul.'

DEBBIE STABENOW'S BIPARTISAN bill was just signed into law last week to end gag clauses that stop pharmacists from telling you the lowest price for your medication. Debbie Stabenow remains the right choice for Michigan voters.

VOTE 'NO' FOR city of Fenton road millage. The DDA and LDFA should not receive any of the money that would be gained by the millage passing.

TO THE LADY who lost her dog, I too am a dog and animal lover. I believe that pets are God's gift to us. I will always remember the cats and dogs that have graced me with their love. Peace babies, I will see you again.

A CONSERVATIVE GROUP is spending at least \$1.2 million to oppose Proposal 2, the Michigan ballot initiative aimed at stopping partisan gerrymandering.

Worldwide shortage of priests is growing

One U.S. seminary had no applicants for fall classes

Compiled By Vera Hogan

According to Vatican statistics, between 1975 and 2008 the world's Catholics increased by 64 percent, from 709.6 million to 1.166 billion, but the number of priests increased by only 1 percent, from 404,783 to 409,166.

In 2008, nearly 49,631 of the world's 218,865 parishes did not have a resident priest.

According to a 2008 Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) study, half of the 19,302 active diocesan priests in the U.S. plan to retire by 2019. About 380 new diocesan priests are ordained each year.

In 1970, the total number of priests in the United States was 59,192. That number dropped to 37,181 in 2017.

Aside from the net loss of priests, the current priest population is aging, and facing retirement.

In a May foxnews.com report, Pope Francis blamed a variety of factors, including the ongoing scandals plaguing the Catholic Church, for a global shortage of priests.

"How many seminaries, churches, monasteries and convents will be closed in the next few years?" Pope Francis asked. "God only knows."

Seminaries in the United States are seeing the same trend, as well.

Our Lady of Providence Seminary in Rhode Island did not have a single man applying to their fall (2018) program.

Catholic priests have been on the decline for a number of years as an aging priest population isn't being replaced by younger priests. According to the Church Militant, there are now more priests in America over the age of 65 than under 35.

Sociologists have pointed to several factors, which Pope Francis also pointed out, like the celibacy requirement, smaller family size, and the sexual abuse scandals that plagued the church for so many years.

Another issue is women not being al-

lowed to become Catholic priests.

In March of this year, Pope Francis drew the line at extending full priesthood to women. Devout Catholics have spoken out boldly on both sides of this issue. But that door, Francis has said repeatedly is closed.

With regard to celibacy and the idea of allowing priests to marry and have children, a recent poll showed that the majority of priests surveyed would be open to talking about the possibility of allowing priests to be married.

In Michigan, three cities were included in the survey. They are Detroit, where 70 percent of priests said they would be open to talks, in Grand Rapids, 61 percent and in Lansing, 68 percent.

According to economist, com, Pope Francis suggested to a German magazine earlier this year that he would be open to the idea of allowing married men to become priests. Such a change, though momentous, would be a return to, rather than a break from, early Christian tradition: nowhere does the New Testament explicitly require priests to be celibate.

For the first thousand years of Christianity, it was not uncommon for priests to have families.

The first pope, St. Peter, was a married man; many early popes had children. So how did celibacy become part of the Catholic tradition?

Celibacy is one of the biggest acts of self-sacrifice a Catholic priest is called upon to make, forgoing spouse and for his relationship with parishioners and God. According to the Catholic Church's Code of Canon Law, celibacy is a "special gift of God" which allows practitioners to follow more closely the example of Christ, who was chaste. Another reason is that when a priest enters into service to God, the church becomes his highest calling. If he were to have a family there would be the potential for conflict between his spiritual and familial duties.

The Vatican regards it as being easier for unattached men to commit to the church, as they have more time for devotion and fewer distractions.

Sources: Futurechurch.org and Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University, Georgetown.edu; foxnews.com

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The Linden High School marching band will perform Saturday, Nov. 3 at 6:45 p.m. at Ford Field in Detroit in the state finals of the Michigan Competing Band Association.

Times file photo

LHS marching band competes Saturday

■ Michigan Competing Band Association qualifiers will perform at Ford Field

By Sally Rummel

The Linden High School marching band will be taking to the field, Ford Field, that is, in Detroit this Saturday, Nov. 3.

They will be competing among the top 10 bands in each flight of the Michigan Competing Band Association. The flights are based on the size of their schools. A winner is named in each of the flights.

In order to compete Saturday, bands must compete in at least two of the association's lead-up competitions. Their scores are averaged and the top 12 in each flight are invited to compete in the state championship.

"We have qualified and are currently ranked fifth in flight four," said John Bennett, LHS marching band director. The 60-member band will perform at 6:45 p.m. for a 15-minute show.

Like many of the 48 featured bands performing Saturday, the LHS marching band will be using its field time as an opportunity to tell a story. This marching band competition has become more like a musical, in terms of staging, props and costuming.

This year, the LHS marching band show is called "The Quest," an original show by composer Jason K. Nitsch. "We've created a story line to go with it," Bennett said. "It's about unlocking a hidden treasure."

The LHS marching band has participated in the state finals every year except for last year, since Bennett came on board as band director in 2013. "We are frequent qualifiers," he said.

Band members presented a community performance Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. at their

football field, in practice for Saturday's competition.

The competition is not televised, however, a live webcast by Mr. Video is available for \$20, said Bennett.

“We’ve created a story line to go with it. It’s about unlocking a hidden treasure.”

John Bennett

Linden High School band director

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■
‘THE TROUBLE WITH our liberal friends is not that they’re ignorant; it’s just that they know so much that isn’t so.’

■■■
THE TIMES DOES not knowingly publish lies; that’s Fox News. The facts are that in Colorado since legalization of cannabis, teen marijuana use has gone down. Overall accidents are up, but so is their population. The percentage of accidents per capita is down, and so are fatalities.

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Laborers with ProEx, Inc. mix cement at the future site of the new Sharp Funeral Homes Miller Road Chapel. The building that the Sharp family has operated since 1969 was destroyed by fire in May. **Photo: Tim Jagielo**

Sharp Funeral Home begins to rebuild

■ Springtime fire results in \$3 million building loss, but construction is underway

By Tim Jagielo

Swartz Creek — The Miller Road Chapel of Sharp Funeral Homes is completely gone.

It was razed after a May 16 fire destroyed the building. As previously reported, Roger Sharp Sr. said the fire did approximately \$3 million in damage. He bought the Swartz Creek property in 1969.

There were 11 decedents in the building at the time of the fire, but Roger Sharp Jr. said they were all safely removed and moved to different funeral home, without affecting arrangements and plans.

Rebuilding has begun.

On Wednesday, Oct. 17, a small crew from ProEx, Inc. was working with heavy equipment on the flattened dirt lot, dotted with utility markers. Near the center are large concrete manholes submerged in the earth.

Their work is the first step to rebuild the chapel. They were working on the sanitary sewer, storm sewer and a little bit of the water main.

Since the fire, the family owned and operated funeral business has been working out of Hill Creek Church on Hill Road in Mundy Township.

Sharp said using their facility has been “working out wonderfully,” in the meantime.

He said they’ve

had to adjust some internal procedures to compensate for losing the building, but doubts the clients have been affected.

The new facility will be 17,000 square



Laborers with ProEx, Inc. work on the concrete manholes in the future site of the new Sharp Funeral Homes Miller Road Chapel in Swartz Creek. **Photo: Tim Jagielo**

feet, and “state of the art.” Sharp said they are working with an architect and builder that specialize in funeral homes.

“We have been met with amazing cooperation from the city of Swartz Creek staff and City Council. The community as a whole has continued to support us.”

Roger Sharp Jr.
Sharp Funeral Homes

“We have been met with amazing cooperation from the city of Swartz Creek staff and City Council,” he said. “The community as a whole has continued to support us.”

The new building will have two large chapels for

funeral and visitations, which can be split for a total of five visitation rooms. There will also be a community, or reception, room for hosting funeral luncheons.

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Our Town

Dora Richway

- French-Canadian
- Three-time cancer survivor
- Traveler

By Sally Rummel

Dora Richway, 90, came to the U.S. from her home in Capreol, Ontario, Canada in 1948 to make a new life here with her husband, Alvin Richway, in Pontiac. He died from complications of Alzheimer's disease in 2006, after 58 years of marriage. She now lives in Holly with one of her three daughters. A son is deceased, and her family also includes eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

What do you miss about Canada?

I miss my family because all my siblings are still there, but my husband made sure we went to visit a lot. Growing up, I had five brothers and four sisters. I used to speak French, but when I left Canada to come to the U.S., I never used it again.

What were your growing up years like?

We were very poor. Our family lived in a box car with a small kitchen built onto the side of it. My dad delivered coal for a living.

My oldest brother died in action in World War II. Sadly, it was his death that took us out of poverty. When he was killed, the Canadian government



Dora Richway, 90, had an interesting upbringing in her hometown of Capreol, Ontario, Canada, before moving to Michigan after her marriage. **Submitted photo.**

paid my parents a life insurance policy. My dad bought a two-story house in town and converted the downstairs into a small grocery store. I was 14 at the time.

“My oldest brother died in action in World War II. Sadly, it was his death that took us out of poverty.”

Dora Richway
Holly resident

How did you meet your husband?

He was in Canada trying to find one of his uncles. He came into the grocery store to inquire about him; that's how we met. I worked at the store until we got married and moved to Michigan.

What did you do during your working years?

When I first came to the states in January 1948, I got my first job here, as a skating car hop at Ted's Diner at Woodward and Square Lake roads. When we had kids, I stayed home and

raised them until they were old enough to be on their own. Then I went back to work as a custodian at Walled Lake Schools for 15 years. I loved that job.

If you could have had your dream career, what would it have been?

I would have liked to have been a nurse, working with babies.

You're also a cancer survivor.

Yes, I had cancer three different times after my children were born

but I beat it. I was only in my 40s. I've had one breast removed, then a radical mastectomy when the cancer came back. I also had cancer in my gallbladder and my uterus. It was a very hard time for all of us.

You traveled all over the U.S. with your husband in a motor home. What was your favorite place to visit?

I love to go to Las Vegas, going to the casino is one of my favorite hobbies. I love the poker machines. We also loved Yuma, Arizona, where we spent our winters. We camped out on the desert and did tons of walking. One place I haven't been to that I'd like to visit is Hawaii. It's on my bucket list.

What has been your best vacation?

I traveled to Nova Scotia with two of my daughters. The scenery was beautiful and I loved all the historic buildings. We even saw moose, in fact, one chased my daughter as she was crossing the street.

How did you celebrate your 90th birthday?

My daughter in Commerce had a big party for me. Every single one of my kids, grandkids and great-grandchildren were there, plus all of my siblings except two sisters and a brother-in-law who couldn't come because of illness.

So how are you going to celebrate your 100th birthday?

Well, I still have nine-and-a-half years to go, so I'm going to have to think about that one.

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Alyssa Hughes won a free car this past Sunday, Oct. 28 at The Freedom Center in Fenton. The organization ran a youth outreach program every Sunday through October at the church, featuring free food, live music, speakers, games and prizes, said JD Wiegand, director of Engage Community Organization at The Freedom Center. This past Sunday, after games like king of the hill, Hughes won the biggest prize. The car, a 2011 Chevy Malibu, was donated by Ryan LaFontaine of LaFontaine Automotive Group. Photos: Kim Smith



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LONELY

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believes that loneliness is America's number one health crisis.

He cites research that says loneliness is as physically dangerous as smoking 15 cigarettes a day and contributes to cognitive decline, including more rapid advance of Alzheimer's disease. It's also taking people's lives through drug overdoses, one of the "diseases of despair" mentioned in Sasse's book.

Why are we so lonely when there are people all around us?

With the median American checking a smartphone every 4.3 minutes and nearly 40 percent of those aged 18 to 29 online almost every waking minute, adults are addicted to distraction and longing for genuine community beyond the screen.

Work has become more isolating and in many industries is disappearing because of the reality of technology and automation. Because Americans change jobs so often, there are fewer lasting work friendships.

We're more separate from our neighbors, with air conditioning and three-car garages replacing porch sitting and neighborly chats.

Americans today have fewer shared projects and goals than our parents and grandparents did, belonging to fewer churches, community and civic groups.

Even our access to hundreds of TV

channels takes away the sense of community most Americans felt when 70 percent of Americans were tuned in at one time to "I Love Lucy" in the 1950s and "The Ed Sullivan Show" in the 1960s.

How many real-life friends do you need to keep you happy and healthy?

Five appears to be the optimum number, either friends or family members, according to evolutionary psychologist

Robin Dunbar. "The more intimate relationships you have, the better for happiness," he said. "The limit is set by your capacity to invest time and mental effort in them."

When it comes to the quality of your life, quality is more important than quantity of these relationships. The size of your "inner circle" depends on many factors, including your personality, your gender and your age. Extroverts

tend to maintain more intimate relationships than introverts, and women tend to maintain more than men.

When you get married and start a family, you tend to reduce the size of your network because you have to make choices that allow you to focus on your most fulfilling relationships.

A study in the journal, Psychology and Aging, found that quantity of relationships was more important for people in their 20s, but the quality of relationships became more important once people hit their 30s.

“There is a growing consensus that loneliness — not obesity, cancer or heart disease — is the nation's number one health crisis.”

Sen. Ben Sasse
“Them: Why We Hate Each Other — and How to Heal” author

VANDALISM

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She and her husband, Vince Iafano, purchased the old administration building with Robert Cassidy of Fenton in 2016 from The River Church, which purchased it from the school district in 2007.

On Tuesday, Oct. 30, Cucksey posted on her Facebook page that they had been experiencing a series of break-ins at the building and need the community's help to keep watch.

The suspect or suspects caused much destruction and spray painted words and symbols, including swastikas, on several items inside the building.

A cash reward is available for anyone who has information on who is doing this damage, said Cucksey on her Facebook page.

Holly Police Chief Mike Story said the break-in occurred sometime between Oct. 25 and 30. The suspect or suspects made entry by breaking a window. Once inside, they smashed mirrors, broke items, used paint to write on walls and items inside. "They left a trail of destruction," Story said.

The chief said they believe the suspects are teens, but time will tell. Acknowledging the swastika, Story said, "We don't believe it was a hate crime; no one was threatened. You can see this type of graffiti anywhere. We'll find out who did it."

Story said since Cucksey has owned the building, there have been a few break-ins. "The building has been vacant or void of much activity for a while," he said.

If anyone has information, they are asked to call the Holly Police Department at (248) 634-8221.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

HA. ALL OF us who made the intelligent and healthy choice not to use marijuana for recreational purposes are being called 'close-minded.' Bully tactics like name-calling isn't going to sway anyone's opinion. If smoking pot leads to your absurd line of thinking, I am glad I haven't touched the stuff.

SHAME ON THE city of Fenton building officials for allowing the new restaurant to open before they replaced all the landscaping and trees that they destroyed.

IN AMERICA, YOU have freedom of religion, but not freedom to push your religious beliefs on others.

SEEMS TO ME the Republicans increased the gas tax and automotive registration fees about two years ago to fix the roads. When is that going to happen?

DON'T BLAME GRANHOLM for Michigan recession woes, blame 2008 GOP tax cuts. The causes of the 2008 recession were conservative Republican tax cuts and the deregulation of the banking industry. It seems that whenever Republicans get control they cut taxes, deregulate, privatize and initiate deficit spending.

IF WE DON'T wake up and quit tolerating party-line do-nothings we will never improve. Stop voting for legislators who are ineffective but have name recognition. We are our own worst enemies when we do that.

THE REPUBLICANS PROMISED to take on corruption. Remember that? However, they have gone to Washington and just plundered away.

HOOR

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to bed this Saturday night. Smartphones and other high-tech devices will typically change times on their own.

While DST is not without its opponents, it's still the way of life for most Americans, except those who live in Hawaii and Arizona (with the exception of the Navajo Indian Reservation in the state).

U.S. territories including Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa and the Virgin Islands also do not observe DST.



HERE ARE A FEW MORE FACTS TO LEARN ABOUT DST, IN CASE YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO WITH THAT EXTRA HOUR:

1. While not necessarily advocating changing time, Benjamin Franklin urged his fellow countrymen to work during daylight and sleep after dark, thus saving money on candles. (It was likely a tongue-in-cheek comment, according to USA Today.)

2. The correct term is daylight saving time, not daylight savings time. The incorrect term "daylight savings time" is commonly used, especially in Australia, Canada and the United States. It's also supposed to be lowercase, not uppercase,

SUMMARY

■ Set your clocks back Saturday before going to bed, because daylight saving time officially ends on Sunday, Nov. 4 at 2 a.m.

according to the Associated Press stylebook.

3. The U.S. Department of Transportation is in charge of time in the U.S., including time zones and daylight saving time.

4. Daylight saving became a federal law in 1966, with passage of the Uniform Time Act.

5. Only two states don't observe it — Hawaii and Arizona. Other non-observers include American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

6. Parts of Indiana didn't observe DST until 2006, when it became a law statewide.

7. Twenty-six states want to make DST year-round. Florida could be the first.

8. Eight months of the year are in DST, and four months are in standard time.

9. Adults 65 and older may struggle with the time change more than others.

10. During the energy crisis of the 1970s, Congress ordered states to go on year-round DST between January 1974 and April 1975.

SOURCE: USA Today

Health effects

People tend to have more heart attacks on the Monday following the "spring forward" switch to daylight saving time in March. Researchers reporting in 2014 in the journal, "Open Heart," found that heart attacks increased 24 percent on that Monday, compared with the daily average.

Source: Live Science

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DURA HEAT





Bruce Carlson (left) is pictured after a concert with the Guarnerius violin, played by Anna Tifu. They are accompanied by police officers from the city of Genoa, Italy. Photo submitted to the Times

VIOLINS

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An immigrant violin maker, Carlson graduated from the Cremona International Violin making School in 1979. How did he end up there from Fenton, Michigan?

During the Vietnam War, the Navy gave him an aptitude test and concluded that his skills would make him a good meteorologist.

Watching clouds on the island of Guam, Carlson wandered into the base's hobby shop one day, found a book on violin making and attempted to make one. It was an interest that stuck with him. After his military service, a Swedish immigrant violin maker took him on as an apprentice because of his Swedish last name.

"If someone had told me back then at Lake Fenton that I would live in Italy as a violin maker, I would have said they were nuts," Carlson said. "However, I did enjoy classical music and had some mechanical skills for building models of wood and such."

In 1972, not knowing a single word of Italian, Carlson went to the Cremona International Violin making School.

After studying there, he returned to the U.S. to study violin repair and restoration in Los Angeles and then returned to Cremona. Meanwhile, he married an Italian girl, Bianca, with whom he has two daughters, Chiara born in 1984 and Giulia, born in 1988.

Carlson has spent his entire career restoring priceless old instruments in the Cremona city museums, as well as making and selling violins and cellos in his own shop.

The craft of violin making is a labor of love, said one news article about Carlson in the Los Angeles Times. The sides, back and neck of Cremona violins are sculpted from Bosnian maple, and fronts are spruce from the Dolomite Alps in northern Italy. The curves of the arching are critical and so are the thicknesses of the wood front and back.

In June 2000, Carlson was nominated by the City of Genoa as the curator for the violin of the great Genovese violinist and composer, Niccolò Paganini. The violin was nicknamed the "Cannon" and Paganini bequeathed it to the city upon his death in 1840. The violin had been made

in Cremona in 1743 by Joseph Guarnerius "del Gesù."

"Guarnerius was a contemporary of Antonius Stradivarius (1644-1737), who made about 1,200 instruments," Carlson said. "Both makers produced instruments that are the most sought after violins in the world for their beauty and performance on the concert stage."

The "Cannon" has been valued, for insurance purposes only, at about \$34 million, Carlson said.

SUMMARY

■ Lake Fenton graduate Bruce Carlson of the Class of 1965 has spent his entire professional career in Cremona, Italy, as a violin maker and restorer in "the stringed instrument capital of Europe."

Today, Carlson, 71, still owns his own shop and works with his own series of musicians who rely on his artisan skills. "Rather than making new violins, my time is mostly spent on restoration and repair, adjusting and getting the instruments to work or sound as they should,"

Carlson said.

He also spends part of his time on violin identification, certification and appraisals. For the past three years, he has been teaching an introductory course for bowed string instruments of the violin family at the University of Pavia in Cremona.

After all this time creating and repairing violins, does Carlson actually play the violin himself?

"I can play the violin as badly as anybody, enough to test the instrument but nothing you would enjoy hearing," Carlson said.

Carlson was featured on '60 Minutes' in January.

To view the video visit:

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

House Bill 4001: Cut state income tax rate

To cut the state income tax rate from the current 4.25 percent to 4.05 percent over two years. One Democrat voted 'yes,' and 12 Republicans joined all other Democrats in voting 'no.'

Failed 52 to 55 in the House on Feb. 23, 2017

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

House Bill 6064: Authorize giving \$50 million to some business owners

To authorize giving up to \$50 million to some private business owners through a device the bill would create called a "rural development fund." The Senate has not yet voted on this bill.

Passed 81 to 25 in the House on Oct. 4, 2018

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

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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Fenton seniors learned lessons, improved program

By David Troppens

Fenton — When a football season ends, there's always a great amount of emotional outpouring among the players, coaches and families.

When the Tigers lost to Walled Lake Western on Oct. 21 in the opening round of the playoffs, there were certainly tears. After all, it's a time most of the seniors quickly have a lot of memories flood through their heads about what the program meant to them. The season ended with a 7-3 record

overall, with the Tigers making the playoffs for the 11th straight season in a row.

"I've definitely learned so much," Fenton senior Lance Mercord said. "I've been in the

Fenton program for 11 years playing football, and it teaches so many life lessons. You learn to stick by your brothers. It's awesome. I love the program."

Two of the team's most notable seniors didn't start in Fenton's program. After transferring from Linden, Spencer Rivera was one of the team's top running backs. Rivera made quite the impression immediately his junior season

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Fenton's
Spencer Rivera



Fenton falls in district final; Holly falls in semi

By David Troppens

Thursday wasn't a good day for tri-county volleyball teams in district play.

Fenton lost its Division 1 district final against Grand Blanc 25-15, 25-20, 18-25, 25-16 at the Fenton district while the Holly Bronchos lost to Lake Orion 25-11, 25-22, 25-19 in a Division 1 district semifinal match in the Waterford Kettering District.

The Tigers (33-15-1) struggled at times with its passing while that was Grand Blanc's strength all night long, resulting in the loss.

"Their passing was incredible," Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger said. "They were putting the ball on the setter's head all night long. And ours was terrible. Our passing was our downfall. We didn't play our best, especially with our serve receive. And their defense was incredible. They chased everything down."

The Bronchos took a set to adjust to Lake Orion's faster offense, but once they did, they played much better. However, it was tough to adjust to the speed in the span of one match.

"We spent the first game adjusting to Lake Orion. They were much higher competition than we see during the regular season," Holly varsity volleyball coach Deena Maher said. "It took a whole game to adjust to their speed, but after that they stepped up. Our main focus was defense ... and I thought the girls did a good job. I was happy with the girls' effort."

The Tigers had to deal with a critical injury right before game time when Chloe Idoni rolled her ankle. She was able to play, but in pain. Another player was out due to team infractions.

"Chloe jumped up, hit a serve and rolled her ankle," Eisinger said. "It's amazing she played. Her ankle grew the size of a softball. She was 60 percent all night."

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Fenton's Delaney Meisch attempts a kill during the Tigers' district championship loss to Grand Blanc Thursday. The Tigers defeated Lapeer in Tuesday's semifinal contest. Photo: Mark Bolen

Tigers earn spot in final by beating Lightning



Fenton's Erin Carter attempts to get a kill in the Tigers' win against Lapeer Tuesday. Photo: David Troppens

By David Troppens

Fenton — Depending on how one looks at it, Fenton setter Sydney Acho has an easy or hard job on the Tigers' varsity volleyball squad.

As the season has continued on, more players have become consistent threats. That's nice because that leaves her plenty of options when it comes to setting her hitters. However, there's also just one ball as well, so it can be tough setting all those potent hitters.

When the Tigers pass like they did on Tuesday night, Acho has plenty of options, and plenty of options usually results in a win. Fenton easily pushed aside the Lapeer Lightning in a Division 1 district semifinal contest, earning a 25-12, 25-13, 22-25, 25-15 victory at Fenton

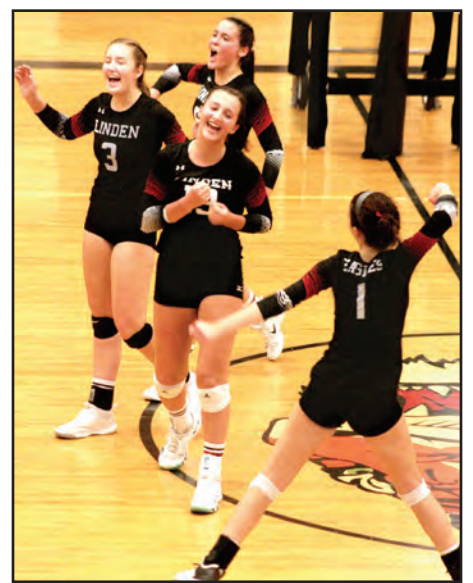
High School. The win places the Tigers in the district championship contest, also at Fenton High School, on today at 6 p.m.

"I always have to know the score, who my hitters are and which hitters are on fire," Acho said. "So I like to set the outside if they are doing well. I like to mix in the middle because it throws them off, and the right side is always a good option, too."

The Tigers had six players who collected at least three kills in the match, with Acho being the person who scored three kills. It seemed at different times, different players heated up.

In the first set Delaney Meisch was on fire.

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Linden celebrates a kill during their district semifinal loss against Grand Blanc Tuesday. Photo: David Troppens

Eagles clipped by Bobcats in district semi

By David Troppens

Fenton — The Linden varsity volleyball team had just nine players this season. There were only three seniors and one was injured.

It looked like it was going to be a rebuilding season for the Eagles, and in some ways it was. However, when the season ended during Tuesday's district semifinal against Grand Blanc, the Eagles capped the season with a solid 19-16-6 record overall.

Unfortunately, Grand Blanc's offense was too strong on Tuesday, resulting in a 25-17, 25-20, 25-13 loss to the Bobcats in the Division 1 district semifinal contest at Fenton High School.

Linden varsity volleyball coach Cori Mason was pleased with what her team accomplished this fall. And with five juniors returning next year, she sees a bright future ahead.

"We had nine kids on our team this year so it forced us to be a close group," Mason said. "They were a fun group that worked extremely hard day in and day out. We had three seniors (one injured), five juniors, and a foreign exchange student. The seniors had great leadership and we will miss them dearly. The juniors have grown so much from last year's team and I hope to see that same continued growth for next year."

Grand Blanc proved to be a reasonably tough task as the Bobcats jumped to an early lead in each set and then pretty much held on to that lead to eventually earn the victory.

In the first set, the Bobcats jumped to about a five-point edge early and never lost that gap. In fact, it slowly got larger as Hannah Carnell paced Grand Blanc's offense with her consistent kills. Linden had one chance to possibly contend for the first set when Makenna O'Keefe recorded an ace, making it a 22-16 deficit. However, Grand Blanc got kills on three of the next four services, earning a 25-17 first-set win.

In the second set, the Eagles fell behind 5-1 after a tip kill by Carnell, and never led during the set. Linden did cut the gap to 10-7 on a Katie Strickert kill, but Grand Blanc responded with the set's next three points. The Eagles cut the gap back to 23-20 after a Grand Blanc hitting error.

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Krueger's Krew accomplishes perfection : Book recaps 50 years of Metro League memories

By David Troppens

Harold Krueger, 86, has been playing or coaching baseball and softball teams all his life.

He's been coaching his Krueger's Krew team in the Flint City's 40 And Older Fall League for years as well, but his team did something this year it's never done before.

The squad was perfect. Krueger's Krew went undefeated during the regular season, went undefeated during the seeding tournament and went undefeated during the postseason championship tournament en route to what may be Krueger's first perfect season ever. The team finished with a 19-0 record.

"That's the first time it's happened in 26 years," Krueger said. "We've had teams lose one time, but never go undefeated."

The last two games of the season came in the championship tournament. In the semifinal the Krew won their contest 7-4 at Flint's Broome Park.



Krueger's Krew, a baseball team that plays in the Flint City's 40 And Older Fall League, celebrates after winning the tournament title. The squad never lost a game this season. Submitted photo

In that game, Krueger's team scored two runs in the first, two runs in the second and a run in the fourth to jump to a 5-0 lead. They never trailed.

In the title game, the Krew faced Conservative and won 10-0 in a mercy shortened contest.

The first inning began with four runs scoring on singles by Tim Fromwiller, Chris Pickleman and Steve Sarkon.

In the second, Steven Stimson led off the stanza with a

single and eventually scored, making it a 5-0 lead.

It was a four-run third that blew the game open. Greg Deeg, Derek Barkholz, Pickleman and Jeff Krejcek had singles while Bryan Baumann had a double during that stanza. Finally, the team earned the 10-0 mercy win with a run in the sixth. It was set up when Deeg walked with one out, and eventually scored after back-to-back singles by Steve Michlez and Fromwiller.

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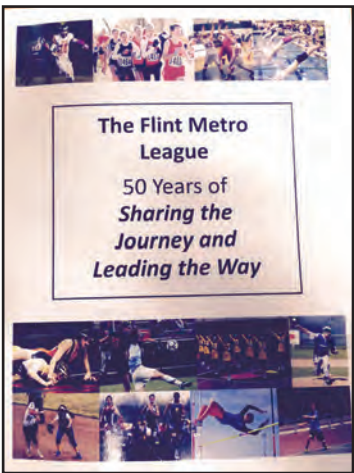
The Flint Metro League has been a part of the tri-county area's prep sports landscape for 50 years, starting in 1968.

During that first year, Fenton and Holly were charter members, and remain the only members that have been a part of the league for all 50 seasons. Linden High School became a member in 1983 and has been ever since as well.

Now, thanks to Gary Oyster and many other contributors, there is a book that highlights those 50 seasons.

Oyster helped compile data on the schools. It includes the best teams, the best athletes and the best coaches and within a 295-page book called "The Flint Metro League 50 Years of Sharing the Journey and Leading the Way." The book was released earlier this fall.

"So far people have talked



"The Flint Metro League 50 Years of Sharing the Journey and Leading the Way" is available at various online websites. Submitted photo

positively about the book," Oyster said. "Each school has put it on their own social media. It's still kind of early, no one has reviewed it on Amazon yet."

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Fenton's Parker Brady (right) competes during the Tigers recent district semifinal game against Walled Lake Western. Photo: Mark Bolen

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when he had a huge rushing game at the Big House, leading the Tigers to an opening season victory. Another player who became one of the key members of the squad is Parker Brady. He transferred from Lake Fenton.

"Being here means everything," Rivera said. "I couldn't do anything in my high school career without these guys. I love every single one of these guys."

"I learned you need 11 guys to finish the game. When I came over, I'm am not going to lie, I thought I was all that and a bag of chips. I came here and I realized I needed an offensive line to score."

"This team transformed me from an individual personality to a brotherhood," Brady said. "Everybody here loves each other for who they are. If you make a mistake, they don't care. They just tell you to pick your head up and prepare for the next play."

Looking to the future

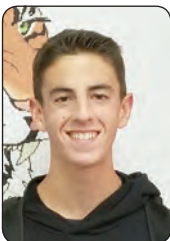
The final game of a season does something else. Almost immediately there are people thinking about the future. The Tigers' future looks pretty bright.

"We had the three best players from the JV team on the varsity and we have a lot of great juniors that couldn't get on the field because (we had strong starters)," Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke said. "Our defense is going to have nine guys back and our defense was pretty damn good."

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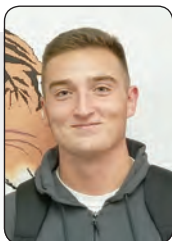
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Boys Cross Country

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CAMERON MCCALL
Boys Soccer

LAKE FENTON



WYATT CALDWELL
Boys Tennis

HOLLY



SPENCER RIVERA
Football

FENTON



ABBEY LEE
Girls Cross Country

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